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## FANCY HOUSE GOWNS

THE NEW ONES ARE VERY ELABORATE.

Plain Skirts Created Demand for Embellishment Above the Waist, and Skirts Themselves Are Seen in Double and Triple Patterns—Notes, Etc.

New York correspondence: OTIONS of pronounced newness are noticeable in the styles for house dresses. All of them tend toward elaborateness, for the simple house dress seems to be entirely out of the fashionable woman's calculations. In all cases where the stylish house dress has a rather plain skirt there is much embellishment above the waist. The gown of the initial is illustrative. Its skirt was white broadcloth banded with silver braid, but on the bodice were a vest of white chiffon, a bodice belt of black panne velvet, cream point lace and silver braiding, which together constituted a liberal supply of trimming. Probably the habit some women have of wearing the main material, it shows off best in princess gowns, being especially suited to close draperies. Besides, it tucks and pleats like delicate silk, has all the gleam of satin and the depth of velvet, while it wears better than velvet because it does not crush so easily. Chamois colored cloth is employed in ways similar to the use of velvet just described. Usually the expanse of cloth is not so great as when velvet is used, yet more of it is displayed than would have been thought tasteful a few months ago, and in connection with it are put colors that not long ago would have been thought jarring. Take the middle gown of this sketch. Skirt and outer layer of its jacket were hunter's green ladies' cloth. The tight bodice and lower part of the bolero were chamois cloth, the latter showing embroidery of red silk. Red silk frogs fastened the jacket, and white braid was added to the green cloth as indicated. Chamois cloth folds are used a deal in trimming black, and by some who think it more quiet is preferred to red for that purpose. Among the newly stylish materials for outing, street and tailor dresses, are Scotch plaids, French plaids, diagonals and new adaptations of camel's hair. Plain goods are not to be as much worn as last year, though enough of them are in stock at the stores to prove that the dealers do not think everyone is going to go in for bag-pipes. Plaid gowns like the one pictured are voted very swag-gery. It was silk and wool mixture, the colors being green, red, black and white. Except when for separate skirts, the new plaids are quiet for the most part. A new fancy in silks is the chameleon changeable weaves. Glace and solid color



HOUSE DRESSES OF THE ELABORATE SORT.

almost any old thing for the house has led to this outbreak of highly wrought effects. The right hand model of the next picture is about as simple as they make 'em nowadays. Yet it was pink crepe de chine, gathered and finished with black velvet in bands and tiny boleros. Nor is there any general tendency to avoid elaborations in the house dress skirt. In delicate fabrics double and even triple skirts are seen, and in some instances there is divergence from the usual rule for adherence to natural outlines about the hips. These gowns are exceptions, however. A skirt made in three ruffles is shown in the accompanying picture, for which it was sketched in Nile green Japanese silk. Cream lace for yoke and sleeves, a gold girdle and a glorious bow and streamers of the silk embroidered in gold and crystal were the embellishments. To the left of this in the picture is a skirt whose upper portion kept to the rule for close fit, a gorgeous spread coming in its foot flounce. Turquoise blue landsdowne silk was its material, ivory white duchess lace and black chenille trimming it. Chenille is one of the most stylish of trimmings, also one of the most extravagant. Great bunches of it finger thick are hung from a bust knit to the hem of the skirt. Panné velvet seems more beautiful than ever this season. It clings with the smoothness of undressed leather, and it is a wonder of color and light effects. In Persian blendings it deserves to be ranked with the choicest Eastern and old Indian goods. In millinery and for fancy bodices, as well as for applications, with lace and cloth, nothing is more beautiful. On cloth gowns it is much used to finish the edges of boleros and skirts in the general manner shown by the left-hand model of the next picture. Here bright red panne velvet dotted with white was put on biscuit cloth, black silk braid outlining the velvet. Where the panne is underskirt. The crepe is tucked about the hips, often to the knees, the tucks escaping there. Odd effects of irregular fullness are given by allowing the tucks to be of different lengths. The sudden widening of the skirt when the tucks escape is considered very graceful. Such a skirt is not an easy matter to hold up. All skirts hang on the ground all around, dragging a little at the back. Many tailor gowns that appear to be planned for walking dresses in rough weather are made with skirts so long all around, especially in front, that a carriage would seem absolutely necessary. Copyright, 1900. The best lands of Germany are now devoted to the culture of beet sugar, the greater portion of which is exported.



NEW SCHEMES FOR TRIMMING.

## DOINGS OF THE RACE CITY NEWS

We shall know no favorites, and shall be absolutely impartial. To insure publication, all local news must reach us no later than Thursday morning of each week.

General Information Concerning the Afro-American. TAKEN FROM OUR VARIOUS EXCHANGES

Showing the Progress of the Various Lines of Human Endeavor Being Accomplished by the Race.

The annual Tuskegee Negro conference will meet at the Tuskegee institute, Wednesday, February 30, 1901.

The Outlook, Lyman Abbott, editor, has begun the autobiography of Mr. Washington. Already three book concerns has offered to put the paper in book form.

Dr. G. W. Hubbard, who has been the successful head of the Mehary Medical school for a number of years, has been elected president of Central Tennessee college to succeed the late Dr. John Braden.

Tuskegee's exhibit, which attracted so much attention at the recent Alabama state fair, was removed to Montgomery, Ala., where it was placed on exhibit for 10 days.

"Under Sealed Orders." If one was to judge from the average advance notices of the many road companies which come this way of the merits of a show, and believe all that was said, one, as a rule, would go wide of the mark when witnessing the actual production. But with "Under Sealed Orders," the play looked to open at the Metropolitan theater for a period of one solid week, commencing next Sunday, it is certainly an exception to the rule if we are to be guided by the laudable notices the press of San Francisco gave that attraction when it played at the California theater, packing the house to the doors at every performance. This is the third successful season of this company, a fact alone which speaks much for its merits. The seats are now selling.

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