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FASHIONS of the MOMENT

PARIS.—Nothing could have been
more brilliant than the scene
at the Restaurant Armenon-
ville, late in the afternoon on
which the Grand steeple was
run. The little tables under the trees
were all taken by members of the
most exclusive social circles of Paris,
and many of the toilettes worn were
sartorial poems.

Armenonville still remains the favor-
ite open-air restaurant of fashionable
Paris. The drive to it is delicious on
a hot summer day, through the leafy
Bois de Boulogne, and the restaurant
itself is so favorably situated that it
seems to form the very heart of the
Jameux woods.

It has always seemed to me that
pretty women look prettiest there. The
soft shadows thrown by the great
trees are infinitely becoming and the
surroundings of exquisite flowers help
to make a fascinating frame for beauty.

On the afternoon in question, I saw
several charming summer costumes,
composed of silk finished linen in pale
pastel shades, embroidered in the
openwork style and mounted on sup-
ple black silk. This is a novel idea,
but a remarkably effective one. It
was first launched by Worth; at least,
I think so. He made two lovely gowns
of this order for Princess George of
Greece a little while ago and since
then one of somewhat similar design
for the young queen of Spain.

The latter was carried out in pale
putty-colored linen, richly embroide-
red a l'anglaise and mounted on black
serge silk. The skirt was round and
only moderately clinging and there
was a hem, 22 inches in depth, of
openwork embroidery, the design
showing garlands of vine leaves and
bunches of small grapes. There was
a quaint coatee which was cut away
in front and which had a short basque
at the back and the large collar, as
well as the turned back cuffs, was
covered with embroidery.

One of the prettiest toilettes seen
at Armenonville on the afternoon of
the "Grand Steeple" was that worn by
the viscountess de Peloux. The ma-
terial was silk finished linen in an
exquisite shade of palest salmon pink
and the openwork embroideries were
done in heavy washing silks. The
round skirt was molded to the figure
and was embroidered all round as far
up as the knees. At the extreme hem
was a bias band of black satin and
the embroidered skirt was worn over
a black satin underdress which
showed distinctly.

There was a picturesque coatee of
dull black satin. It was rather short
waisted and it was double breasted,
fastening at the waist with a flat
rosette of satin. The sleeves barely
reached to the elbows, and there was
a large collar and turned back cuffs
of embroidered linen. The coat open-
ed in a V over a blouse of fine muslin
and Valenciennes lace.

With this delightful dress the vi-
countess de Peloux wore a large, flat
hat of pale yellow straw. Crossing the
crown and falling loose at the back
was a long length of black velvet rib-
bon and the crown itself was almost
covered with wild flowers and ears of
golden corn.

Another rarely lovely dress, which
would make an ideal model for a
summer costume, was worn by the
princess de Leon, who has been enter-
taining a great deal in a quiet way
this season. The material was pure
white linen and both skirt and coatee
were trimmed with raised embroider-
ies worked in heavy white silk and
with frills of Valenciennes lace. The
skirt was round and the embroider-
ies, headed by three rows of frills,
ran up into a point at the back, while
in front they went away to nothing.
The little coatee had a long, square
basque at the back and this was em-
broided and edged with lace frills,
while over the shoulders was a fischu
collar adorned in like manner. At the
waist was a ceinture of black satin
and the picturesque hat of Tuscan
straw was lined with black velvet and
trimmed with shaded ostrich feathers,
which showed delicate tones of pale
gray, pale pink, ivory and black.

Quite suddenly the Parisiennes have
developed a strong affection for the
picturesque coatees to which I have
just alluded; quaint little garments
made of taffetas, serge-silk, dull satin
or fine linen. And very often the coats
are of quite another color to that of
the dress. Shot taffetas are very much
in demand for these coats and the fa-

vorite trimming is a flat ruching on
the hem of the coat and on the
sleeves. Almost invariably the collar
—generally a large one—is of the
same material as the dress.

For garden parties or for afternoon
concerts, casinos, etc., these little
coats are most convenient. They give
a "dressy" appearance to a simple
costume and they are simply made be-
sides being practical.

I spoke a few weeks ago about the
present rage for mixing linen and silk
or linen and satin on summer cos-
tumes, and this fad seems to daily
take a stronger hold on the affections
of the Parisiennes. Most of the linens
that are being used by the big dress-
makers this year are of the silk-fin-
ished order and they melange excel-
lently with silks and satins.

Of raised embroideries, as of open
work, there seems no end. We find
one or both on all the best linen cos-
tumes created by such artists as Pa-
quin, Worth, Laferriere, etc. Doucet,
too, has lately made some ideal gar-
den party toilettes of embroidered lin-
en, notably one for the Boronno Henri
de Roths child, in a warm shade of
mauve. Or the skirt was a deep hem
of venetian guipure in the same tone
of mastic and the short, light coat was
entirely composed of the same costly
guipure. Both skirt and coat were
mounted on taffetas of the raven's
wing blue tint and there was a touch
of sombre black at the folded waist-
band which showed itself in front. On
the coat were four lovely buttons of
dull silver and white enamel. This
was a most original costume and yet
so perfect in design that it could be
worn at any time without attracting
undue attention.

Redfern and the other well-known
tailors are already hard at work on
smart tailored suits for the naval re-
view and for the Cowes week. The
unwritten law demands that the mem-
bers of the smart set shall wear serge,
of one color or another, in the day
time at Cowes and navy blue serge is
an easy victor in this race for popular
favor. It is not an exaggeration to
say that in the royal circle nine
women out of 10 wear smart suits of
navy serge all during the famous
"week." And these suits are varied



In the most wonderful manner. There
are fine serges handsomely braided
and diagonal serges elaborately ma-
chine stitched and coarse serges which
are left quite plain but which are
worn in conjunction with attractive
waistcoats and dainty skirts; these
and many others, and of course cream
of pure white serge is in great de-
mand for Cowes costumes.

Princess Pleas, for example, almost
always wears white serge suits at
the regattas, while her sister, the
duchess of Westminster, is generally
faithful to navy blue. Mrs. George
Cornwallis West of the same family
invariably wears the smartest of
smart suits in heavy serge and, to
select an example in the very highest
circle, the present queen of England is
devoted to navy serge. Both she and
her mother-in-law, Queen Alexandra,
have a special fancy for diagonal
serge of a very supple texture.

Redfern used to have lengths of this
serge specially woven for Queen
Alexandra and the color chosen was
almost always that dark blue in which
there is a faint tinge of purple.

A robe of rose-colored tussore and
venetian lace, with hat of tussore with
a large pink rose is shown in the
illustration.—Idiata de Villiers in the
Boston Globe.

Had Been There.
"Ever surrounded by wolves?" "No,
but I know the sensation. I used to
open dining room doors at a summer
hotel."

SNAKES 25c A POUND

MEXICAN MAKES A LIVING BY
SNARING RATTLES.

Hunter Catches Venomous Reptiles
Alive and Finds a Market Here
and Abroad—Uses a
Forked Stick.

San Antonio, Tex.—Hunting snakes
for a living may not be an occupation
that is really pleasant in all its
phases and it may not be attractive
to all classes of men. However,
there is one man in this city, a Mex-
ican, who has made snake hunting a
business for a number of years. He
does not confine himself to the harm-
less variety, but makes a specialty of
catching the cotton mouth moccasin
and the rattlesnake. These are
caught alive and sold to a dealer in
snakes.

This Mexican snake hunter has two
methods of catching a rattler. If the
snake is large he places a forked
stick on its back and holds it down
until he can get hold of it in such a
manner as to drop it into a sack.
But if it is a small rattler a stick is
not used. The hunter watches the
reptile until it coils ready to strike
and then with a swift movement of
the hand catches the snake just be-
low the head, grips it tightly and
slips it into a sack.

While catching water moccasins,
however, he usually goes barefoot
and when the moccasin is too large
to be caught with the hand it is las-
sed with a small lariat attached to
the end of a stick. Sometimes this is
done by letting the reptile swim
through the loop. At other times it
is thrown over the head of the swim-
ming snake with as much accuracy
as a skilled marksman shoots with a
gun.

In the winter, when snakes are
hibernating, the snake hunter finds a
hole and thrusts a stick down it.
Then he sits down to watch. If the
stick moves he knows there is some-
thing below and proceeds at once to
dig out the snake. But if there is no
movement after watching for a half
hour or so, the hunter seeks another
hole and repeats the test with a stick.

It is not an uncommon thing for
this snake hunter to bag a hundred
pounds of snakes in one day. These,
if they be good specimens, bring 25
cents per pound, alive. While this is
the only snake hunter in this city, a
number of men now in the Kingville
country, near the gulf, are engaged
in the business and follow it all the
year round.

Recently 600 pounds of rattlesnakes
were shipped into this city by express
from one snake hunter in the Kings-
ville country, the man having made
an unusual catch in one week. From
the dealer here rattlesnakes are
shipped to all parts of the country for
exhibition purposes, and in a few in-
stances shipments have been made to
other parts of the world. The Texas
rattler is deadly venomous and has to
be handled with care.

So far as is known, but one rattle-
snake hunter has ever died from the
effects of a bite while capturing a
snake. It is not an uncommon thing
in some of the wilder parts of the
country to capture a snake having
12 or more rattles, showing that the
reptile is 13 years or more old, since
the first rattle appears when the
snake is one year of age.

HELD MAN ON MOLTEN IRON

Incredible Ferocity of a Fighting New
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His Foe.

Trenton, N. J.—A horrible story of
an infuriated man's cruelty was told
in police court here when Ricardo Za-
fretti was arraigned charged with atro-
cious assault and battery upon Co-
llege Zoda. The men, employed at
the Trenton Malleable Iron works, got
into a quarrel which developed into
a fight. They tussled about until
Zafretti hurled his combatant upon the
mound of a large mold with such
force that Zoda was stunned and lay
unconscious until the sizzling metal,
just poured into the mold, burned
through his clothing and began to
burn his flesh. The man uttered a
piercing shriek.

Zafretti was so infuriated that he
jumped madly upon Zoda, witnesses
said, and held his roasting body into
the molten iron until Zoda was un-
conscious.

Steel Fish Red Dangerous.

Marquette, Wis.—Max Engles had
a miraculous escape from death. He
was fishing with a steel rod when
he touched one of the high power
wires with it. Engles was knocked
unconscious and for some time it was
feared he was dead. Artificial res-
piration revived him and he is now on
the road to recovery. His right side
is badly burned. It is said that 28,
000 volts of electricity passed through
his body.