

MODES of the MOMENT



PARIS.—We are all in a fever of excitement over the next models, and shopping expeditions occupy our thoughts. The two great rival shops, the Printemps and the Gallerie Lafayette, which stand side by side, are holding sales at sensational reductions, writes a correspondent. Every woman goes with her purse stuffed with tiny "patterns," and we spent most of our spare time trying on each other's hats. What a charm there is in trying on a hat that belongs to some one you know, or to anyone at all!

A hat that may make you look prettier than you have ever looked before! No wonder that the milliners' shops are besieged! What heartburnings, too, when the hat one has bought becomes antiquated after a brief month of popularity!

If our best friend tells us that we are over-hatted or that she "does not like that hat," we feel that friendship is a failure and life is no longer worth the living!

We are very practical in Paris—we leave it to the English and Americans to buy as recklessly as their means will allow. For us thrift is a virtue, and we look before we leap. Just now we may select, for instance, a black satin hat, but when we pause to reflect we discover that if the said hat be lined with velvet it will be infinitely more practical because we can wear it further into the winter! It is often better to spend a little more and get what will last a longer time.

Feathers are of a millinery trimmings the most economical, but the wily milliners have found fresh temptations for us on that score. The latest craze is for everything striped and speckled, and "Panther skin," which is being made into sets of stoles and muff, has extended the fa-

small, is a fringe of chenille or of wooden beads round the brim! I saw a hat with a fringe of tubular wooden beads that looked exactly like a miniature Swiss chalet! For large and medium sized hats the cachepeigne consists of a very large bow of ribbon or a clump of flowers.

Furs are a serious consideration, and so ruinous as to price that one hardly dares to look at the prices given. They form squares, stripes and lozenges, according to the way in which they are cut and pieced together.

I have just seen some gigantic flat muffs and wide stoles of seal skin that were treated as one might treat velvet or plush. The idea may be novel—it is not pretty! Pure white ermine, called ermine demouchette, is edged with a band of the same ermine with the tails left in. White stoles are probably of "clipped" rabbit skin, but they look effective edged with bands of chinchilla, skunk or fox.

Silk plush is made up most effectively to imitate ermine. It is soft and silky in texture and will make up into the most effective stoles and mantles. It will also be useful to make theater muffs. Fashions die out so rapidly that we resurrect them in a few months. Woman's caprices rule the world of fashion, and we no sooner have something pretty than we run it to earth!

The dresses we affect for evening wear are perforce expensive. We have a satin fourreau, which in its turn is trimmed with lace or embroidery, and over this again we have the tunic and bodice of silk muslin, which will veil the under dress most effectively, giving schemes of color we would never have thought of a year ago. Every detail is costly, from the rainbow-shot gold rat's tail piping cord with which we outline lace or embroidery on net, to the artistic belts, buckles and buttons which form part and parcel of our gowns. Peitry, now so precious, is used to outline the chemisettes and collars of gold and silver net with which our gowns are still provided, or a narrow band of fur edges a square-cut bodice. A little fur is far more becoming than a deep band, and the wide hem of skunk seen on many of our new short costumes is certainly very ugly. However, we do not care to look pretty—proofs of wealth are what we crave for most, forgetful of the fact that wealth may be most inartistic. There is a strong current in favor of short coats, which the dressmakers are trying hard to bring in. These coats look best in serge or in the new hair-striped velveteens. Satin-faced zibeline is a most bewitchingly silky fabric; it is, moreover, very warm, but not so durable as cloth. Black zibeline makes up splendidly, and if it is trimmed with heavy corded embroidery it is really a most elegant dress. Black and black and white are in favor, and some of our most elegant women have decided to adopt the fur coat and frocks for visiting wear. I am inclined to think the idea a very sensible one, as in cold weather it is best to slip off a heavy coat in a warm drawing room, and appear in all the glory of a smart gown, such as one I have just seen. The skirt was of black satin with a knee-deep piece of black muslin velvet; the bodice, high-waisted and belted, was of velvet for the lower part and a deep yoke of satin formed vandyke on the velvet; the neck showed a small yokelet of white and gold lace outlined with a gold cord and tassels, and the sleeves were the kimono ones, also trimmed with gold.

A most elegant dress worn by one of our prettiest actresses at the Palais Royal is a typical smart dinner dress, of gray panne velvet, the waist is very smart and points of Indian cachemir design in soft silk are let into the bodice. Over this was worn a tunic of gray mousseline de sole, which was very much opened at the sides so that parts of the cachemir design showed the cachemir silk veiled and unvelled; the tunic was edged with tiny steel buttons and a narrow edge of black velvet. A large rosette of scarlet silk fastened the waistband.

The illustration shows the most effective method of arranging the new velvet scarf, just now so much in vogue.

Chinese Embroidery.
"A wonderful achievement of dazzling beauty!" Such is the cry of admiration of an English writer on describing a superb bedspread in rich brocade embroidered in the eighth century by a Chinese princess. The device, she continues, consisted of at least 3,000 pairs of mandarin ducks, sporting amid sprays of rare flowers and foliage, scattered all over the silk ground, on which sparkled a shower of beads made of native precious stones. Had the early Chinese embroiderer less taste, imagination, skill and industry than her American sisters of the twentieth century?

For Blunted Scissors.
When your scissors become blunted and require sharpening, take an ordinary knife, upon which place the scissors as if in the act of cutting. By drawing the steel along the blades in this manner several times, you will bring your scissors again into good condition.

EXPERIENCES OF LUCINDA

Queer Way in Which She Unintentionally "Swiped" Hatpin From Another Woman in Car.

"Girls," said Lucinda, "I certainly did have an extraordinary experience this morning in a Madison avenue car. Crowded, this car was, full of people, but it seemed not quite so full at the middle, and so I worked my way there, gently; the best I could.

"Standing about a third of the way down the car on the right was a woman who was holding on to a strap and facing outward, so that her back was toward me as I worked along past her. She was about the same height as I, and when I passed her my hat caught on hers and it seemed to cling there for a minute, but then it got free and I passed on, to reach up for a strap myself when I had got just beyond her, and then what do you think?

"When I raised my arm up to reach for the strap, there, lying on the top of my arm was a hatpin, a hatpin from the hat of the woman I had just passed! When my hat caught in her hat it caught under the head of that pin and drew it out and snapped it forward just so that it lodged on my arm.

"Well, I handed the hatpin back to her and she smiled and I smiled and that's all there was to it; but really, now, wasn't that extraordinary?"—New York Sun.

FORMER EDUCATION OF GIRLS

Glance at the Methods of Sixty Years Ago Shows Great Advance of Present.

When one realizes the state of female education sixty years ago, its progress as evinced today is marvelous indeed.

In the first half of the Nineteenth Century, the policy of "seeming," rather than of "being," was followed throughout—languages and society manners were considered all important—there were no games and the only form of exercise was that of walking, with riding for the wealthy girls.

The schools were small and suffered from bad classification in consequence, as classes had to be made up from girls of widely differing ages, while "teaching" consisted of hearing lessons "got by heart," often without any explanation.

When one reads the report of an examiner of a girls' school only 30 years ago, that "many girls showed a great aptitude for mathematics, but parents discouraged continuance of sound education after the age of 12 or 13 in order to 'keep the girl feminine,'" the change in the popular estimation of women's capacity is indeed marvelous.—Christian Science Monitor.

Danger Ahead.
Because the motorman would not heed their expostulations, but kept the car jerking along within bumping distance of the back of the slow-moving wagon which bore a "Danger" sign, half the passengers got off rather than take chances on being blown up in the explosion that was sure to result from the apparently inevitable collision.

Out of respect for their determination to save life and limb even at the cost of another carfare the motorman stopped the car and asked if they were willing to give him another trial on his promise to drive cautiously.

They were, and piled into the car. Two minutes later the dangerous wagon pulled off the tracks and allowed them to pass. Then they saw for the first time the name of the combustible material that had driven them into a frenzy of fear. The wagon was an ice wagon.—New York Times.

Mixed as to Names.
A young woman, who has a treacherous memory for names, had a droll experience not long ago.

She had encountered in a railway station a face that seemed familiar to her. She remembered that she had met the young man at the house of a friend some weeks before, but for the life of her she could not at all recollect his name. Finally, however, when the young man stopped to shake hands, she asked:

"Surely this is Mr. Tombatons, whom I met at Mrs. Walker's."

The stranger smiled. "You're right as to our place of meeting," said he, "but somewhat twisted as to the name—I am Mr. Stonegrave!"

Improve Machines.
The occupation of large punching machines used in boiler shops and similar establishments has been greatly improved in efficiency and economy recently by a simple system of electric control. These machines heretofore have been operated by a foot attachment, but this is cut out entirely and the push button placed at a point where it is much more accessible. Two men can, by this arrangement, do the work formerly requiring three, and the work is said to be done in a much more accurate manner.

Mistaken Identity.
Smifkins was, to put it mildly, a boaster, and when he was giving Brown glowing accounts of the fine holiday he had had in Paris Brown suspected that the veracious Smifkins had been no further than Folkestone. He didn't say so, however.

"And what do you think? Smifkins rattled on; 'as I was strolling along the Rue de Rivoli one afternoon a pal I hadn't seen for years came up and said: 'Hullo, old chap, is that you?'"

"And was it?" asked Brown.—Ideas.

USEFUL HOUSE AIDS

AMMONIA, SODA AND TURPENTINE GOOD CLEANING AGENTS.

Four Hot Water and Ammonia Down a Greasy Sink—Bathing in Soda Will Reduce Temperature—Numerous Other Hints.

Ammonia, turpentine, soda and a couple of clean cloths do not sound much, but they are the thrifty housewife's good, reliable friends. If one washes cut glass and discolored silver with clean hot water and a little ammonia the change is wonderful. Four hot water and ammonia down a greasy sink and at night cover the drain with either baking or washing soda. Throw washing soda in the basin of the toilet occasionally, whether you think it needs it or not.

Use ammonia lavishly in the scrub water, especially during house cleaning times, for paint, bed seats or stained windows; it makes them shine beautifully with little labor. Sweep carpets and matting thoroughly, then go over them with a soft cloth and a weak solution of ammonia water, and they will be much improved. Change the water frequently.

Nothing cleans hair brushes like ammonia water and a tiny lump of soda.

Vinegar bottles may be cleared of stains instantly by dropping into them an egg shell broken fine, a lump of soda, a few drops of ammonia; fill partly with warm water, shake, then behold the result!

If bitten by an insect put a few drops of ammonia in cold water, and apply the solution with absorbent cotton; keep the part wet until the soreness disappears.

Bathing in a weak warm solution of soda will reduce the temperature; a little soda added to the water in which vegetables are cooked will make them much sweeter and more tender in a shorter time than when not used.

Soda and ammonia softens the water for all purposes; use soda freely to cleanse all milk vessels, and especially infants' nursing bottles.

How moths dislike turpentine! If you put a little on wool articles, wrap them in newspapers, lay them in a dark place, you need have no anxiety about moths; they will keep away.

Turpentine and soap will remove fresh paint from almost any fabric; turpentine alone applied to grease or old paint spots will usually remove them without trouble; turpentine will take dried paint from glass.

A few drops of turpentine added to a boiler of clothes will whiten them, but remember it is inflammable, so do not be reckless.

A little turpentine on flannel well rubbed removes dirt from patent leather, and if not too far gone restores the shine.

Ivory articles, dark and discolored, will be restored to their former beauty if rubbed with turpentine on flannel or absorbent cotton.

Furniture which has been water stained or scratched may be much improved if rubbed with turpentine and oil in equal proportions; linseed oil is preferable; apply it with a piece of absorbent cotton, then polish with a clean piece of soft chamola.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN WHO HEADS MILITIA OF IDAHO



The governor of the various states have found it expedient to place at the head of the state militia men whose trained army experience fit them to jump into the saddle at any moment in the event of mob disturbances or factional fights

that are liable to at any time break out and get beyond the power of the police. The state militia, or National Guard, is a vital civil-military arm of the people, says Human Life, standing for law and order between the peaceful citizen and mob rule.

Brig Gen. A. M. Rowe, who holds the title of adjutant general of Idaho, is one of the old guard, who, responding to the first call of Lincoln, in 1861, fought through the Civil war from its very beginning until the last bugle call. Most of his service was in the Army of the Cumberland and he participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Rocky Face Ridge, and Resaca, becoming totally disabled, his right arm being permanently disabled by a shell wound in the last fight.

Before enlisting in the war, Mr. Rowe was a school teacher in Portage county, Ohio, and having given four years to his country, he again took up his study, and entered the preparatory department of Oberlin college, Oberlin, O. Having graduated, Mr. Rowe again took up his favorite profession, and for many years continued in educational work as principal in the high school at Steubenville, O.; as superintendent of schools at Huron, S. D., and as superintendent of the school at Little Falls, Minn., and Payette and McCammon, Idaho. Mr. Rowe was chairman of the department of graded schools and academies of South Dakota's educational exhibit at the World's fair at Chicago. During these years of educational activity, he was an enthusiastic worker in the Grand Army of the Republic.

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AS TOLD IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Real Truth About Young Man With "Excelsior" Banner, and That Lamb of Mary's.

"Excelsior" is a poem about a young man who walked one winter evening through a village in the Alps. The hotel keeper stood in his door and told him the rooms were all taken, but anyhow the young man knew he didn't have enough money for tips. So he went on. He carried a banner reading "Excelsior." One theory is that he was a drummer for an upholstery house and the other is that he was a demented breakfast food inventor. He was found next morning near the top of the mountain and his relatives were notified.

Mary had a lamb that she spoiled by overfeeding and cuddling. She took it to school with her one day and the lamb bothered the spelling class, so the teacher kicked it out of the front door. Not having any sense of direction, it blatted around the schoolyard until finally the teacher sent Mary home with it and told her if she ever brought it again there would be trouble. Next spring Mary's father sold the lamb on the rising market.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

A New Napoleon Statue.
Gen. Niox recently discovered in the State statue repository a bronze statue of Napoleon I by Saurre, of which the invalides only possesses a plaster replica. Yesterday work was commenced in the courtyard of the Invalides on the removal of the plaster statue, which is to be replaced in a few days by the bronze original.—Paris Press.

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Bad BLOOD

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