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NEW YORK FASHION LETTER

Devoted Entirely to Hats and Their Shapes and Trimmings

New York, Aug. 12.—The revolt against the bizarre little hat, so unbecoming to the woman not constructed upon the Watteau plan and so irreconcilable with any simple style of hair dressing, was bound to come, and the height of the Paris season found more big hats than small accompanying the elaborate toilets, though the little tilted hats still crowned some pretty heads belonging to fashion leaders, and the great crowd still clung to the extreme type of small hat which come in with the spring modes.

One must admit that some of the large hats are as extreme in their own way as the small ones, for they are often turned up sharply on one side and set upon the head at an angle that makes demands upon the coiffure quite as great as those made by the tiny hat as eccentrically perched. Still, even at its worst, the large hat is hardly as deplorable a caricature in connection with the average face as is the jaunty little millinery freak of the earlier season, and, in rational form, it is generally becoming and picturesque.

For the garden party and other out of door fetes the large hat is pre-eminent the thing, though the little hat may often lend itself more satisfactorily to the tailored costume, the morning frock, the indoor occasion; and it was at the outdoor reunions during the Paris season that the big hat came into its own.

The black picture hat was not so much in evidence as of old, although it was worn and in many instances set off a toilet as no other hat could.

Large hats all in one color or in shades of one color and often being the only vivid note in a toilet of white or neutral tint were numerous, and the plumed trimmed hats were chiefly in this genre, though the flower laden hat

often mingled many colors.

The big hat of crin, heavily loaded with short plumes, was particularly fancied and had usually a rakish flare at one side and pronounced drop at the other, while the back was manipulated so as to fit the coiffure with comparative closeness, if not turned up sharply. The decided crown, if not the excessively high crown, also reappeared after the eclipse that followed sharply upon its tentative debut last season, and there seems once more to be a chance that the comparatively high crown will reign supreme, though it is by no means the rule now, and has been taken up only by the ultra modish.

O a handsome long plume is sometimes utilized in place of many short ones, and this trimming with a somewhat drooping brim suits some faces better than more audacious lines.

Crin—which means horsehair—has perhaps the first place as material for the plume trimmed hats, but all of the popular straws are used as well, and hats of lace, chiffon, etc., plumed trimmed, are many. The all white and all black hats loaded with beautiful plumes are very lovely, but the Parisienne usually prefers a note of color and the white hats are likely to be brightened by feathers of vivid green, blue or mauve.

Flax or periwinkle blue, old rose, green and mauve horsehair or straw with plumes of the same tint are the feather trimmed hats most often seen, but very stunning effects are secured in the copper browns and grays. Velvet ribbon to match the plumes in color is the usual accompaniment of the feathers, and one sees large hats sporting both feathers and flowers, though this idea is more often exploited in the small hats with their rakish bunches of tips standing out at unexpected angles.

The flower trimmed hats are of a variety to beggar description and a few of them are very large, but as a rule the extreme size is left to the plume trimmed hats; and the flower trimmed picture hats, while not of necessity belonging to the diminutive class launched in the spring, are moderate in size. Chip, corn, Leghorn, Tuscan, Panama and many other straws are pressed into service of the flower trimmed picture hats, and the soft, flexible Panama or Leghorn, beautified with roses and velvet ribbon, while

not surprisingly novel in idea, is as always charming and appears in delightful shapes with new details.

Already while we are still in the midst of summer's alarms, hats for mountain and early fall wear are beginning to arrive. A very trig little headpiece which is numbered among the novelties of an August mountain wardrobe is of leather colored straw trimmed with shaded wings and velvet cockades. The shape is one of the pert sort, turned high—clear off the head, in fact—at the left side and finished there with the trimming described. The wings are long. One of them rises from the brim at an angle of 45 degrees. The other rests against the hair in more demure fashion. The hat accompanies a navy blue and white checked voile suit which has the bodice yoke and straight revers of ecrú colored lines. A hat repeats the ecrú in a deeper shade. A very Frenchy touch is given the gown by a narrow band and square bow of velvet at the

foot of the stock and an outlining at the top of the same sort.

Another hat ready for the mountain season is of white felt in an eccentric upturned small shape. The side of this is also decked with wings, but these wings take a more startling direction even than those described above. The first just slants off from an upright direction. The other is placed so that its wide downy end rests against the side of the hat while the end drops sharply downward against the hair. The effect is stunning. Lace veils will

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