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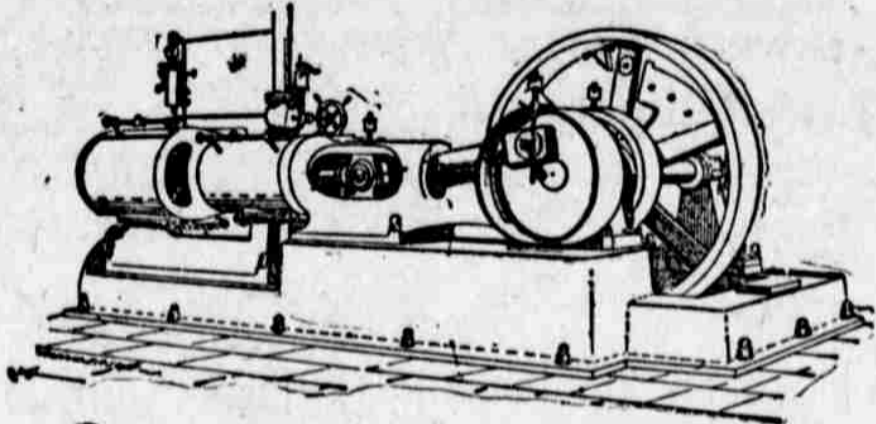
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BOLEROS seem likely to hold their own forever. To be sure, some of the new ones present so many departures from early models that the name seems fanciful. Anything that covers any part of the torso, including some part above and some part below the armholes, is a bolero. As a rule boleros are made with skirt to match, and are really separate from the bodice over which they are worn, but some stunning little ones are made all one with the under-bodice effect and are meant for wear with any skirt. Separate boleros of brilliantly embroidered cloths are promised as a feature of the coming season and already are having trial. The box-pleated bolero is as novel as any form that is safely established. It is shown in the



NEW FEATURES IN BOLEROS, OVERSKIRTS AND FURS.

initial picture for which it was sketched in dove gray ladies' cloth, with trimming of silver soutache and yoke of ivory white and silver lace. Two widely different types, each of which is planned to go only with one skirt, appear in the second illustration. The first turned back from a waistcoat of white undressed kid studded with gilt nail heads, and was of black camel's hair with black taffeta revers, gilt bullion trimming both skirt and jacket. The other jacket was hunter's green velvet, and though put over a princess gown of fawn colored satin-faced cloth, was mated closely through jet passementerie trimmings. Often, of course, where jacket and skirt are of

with cord, stenciling and all varieties of stitching are used for this, too. There was never a time when so many short dresses were worn. They rarely are shorter than ankle length, and with them most women wear any sort of hat and bodice or coat. This is not good taste. A short dress calls for severity about the rest of the costume, or a picturesque out-of-door sportiness. The fact that every one is supposed to have a short skirt, and to wear it whenever she wants, makes it a rule that all other dresses shall have long skirts, and so they have of the heaviest materials and the most elaborate cuts. They are not intended to be worn on the street. One



CURRENT USES OF FUR.

different materials, the jacket may be used with other skirts, but this is a rule that has rather more than the average share of exceptions. Since fur is widely used as trimming, it naturally adorns boleros, and as it is usually employed freely it so nearly dominates as to make the befurred jacket a distinct class. Its two distinct grades appear in the concluding illustration. The one is fur-trimmed Alaska sable on dark brown cheviot, in this case; the other was entirely of bear fur. Each was interchangeable, for though the trimmed one matched the skirt in material and had cream lace trimming, it was meant for double service. The rule places the befurred bolero as a fixture with its skirt, for trimming on the latter marking the union, but this, again, is a rule that often is broken. The all-fur bolero accompanied a skirt of heliotrope

velvet trimmed with the fur. The rest with such jackets is even looser that with fur-trimmed ones. Small jackets usually bring fur trimming on the skirts, and large ones stand alone, but individual taste invariably is the court of last resort.

All the new fur coats that extend below the waist are made boxy, and this season the shaggier furs have been ventured. Sleeves are some variety of Bishop, very often open at the wrist to show either the undersleeve of the bodice, or an undersleeve that belongs to the coat. This last is of velvet or of a fur contrasting thus of two furs is quite the thing. An open, loose sleeve allows the cold to mount the arm, but a loose sleeve properly protected at the wrist is lovely and cosy. A stylish coat of mink finished with black velvet tabs and gilt buttons is shown here, and in another picture is a seal coat, with collar, revers and front piece of white Angora, cream and gold lace giving yoke effect. The third coat the artist presents was one of those oddities that are abundant. Its black melton was topped by Russian sable with chinchilla for the revers. The struggle against draped overdresses has been a gallant one, and the danger of hip drapery seems past. The long line from waist to tip of train is much valued, and the overdress when worn seldom interferes with it. There is a noticeable tendency to trim the edge of the overdress and the skirt that shows below to correspond, thus softening the break of line still further. An example of this is pictured in a gown of coral-colored broadcloth, with skirt and underskirt embroidered to match. Outlining



DOINGS OF THE RACE

CITY NEWS

C. A. Ritter, Society Editor.

General Information Concerning the Afro-American.

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

If you will play your part in life, and see that such part is good, the Negro problem would soon be solved.

Cincinnati has a new colored policeman. This increases the number to 14.

Robert R. Church, a colored citizen of Memphis, born a slave, has contributed \$1,000 to the Confederate Veterans' reunion fund.

John R. Lynch, ex-congressman from Mississippi, now a paymaster in the United States army with the rank of major, is stationed in Cuba.

Hon. John G. Jones, of Cook county, Illinois, the only Afro-American member of the Illinois legislature, has introduced a bill for the suppression of mob violence and lynching.

The appointment of Miss Eva L. Damon to a permanent clerical position in the Chicago postoffice at a salary of \$600 will be gratifying to all members of the race. She has been assigned to the order division and enjoys the distinction of being the first Afro-American woman ever assigned to that department.

The White State Baptist Convention of Columbia, S. C., was addressed by Edward Strak, a Negro, who has been preaching the gospel 75 years. He was born a slave in Hanover county, Virginia, August 18, 1800. While the old man was walking through the church to the pulpit the 350 delegates arose in a body and remained standing till he was seated. The Negro led the closing prayer of the day's session.

Our esteemed contemporary, Mr. J. M. Griffin, of Albuquerque, has been elected journal clerk of the New Mexico senate. This will be peculiarly gratifying to the members of the Afro-American press, one of whom brightest and most successful members Mr. Griffin is. All along the line, with all sorts of opposition to overcome, our men are forging ahead and making creditable places in life for themselves.

A bill offered by Congressman Geo. H. White, of North Carolina, was passed by the house of representatives January 21, appropriating \$100,000 of the unclaimed funds due the colored soldiers of the civil war, to erect a suitable building on the land owned by an association organized to establish the home for the aged and infirm colored people of the District of Columbia. There were 139 votes for, 59 against, six, who simply answered "present" and 153 refrained from voting.

"The Country Girl" at Corday's.

"The Country Girl," Wycherly's well-known comedy, will be the opening bill of the Shirley Company, which will begin a week's engagement at Corday's theater, Sunday night. "The Country Girl" is a play of a past era, and, therefore, it has quaintness as one point of merit. Wycherly's plays have long been off the stage and forgotten, and there's another thing in its favor. Not all of them are presentable to a modern constituted audience. The comedy is natural and the dialogue sparkling when given creditably. The company has a large repertoire of plays and will select the most successful for presentation at Corday's.

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Mr. John Mitchell and bride, of Missouri, are the guests of Mrs. Meredith.

Among the victims of the grippe this week we find the Misses Mary and Susie Crawford, Rev. Collins and W. L. Brady.

The Martha Washington tea party to be given at the Bethel A. M. E. church February 22 promises to be an enjoyable affair.

Mr. Geo. Shoppard, who lived in Salem several years ago, spent several days in our city this week. He is at present residing in Kansas.

Some of the employees of the Hotel Portland gave an informal reception to a number of their friends at the residence of Mrs. Dora Newman, 387 Davis street, last Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was passed by those present.

Mrs. Mamie Allen's residence had a very narrow escape from being destroyed by fire last Sunday evening. A lighted match carelessly thrown down set fire to the fringe on a couch. The flames were extinguished through the assistance of the neighbors after considerable damage was done.

Mr. Frank Smith, formerly employed at the Hotel Portland, after an absence of about two years, visited Portland for a few days the early part of this week. He is at present in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company. Last December Mr. Smith had the misfortune to lose his mother after a brief illness.

The Juvenile choir organized under the auspices of the A. M. E. Zion church is expected to take charge of the musical part of the services on the evening of the first Sunday in next month. A large number have expressed a willingness to assist and a creditable programme will be offered.

With the change in the weather we predict general improvement in the health of the community. The average Webfoot has to have a certain amount of moisture in the atmosphere or he does not feel happy. The indications at present are that for a short time he will be in his element.

The New Aradia Club has been given new life by reincorporation and the addition of new members. Its club rooms are located at 308 1/2 Alder street. Manager Burr Williams, who is also president of the club, has displayed excellent tact in making the club popular. The clubrooms have been newly furnished and the equipment is in every way up-to-date.

At the last meeting of the Afro-American Council in this city the subject of the frequent lynching of Negroes in the South was discussed, also the unjust laws discriminating against him being passed in that part of the country, and the question was introduced of endeavoring to arrange ways and means to assist some of our people to immigrate to other states where they would be permitted to enjoy life and earn a living for themselves and families.

The St. Valentine social held at A. M. E. Zion church on Thursday evening was a happy success in every way. Those who organized and directed it were pleased with the result financially and especially grateful for assistance received in presenting the many features of entertainment which made the affair so enjoyable to all. The music and literary exercises rendered were excellent in every particular. Ice cream and cake were served and much enjoyed. The attendance was good and both old and young passed a very happy evening.

We shall know no favorites, and shall be absolutely impartial. To insure publication, all local news must reach us not later than Thursday morning of each week.

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