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FASHION'S PHASES

WASH GOWNS ARE THE "HERALDS OF SPRING."

New Muslins and Mercerized Fabrics Are Cool and Restful—White Satin Takes the Place of Taffeta—Jackets Without Collars Very Modish.

New York, Feb. 20.—In Lent the well-dressed girl plans the frocks and frocks which stimulates the young man's fancy to "thoughts of love" in the spring time.

The first real heralds of spring this year are the wash gowns—in name only—which promise to create a future unequaled in the history of dress. The new fabrics which are heavy enough to require no lining, yet sufficiently pliable to adapt themselves to the predominating lines of slenderness and grace have taken to themselves entirely novel complexions and airs. Not only are solid colors seen, but mixtures are prominent and there are new Scottish effects. Gotted and stripes with the cold hues tend variety to the regulation designs.

There is an atmosphere of distinct novelty about summer frocks. Everything is designed to suggest comfort and surcease from worry lest they crumple or soil—even though they are a grass-green linen through which pale blue is restfully mingled in inserted seams, the insertions being of strips of coarse lace. The design of the lace is of squares in the center of which is a circular ornament which has been worked over in black silk. There are long green sleeves and undersleeves of white lace.

The collar is of the stock variety carried out in worked lace. Either of the two very pretty hats may complete this costume. The former is of dead-white, dull-finished rice straw and trimmed with roses, violets and leaves; the latter is a rough, shiny tuscany adorned with green velvet bows and cream lace over pale blue chiffon rosettes.

The new muslins and mercerized fabrics are cool and restful and for this reason are much in demand. The main idea of the summer woman of fashion is to look summery, but not vivacious, for vivacity is a mistake on a grilling midsummer day, no matter how charming she may be.

A dainty frock designed for one of the fortunate few who can shift their quarters South to avoid the blistering winds of March is a mass of fine lingerie tucks in cream muslin with lace insertions and a deep flounce at the foot of the skirt of white mousseline de soie on which are appliques of pink flowers—graceful sweet peas and green leaves.

Another muslin robe is of cream white and black embroidery. The combination is very Frenchy and fetching and the embroidery is thick and soft, like the old-fashioned kind that adorned the gowns of our mothers years ago.

Fashion is turning to quaint and picturesque things. There were sashes last year. They are here again this season with fringes and hand paintings for the early frocks of linen. Some are daintily designed of Chinese ribbon and silk fringes sewn on. A novelty is to carry the ribbon around the waist twice and knit it low at one side or directly in front.

White satin is taking the place of taffeta as a foundation material for point d'esprit, especially black. A particularly stunning gown in these fabrics has the bodice cut low in the neck and rather square. All the way around the neck strips of black velvet are caught here and there to finish it; from this the strips of velvet are stitched down over the satin, covered with black point d'esprit half way, about an inch apart, then from the waist line the velvet is stitched down between the strips of velvet from the top and coming up just as far as the other came down.

The sleeves are of point d'esprit, caught in full at the arm, while a black velvet sash encircles the waist.

The bodice idea is faithfully carried out on the skirt, the velvet being stitched down over the white satin with point d'esprit over it about 12 inches over the hips. This fits the hips like a glove. From this it is met by another series of rows of black velvet which slope outward and flare over the feet with a long sweeping train in the back. The ensemble of the skirt is that of three deep flounces.

The gown described will bear out the statement that simplicity is as far from the modistes' intentions as it has been and if greater elaboration in any detail of dress is possible, it may be looked for during the coming months. The cut of costumes, was seldom, if ever, so difficult as now, and this suggests the warning; unless a master of this art is employed a woman will do well to select models that she is sure are within the possibilities of the amateur.

The fate of the separate waist is far from being secure. It is still permissible, however, and that is a good deal, though it has ceased to be smart.

The nine-gored skirt is universally liked by women of generous figure. Side plaits, single, double or triple, afford a flare toward the bottom of each seam. The woman who is short, however, should beware of the flounced effect, produced at the bottom of her skirt being placed too high. Nine

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inches above the hem in front with the seams gradually ending higher toward the back will be a good plan for her.

Soft greys and violet shades always seem appropriate in the spring time and this season we are promised all the mauve tones and cool, clear greens that we want. The yellow of the primrose and the cowslip will adorn our hats and cloth suits of "dying rose" and pastel blues amid the brown-greens that go well with foliage hats of green with a little red or rose in them.

Almost without exception cotton and linen suitings, some with names that suggest woolen fabrics, will in entire frocks take the place formerly graced by the contrasting skirt and waist. Many of the linens come with embroidered hand borders and they will contribute to skirt waist dresses as well as to more elaborate frocks.

Jackets and blouses without collars are again to be modish for spring wear and many mohairs and chevrets used for spring tailor-made gowns, show these effects. The former, which have new faces this season will be useful for simple gowns as well as for suits.

The shops are deluged with pretty novelties among which are embroidered cuffs and shirtwaist fronts which come in sets.

Another is designed especially for the woman with a short neck. It is a ready-made foundation stock.

Lace collars are seen in almost every shape except the sailor, which is considered passe.

Ribbon rosettes with ject buckles in the center come at all prices for trimming spring hats.

Enamelled watches suspended from clasps that match the back of the watches in design are shown among the gifts for Eastertide.

MAUDE GRIFFIN.

For Squash Championship.

New York, Feb. 21.—The fourth annual squash tournament for the championship of the United States opened at Tuxedo today and will continue until the middle of the coming week. The meeting has attracted many of the squash players of the country, the number and prominence of the contestants giving evidence that the game, though still in its infancy, has taken a strong hold upon the fashionable set. The prize of the tournament is the valuable cup that was presented by James Henry Smith in 1900. George I. Scott, of the New York Club, is now the title holder and he will meet the winner of the tournament in the finals.

Advisory Committee of Painters.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 21.—The advisory committee of the Master Painters Association of the United States and Canada met in Cleveland today and formulated a program of subjects to be discussed at the next annual convention of the organization. The convention will be held in Chicago the second week of September.

"THE PEDDLER'S CLAIM."

One of the Best Comedy Productions on the Road Next Monday Night.

The author of "The Peddler's Claim," the play that the popular comedian, Mr. Sam Morris, will be seen in at the Frazer opera house on Monday, Feb. 23, was not satisfied with having poor Moses Levi, the hero of this attraction, simply accused with robbery and murder, but after many trials in which of course, our hero is acquitted, he caps the climax by having a real live bear try and make a dinner of Moses. It goes without saying that Moses objects to being served to his honor, Mr. Bear, so he takes to his heels, and the bear not willing to lose his lunch, takes after him, and if you won't laugh until you cry at the chase that follows, it will not be any fault of Mr. Morris and the bear.

Celebration at "Pennsy."

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—The faculty and students of the University of Pennsylvania today celebrated George Washington's birthday in an elaborate manner, perpetuating a custom established at the university more than a century ago. The students assembled on the campus at 10 o'clock this morning and marched to the academy of music, where the exercises were held. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell delivered the oration and Dr. Horace Howard Furness acted as "public orator" in the annual conferring of degrees. Among the numerous men of note present were Governor Pennypacker, General Leonard Wood and John F. Sargent, the painter.



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