

OUR WEEKLY FASHION LETTER

A TIMELY REVIEW OF THE LATEST MODES (Special) By JUDIC CHOLLET

FRIBBLES OF FASHION.

Pongees Adorned With Black Embroidery—Hosiery Hints.

Natural colored pongee frocks adorned with black embroidery when made in the combination princess-empire fashion are very smart. The yoke and sleeves are of lace, and the neck and cuff bands are piped with black and rose or pale blue and green silk.

White stockings are worn with black and colored shoes this summer during the day as well as in the evening. The imported hosiery of this kind has elaborate clock designs and lace insertions, and in some stockings the entire front is of chandilly net.

Petticoats of shepherd's check silk with flounces of gayly flowered silk and black or cream lace caught up at

to distresses to the simplest and least pretentious frock.

For indoor gowns or elaborate frocks the broken or primitive Greek pattern is much used as a trimming.

The simple linen dress seen in the picture is a most desirable frock for a little girl. The trimming is of embroidery, with frills of linen lawn. The shield is of fancy tucking.

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GLIMPSES OF FASHION.

Extremes in Headgear—Gold and Silver on Black Lace.

There is no doubt that headgear is getting bigger. In fact, it is assuming bewildering proportions in some instances. Big white and black lace hats are very becoming, especially when trimmed with a single feather.

Little velvet bows are playing a most important part in the dressing up of the new gowns.



IN DOTTED SWISS—5686.

Intervals with knots of ribbon to correspond with the flowers in the silk are among the attractive things for the wardrobe.

For a dressy gown to be worn for light mourning striped grenadine is very handsome. As the stripe is lustrous, this material is not suitable for the very first trappings of woe.

Polka dotted silks, lawns and marquisettes with deep border effects in much larger dots are effective. The border forms the cross over portion of the surplice waist and the deep hem as well as the panels of the skirt.

Many of the linen coat and skirt suits are embroidered with large French dots, and the coats are scalloped and buttonholed instead of hemmed. The gown illustrated is made of white dotted swiss muslin with trimmings of valenciennes lace. It is a charmingly simple yet dressy little frock.

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WHAT TO WEAR.

New Dress Shield—Silk Coat and Sash Worn With Muslins.

A new dress shield for wearing with thin dresses and shirt waists is trimmed with valenciennes lace. It greatly improves their appearance.

Navy blue is more in favor than it was at the beginning of the season, especially mixed with crude green and mandarin. And as a relief from the ubiquitous brown there is a medium tint of rather yellowish green known as "tilen," which is seen in many of the summer silks.

One can buy stamped little bows of white material that are so much the fashion now at very inexpensive prices. Pompadour silks make charming evening gowns under transparent overskirts of point d'esprit, net or spangled tulle.

The silk coat and matching sash promise to be a feature of the late



GIRL'S LINEN FROCK—5687.

summer modes. The idea is very pretty and lends itself to many attractive variations. One or two sets of the sort will, if one's wardrobe is well selected, go with almost any gown, and they will lend an air of style and up

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will engage in trade thereon. This is indicative of the wonderful growth of the rich internal commerce of the United States, to accommodate which vessels, on the average far larger than those engaging in ocean traffic, are needed. Once the rivers and harbors of the interior of the country are improved, the growth of the traffic will be enormous. The National Rivers & Harbors Congress has been working for a number of years to bring this matter squarely before the American people, and the strength of its contentions has been proven time and again by just such reports as this. The special director of this organization John A. Fox, of Arkansas, has just completed a tour of the New England and Atlantic Coast states, and has left Washington to visit the cities in the Upper Mississippi River Country. His object is to enlist the support of the people of that rich region in the crusade being waged by the National Rivers & Harbors Congress.

Oregon's land fraud cases are to be thoroughly investigated. This was instigated this week when Attorney General Bonaparte appointed A. MacDonald McBlair as a special assistant to undertake the work. Mr. McBlair is named in addition to B. D. Townsend, assistant United States Attorney for North Dakota, who is already engaged in the work of investigation in connection with United States Attorney Bristol, of Oregon. It is the intention of the government to press home the charges, no matter who is hurt, and to make examples of those guilty of land frauds. In this manner it is believed, the playful fashion of gobbling illegally large portions of the public domain will cease to be either profitable or pleasant.

ed skirt and coat are the accepted costume. The skirt is severely plain. The coat may be stitched with bands of the same material, and lace collars and cuffs complete it. A fancy coat is trimmed with strips of lace insertion or bands. A heavy rajah or tussore silk skirt is wearable on the golf or tennis field. The heavy pongees tub well and are much more serviceable than the linens.

Ring dotted foulards are very stylish this season, and the dress seen in the cut is of foulard with a white ground and dots of a lovely shade of blue. The trimming is of plain blue silk embroidered in white dots bordered with narrow black velvet.

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If figures gathered by the Department of Agriculture are dependable, there will be smaller leaves this year. According to reports, England France and Germany are facing short crops, and the world's wheat yield will be about 300,000,000 bushels under normal. This condition is serious when the famines scourging Russia and China are considered. In strange contrast looms up the crop prosperity of Canada, particularly the new, western part. All reports received dwell upon the great acreage under cultivation and the excellent condition of the wheat. In a statement just received here, which was issued by Frank O. Fowler, of Winnipeg, secretary of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association, it is shown that between five and six million acres are producing wheat in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and that barley and flax show an increase under cultivation of ten and twelve per cent, respectively.

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou has been seized with the housecleaning mania. He has just appointed a committee of Treasury officials to draw up a plan looking to the adoption of simpler business methods and the elimination of red tape in the handling of Uncle Sam's funds. The committee consists of James B. Reynolds, J. H. Edwards, and Beekman Winthrop, the three secretaries of the Treasury; Robert J. Tracewell, Comptroller of the Currency, and Robert S. Person, auditor for the Interior Department. Secretary Cortelyou's idea is to facilitate the business of the various divisions and bureaus and draw into closer relationship the head of the Treasury and his various assistants. He is of the opinion that the elimination of many of the formalities now in vogue would expedite the work of the Department and at the same time in no wise lessen the vigilance or efficiency of the agency that has the nation's strong box in its keeping.

Reposing in a case in the Smithsonian Institution, is the famous old flag which inspired Francis Scott Key to compose what is now the American national hymn, The Star Spangled Banner. It is to remain there for two years at least. The historic banner is owned by Ellen Appleton, of New York, and is about 20 by 30 feet in size. The flag was loaned to the government by Mr. Appleton through the personal solicitation of Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the institution. Mr. Appleton came into possession of the flag by inheritance. Its first owner, after it had waved in triumph over Fort Mchenry during the bombardment of the fortifications by the British on the night of September 13, 1814, was Colonel Armsted, who took the flag down and carried it to his quarters after the British fleet, baffled, had withdrawn. Later he gave it to his mother, who in turned passed it along to her grand-daughter. Through marriage, the flag passed into the possession of the Appleton family.



OF RING DOTTED FOULARD—5684, 5436.

Black lace with gold thread or silver lines is handsome. A black lace waist with a bit of gold thread introduced on the cuffs or sleeve finishings and at the throat bears the mark of an artist's design.

Among the colored veils worn are chenille spotted nets with lace borders. Coarse straw hats are charmingly softened by a veil held by two abnormally large hatpins.

For shopping a brown tussore tailor.

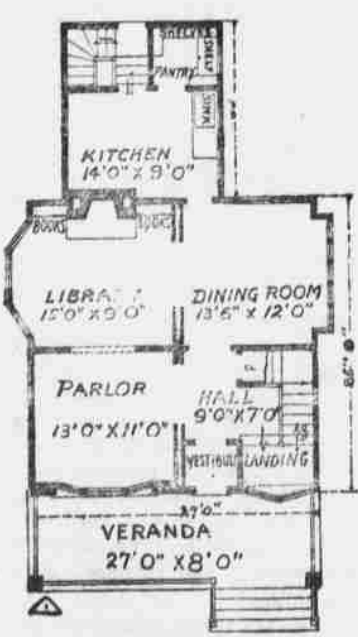
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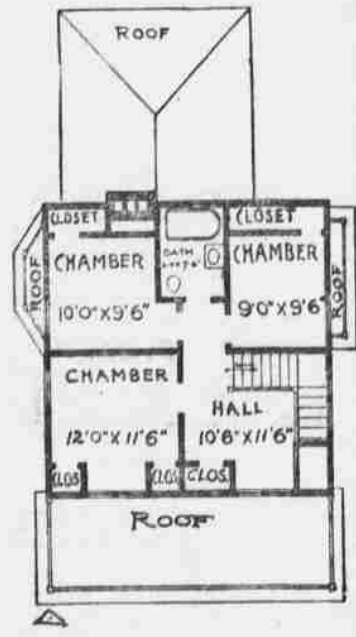
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PERSPECTIVE VIEW.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN.



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