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FASHION'S PHASES

NEVER WERE MODES SO CHANGEABLE AS NOW.

Gowns of Black and White Taffeta—Brown Stands in the Forefront of Fashionable Autumn Colorings.

New York, Oct. 27.—To be well gowned this season requires more than money and taste; it requires genius.

Nothing short of genius will enable a woman to distinguish between the many wonderful gowns shown and select those whose style and beauty will remain proof against the changes of the season.

Never were the modes so changeable as now. Even the tailor-made gown which at the beginning of the season showed few traces of the Eton effect are returning to this feature as a trimming and the profuse elaboration of advance-autumn frocks has given away to a simplicity almost girlish.

These youthful creations lose nothing in cost by their absence of ornamentation, however, for the few touches of trimming that are used are selected from patterns just novel and rare enough to bring them up to the required standard of luxury.

With musicals every afternoon and matinees sandwiched between the fashionable Gothamite finds herself particular in need of afternoon frocks and separate bodices just now.

The eccentricities and caprices of fashion find expression to the full in the fancy bodices prepared for the season. The softest, sheeniest and most graceful fabrics are employed, because a material which does not lend itself to the draperies and folds of the day finds no favor with the ultra-smart women.

Some of the simplest waists have only a yoke and collar of lace laid over pale blue, cream of pink crepe de chine and the effect is becoming indeed.

Others are trimmed with tuckings, or bands of velvet ribbon, without any trace of lace.

There is scarcely any fashion that holds its own better than the blouse. This is pretty when it assimilates with the rest of the dress or has an accompanying jacket, but in vivid contrast to the skirt, the harsh junction line at the waist is anything but elegant.

There is creeping a most unbecoming fashion of wearing a short jacket showing a full blouse beneath at the waist and the sleeve ending above the elbow and exhibiting only the blouse, the sleeve extending from the elbow to the wrist. This idea is pretty for demi-toilette, but unsuitable for out-of-door wear.

A well-made gown of black and white taffeta stands out in bold relief in such company. It is cut on the cross with soft flouncing at the hem, intermixed with pyramids of tiny tucks, headed by a wavy line of lace insertion, vandykes of the same lace appearing below the waist and accompanied by a bolero with a cascaded flounce and a large cabbage bow on the front of the bodice.

A very dainty conceit for afternoon wear is an adjustable collar of brown silk cord passamentarie and delicate rose chenille embroidery fastened with dangling ornaments and tassels. It is not an expensive detail and completely transforms a plain waist into a dressy bodice.

In point of service there is nothing to equal the tailor-made gown. Whether the material used in its development be expensive or not, if the dress is carried out upon artistic lines, it is apropos for almost any occasion, certainly for any day function where strict formality is not required. Brown, in all the darker shades stands in the forefront of fashionable autumn colorings. A smart faller suit made in wood brown cloth with clinging effect attracted attention at a recent matinee. The skirt was made with a yoke from which depended one plait. A panel, made of broderie Anglaise, worked in cream silk on brown taffeta ran down the front from the belt to the bottom of the skirt. The plaits extended well over

the belt, which was of celery green taffeta. Cream cloth forms the collar on which there were several rows of the same colored green bobbe ribbon. The sleeves began from the neck and at the elbow were very souffant, the cuff being finished out in broderie Anglaise.

It may seem almost incredible, but it is nevertheless true that so much stress is laid upon the sleeve this season that it actually makes or mars a toilette. Its variety has never been equalled in the history of dress, there can not really be said to be any change in the general outline, which is that the sleeve be tight fitting from shoulder to elbow, where the graceful bagging begins, but this is the only feature of similarity. The fullness below the elbow is caught in at the wrist with a long or short cuff or gauntlet as the fancy chooses. All sleeves have a most coquettish air, and at the same time they are graceful and picturesque, becoming alike to stout and slender figures.

Black holds its own despite the furor of the season's new colors. A very chic princess gown is in satin faced black cloth, and though absolutely plain and fitting the figure a merveille, it is of a cut that stamps it as Parisian of the highest order.

A lovely black silk and worsted braid almost covers the entire gown in a wide-open device giving long lines to the front, and finishing at each side in triangles relieved by falling fringes of silk, the bodice braided en corsele a bright touch given by the glint of the gold galon collar and cuffs seen through the strands of fringe which encircle them.

There is a perfect craze on in Gotham for worsted embroideries, and it is wonderful what a style they impart to the simplest gown. But they required to be applied with the greatest taste and discretion. Oriental embroideries are also much in demand and the happy possessor of real Japanese and Chinese embroideries cannot do better than have them arranged on their autumn gowns if they desire to be quite a la mode.

Of gowns of cloth the Russian and Bulgarian embroideries are effective, while the new braids and galons are associated with tweeds and friezes.

A dark blue fancy tweed was selected by one of New York's society matrons sailing for Europe recently. The skirt had a bounce sun-ray plaited at intervals, the upper part fitting closely in pipe bands.

The quaint bodice was arranged in folds slashed on each side over a bright tartan and strappings of narrow velvet, the tartan at the back finishing in two long sash ends, a black chenille tie drooping from the throat.

Over this gown was worn a dark blue traveling coat, its deep turn-over collar and reverses of white cloth richly braided with white silk braid and tassels.

As the season advances wraps of all kinds grow prettier and seem to take on the elaboration eliminated from gowns. At the theaters some extremely rich confections are seen. One particularly chic, has the top part composed of heavy Irish lace, representing a hood, and where it falls over the shoulders there is a band of sable. From the shoulders depend a plaiting of rose velvet and this opens over two narrow ruffles of mousseline outlined in sable. The low collar is of sable, fur tails finishing off the neck fastening. The entire affair is built on a foundation of rose mousseline tucked and puffed, with a ruffle at the hem. Almost every wrap is trimmed with fur, and the more expensive the trimming, the smarter the wrap.

MAUDE GRIFFIN.

Roosevelt is 44 Years Old.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt is 44 years old today and, according to the custom of the family, the anniversary will be observed this evening by a dinner in which the children will participate. The president's birthplace was at No. 28 East Twentieth street, New York City. While one of the youngest rulers of nations, President Roosevelt is the senior of several. For instance, Nicholas of Russia is only 34 years of age, while William II. of Germany, is a year younger than the president. Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is young enough to be the president's daughter, having been born as late as 1880. Kuang Hsu, emperor of China, has but 29 years to his credit, while Sultan Abdul Azziz, of Morocco, was born in 1878. The khedive of Egypt is only 28. King Carlos, of Portugal, is another who is junior to the president, having been born in 1861, while his near neighbor, Alfonso of Spain, has not reached his 17th birthday. Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, is still another, having first seen the light in 1861. Alexander, of Serbia, is quite a youth in comparison with him, however, having been born in 1876. King Edward VII. of Great Britain, is one of these called a young ruler, but he is a grandfather and is 17 years older than President Roosevelt.

Paris Dock Laborers Resume Work.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The dock laborers' central committee Saturday night issued a circular ordering a general resumption of work. This will end the strike of the dockers and workmen in various other industries which was begun in sympathy with the striking miners.

EFFECT OF STRIKE

"DIVINE RIGHT BAER" AN INFLUENCE IN POLITICS.

Chances for Democratic Success in New York Are Excellent—Improvement in New York Police System—Relief to Wall Street Gamblers Given by Secretary Shaw.

(By Special Correspondent.)

New York, Oct. 27.—Any attempt to predict just now what the outcome of the election next month will be would be idle folly. It is certain, however, that the contesting parties are leaving nothing undone to win victory for their respective sides. Republican managers are trying to make political capital out of the fact that Mr. Coler, the democratic candidate for governor is making no speeches, while their candidate is discussing the issues of the campaign with people in every part of the state. They forget, however, that Governor Odell himself in his first campaign for governor did not go upon the stump. He made very few speeches, and spent most of his time at work in the party headquarters. The speaking candidate has not always been the candidate, as has been shown in many previous campaigns in this and other states.

On the other hand, in spite of the fact that the strike is over, the republicans have hard work to offset the effect that it has had on the people, and the democrats are taking the best possible advantage of their embarrassment. The 250 speakers put on the stump in New York county have been carefully instructed on the way they are to present the issues to the people. Optimistic views of things must predominate. Special emphasis must be put on prosperity. The case of the coal strike issue will be met by telling of the efforts made by republicans to end it and reference is frequently made to President Baer, of the Reading railroad, now popularly called "Divine Right Baer," as a democrat, to show how his influence against the miners prevented an earlier settlement of the difficulty.

Although the Mollieux trial has entered upon its second week, public interest in this young man of wealth and social standing, who became entangled in one of the most sensational criminal cases on record in the country, does not wane. Whatever the difference of opinion there may exist regarding the guilt or innocence of the charge of killing Mrs. Katherine Adams by sending her poison through the mails in a bottle of bromo seltzer, popular sentiment is a unit regarding his aged father. And that sentiment is profound pity. General Mollieux has certainly done everything in his power to save his son. He has spent a fortune in his defense and has used the influence of his own character and business standing to extend the number of his son's friends. In fact, he has made himself the central figure in this celebrated case. The estrangement which has been said to exist between the prisoner and his wife for some time is no longer denied and adds another sensation to the case. What the verdict of this, the second trial will be, it is idle to conjecture, but General Mollieux has hopes of his son's acquittal and absolute vindication of having had any part in the unfortunate affair.

In these days of luxurious living and elaborate entertaining it is nothing unusual for the covers at a big dinner to cost fifty or a hundred dollars each. At the dinner of the Chamber of Commerce to be held next month, the former price a plate will be asked. If there is an attendance of 500, the total outlay of this feast of commerce will be \$25,000. There have been many private banquets, representing a greater cost, but only one public banquet. That was held nearly 20 years ago on the occasion of the Yorktown celebration. That was also given by the Chamber and the assessment on each subscriber was \$66. It must not be supposed that all this money is spent for food and wine; only a small part of it is. The great cost represents the expense of entertaining distinguished guests from abroad, the production of souvenir menus, memorial medals and the like. The coming dinner of the Chamber will be probably the most notable

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in the long line of its banquets, but the dinner committee is not ready as yet to announce its program.

The successful raids which have been made on the gambling houses of the city within the past few weeks are not only important in their immediate results, but are regarded as having deep significance for the future. It is believed that the police "system" which has so long been impregnable, has at last been hit in a vulnerable spot. It is believed that the raids give promise of a new order of things and it may be asked whether this quickened zeal is in any way connected with Captain Piper's succession to the deputy commissionership. When Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner he gained much valuable information by going incognito through the city to watch the conduct of the patrolmen. The new deputy commissioner, who is unknown to the policemen has adopted the same tactics.

The relief measures provided by Secretary Shaw of the treasury have been very slow in their effect upon the money market. His offer to purchase bonds, being under the market, has had no beneficial effect. The acceptance by the treasury department of approved securities for deposits, instead of government bonds is having some practical effect, however, for more than \$6,000,000 in high-grade issues have already been tendered. Unless unforeseen developments occur, though, monetary condition will show no improvement until after November 1, when extraordinary demands for money will have ceased and currency will have begun to return from the interior and grain exports occur in sufficient volume to depress sterling exchange.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is experiencing daily the discomforts of greatness. Every day a throng of reporters either invade his office or stand on the sub-treasury steps opposite and watch every person who enters or leaves his banking house. Mr. Morgan is not in love with the idea of his office being one of the "show" places of the city, but this is a question in which he has absolutely no say, for his house is one of the first to be sought by persons visiting the city.

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