



afternoon tea seems to be gaining ground, it has the merit of being more dainty than elaborate at all events, as there are not many houses in New York that could stand the crush of an evening affair if the invitations were as general as those for a tea.

Where a tea is given for the purpose of introducing a debutante to society, it is best to have it at a private house, where friends who have been invited to receive with her should remain afterward either to dinner, or (as was done very successfully in the case of one young lady lately) for a sit-down supper; a number of young men being asked to stay after the reception in informal fashion.

The dress of those who "assists" should not be too elaborate, as it is the debonair that should be the cynosure of all eyes; it is better taste, therefore, for her friends to consider this, and to wear less conspicuous gowns themselves.

Fat and Foulies.

The bow on the slipper is in vogue again. A fat never looks prettier than in a velvet slipper with a satin bow.

People who do not wish to wear silk coats and yet desire black ones, may have the merit of black alpaca.

It is rather difficult to have lace and fur on the same bonnet, as lace on winter hats is one of the features of the season.

Lace veils with striped or embroidered edge, falling from the wide brim of the hat, are considered the most stylish present.

In freshening up a black silk gown, full stiff collar and wide ruffles of shaded velvet are added by the best dressers.

Most of the dresses that are being made now have no dots at the top of the skirt; the fullness is gathered into the waistband.

The long cloak, rich as it may be, is unsuited to young women, the semi-long jaunty jacket belonging especially to them.

It is well to have the knot or bow fit now fits about the knot a gold band, the precious metal being twisted as if it were ribbon.

The new color—for outdoor wear, at all events—is undoubtedly purple. Many of the models in gowns, bonnets and cloaks have come out in it.

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Another very pretty gown is in plain woven material made up from broadcloth cut on the cross, and trimmed with three rows of black galloon, cut zigzag. The skirt was sewed on a band and lined with satin. There were basques with long points, and they were sewed on. Both the waist and plaited front closed under the left arm. The back of the skirt had a long zigzag row of the galloon. FLORETTA.

The Latest in Millinery.

In the way of hats and bonnets there is little change; the capotes are tiny; there seems scarcely space to place the bows, sashes or feathers. The hats being larger, afford a wider field for placing ornaments, large velvet bows—always with two pointed ends like ears—feathers or fur and a buckle. There is a head dress, neither quite bonnet nor hat, made of soft felt, crumpled, bent, plaited and turned about as fancy dictates; these are trimmed with velvet bows and feathers, gold or jet ornaments or fancy pins.

Black felt is the favorite material for hats. Beaver is newer, and is often combined with felt. Black is more fashionable than anything else, and next to it suede trimmed with black Quills, ram's-horn feathers and horse feathers of all kinds are the most popular of fashions. Alpacas are mostly placed in front. Jet is greatly used, even on white cloth. Shaded velvet is one of the novelties. Dahlia color is in favor, and brown is combined with violet. The Marie Stuart is the prevailing style in bonnets. A return to the old-fashioned bonnet certainly threatened, which, however, will turn up instead of down.

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