

SMALL BLACK BONNET A THING OF THE PAST

BECAUSE A WOMAN IS NO LONGER IN HER TEENS IS NO REASON WHY SHE SHOULD WEAR SOMBER GARB



TIME was when the wardrobe of the elderly woman was a matter of unvaried and somber simplicity; when the coming of gray hair and deepened "crowfeet" meant the donning of a small black bonnet with velvet strings tied under the chin, and the enveloping of one's drooping shoulders in a huge, ungraceful "dolman," invariably black, and only relieved by an occasional adornment of black jet beads and black tasseled fringe.

But the small black bonnet, with its velvet strings tied under the chin, and the venerable "dolman," have all but become a thing of the past. In this notable age women still find much to be interested in, and give pleasing heed to feminine attractiveness, even when the "first blush of youth" has become a memory and the prime of womanhood has been added to the yesterdays. Not only do mothers and grandmothers of today read the fashion magazines and the display windows of the shops with as much interest as do the younger feminine element, but they have cast off the somber black of previous generations, and now revel in a gaily and variety of colors second only to the scope of their schooling daughters and grand-daughters, who may run the gamut of tints and tones all the way from shell pink to robin's egg blue.

Withal, the elderly woman of today is tasteful in her combination of the color, and in her adaptation of the prevailing styles to her own broadening or withering figure. Style she desires, and style she will have, but she exercises a discretion that does credit to herself, and shows her good, keen, live interest in things feminine by avoiding the extreme novelties and extravagant fads, following only such general trends as will be dignified and becoming.

Mrs. Mima Crolius Gleason, known in a hundred character roles and familiar as a footlight grand dame to the patrons of the Baker Theater, in the accompanying illustrations demonstrates the interest elderly women of the present take in the question of fashion. Mrs. Gleason's fluffy locks are no longer the dark chestnut color of her youth. They are frankly gray. Indeed, Mrs. Gleason has recently acquired the dignity of grandmotherhood, and spends all her spare time cooing the crowing young hopeful which the stark only two months ago left at the home of her son, "Jimmy" Gleason. But Mrs. Gleason's Spring wardrobe, if you please, does not consist of a new black alpaca and a lightweight black bonnet, with a modest tuft of violets tucked away under the bands. No, indeed! The accompanying pictures give merely a hint of the pretty and attractive things hanging in her clothes-press, and she declares that she is planning a "perfectly gorgeous" Easter outfit!

Picture No. 1 shows Mrs. Gleason wearing a pretty dark blue suit of voile, over blue silk, the bands of Persian trimming being woven in the pattern of the plaid jacket. The same bands are employed in the trimming of the jacket, which is in one of the latest cuts, and fitted with painstaking care; she wears the latest



wrinkle in gloves, the 16-button chamois, with the loose kimono sleeves of this costume.

Picture No. 2 shows Mrs. Gleason's new Spring hat, of light straw with big pom-poms of brown and white, and one of her elaborate veils draped according to the new mode—hanging loosely over the face and being pinned low at the back of the neck.

An evening costume typical of those now worn by elderly women is shown in No. 3. This costume is of a soft rose-colored material, with paneling of fine black lace and finished with ribbon velvet in black and rose color.

One of Mrs. Gleason's prettiest house gowns is shown in picture No. 4. It is of soft French flannel in a blended stripe, the prevailing tone being a warm gray-tan. The full-plaited skirt is finished

with bias stitched bands, and the dainty little bodice, plaited full at the front, is finished with bits of lace and several frivolous little brown silk tassels. A collar-ette of soft cream-colored lace and ruffled finished sleeves of bias bands and lace, in elbow length, complete this charming little indoor costume.

In picture No. 5 Mrs. Gleason is shown in a street suit of soft gray-voile, with lavender touches. Persian bands finish the lower lengths of the full-plaited skirt prettily, and a dainty little vestlet of Oriental goods, peeping out from under the finishing bands down the front, holds the hoods and eyes that secure the jacket snugly to the form. The sleeves are of the kimono pattern, and of elbow length. In this costume Mrs. Gleason is a living demonstration of the fact that the grandmothers of today are keenly alive to the possibilities of the prevailing mode, know how to get the most effective results, and are keeping pace with Dame Fashion along with the most up-to-date debutantes and young matrons.

Senatorship was expected. Enough Democrats, however, refused to vote for him to prevent his election and, yesterday, ex-Governor William O. Bradley, a Republican, was chosen to the Senatorship, by a fusion of a few anti-Beckham Democrats with all the Republican legislators. The result was reached after a contest which lasted the whole of January and all of February, up to yesterday.

Years before his canvass for Governor, the late Goebel murdered an unarmed Republican, in Covington, Ky., as the result of a dispute between them. He was acquitted by perjured testimony, by which he was able to show that the unarmed Republican had unsuccessfully sought to kill him. When he was himself killed, on the eve of his inauguration, the event was a front of retribution to not a few minds.

After Beckham became Governor, a line of men were accused of the murder of Goebel, but no one has yet been finally convicted. One at least has been convicted twice, but the conviction has been set aside by the court of last resort in that

brought about within the Kentucky Democratic party.

Ex-Governor Bradley, the new Senator, and Governor A. E. Willson, the present executive, both Republicans, have not been commensured by any of the complications of murder and its consequences in that state. Ex-Senator Blackburn, who defended Goebel for the murder the latter committed, has been retired by his party in Kentucky, and retained by the President in public life as a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

None in the North will regret the defeat of Mr. Beckham so much as William J. Bryan, who went to the capital of Kentucky and earnestly but fatally advocated Beckham's election. Mr. Bryan's prudence and foresight in this instance can hardly be commended even by himself to himself.

It is to be hoped that Governor Willson will be able to free Republicanism from W. O. Taylor influence, and that the Democratic party in Kentucky will be able to free itself from Goebel-Beckham influences, and that Senator Bradley will be able to give to his state at Washington a representation that will improve the record or reputation of the commonwealth while Mr. Blackburn stood for Kentucky in the Senate.

The retiring Democratic Senator, James B. McCreary, an honorable man, well entitled to re-election, but has become the victim of Goebel-Beckham conditions within the Democracy of his commonwealth. For him respect is felt, and for his retirement in March, 1905, regret will be felt, but Senator-elect Bradley will be the heir of better conditions, and will be the fountain of better hopes than the choice of any Democrat in Kentucky could at this time assure.

Will Not Deny Whiskey to Park Monkeys

Mayor Lanes That Boose Saves Simians' Lives, and "O. K.'s" Item in Park Superintendent's Estimates.

MAYOR LANE is opposed to the use of whiskey, even for medicinal purposes, and has often so stated, but he encountered an instance last week that was brand new, even to an experienced doctor. In the estimate for the month for the parks, Superintendent A. D. Montiech inserted an item for one bottle of whiskey. This excited the curiosity of the Mayor, who sent for the superintendent. "What is this bottle of whiskey for?" asked the Mayor, when Superintendent Montiech entered the executive office at the City Hall.

"For the monkeys," replied Montiech, smiling.

"For the monkeys?" exclaimed Mayor Lane. "What in the world do monkeys need whiskey for?"

"The keeper has to use whiskey frequently to save the lives of the monkeys," replied Montiech, still smiling. "He saved several of their lives last year by giving them a drink at the proper time."

"Well, that beats anything I ever heard of anywhere," said Mayor Lane. "Whiskey for monkeys? However, I would not be so inconsiderate as to deny a monkey his whiskey, so here goes."

And the Mayor affixed his official signature to the itemized account for the Park Department for the month, laughing heartily as he did so.

No Hurry About Pruning Roses

NOTWITHSTANDING that growth has in some cases begun, there is no hurry about pruning, especially the Hybrid Tea and Tea varieties.

Growth always commences at the extremity of the shoots, and the buds at the base will remain dormant for some time yet.

When pruning, cut back these shoots to a dormant eye or bud which points outward. The philosophy of the matter is that when the shoots are shortened, the lower buds or eyes will soon commence to grow, and are liable to be injured or even killed back by late frosts.

Kentucky Has Dreadful Record

Politics for the Past Ten Years in "The Dark and Bloody Ground."

This review of the course of fraudulent and bloody politics in Kentucky, against which the Louisville Courier-Journal has been thundering, is from the Brooklyn Eagle, an independent Democratic paper. It is a record without a parallel, and yet the people of Kentucky, as a whole, are among the most conservative and law-abiding in all the Union.

WILLIAM O. BRADLEY was the first Republican elected to be Governor of Kentucky. He was chosen in 1880 and served until the last day of 1888. In that year, William S. Taylor, also a Republican, was elected to succeed him. Taylor's Democratic opponent was a man named Goebel. By miscounting and by other fraud Goebel was declared elected by a Democratic Legislature.

Shortly before the inauguration of Goebel, he was assassinated. He lived long enough, however, to take the oath of office and to enable the Governorship to devolve on J. C. W. Beckham, who had also been fraudulently declared to be elected Lieutenant-Governor. Beckham served as Governor four years, and was really elected to be Governor again in 1904. His term expired at the end of 1907, and he was succeeded then by the present Governor, A. E. Willson, who is Republican.

The Democratic State Convention in 1900 informally nominated Beckham for United States Senator, and at the Democratic primaries of his party, last year, in Kentucky, that informal nomination was barely confirmed. As the Democrats carried the Legislature, his election to the

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