

# NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Designs For Costumes That Have Become Popular in the Metropolis.

New York City (Special).—The newest and oddest fad in hat trimmings seen at the late Horse Show is the strings, which made their reappearance recently, beginning with the black velvet ribbons, changing suddenly to white chiffon and now seen in all colors. Some of the handsomest



THE FAVORITE BONNET WITH STRINGS SEEN AT THE HORSE SHOW.

ure of turquoise blue chiffon or gauze, the bright rose color, the deep purple or the opaline tints, especially in green, which blends so well with any hat.

Six of the Latest Costumes. There's a flavor of old-timeness in

in a graceful double box-pleat ornamented with black silk buttons and flaring out effectively at the hem of the skirt. The corsage fastens under the left arm. With this frock is worn a toque in white cloth, having a brim of black fox and draped with a scarf of white gauze with long, fringed ends.

Zibeline continues to hold its own as a dress material. In the first sketch in the large cut we have a costume in pastel green zibeline, trimmed with narrowest borders of black astrakan and velvet of precisely the same shade as the cloth. The long, pointed tunic, of cloth, has an edging of the astrakan as has the underskirt of the velvet, stitched vertically. Many stitchings adorn the frock shown in the last cut of the large group, and as they follow a spreading, scalloped design they have almost the effect of row upon row of narrow braiding. The underskirt has a deep band of plain stitching as a hem finish; the tunic is bordered with scalloped stitching, while upon the jacket every edge and a goodly portion of the loose, double-breasted front the stitching appears.

In contrast to the straight-backed coat is the chic little velvet Eton jacket pictured in the large cut. It is tight-fitting and double-breasted, and it boasts the highest of high collars. Broad, pointed revers of fox give character to the jacket front, the collar being fur-lined also. Both sleeves and body of the jacket are heavily stitched in a spreading scroll pattern in white silk cord. Accompanying this jacket is a toque in black velvet, stitched in white to correspond with the Eton's trimming, and having a large white plume at one side.

Child's Frock of Tartan Silk. This is one of the old new-fashioned tartan silks, once more in vogue for



GREEN ZIBELINE.

BEIGE CLOTH.

EMBROIDERED VELVET.



IN VIOLET CLOTH.

ETON JACKET IN VELVET.

WITH MANY STITCHINGS.

most of the latest fashions. Witness the poke-bonnets with their voluminous strings tied under the chin and the skin-tight skirts that flare and trail at the hem so reminiscently of fifty years ago. In the cut of the figure in violet cloth, shown in the large engraving, we have a costume which might have stepped right out of some ancestral picture-frame, the absence of the pouch bodice front, the entire lack of sleevefulness upon the shoulder and the tendency to skirt-drapery are to be noticed first of all. The frock's material is a smooth-faced cloth in parma violet. A director's hat in gray felt and trimmed with white gauze draperies mingled with violet velvet completes the costume.

The Princesse cut of frock is much affected. If not the Princesse proper, it is the Princesse effect, or at least a part Princesse model. The gown of beige cloth trimmed with guipure, shown in the large cut, for instance, has the regulation twisting skirt, but with a Princesse tunic, the latter being so cleverly cut as to form a pointed zone in front with a crossover apron. Beige-colored satin-faced cloth is the material employed. The trimming consists of fancy steel buttons and a coarse guipure in black. The latter adorns the pointed revers and turned down-collar of beige colored moire silk.

Embroidery is employed with rich effect upon velvet this year. In the figure in embroidered velvet appears a Princesse frock of dead-black velvet, embroidered in black silk. In the back the tight-fitting corsage ends

use for party frocks. The little dress is made with almost severe simplicity,



A PARTY DRESS.

for its only trimming is a folded belt of velvet and some narrow yellow lace edging the frills on neck and sleeves.

## ANDY SHANKS' LIBERALITY.

Wanted to Compensate the Widow for the Husband He Shot.

An old pioneer gold-hunter was speaking of his early-day California acquaintances.

"Now tha' wuz old Andy Shanks," he said. "Knowned old Andy better than I knowed my grandmother, an' I reckon that never wuz a fairer, squarer, an' a more honorable man than he war. An' conscientious! Why, Andy wuz so skeered of intrudin' on other people that he'd ruther give away a foot of his own rights than to chance sloppin' over a inch on somebody else's. Wouldn't wrong nobody out o' nothin' for 'nothin' on earth if he knowed it.

"'Member one time somebody stole a gold nugget from Andy. Don't recollect just how it wuz, but in some way it 'peared powerful plain that old Sam Woods war the thief. Andy wuz so plumb shore of it that he jest took his gun an' went out an' shot old Sam down. That thar wuz all right an' proper enough, and didn't nobody think nothin' of it.

"'Bout a week later, though, it come out that old Sam wa'n't the thief, an' that it war one o' them doggoned onery Digger Injuns what stole the nugget. When Andy found out 'bout this he war plumb sorry that he'd killed old Sam, an' took it to heart dreadful.

"'Boys,' he says to us, 'I never wuz so cut up 'bout nothin' in all my life as I am 'bout shootin' of Sam. Why, I'd actually 'a' ruther lost twice that much gold than to 'a' killed Sam an' him innocent. I would, shore."

"We tried to chirk Andy up, tellin' him it war all jest a mistake, but he didn't seem to feel satisfied 'bout it. He mout 'a' took a more cheerful view of the matter if it hadn't been thar, Sam had a wife in the camp. Andy seemed to kind of pity her, an' he wuz so doggoned conscientious that he felt like he owed her somethin' for deprivin' her of a husband. Sam war no good, an' we didn't feel that his wife had lost no great shakes in losin' him, an' we told Andy so, but he wouldn't look at it in that way. He 'lowed even if Sam wa'n't no 'count, his wife valued him up a right smart, an' he war bound to value him at her figgers.

"'Wal, Andy studied the matter over for a while, then one day he went down to see the wider 'bout it. "'Mrs. Woods,' he said, 'I'm plumb downright sorry 'bout the way I done Sam, but of co'se you understand that it war all a nateral mistake that anybody wuz liable to make, an' thar ain't no use, so far as I kin see, in grievin' over spilled milk. Sam's gone, an' thar ain't no bringin' him back, so thar ain't no use foolin' 'bout him no more. I want to repair the wrong I done you as far as I kin, an' I'm goin' to act white with you. I'm willin' to do the fair thing by you under the circumstances."

"'What are you willin' to do?' the wider asked. "'Thar ain't but one thing I kin do, I reckon,' Andy replied. 'You lost your husband through my keerness, an' it's my duty to make that loss good. I'll jest marry you myself."

"'Couldn't nobody offer fairer than that, for Andy war worth a dozen of Sam. But, strange to say, that thar wider wouldn't nigh have it that way. Seems like women can't sometimes appreciate the liberality of men, nohow."

—Thomas P. Montfort, in Harper's Bazar.

## Spanish Blood in Ireland.

When the Spanish Armada was wrecked off the coasts of Clare and Galway counties, many survivors of the disaster who reached the shores were kindly cared for by the Irish people and considerable numbers of these unfortunates remained in the families of their kind-hearted rescuers.

Spanish Point on the coast of Clare reminds of the disaster to the great Spanish fleet. In the counties of Clare and Galway there is to be found at the present day, a people differing essentially from any of the distinctive races existing on Irish soil. This people are the descendants of the Spanish officers, sailors and soldiers who had been cast ashore during the fearful storm which destroyed the Spanish fleet.

The race marks of this people are well defined. Crossed as it has been with the Milesian stock, its Spanish features offer a most interesting study for they remain prominent. The men are tall, muscular, dark-featured, with black eyes, and black hair. The women have decided Spanish traits in their physique; they are usually tall; brunettes in some cases and fair in others; with large, expressive black eyes and an abundance of black hair. Their beauty reminds of the women of the Basque provinces while among them are to be found the perfection of the female form in all Ireland.—American Quarterly Review.

## Unexpectedly Honored.

They were from Lexington, Mo., and they had come to Kansas City not only to enjoy the fall festival, but also to celebrate the first anniversary of their marriage. Entering one of the large department stores, the first thing to attract their attention was a large sign reading, "Anniversary Sales Day." Looking up at Mr. One-Year-wed she said, with a freshness and spirit he had not noticed since that memorable event of a year ago: "How do you suppose they ever knew it was our anniversary?" And he didn't even dare smile.—Kansas City Times.

## Pride for Two.

"Yes," she said, "I am proud to say that I am a bachelor girl." "And I," he replied, "take equal pride in the fact that I am an old-maid man."

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

A new method for overcoming sleeplessness has been suggested by Professor J. H. Baldwin. It consists in trying to picture another person as asleep. The more clearly the other person's sleep is pictured, the stronger becomes the subjective feeling of drowsiness.

Professor Nussbaum of Hanover claims that the plastering of walls seriously affects the acoustic properties of a room. The admixture of sand with plaster spoils the reverberation of tones. The best results are obtained by using pure gypsum that has been heated to white heat.

The sponge which grows either on rocks or directly upon sandy bottom is encased in a jet black membrane. When the sponge grows in caves or under rocks away from the sun the membrane is pale in color, but it always is full of a thick milky fluid. As the sponge is torn by hand or cut from its roots the diver gives the membrane a squeeze that bursts it, the milk being scattered over the bottom. The milk is vile smelling and produces an eruption wherever it touches the human flesh, but the operation of scattering the milk is considered very necessary and also a diver's duty, since the fishers believe that it holds the seed of the sponge.

A new textile plant is being experimented with in Russia, says United States Consul Atwell of Roubaisk. This is the "Apocynum venetum," a bush about six feet high yielding a silken fibre. It grows in Europe, Siberia, Asia Minor, North of India, Manchuria and Japan, and it has long been used by the Turcomans in the manufacture of cords and woven goods. It has never been cultivated, and grows best in land under water for part of the year. The fibre has great strength and its cultivation would require no care. In 1895, the Russian government began to use it for bank-note paper, and the results were so excellent that the plant has since been cultivated at Poltava.

In England, as is well known, the resources of the mining engineer are often taxed to their utmost in the endeavor to work coal and iron mines on a paying basis. The latest instance of this is afforded at the Hodbarrow mines in Cumberland, where it is proposed to build a large sea embankment, to keep the sea out of the workings of the mines. Ten years ago a wall was built, costing more than \$600,000, but the proposed work will go much further out in the water, and will be 9750 yards (3.8 miles) in length, enclosing a large tract of land, under which the iron mines will be worked. The ore here is a rich one, and well worth the enormous outlay of money required, as it has been proved to exist in vast quantities. The estimated cost of the new work is \$2,500,000.

Perhaps nothing so well illustrates the accuracy of modern astronomy as the recent investigations into the variation of latitude. Professor Charles R. Doolittle, director of the Flower observatory of the University of Pennsylvania, announces that the result of a long series of individual determinations shows that the latitude of Philadelphia varies about forty feet annually. That such a small change can be recognized is certainly one of the triumphs of science. The first suspicion that there was a systematic variation in latitude was aroused by certain observations made at Berlin in 1884-85. This result was subsequently confirmed by investigations set on foot in various parts of Europe, as well as Honolulu and Cordova. Dr. S. C. Chandler has shown that the matter can be explained by supposing the earth's axis to revolve in an exceedingly small ellipse about its mean position, the period of revolution being about 427 days. The greatest possible change in the position of the pole is not more than twenty yards, so that it will be seen that no very startling results are likely to follow the discovery. It is just possible, however, that the matter may be developed into something of importance in the case of boundary lines which are fixed by latitude determinations. The most striking fact is the emphasis on the point that nothing known to astronomy is fixed or immovable, not even the position of the earth's axis from year to year.

## Coin 2000 Years Old.

One of the prized curios of the Philadelphia mint is a coin which is 2000 years old, and which was coined at the ancient mint of that other Philadelphia of the far East, mentioned in the Bible. It is still in good condition and the inscription is perfectly legible. The design on the face of the coin bears a striking resemblance to the Goddess of Liberty of our own currency, and underneath is the one word, "Demos," which means "the people." On the other side is the figure of Diana, with her bow arched, and the inscription, "Diana, Friend of the Philadelphians." When the coin was struck off Philadelphia was the most important city of Lydia. The prize was picked up in Europe by Joseph Mickle, a celebrated Philadelphia violin-maker and numismatist of high repute, who presented it to the mint.—Philadelphia Record.

## Not Throwing Away Money.

"It will cost you \$1," said the jeweler, inspecting the works of the timepiece through his eyeglass, "to put this watch in thorough repair." "Hand it back," haughtily replied the young man on the outside of the counter. "I can get a new one for 98 cents."



Some grocers are so short sighted as to decline to keep the Ivory Soap, claiming it does not pay as much profit as inferior qualities do, so if your regular grocer refuses to get it for you, there are undoubtedly others who recognize the fact that the increased volume of business done by reason of keeping the best articles more than compensates for the smaller profit, and will take pleasure in getting it for you.

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## General Booth's Good Bargain.

Matters are advancing in connection with the overseas colony of the Salvation Army in West Australia. A block of twenty-two thousand acres of land has been obtained, our Sydney correspondent writes, on what may be called the "hire purchase system." Sixpence an acre is to be paid for a period of twenty years, and on the expiration of that term the land will become the absolute property of the Army.

The situation is a beautiful one, and half of the area is fit for agricultural purposes—which is a large proportion for barren Australia. The site has a river frontage of twenty-four miles. Merely as an investment, therefore, General Booth's bargain seems to have been a good one.—London Mail.

## Funeral Etiquette in Switzerland.

In Switzerland a death is attended by a custom which calls upon all charitable and Christian people to show their sympathy. A notice edged with a wide black line appears in the daily papers setting forth the day and hour when sympathizers must assemble before the house of the deceased. At the time named a little cloth-covered table supporting a good-sized jar is stood before the house—table, cloth, and jar all being of a sombre, ebony hue—and into the latter small mourning-cards, bearing the name and address of their owners are deposited. The day the funeral takes place is the day selected for the exhibition of the jar. No women are allowed to follow at a Swiss funeral.—Pittsburg Bulletin.



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