

THE WOMAN OF FASHION.

Some Very Pretty Concepts in Skirt Trimmings.

A Dainty Costume or Two for the Tea-Satin Bands and Ruffles—Fancy Dresses and the Prettiest of Them Described.

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 "And then there came a pause"—and it has come to us now. We have settled the winter fashions, but are scarcely ready to take up with the spring. In the interim, we can but turn our interest toward trimmings and furbelows. The modistes are vying with each other in creating new forms of skirt decoration; some of which are odd to the verge of grotesqueness, while many more are charming and pretty.
 I noted the decoration on the skirts that walked along fashionable Fifth

the side of each front were three narrow satin rolls, put on in a semi-circle, and finished at each end with a small chon.
 In spite of the fact that the ruffles are so odd, one sees them, extremely narrow, on many a skirt, put on very far apart.
 A very dainty arrangement for an afternoon at-home gown is a series of lace tabs, arranged about the skirt. The tabs are three or four inches wide at the hips, and gradually narrow into a point at the bottom of the skirt. Three tiny satin folds put on in semi-circles, in points, or in a border that resembles the Greek somewhat, except that it is very much freer and larger in design, are seen very often. These are very simple and girlish, and harmonize well with the plain, full black skirts.
 The double ruffle, or ruche, caught down through the middle with a band of fur or other trimming, is also used considerably, but should be placed at the very bottom of the skirt.



AN EFFECT IN SKIRT TRIMMING.

avenue last Sunday morning. In one block I saw the following:
 A fine, pale gray, with a double arrangement, one at the foot and one around the center of the skirt, of three tiny velvet ruffles of soft green; ashes-of-rose silk with a fine black satin stripe running through, and a dainty trimming of broad black insertion put on a few inches above the hem edged top and bottom with a full rose silk heading.
 A most delicate fawn is worth describing in detail. She looked very



pretty as she stepped from her carriage to attend a select "Sunday afternoon." The fawn was very clear, light shade; and its skirt had two rows of flat ruffles of deep cream lace, tipped with narrow satin bands in pale azure. The hat was a broad, soft white, with a blue plush crown, very flat, with great white plumes at the side. A narrow blue rim rested on the hair beneath.



MYOSOTIS, BUTTERFLY AND MISS COMPIT.

half covered by white feather trimming. A short black velvet cape, jet-trimmed, formed a rich contrast with the deficiency of the dress.
 A black and velvet figure was very charming. The black skirt had bands of broad grosgrain ribbon, edged above and below with a small roll of velvet bengaline. She wore a bunch of violets on her ear, tied with a mass of narrow purple ribbons.
 A black skirt had no trimming in the back, and none just in front; but at

An exquisite visiting dress, seen at a tea the other afternoon, was of heavy white cloth. The overskirt fell over a sham skirt, the bottom of which was edged with deep maroon velvet. The overskirt fell in points, and was edged with marten sable. The bodice fitted without a visible wrinkle or a visible seam, hooking at the side. Just across the bust was laid a band of the maroon velvet, curving upward at the bottom, and edged with the sable. Full hip pieces of the velvet were added, and epaulets, in deep points, were likewise of the maroon sable-edged.

Fancy dress is at present in high favor. A very successful affair given last week displayed a number of quaint costumes. One young girl representing a butterfly wore a short, full skirt of yellow gauze. From each hip, falling down the sides, are bright points, butterfly-wing shape, embroidered in fantastic and numerous shades. Small butterflies are applied for a border about the bottom of the skirt. The bodice bretelles are embroidered like the wings of the skirt and fall in sharp points over the belt. Two high wings stand upon each shoulder, and one butterfly is laid in the center of the bust. The waist is cut low and a necklace encircles the throat. Even the tiny slippers have saucy butterflies perched at their tips, and three of them hold high carnival among her curls.

A particularly sweet young damsel—speaking literally—called herself Miss Compit. She was overrun with the little confections. Her skirt, consisting of five short and very full ruffles, were embroidered with them in every conceivable bright shade, and from one hip fell a cornucopia, with which the wealth of confections embroidered be-

low seemed to fall. A chemisette of white tulle, similarly embroidered, was added above an embroidered corsage of black velvet. The arms were covered with long black gloves; and there were no sleeves beyond three tiny ruffles around the arm-holes. She carried a trumpet in each hand, from which she freely gave of her sweetened substance. Five small cornucopias were arranged about her head in fantastic fashion.
 EVA A. SCHUBERT.

Perhaps it Was the Grip.

From Texas Sitings.
 Georgie comes down to breakfast with a swollen visage. Whereupon mamma says to the little four year old: "Why, Georgie, darling, don't you feel well? Tell mamma what is the matter."
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It seems probable that the Fine Arts Building at Jackson Park will either have to be remodeled or reconstructed entirely before it can be used as the Field Columbian Museum. As the result of an inspection by fire underwriters the insurance has been raised, and the announcement is made that the building is not a fit receptacle for the valuable exhibits, which will aggregate fully \$3,000,000 in value.

Under a recent law in California the local banks published a list of unclaimed deposits, with the result that many people learn for the first time of neglected wealth belonging to them. One woman, who has since married a second time, discovers that her first husband had \$26,661 on deposit which he had never told her. Another family whose members were in desperate straits learns of a deposit of a husband and father now deceased of \$600.

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 Tramping Jim. "Cause th' women is house cleaning."

At the Poulterer's.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.
 "Have you any canvas-back duck?"
 Marketman. "Yes; how many will you have?"
 "Well, if the canvas is all wool two will be plenty, but if they are going to shrink give me four."

Facts Worth Knowing.

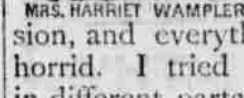
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 "And did she tell you that it was not?"
 "No, but I know it isn't for I've had it three weeks and my maid hasn't even cracked it."
The Reason for It.
 From Farm and Fireside.
 Fussey. "I can't see why you women wear such long, trailing skirts."
 Mrs. Fussey. "To have something to occupy our hands with, of course. Why do you carry a walking-stick when you're not lame?"

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 From the Washington Star.
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Only Women Could Have Found It.
 From the Chicago Record.
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 He. "How do you know it was a woman?"
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