

NEW YORK FASHION LETTER

New York, July 27.—Every season has its characteristic and peculiar features of fashion, aside from the cut and outline of the various garments. These characteristics vary. Sometimes it is a certain color or tint which becomes so popular that it becomes the feature of the season, or sometimes a certain material practically dominates the season, or some particular kind of trimming forms the keynote. The characteristic features of the present summer season are the unprecedented popularity of linen materials and the remarkable preference for white.

Although linens have been used for summer dresses for a great many years and in some years were quite popular, their popularity was never as great as this year. There has been an exceptionally fine selection of linens of all grades, textures and colors in the market and the demand was unparallelled. Linens are not only used more this year, but they are used in a greater variety of styles and for a greater range of purposes than ever before. Linen is used for shirtwaist frocks of the simplest and severest kind, is made into tailored gowns and coats, is employed with remarkable success in boleros and practically all kinds of skirts, from the plainest to the most elaborate afternoon or evening gowns.

White decidedly predominates in summer styles this year in Paris as well as here. White dresses are to be seen everywhere. Those of linen are extremely popular, particularly in combination with broderie Anglaise. But also in silks, voiles, fine woolsens, batiste and other materials white is the predominating color. Some of the most exquisite summer gowns and entire suits are in white, even to the trimmings and accessories. Many women, in Paris as well as here, even wear white shoes with their white costumes and the general effect is decidedly dainty.

The summer season will soon be over and then the supremacy of linen and the popularity of white will come to an end. Judging from Paris reports checked materials and certain shades of red will be extremely popular during the coming fall. Some very attractive silks in plaids and checkers are shown in the shops and among them are many striking color combinations. There is a certain shade of red, called "dregs of wine" in Paris, which has made quite a hit in Paris and as the color is really quite beautiful, there is every reason to believe that it will also become popular here.

To be correctly dressed every athletic girl and every woman who is fond of outdoor sports, must have a Peter Thompson waist. This latest fad in waists is really nothing but a sort of blouse that is slipped over the head and has a gathering string in the bottom, by means of which it is tied around the waist. All kinds of materials are used for these waists, but the most appropriate fabrics are cotton or linen duck, coarse or fine linen, or a coarse cotton material, resembling sail cloth. These waists are, of course, worn with a short skirt and are often embellished with a smart sailor collar

and hand-embroidered insignia on shield or sleeve. The advantages of this waist over the ordinary shirt waists are that it is easily put on or off, stays in place and gives freedom to the movements of the arms and shoulders. There is but one drawback to this kind of waists only looks becoming on slender and graceful women, while it makes stout women appear much bigger than they really are.

Capes made in shawl fashion are becoming quite popular in Paris and will probably make a hit here, if they once become fairly introduced. Many of them are of a combination of lace and black velvet ribbon, threaded through the lace or made into little bows. Others are of black Chantilly lace laid over white. Another method of trimming these capes is with ribbon, gathered into a ruche. The ribbon ruchings are frequently also used to form ornamental designs on the dress worn with the cape. These capes are quite graceful and becoming and deserve popularity for more than one reason.

There has never been so great a demand for white shoes as there is this season. Women of all ages, conditions and proportions wear them, and even men and children share the craze for white shoes. Canvas and doekin shoes and pumps are particularly popular. This unusual state of affairs is not easily accounted for. White shoes become soiled very quickly, cannot be worn with every dress, and have a tendency to make the feet appear much bigger than they really are. Yet women insist on wearing them, and would feel greatly abused should anything prevent them from following this fad. Judging from present appearances the craze will outlast the summer, and, possibly, the fall season. The ultra fashionable women make it a point to have their shoes correspond in color with the color of the gown with which they are worn. That makes the fad rather expensive, for it necessitates the purchase of as many different kinds of shoes as the wearer has summer dresses. But, this is not all, the fashion of wearing white and colored shoes has led to another peculiar wrinkle. Fashion demands that the rubbers worn over white shoes should be white, those worn over tan shoes tan and those over black shoes black, and so on through the whole list of colors. Rubbers in white and various other colors are now in the market, and they cost but little more than the ordinary black rubbers.

Many a handsome bodice or skirt has been ruined because careless or awkward hands spilled some liquid on it, which left a more or less conspicuous mark. Thousands of women are confronted with the problem of finding some way to remove the spots without destroying at the same time the natural color of the material. Usually there are but two ways open: To throw the garment away or have it dyed. The first method is always unsatisfactory and rather expensive. The second method sometimes gives good results, but not very often.

And yet, as difficult as the problem seems, there is a way to solve it. It is perhaps not always possible, but in a majority of cases it is. The solution was suggested to the writer by the clever expedient of an ingenious housewife, who covered an ugly and conspicuous ink spot on the wall with a handsome and ornamental Japanese panel. The spot was too low to be covered with a picture, but the long panel was just the thing. Spots on bodices or skirts may be treated in a similar manner. There are many methods to do this, and the choice depends upon the location and size of the spot or spots. The spot may be cut out and a lace insertion may be put in its place. Ruchings, passementerie and even buttons or braids may be used to cover small spots, but care must be taken to make the lace, ribbon, or whatever is used, part of a regular design of trimming or ornamentation and to make it look natural. With a little ingenuity that can be easily done in such a manner that nobody would suspect the ornament or trimming a mere expedient employed for the purpose of hiding a defect.

An expert who has studied the situation in Paris states that the long coat will be a feature of the coming winter gowns. It will not be altogether the Louis XV or the Louis XVI, but less stiff and much longer. Coats will be elaborately trimmed, too, so as to make their length less apparent. They will also be very wide, looking somewhat like a shorter skirt worn over a longer one. Some very handsome samples of those long coats have been constructed in some of the fashionable shops in Paris and they will undoubtedly soon find their way across the ocean.

You may not believe it, but it is a

fact that socks, or as they are called, "half-hose" are worn a great deal by women this summer. They are in solid colors or in fancy effects, plain or in open work, and are fastened to the lace-trimmed tights by means of safety pins. Some of these socks have quite gay designs and there is even a novelty which stimulates high buttoned boots.

ESTELLE CLAIREMONT.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT NOTIFIED

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ground that if triumphant they may be trusted to prove false to every principle which in the last eight years they have laid down as vital. There is nothing experimental about the government we ask the people to continue in power. In dealing with the trusts we do not have to explain why the laws were not enforced, but to point out that they actually have been enforced. Assuredly it is unwise to change policies which have worked so well, and which are now working so well. We have placed the finances of the nation on a sound ground basis. So long as the Republican party is in power, the gold standard is solid. That whenever it next arises there should be a readjustment of the tariff schedules is undoubted, but such changes can be made with safety only by those whose devotion to the principle of a protective tariff is beyond question. We believe in reciprocity with foreign nations on the terms outlined by President McKinley's last speech, in which he urged the extension of our foreign markets by reciprocal agreements, whenever they could be made without injury to American industry and labor. We have already shown that our policy is to do fair and equal justice to all men. Construction of the canal is now an assured fact. But most certainly it is unwise to entrust the carrying out of so momentous a policy to those who have endeavored to defeat the whole undertaking. A party is worthy only in so far as it promotes national interest, and every official, high or low, can serve his party best by rendering to the people the best service of which he is capable. Effective government comes only as a result of loyal co-operation of many different persons. We who have been entrusted with power as public servants during the past seven years of administration and legislation now come before the people content to be judged by our record of achievements. In years that have gone by we have made deeds square with words, and if we are continued in power we shall unwaveringly follow out the great lines of public policy which the Republican party has laid down.

RUSSIA APPROVES SINKING OF SHIPS

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sians, has been released, and is now proceeding to Yokohama.

London, July 27.—In the house of commons Premier Balfour expressed the hope that he would be able to make a statement tomorrow regarding the stoppage of the British vessels in the Red Sea. He added, with regard to the Knight Commander:

"I regret to say that information reached here this morning which leaves little doubt in my mind that a regrettable incident has occurred. There is no question as to the loss of life, but I am afraid there is a question as to a breach of international laws." The statement caused a profound sensation.

Squadron Sighted.

Tokio, July 27.—The Vladivostok squadron was sighted today 60 miles off Tokio bay, going south under full steam.

Reduced Rates to St. Louis Exposition

The Southern Pacific Company will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates to St. Louis and Chicago on account of the St. Louis exposition on the following dates: June 16, 17, 18; July 1, 2, 3; August 8, 9, 10, September 5, 6, 7; October 3, 4, 5.

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Mormon Town of St. George Swept Away by Water

St. George, Utah, July 27.—New Harmony, a small town 40 miles north of here was almost swept away by a large cloudburst this morning. The Mormon settlement near the town was the heaviest loser, 20 houses being demolished by the rushing waters. No lives were lost, but a large number of cattle and other stock were drowned. Crops and orchards are ruined, and the loss will reach many thousands of dollars. A wall of water eight feet high flooded the canyon and the entire valley.

May Be General Strike.

San Francisco, July 27.—All the union boilermakers in the shops of the Southern Pacific Company in this city quit work late yesterday afternoon. At the same time three men walked out in San Louis Obispo. No question of wages or hours is said to be involved. The men gave up their positions because they would not work with non-union boilermakers the company had placed beside them. So far the strike has affected only the two places named. A number of non-union men are still at work.

The president of the national body of boilermakers has arrived, and it is understood the men on the whole Western system are to be called out.

Possee After Outlaws.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 27.—A monster posse has been organized at Pine Dale, Fremont county, to proceed against the Big Horn outlaws. Both sides are armed to the teeth.

CROWDS VISIT PARKER

Three Score Democrats Call on Their Presidential Candidate

Esopus, July 27.—The Democratic national committeemen and other prominent Democrats, numbering in all 61, arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and were driven to Rosemont in a long line of carriages. Among the first to alight from the train was Senator Hill and Perry Belmont, Chairman Taggart, and Secretary Woodson. Hill was taken into Parker's wagonette. Murphy was prevailed to await the arrival of the committeemen, but the meeting with Hill betokened no particular cordiality. Parker introduced them, and the following handshake was merely perfunctory. The crowd, after shaking hands, spread out over the lawn to talk politics. Parker's greeting of Taggart was effusive, and the pair were soon closely engaged in conversation.

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The funeral services over the remains of Miss Anita Thurston were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family residence on the corner of Eighth and Pearl streets, by the Rev. H. N. Mount, of the First Presbyterian church, of this city. The room in which the remains lay in state was packed with beautiful flowers and floral pieces, tokens of respect and love in which the deceased was held by her many friends.

After the services at the residence the remains were taken to the family lot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where they were interred in the presence of many friends.—Eugene Guard.

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