

FASHION FORECAST.

SVELTE FORM, SMALL HIPS AND PRETTILY CURVED WAIST.

The Velvet Gown—Millinery For the South Makes the First Break in Winter Modes—The Defined Figure Grows in Favor.

A black velvet dress, a French creation like that pictured in the first cut, is a useful possession at this season and will be for coming weeks. This one is trimmed with bias bands and lozenges of taffeta and velvet ribbon, while the yoke is of white guipure.

The first thrill of awakening from the fixed fashions of the winter in the north comes with the preparations for



A VELVET GOWN.

fitting to late winter and earliest spring resorts, and the advance step of change and possible revolution materializes everywhere in millinery, although the later months alone reveal the choice upon which popular selection has fallen.

As indicating preliminary and potential millinery events this year two sketches are made. Quite the most notable among forerunners in headgear is the quaint high crowned riding chapeau, carried through in rucked tulle, white, biscuit or any of the paler tints, plumed with one gorgeous ostrich feather maneuvered to take an upright position. Although this at present suggests wholly and exclusively the casino of a fashionable resort, it points to the possibilities of the time not far distant.

The flat little white turban may mean fur or velvet, according as the climate or the fancy indicates, but it claims a coquettish adjustment and a really sympathetic coiffure. For the rest, its garniture is a cleverly manipulated soft ribbon bow and buckle splitting the left side at a becoming angle.

It is confidently claimed by those in a position to know that by the end of the demiseson there will not be a loose fitting back left in the whole modish regime, always excepting the empire, which is a thing of itself and apart. But with that exception the figure defined grows apace in favor. Corsetieres have all their work cut out



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to meet the demand, already well in evidence, for the creating of the svelte form with small hips and prettily curved waist.

Incoming cravats and piastrons to wear with waistcoats for the tailor made garment are most fascinating collars of lace, having a fold of bright colored velvet rolling over and away from the throat, embroidered with colored beads. Two shapely ends of the velvet, embroidered in beads to correspond, fall amid a plisse of lace beneath the chin.

A Morning Dip.

A dip and a scrub every morning in a shallow bath—that is, in a foot or more of tepid water—is very refreshing and can be readily borne by almost any one but a confirmed invalid. If at the finish one can do so without absolute suffering, it is well to dash a few handfuls of cold water over the face, neck and shoulders, then to rub dry vigorously with soft towels.

Work and Play.

She who works, then stops to play, will live to work full many a day, but she who never plays at all her days for work will prove but small.

DON'T HAVE A FIRE.

Most Frequent Causes of This Household Disaster.

Carelessness is the human equation entering into nearly all fires. This and ignorance, either of the common causes of household fires or of what to do when an incipient blaze is discovered, are responsible for the destruction of hundreds of American homes annually. "Lose your head and you lose your home" is an aphorism which may well be quoted in time of fire, and this applies quite as much to the head of the house as to his better half. Asked what to do in case of fire, our fire chief promptly replied, "Don't have a fire."

What he meant was this: Don't empty hot ashes into a wooden barrel. It is better not to use a wooden barrel anyhow.

Don't shake the range or furnace and immediately take up the ashes. Clear the ash pit first and then shake down. It is the freshly shaken down ashes and coals that make the trouble.

Don't keep a hot fire continuously in an open fireplace too long a time. The thickest wall of brick will heat through eventually.

Don't leave hot fat on the stove. Don't have unprotected woodwork close to a furnace.

Don't allow paper or other light, inflammable stuff to accumulate in the cellar or elsewhere.

Don't allow greasy rags to lie in dark corners or closets.

Don't have lace curtains near unprotected gas jets.

These cover the more important and most frequent causes of fire. Leaky gas jets are not infrequently the occasion of bad outbreaks. Gas stoves possess elements of danger which all too frequently are overlooked. "Gas stoves break the monotony of life for us pretty often," said a fireman. Then he explained that a tiny hole often develops in the supply tube not far from the burner. Sooner or later a lighted match is passed over it or flame from the burner reaches it and a blaze so small as to escape notice is started. The stove is left for an hour or two, the flames eat a constantly increasing hole until the tube is burned off, and a full flow of gas starts a conflagration.

The common method of hunting with a lighted match for gas leaks is a dangerous practice, as the following incident shows: A householder, detecting the odor of gas in the cellar, examined all the pipes, going over them carefully with lighted matches. Nowhere could he detect a leak, and at last he gave up the search. A few hours later his house was seriously damaged by fire. Investigation showed that a lead gas pipe had been melted off. During the morning search for gas the match had passed over the leak, starting a flame so small that by daylight it was invisible. Gradually it had melted the lead, with the final disastrous results.

Just here let me offer an infallible test for leaking gas pipes given me by a veteran fire fighter. With a shaving brush or other small brush and an ordinary soap lather go over a suspected pipe. If there is a leak, no matter how tiny, it will blow bubbles in the lather. A leak too small to produce a flame will thus disclose its whereabouts.—T. W. Burgess in Good Housekeeping.

PRINCESS ENA.

The Pretty Girl Who Will Marry King Alfonso.

Now that the identity of the young woman who will be the bride of King Alfonso of Spain seems to be established there is no little interest in the future queen, Princess Ena of Battenberg. Rumor has had the young Spanish monarch betrothed a good many times already, and there was a pretty thorough ransacking of the royal houses of Europe before a princess was found who came up to the requirements of the case.

The Princess Ena was born on Oct. 24, 1887, and her full name and title is Princess Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena of Battenberg. Most of her girlhood has been happily spent with her mother, Princess Henry of Battenberg, sis-



PRINCESS ENA OF BATTENBERG.

ter of King Edward VII, at Osborne cottage in the Isle of Wight. She has three brothers and has been a great pet in her family.

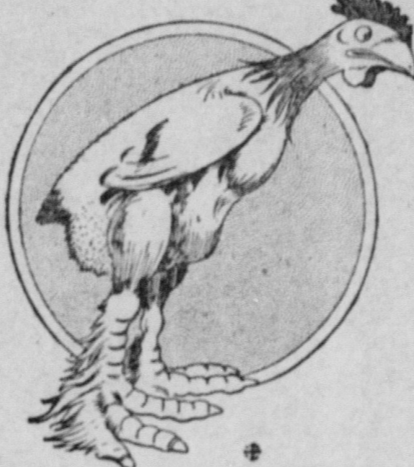
King Alfonso has a keen eye for beauty, and his prospective spouse is blessed with plenty of good looks. She is one of the prettiest princesses in Europe, is the tallest of the English royalties, has regular features, fine complexion, blue eyes and flaxen hair. She used to be something of a tomboy and is now a fearless horsewoman, drives her own motor, understands gardening, speaks several languages and is a good musician. She was presented at court about a year ago and made a beautiful picture as she courted to the king and queen.

An Animal Story For Little Folks. A Rather Brave Chicken

There was a chicken who wanted to be a policeman. Now, what do you think of that? A chicken a policeman! "A way he went down to see the police board, which is the body of men who make the policemen, and he told them just what he wanted.

"Very well," they said, and they turned him over to the doctors to see if he was strong and healthy, and they said he was.

"Now," they declared, "we will have



"IS THAT LIKELY TO HAPPEN?"

A little talk with you to see if you are brave enough to be a policeman."

"Oh," exclaimed the chicken, "I'm very brave."

"Are you afraid of nothing?" "I am afraid of nothing," said the chicken boldly.

"What would you do if you saw two big, bad robbers in the dark, with pistols in their hands, and they tried to shoot a poor man and take his money from him?"

"Is that likely to happen?" asked the chicken.

"Yes."

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"Then I would seize the robbers and take their pistols from them and send them to jail for twenty years," answered the chicken.

"That's very good," replied the men. "But what would you do if you saw an old negro woman creeping up behind you, with a hatchet in her hand, about an hour before dinner?"

"Is that likely to happen?" asked the chicken.

"Yes."

"Then I guess I don't want to be a policeman. Good day, gentlemen." And the chicken was so frightened he hid behind the pigsty for two days before he ventured out to get something to eat and drink.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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