

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Designs For Costumes That Have Become Popular in the Metropolis

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—Some very simple but yet effective gowns for bridesmaids are now being made for a wedding which is to take place



MULL AND SWAN'S-DOWN HAT.

later in the season. They are to be of that beautiful shade of pinkish lilac called ashes-of-roses. The material is Liberty satin. The skirts, which will have short trains, have three ruffles of white mull around the bottom. The waists have yokes of the white mull, finely tucked, and elbow sleeves of the Liberty satin. The collars are of white mull, tucked, and the bridesmaids are to wear large white mull fichus tied in front, with ruffled ends hanging well down on the skirts. The large hats the young girls will wear promise to be very effective. They will be of white mull, with a band of swan's-down around the crown, and one very full white mull rosette at the left side. Under the brim, resting on the hair, are pink roses of a very delicate shade. In their hands they will carry what are the latest novelty of the season—Liberty-satin muffs, of the same shade as the gowns, with long bows and ends of white mull.

Latest Style in Collars.

Collars are growing higher and higher. One of the new stocks is of white silk, tucked and hemstitched, and has two wide elephants' ears' ends standing up at the back. Others are cut with points which almost cut off the unhappy wearer's ears. A new feature of the silk stock is the tab-like ends that hang on either side. These are hand-embroidered, or edged with lace to match the stock, and they are not very pretty. Still, they are the latest.

Elbow Protectors For Lace Sleeves.

Up-to-date lace sleeves may have elbow protectors. They may not be intended for that, but they will serve the purpose. A light cloth gown has long sleeves of lace, a piece of the cloth set in at wrist and shoulder, and another, broad at the outside seam, with points on either edge, the piece growing narrower inside the arm. It may not be to hide a sharp elbow, but it might be.

One of the Season's Novelties.

Floral muffs are one of the season's novelties. An enormous and very lovely one is composed entirely of violets, and finished with great flopping frills of shaded mauve chiffon.

Light Grays For Spring Wear.

Possibly the place of most importance as a spring tone may be given to gray, the lighter the better. Perle, argent, nickel and platine are the four foremost tints.

A Handsome Combination.

Russian lace in heavy quality and fine Venetian laces are very much employed for trimming handsome cloth gowns in the pastel colors.

In Beautiful Broadcloth.

Here is an illustration of one of the cleverest dresses in that delightful new shade, which is a softly pinkish chocolate. Broadcloth is the material, and the skirt is stitched down to below the knees in double tucks. The extra fullness is very becoming at the foot. The trimming which finishes



FIGURED SILK GOWN. LIGHT GRAY CLOTH. GOWN OF PASTEL-BLUE.

These muffs are to be imported from Paris, and when seen here at this wedding, which will take place at one of the most fashionable churches in town, will undoubtedly set a fashion for weddings to come. At another recent wedding the bridesmaids carried parasols of cream-ruffled tulle, which were the gift of the bride to her chosen attendants.

Three Striking Costumes.

Three stylish new costumes are shown in the large illustration, taken from Harper's Bazar. This publication seems to be more and more the true mirror of fashion.

No. 1 is a figured silk gown, with waist cut square and trimmed with a broad collar of guipure lace and rosettes of black chiffon.

No. 2 is of light gray cloth with over-skirt cut in Vandyke points, and trimmed with narrow silk fringe of the same shade. There is an accordion-pleated ruffle on the under-skirt. Lace revers are edged with fringe, and the rosettes are made of black velvet with rhinestone buckles.

No. 3 is a gown of pastel-blue cloth, tucked from the waist to the hem of the skirt, and trimmed with deep flounce of heavy white lace. The bolero jacket is of lace and there is a chiffon rosette at the left side.

Long Skirts Are Fashionable.

Long skirts in the street, longer skirts in the house, and it pleases every one but the woman of economical mind. There is a sweep to the train of extra length which gives a pleasant sensation to a woman of presence; she likes the feeling of the swing of the skirts. The dressmaker can get better effects with the long skirt; it shows up the material to better advantage, and as it takes more of it, that is a satisfaction to manufacturers and merchants. But that is not so agreeable to the woman who has to count the dollars. A long train requires less trimming, if anything, than a shorter one, for it has a certain dignity of its own in a rich material, and is apt to lose by being trimmed.

the edge so effectively consists of a stitched mirror velvet band a shade deeper enriched along the centre with floral appliques—each and every petal being cut out of the cloth and skillfully applied.

The bodice blouse, sleeves and all, is tucked to correspond with the skirt, and it is topped off by one of the new cape-like yokes with which nearly everybody has fallen in love. It is of renaissance and the cloth appliques on velvet, and the chic turn-up edge is of the velvet plainly stitched. Apparently it is caught together in front by a creamy chiffon jabot edged with tiny ruches, and held by beautiful



A CLEVER BROADCLOTH GOWN.

bronze enamel clasps, with rose gold shadings. The stock and V are composed of soft, narrow folds of the cream chiffon.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The conversion of the flintiest, roughest limestone into soft, white wool is one of the wonders of the century which will shortly appear in a practical way to the manufacturer.

Appropos of the use of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy in the war in South Africa, it is interesting to note that it has been proved that cannonading does not interfere with the transmission of messages. The apparatus has been worked successfully and messages sent while the largest guns in the British navy were being fired.

The latest calculation of the velocity and direction of the sun's motion in space is by Professor Simon Newcomb. He estimates that the solar system is being carried in a northerly direction at the rate of 16 1/2 kilometres—a little over 10 miles—per second. The point toward which we are moving is within a very few degrees of the extraordinarily bright star Vega in the constellation of Lyra.

One hospital in New York City has adopted a camera to record minutely the action of patients in epileptic fits and similar afflictions, and many moving pictures have been taken showing the movements in walking of persons afflicted with locomotor ataxia. They are produced slowly on the screen, so that physicians are enabled to study the symptoms carefully. Moving pictures have been taken in Vienna showing operations being performed by great surgeons.

The most destructive insects are the locusts and the white ants or termites. Reporting the work of these in India, Mr. E. P. Stebbing stated that the locusts invade the fertile districts from their home in the sandy deserts and in their course leave not a green leaf or shoot in forest or field. Forest and moisture being their greatest enemies, conversion of arid sandy areas into plantations would tend to check this pest. The white ants work disaster to any building, yet render service to man by rapidly converting decaying wood into mud, doing no damage to healthy trees. So marvelous is their instinct that they discover and attack a dead branch on any part of a tree trunk.

Sir John Murray recently summed up the latest discoveries concerning the ocean. The deep sea, he says, is a region of darkness, as well as of low temperature, because the rays of the sun are wholly absorbed by the superficial layers of water. Plant life is absent, but animal life is abundant in those night-haunted depths. The majority of the deep-sea animals live by eating mud, and by catching the minute particles of organic matter which descend from above. Many of the mud-eating animals are of gigantic size compared with their allies in shallower waters, but they are the prey of rapacious enemies armed with peculiar prehensile organs. Some deep-sea fishes are blind, while others have very large eyes.

ELECTRICITY FROM WIND.

A Yankee's Windmill Electric Plant on Board Ship.

"That's another of them ijit yarns," said the British skipper to the mate, as his privateering tork made a prize of the last piece of bread on the plate. "These Yankee papers stretch out stuff of that kind like the ship chandler does his bill. They miss stays half the time, and do no know what they are talking about." And he threw the paper to one side.

"What blood and thunder yarn is it this time?" asked the mate, glancing knowingly at the empty platter.

"It's no penny dreadful at all," answered the captain between mouthfuls. "It's nothing less than a red hot whopper. It's about them Dutchmen who are fitting out an Arctic trip to be gone four years. After telling how the hull is to be strengthened in and out to fight the ice, it says that the tub is to be lighted by electricity throughout. Now, what I want to know is how they can make electricity without coal. They can't carry enough coal in her to do the lighting for four years. That's why it is a galley yarn."

"Not at all," said the mate, although he felt a bit "shaky" in saying it. "They don't need coal to make electricity. When I was up north in the Phoenix four or five years ago I saw a boat called the Fram, which was owned by a chap named Nansen. She was at Beigen at the time, and I remember that the mate took me aboard and showed me an electric lighting plant that beat old mischief. Coal for the dynamos? Not a pinchful. They worked their machines with power supplied from a windmill, and I tell you it opened my eyes. No, I am not turning pressman, Captain, I am telling you the honest truth. I had my doubts about it, though, until last year, when I was in Boston. In the Assyrian I met a very clever young Yankee who hailed from Walpole, Mass., and he claimed that he had the first and only really successful windmill electric lighting plant in the world. I told him that I could get to windward of that claim, but he wouldn't believe me. I afterward learned that he lighted not only his house at Walpole with this windmill plant, but his stables and grounds as well. I don't believe half that I read in these American papers, but this doing without coal for electricity is all right. I'm very sorry to offend you, but it's as true as the fact that you have taken my piece of bread."

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Kinnaird's Erratic Flight.

Herbert Kinnaird, one of the cleverest young fellows in town, is chief cook and bottle washer in J. A. Beazley's furniture store. He is a first-class clerk, but there are many tricks of the trade he has yet to learn. On Saturday Mr. Beazley received a dozen wire mattresses, which were mashed down to a thickness of about eighteen inches and tied with ropes.

Not knowing of the great force of the springs, Herbert got upon the bundle on his hands and knees and began cutting the ropes. All went well until the knife severed the last rope, when Herbert quickly left the earth and started on a sudden journey to what he supposed was the better land. After reaching a height ten or twelve feet his course changed, and the downward flight was begun. In the latter he cut a dash through a maple shade tree, knocking the back of a dresser, broke three chairs sitting on the sidewalk, and finally reached terra firma bearing some dozen cuts and scratches. The mattresses, when released, flew in all directions, and it is said one landed on the court-house portico.—Lancaster (Ky.) Record.

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