

AMERICAN WOMEN ADOPT THE KIMONO

House Wrappers Are Abandoned for the Dainty Costume Which Undergoes Many Variations From the Japanese Styles



THE house wrapper has all but become a thing of the past. To be sure there are certain dainty negligee affairs of dimity or organdie, usually gathered in loosely about the waist by means of an embroidery belt, but these bear little resemblance to the house wrapper of the past generation, and are not half so popular with milady as today as the comfortable, picturesque lounging garment imported from the "Land of the Rising Sun," the kimono, which has practically supplanted all other patterns of negligee house garment. The kimono first struck America in its native form, things of filmy Japanese crepe with bizarre decorations in the way of huge butterflies or monstrous dragons, varied by dainty patterns in apple blossoms or tiny fans and tea-pots; but the comfort and convenience of the kimono once it had been introduced, insured its regular adoption, and this meant all sorts of variations.

The dragons and butterflies gave way to dainty designs more in harmony with the rest of milady's wardrobe, and the oriental crepe gave place to dainty soft

and clinging materials of which the little brown women knew nothing. The long kimono, which is the only kind known in Japan, was bobbed off to suit American convenience, and the short kimono, reaching only a little below the waist, is now to be had in quite as wide a variety as the full-length garment.

This season the merchants are making a specialty of kimonos. Patterns in Oriental abandon of color and design, which by the way, never came out of Japan, and at which the Japanese would hold up his hands in horror, vie with the frankly American productions of pink blue or other dainty color, finished with a border of Dresden ribbon or of silk in a contrasting color. Here and there one sees the real kimono, of silky Japanese materials with heavy padding of accented cotton and finished with a silken roll at the bottom, but these garments are usually for display only, and the American woman has adopted the kimono for com-

modation in the short length. The garment is of figured silk, with pink flowers against a pale blue background bordered with pink satin. A rich effect in dark red and corn color is shown in No. 3, a poppy design, with a deep border of red.

No. 4, the central picture, is an extravagantly Oriental pattern. In Japanese crepe, in a dozen shades of blue—a veritable riot of lanterns, fans, apple blossoms and chrysantheums.

No. 5 is another Japanese, or pseudo-Japanese, idea, introducing not only the Japanese dragon and the Japanese flag, but the Japanese hieroglyphic as well, supplemented by various feathered creatures and floral pieces.

No. 6 we have the thoroughly Americanized kimono, entirely of dotted silk crepe, finished with a border of Dresden pink, and with the fulness gathered in about the shoulders to hold the folds close to the plump American shoulders. Dotted Swiss and pretty muslin printers are also utilized for the kimono, and the purely American production is as popular as those of Japanese design, since the latter has ceased to be a novelty.

Many Guests Received at the White House

PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT ENTERTAIN MANY DISTINGUISHED PARTIES.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(Special Correspondence).—In no other American city could there be such a succession of social events as have marked the days here since my last letter.

And, indeed, Washington itself is seldom more gay, even in mid-Winter. It is as though the nations of the world had combined to give us a huge surprise party, depending on the uniforms and medals of their bravest and best for the decoration and chief attraction.

While so many foreigners were in the city, President and Mrs. Roosevelt were practically keeping open house, first one distinguished party and then another being invited to surround the White House mahogany. The Secretaries of State and of War, Messrs. Root and Taft, and their respective wives shared with their leaders the responsibility of the official entertaining, while the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Meyer, who so long represented this country at other capitals, have much to do welcoming personal friends among the Nation's guests.

On every occasion the majority of those present, as well as the guests of greater distinction, were representative cosmopolites; men of action and diplomatic renown, women of international culture and social experience. The one in all the brilliancy of a full-dress army or navy uniform of an officer in the secretarial or general staff, the other, brilliant in shimmering gowns and flashing jewels of fabulous worth, making a picture both startling and picturesque. Much of the pleasure experienced reached the inner conscience through the eye as converse was necessarily limited in a company so cosmopolitan as to include several varieties of the Orient, and innumerable degrees of Occidental statesmanship, to say nothing of the diplomats and soldiers and sailors from hither and yon, brought together to celebrate the founding of the first permanent English settlement in this fair land.

While the perfect picture of "peace among the nations" could only be seen by the official and socially-select, the people have had many opportunities to see the visitors, who, after travelling across land and sea to be here at this time, were kept in full-dress regalia four-fifths of their stay in order that they might be prepared for the many engagements accepted by their names, so constantly were they kept going from one hospitable home to another and then sandwiching a bit of sightseeing in between that and the next social gathering place, that the main avenues in the residence section resembled a so-called Bazaar of Nations.

adorned with much furniture and bric-a-brac brought by the owners from the south of Europe.

The list of distinguished visitors for the week was by no means restricted to guests from over the seas, each state contributing its quota of members attending the recent congresses of the American Physicians and Surgeons, the National Society for the Study and Prevention of Consumption, the National Association of United States Pension Examining Surgeons, and the American Therapeutic Society. Before these doctors of the body were well out the city, healers of the soul according to the Baptist persuasion came for the general convention of the Northern Baptist Association. The latter gentlemen were well, though in the light of festivities arranged for the capital's international guests, modestly entertained, and then did some sightseeing on their own account before leaving for Jamestown, where they will meet the association of Southern Baptists for a united conference. The leading hotel men of the United States, accompanied in the majority of cases by their wives, have also been here during the week, adding to the gaiety of the capital.

Though much occupied with the proper entertainment of its out-of-town guests, Washington society did not forget to send congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Birdell, whose recent marriage in New York recalled the regime of a former very popular diplomat—father of the present-day Birdell. As Miss Rose Antoinette Preston, Mrs. Birdell made her debut here when her father was dean of the diplomatic corps. Mr. Preston's transfer to another post and his death were soon followed by the loss of the family fortune, which caused the daughters to become breadwinners. In due course they returned to Washington and were said handsomely to entertain in the homes of others, some of the very people it had been their pleasure to delight when they came as guests of their parents in the days of yore. As fancy dancers they were a great success, and may be said to have danced their way into favor, with Lady Poncefote, whose husband, the British Ambassador, succeeded their father, as dean of the foreign circle, as their sponsor.

Visitors may come and visitors may go, but the poor are always with us, hence the extraordinary enthusiasm which marked preparation for and resulted in the success of the Monmouth street fair on Friday and Saturday. Everybody worked with a will, except the weather man, who, being all-important where all fresco entertainments are concerned, caused a postponement of the affair at the last moment from May 10 and 11, and, strange to say, public interest was kept keen by the management. A feature of the first day's general entertainment was the cavalry drill given by the United States troops stationed at Fort Myer. A fireman's drill, including a battle royal with a temporary building burning, marked the second day. While these drills were being given each day beautiful young maids and matrons went through the crowd "baking" for the 25 or more charities represented by special booths on the grounds.

and the ultimate benefit of the less fortunate who will be ministered unto by means of the funds collected that day. Here, Obster, the noted German opera singer and composer, who is here for a short stay, also sang several times for "sweet charity's sake." His courtesies were especially appreciated by the Washington public as he so far positively declined all requests to sing in concert while enjoying his present vacation, which is undertaken by special permission of the German Emperor.

A thin white liquid recently discovered by a rising American scientist was experimented with successfully by the ladies of the Nordhoff Guild, whose wonderful Dutch tulip garden was by this means preserved for exhibit at the postponed lawn fête. The discovery is attracting a great deal of attention in consequence and flower lovers as well as florists and scientists are watching its further development with deep interest. Not the least interested are those into whose keeping is given the cultivation and preservation of plants rich and rare from which blossoms go to beautify the White House on state occasions.

The conservatories of the Executive Mansion are no longer directly back of the state dining-room, where for years they were the delight to many wandering through them "between acts" at state receptions. The change was made with many others when more room was needed in the President's house, and the result grows more pleasing with the years. As now arranged the greenhouses extend to the very edge of the Potomac River, where it is proposed to build a pier for the landing of the President's yacht. There is already a splendid speedway around the park, and plans for its further improvement. When completed, afternoon concerts by the Marine Band will form a feature rivaling in effect the famous Bois de Boulogne.

Giant Carp Caught in the Columbia

Big Fish Snared in Salmon Net. Weighs 26 Pounds—Exhibited in Third-Street Market.

A huge carp, believed to be the largest ever caught in the Columbia River, was on exhibition yesterday in front of a Third-street market. The fish weighed 26 pounds and was a veritable giant. It was taken in a salmon net on the Lower Columbia. A crowd gathered around the fish and many comments were made on its unusual size. The fish had not a friend in the crowd, for all had something derogatory to say about the carp tribe and some voiced regrets that it was ever introduced to Oregon waters.

"Carp have driven out the ducks," said one. "That's the reason we never get any more canvas backs. These fish eat the wapatooes and destroy the feeding grounds of the ducks."

"Too bad they did not leave the carp in Germany," said another, "they are no good here and they do a good deal of harm."

"Why that fish has been eating grass so long that it must have chewed a cud like a cow," was the comment of another.

"Ah, what a splendid black bass!" exclaimed a third who was escorting two ladies up the street. He stopped and called attention to its fine points for the benefit of his companions. "Who

caught it?" he demanded of the market man.

"I did," answered that individual.

"You don't say so," was the reply, "must have taken you quite a while to land it."

"Yes, he fought for half an hour and then he nearly upset the boat," was the reply.

WORK LITTERS STREETS

Building Makes It Impossible to Keep Thoroughfares Clean.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher declared yesterday that building operations in Portland are so extensive now that it is impossible to keep the city's streets in good, clean condition. He says he fully realizes that the down-town thoroughfares are almost impassable at times, but can see no remedy for it.

"I am as well aware of the bad condition of the streets as anyone in Portland," said Chief Gritzmacher, "but, while this is so, I cannot see what can be done about it. Building operations are so extensive that it seems a thing next to impossible for the police to keep the streets and sidewalks clear. In fact, we can't keep them all clear all the time. Contractors must have a place to work, and they must have a place for their material while they are working. Naturally, they use the sidewalks and the streets."

"We are doing the best we can, all things taken into consideration. I was talking to the Mayor about street and sidewalk conditions just recently, and I told him it seemed a shame that at some places the thoroughfares down-town were almost impassable. He agreed, but neither of us was able to find a way out of the difficulty, except to regulate the contractors as best we can."

"Here is this about the matter that I wish to say, and that is that I would rather have the present conditions continue than to see grass growing in the streets, and upon this also the Mayor agreed, but neither of us was able to find a way out of the difficulty, except to regulate the contractors as best we can."

There has been some complaint about merchants and others sweeping garbage and refuse into the gutters, and Chief Gritzmacher declared that he has ordered the patrolmen to keep close watch on this, but that the sweepings are left while the officers on the beats are out of sight, and it is hard to be certain who is guilty. In the residence districts, the police are endeavoring to compel owners of property to keep the sidewalks free of filth and weeds and to generally clean up their places.

PIONEERS MEET JUNE 19

Secretary of Association Sends Out Notices of Annual Reunion.

Secretary George H. Himes, of the Oregon Pioneer Association, is mailing large posters to the different parts of the state announcing the thirty-fifth annual reunion of that association which will be held in the Armory in this city Wednesday, June 19. The annual business meeting of the Indian War Veterans will be held the day before then the veterans, who are themselves pioneers, will join in the reunion exercises of the Pioneer Association. Headquarters will be established for the pioneers in the Oregon Historical Society's rooms in the City Hall. The Association will be formally convened at the Armory at 2 P. M. June 19 when the following literary programme will be carried out: Music; patriotic prayer; Rev. J. D. Driver, D. D., 1848, chaplain; address by welcome, Mayor Harry Lane; response, Hon. M. C. George, 1851, president of the Association; short

address, George H. Himes, secretary of the Association since 1886; song, benediction, chaplain; music, "America," audience. These exercises will be followed by a grand banquet under the management of the Pioneer Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, chairman.

The annual business meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening and this will be followed by an "experience meeting" for the builders of the state. This feature of the day's exercises will be in charge of Colonel R. A. Miller, 1864, of this city.

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