

THE GAY WORLD.

Fashions for February. From Le Follet.

The weather has been so very peculiar and unreasonable during the last month that our leading modistes have really been quite at a loss how best to accommodate the toilets in course of preparation with the exigencies created by the continual variations of temperature.

The tunics of walking-dresses are very long, and generally much raised, with hanging drapery. The large portion of the underskirt thus shown necessitates the trimming, if there is any, being carried a good height.

For outdoor or carriage toilets no trimming is in such fashionable favor as handsome passementerie, combined with cords and tassels. These latter, arranged en Brandenbourg on the skirt and bodice, have a cachet of novelty and elegance that no other ornament, whatever it costs, can equal.

Long skirts are sometimes made with a pouf in one; this is arranged by cutting the two centre back breadths about half a yard longer than is necessary; the extra length is then plaited to the sides, the plaits turning upward, and commencing about six inches below the waist, the centre is looped up underneath by strings or patent hooks to correspond; and the two sides are fastened together by a piece of elastic, so as to make the pouf quite narrow.

Sashes and scarfs are very much worn as ornaments to dresses of all kinds; for this purpose very handsome moire ribbons have been introduced. They are reversible, in two shades of the same color, and of totally different hues, according to the toilet.

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when the embroidery was on the dress itself, as it can now be purchased by the yard, or in isolated pieces, such as a garland or bouquet. A black velvet dress thus ornamented has a magnificent appearance. The most charming and becoming fashions of muslin and lace, or China crape, are worn with indoor or evening dress. These little elegancies, accompanied by coiffures to match, give a wonderful finish to the toilet, at a comparatively small expense.

There is but slight difference in the form or ornaments of either mantles or bonnets. It is too late in the season for any very decided change to take place. Both bonnets and hats are still worn rather back on the head especially the former, and if intended for all dressy occasions are tied at the back under the hair. The mantles are mostly trimmed with cords and tassels en fourragere; that is, with cords hanging loosely on the breast, and fastened on the shoulder by ornaments and tassels.

Isaac O. Barnes on Horseback. The stories of the wit of the late Col. Isaac O. Barnes are numerous, but to be fully appreciated, need the Colonel's peculiar voice and dry manner, familiar to those who used to know him. The following anecdote we do not remember to have ever seen in print. The Colonel, it seems, had been recommended to take horseback exercise for the benefit of his health, by his physician, and accordingly applied at a well-known stable for the animal.

"I want a regular trotting horse, to ride for my health this afternoon." "Certainly, Colonel," said the proprietor, and judging from the customer's physique and "a horse to ride for health," gave him one of the hardest trotting horses in his establishment, upon which, Barnes mounted and loped off towards the country.

In about three hours he returned, covered with dust and perspiration, and with the assistance of one of the hostlers, slowly and painfully descended from his steed. Limping into the stable office, and holding on the lower part of his back with one hand, he looked into the stable-keeper's inquiring face and ejaculated simply,—"How much?"

"Three dollars, Colonel," was the reply. He slowly drew his wallet, and laid down the required sum. "Shall you want the horse again to-morrow, Colonel?" "No; I shan't want him to-morrow." "Perhaps the day after to-morrow?" "No; I shan't want him any more at all."

"Indeed," said the stable keeper, with a sly twinkle in his eye, as he noted Barnes holding on his lacerated body. "Perhaps the horse don't suit you?" "Oh, yes," said Barnes, quickly, "there's nothing the matter with the horse; he's all right. It's the price I object to."

"Well, I don't," squealed Barnes, rubbing his aching body, "for whenever I want anything of this kind again, I know an Irishman who will kick me behind 'all day for half the money."

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