

# SILK STOCKING FAD

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## Women Will Steal to Flaunt Their Natty Ankles.

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Salesman and Expert of Chicago Department Store Gives His Views—  
Chorus Girls Are Especially Good Buyers.

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Chicago.—A judge, a lawyer and a physician discussed from their respective view points the significance of the silk-stockings craze which is sweeping the country. According to the census report just issued the number of pounds of silk and spun silk yarn used in manufacturing stockings and sox increased from 266,000 to 980,000, an advance of 280 per cent., in ten years. The gain in Chicago has been tremendous and W. G. Spoeri, manager of the stocking department of a State street department store, declares that Chicago has gone silk-stockings mad.

At least 1,000,000 pairs of shapely ankles, both masculine and feminine, are clad in the daintiest silk, according to Mr. Spoeri.

"Even salesgirls whose salaries may not be over \$10 or \$12 a week insist upon having silk hosiery," said Mr. Spoeri. "I have tried to tell them the cheaper hosiery would be more in keeping with the positions they occupy, but they will not listen and insist upon having the very best. Prices for the simon pure article range from 50 cents to \$1.50 a pair. Embroidered hose are quoted at \$1.50 a pair, but the demand for this article is not noticeable.