

SEE CHANGES COMING.

RADICAL DIFFERENCE IN SKIRT PATTERNS PROBABLE.

Dolly Varden Draperies May Win General Acceptance—Popularity of Modified Sailor Collars—No End of Variety in Bodice Finish.

New York correspondence:



thing in the dress line that is new. The appearance these newly arrived draperies

consideration. Fichus are newer than boleros, more dressy than the simple jacket finish and more easily contrived. Delicacy must be their characteristic. In the second picture the gown at the left displayed another feature of bodice elaboration that is abundant. This was its modified sailor collar, which was fine duchess lace. Two bands of this lace trimmed the skirt near the hem, but the feature that dominated the skirt adornments was the pair of cream satin sash ends embroidered in pale pink and green silk floss. Sailor collars more or less modified in form and in a wide range of materials are plentiful, and more or less of skirt trimming to match is a desirable, though not an essential, accompaniment. In the gown next this a sailor collar effect was outlined by narrow black velvet run through its edge, and was not matched in the skirt. Pink organdie was the goods here. It was over white silk, and was combined with all-over embroidery run with the velvet. Compared with these two the remaining linen dress of this trio was simple, yet it was quite different from what is generally classed as simple in linens. It was white, and its trimmings were folds of scarlet duck and bands of red and white braid. Bought as new designs, such gowns are away up in price, but the average dressmaker can copy them reasonably.

Dotted fabrics are abundant in the summery stuffs, and come in for as much trimming as do plain goods. In the concluding picture is shown a gown of white Swiss sprinkled with pale blue silk dots, and made over light blue surah. Its trimmings were embroidery in light blue silk floss, black chantilly and black velvet for belt and bows. The dash of black for a

A CLEVER TRICK.

How to Make a Ball Out of a Handkerchief.

It is not very generally known how a ball can be in a few minutes extemporized out of an ordinary handkerchief. The trick is, however, well worth knowing, inasmuch as we can therewith perplex our friends as to how it was done, as also submit the result to them as a puzzle, it being difficult or (if it has been thoroughly done) impossible to undo it except by one particular method.

As the first part of the process fold your handkerchief as in Fig. 1; next fold the points A, B, C, D, inwards



FIG. 1.

again to the center, and continue this process as long as it is possible; finally hold the handkerchief thus folded in the left hand, keeping down the folds in the center with the thumb.

Next with the thumb and forefinger of the right hand pluck at the skin of the roll you have now made till you separate the skin from the contents and draw the skin towards you and towards the center, as shown in Fig. 2, pushing the contents away from you with the thumb of the left hand. Pluck the skin again at a point a little further away from you than at first, and again draw the skin and push the contents as before. Continue this process, turning the roll round in your left hand, till the handkerchief begins to form a sort of whirlpool, in which



FIG. 2.

the thumb of the left hand is engulfed. It is now easier to complete the work by making each successive plucking nearer to you instead of further off, though of course the drawing with the right hand and the pushing with the left must be in the same directions as before.

It will be necessary also at intervals to knead it a little between the hand in order to equally distribute the contents throughout the ball.

Continuing in this manner you will finally arrive at a very hard ball, Fig. 3, with its skin quite tight and its wrinkles all firmly fixed in the little center of the whirlpool.

It now ought to be impossible to undo it again except by reversing the process—that is, by plucking the skin



FIG. 3.

away from the contents and pushing them with the right hand forefinger and thumb, while pushing the contents towards you with the fingers of the left hand.

Large sheets and even blankets and counterpanes can be rolled up in the same way; and I have heard a story of a visitor at an hotel who, considering himself badly treated, rolled up all his bedclothes before his departure so tightly that they could not be undone, by way of revenge. The result, however, falsified his expectations, for the landlord, by displaying these curiosities and charging a small sum on each attempt to undo them, realized a small fortune on the transaction!

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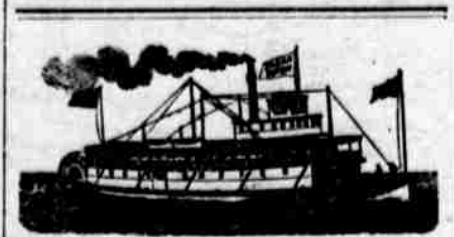
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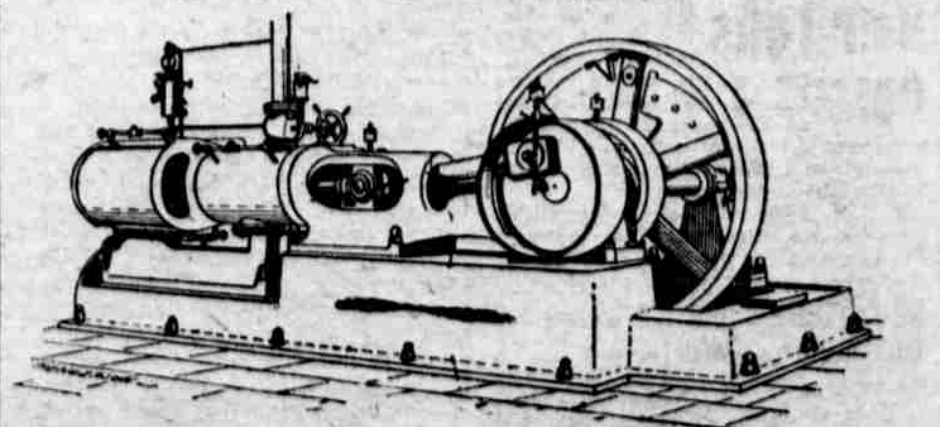
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SELECTIONS FROM INCOMING FASHIONS.

make is not attractive when their becomingness is considered. An uglier fashion, unless it be the enormous hoops of forty years ago, never was. The experimental forms of it are naturally not its more trying ones, yet they are bad enough, their bounciness bringing bulk where women generally have just decided on more natural and graceful outlines. So to shift to Dolly Varden draperies will mean a right-about. Therein is the danger, because there is the point that may secure and hold the favorable attention of fashion leaders. That is, the gowns thus finished are unmistakably new. That means so much that positive hideousness may not count as a check. Autumn will be well under way before the outcome of the innovation can be foretold.

The seven gowns that appear in the accompanying illustrations were models set for fine dressers and they illustrate as

light gown is an old fancy that holds well. A genuinely simple dress was next. It is linen colored pougee and has a stitched belt of the goods and a row of pearl buttons that counted as trimming. Its bodice bloused frankly, and this arrangement is still fashionable, though the belt must dip positively. The dress remaining was a combination of silk and cloth. White taffeta-surah gave its skirt, and was embroidered at the knee with gilt threads. The rest was dove gray nun's veiling, and white mingled with the gilt of its embroidery. These cloth and silk combinations are being pushed for early fall wear, but are not being accepted so cordially as their beauty would seem to warrant. The light-weight cloths of to-day are delightfully fine of texture, fit in every way for mating with silks, and the combination presents a wide field for ingenuity in the



THREE MORE FROM A LONG NEW LIST.

well as any seven could the varied beauties of incoming styles. Hundreds of handsome dresses wouldn't tell the whole story. Brief outline of their details will artist has done. The gown of the small picture was white foulded figured in lavender. Yoke, collar and fichu were white mull with trimming of lace in points and point this fact even more plainly than the insertions. Black velvet supplied the belt. This fichu arrangement is worth

sniff. Yet women are slow in adopting them, though fashion leaders give their endorsement.

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