

# NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Designs For Costumes That Have Become Popular in the Metropolis.

New York City (Special).—The long box coats are being more and more worn every day, and quite as fashionable for the juveniles as for the



A YOUTHFUL BOX COAT.

grownups. This stylish one presented by Le Costume Royal, for girls in their teens, is of gray broadcloth, with the indispensable stitching and large white pearl buttons. The broad, double, shawl-like collar is a new and attractive feature, distinguishing this coat from the usual run.

### The New Spring Blouses.

The new spring blouses are looser in front than last year's, but as it is

time will make a summer, the Easter hat of 1900 will have a high, formidable looking square crown, or else one that is practically flat; its brim will be swathed in cloudy rolls of tulle and its chief ornaments will be large, wheel-like rosettes of lace or ribbon or velvet, and flowers of a delicacy of coloring and texture that is new to millinery. Apple, peach and cherry blossoms are first favorites, and one sees entire strawberry plants—leaves, flowers and fruit.

The fringed scarves of last autumn have given place to tulle streamers that are brought from the back of the crown to cross upon the hair and then knot in front with long floating ends.

### A Dress to Be Remembered.

A dress that may be remembered beyond the close of the season was lately worn by Mrs. George Gould, at Georgian court. The underskirt of exquisite silver gauze was plaited over pale blue mousseline de soie, which, in turn, had an underlining of pale blue taffeta. The overskirt, which opened in front, was of palest blue satin, incrustated with silver embroidery, and the low round bodice had wreaths of tiny roses for shoulder straps. The belt, of pale-blue mirror velvet, fastened at one side of the front with a big velvet rosette. Mrs. Gould wore pale-blue slippers and gloves, and her hair was dressed with roses.

### The Rage For Fringe.

On elaborate costumes an eighteen inch fringe is not uncommon, and fringes are made in two or three layers of different colors, or different shades of the same color, that in themselves almost constitute costumes.

### The Bolero in High Favor.

The oldest of old friends that has just taken a new lease of favor is the bolero, many, many new editions of which appear every day. Endless variations are worked upon this theme.

### The Fashion in Aprons.

The rule of simplicity applies to maids' aprons. There should be no huge bretelles nor flaring flourishes nor "trimmings" of embroidery and lace. A nurse's apron may indulge in a few tucks clustered upon its deep hem, a parlor maid, housemaid, waitress and chambermaid, all of whom have substantially the same uniform, must wear perfectly plain aprons. Shoulder-



SOME SPRING BLOUSES.

their sweet will always be of infinite variety and capriciousness, it is not possible to say that otherwise they have greatly changed. They are made with cape collars and boleros and epaulets, like other bodices, and they are tucked, plaited and covered with lace and embroidery.

At a matinee this week, writes Ellen Osborn, I noticed a crossed blouse of delicate rose-tinted silk with a yoke of white silk and lace that was marked in diamonds with the narrowest of black velvet ribbon. From the yoke and crossing fronts hung a deep black silk fringe.

A coral-red blouse shoulder to shoulder with the pink one cost both their best effect, just as the dark, brilliant-checked girl who wore it made her blond neighbor look faded. Yet the coral blouse could not be blamed for its pretty tucked and plaited front, its sleeves tucked for a few inches below the shoulder and its white silk corded revers.

A simple and very attractive evening blouse is of cream-colored mousseline, with a deep lace collar decorated with gold embroidered rosettes. Its flowing cravat is of white silk with lace ends.

A more elaborate evening blouse of golden yellow silk has a small bolero of cream-colored lace and a front of plaited mousseline. The crossed ends of the yellow silk cravat are carried out to the sides and held tight by mousseline rosettes and strass buttons.

### Glimpse of Spring Styles.

If one may trust the harbingers of fashion, which have all the air of swallows from the Riviera that in due

straps and a bow in the back are common to both brands of aprons. Some mistresses permit an untrimmed bretelle, but the narrow shoulder-strap is better taste. Long streamers in the back are preferred by some. You can hardly go astray in the matter of servants' dress as long as you insist upon plainness. It is the woman in



NURSE'S APRON.

search of novelties and "extras" who makes the mistakes

## HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

### Due to the Wicks.

A frequent cause of the oiliness on the outside of lamps is that the wick is kept too high when unlighted. It should be remembered that the wick draws the oil to the surface, and if it projects too far above the burner it will soon accumulate oil there, which will find its way slowly over the outside.

### Some Effective Decorations.

For decorative purposes the asparagus and the smilax have no rival, their light and graceful appearance lends itself wonderfully to being looped about pictures and mantelpieces.

Dried grasses, though seldom used as decorations, will be found most effective, both as room and table ornaments. Among flowers the lily of the valley is perhaps the prettiest for adorning a table; a few ferns and mosses arranged with these blossoms give a most pleasing effect. For this season roses, azaleas and Roman hyacinths are also greatly used for decorations.

### The Newest Chiffonier.

The newest article of furniture for the white-enamelled bedroom is a chiffonier provided with boxes instead of drawers. Each box is labeled with the name of its prospective contents—gloves, veils, handkerchiefs, cravats, etc. In fact, one might choose boxes for her own particular requirements and have the proper labels supplied, for these invaluable new conveniences have to be ordered.

Another convenience is bodice hangers, padded and perfumed, and covered with white silk strewn with dimutive pink roses and buds. These may be ordered in any color preferred.

### Some New Bed Linen.

Charming sets of bed linen are seen in a trousseau. Sheets of lawn cambric surrounded by a garland of fine embroidery. The upper sheet is ornamented with a monogram, surrounded with a wreath of Louis XVI style. The part that turns down is edged with a wide flounce of Valenciennes lace. The sheets are laid over a ground of pink marceline. The mattress cover is also of pink marceline, with puffs of pink moire at the four corners. It falls so as to hide the mattress and ends in a gather of pink mousseline de soie. The pillow cases are also set over a ground to match the sheets and have the same garland and monogram and are edged with the Valenciennes.

### Novelties for the Dinner Table.

At a little dinner the other evening given by a well-known New York woman of fashion many novelties were introduced which other hostesses will be glad to copy.

Terrapin was served to each guest in a miniature chafing dish perfect in every detail. Throughout the course the little lamp was kept burning under each dish. The chafing dishes were made of plated silver, with ebony handles, and gave a special touch of novelty to the course.

When it came time to serve the sorbet it was found in the centre of an exquisite pink orchid. The stem of the orchid was coiled to form the standard, and the curled petals of the flower itself were of shaded pink wax. In the centre was a little paper case filled with the sorbet. As this was a pink dinner, the orchids carried out the color scheme, but they can be bought in a variety of colors. In faint green, with a touch of violet at the edge, they are most artistic.

Many of the dishes at this dinner were brought to the table covered—that is, the individual plate had an individual cover which matched it exactly. The portion, when brought to each guest, was not seen until the cover was removed by the butler.

Little silver loving cups are also used for the serving of sorbets and creams. Generally their only decoration is the owner's monogram.

For an informal dinner the latest jardiniere is a white swan filled with feathery ferns.

### Recipes.

**Corn and Potato Mince**—Mix together lightly one can of corn and two cupsful of cold boiled potatoes chopped fine; season with pepper and salt, and fry in butter until browned, stirring frequently with a fork.

**Fig Minnette**—Split ladyfingers in two and spread with a meringue made of the well-beaten white of an egg beaten with two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Sprinkle thick with nuts and figs chopped fine. Brown in the oven and serve cold with custard or whipped cream.

**Crisped Crackers**—Split some butter crackers and spread with butter; put them the buttered side up, in a pan, and brown in a hot oven. They are delicious with white and vegetable soup, and in fish chowder and oyster stew. They can be prepared in a short time when it is not convenient to fry croutons or to toast over the open fire.

**Turkey Bourgeoise**—Single bird, drawn and trussed as for roast—do not stuff. Roast in hot oven, basting well until nicely browned. Put a few slices of veal in the bottom of a deep stewpan; put in turkey, cover with slices of bacon; moisten to its height with stock or broth. Put in bunch of sweet herbs and season with pepper and salt.

**Stewed Celery**—Cut the celery into inch pieces, cover with boiling water, and cook in a covered stewpan until tender. It should simmer slowly until done. When cooked add a pint of rich milk or cream, season to taste, and when boiling thicken with a tablespoonful of flour rubbed smooth in a little milk. Boil up once, stirring constantly, and serve.

## A Crest of Cloth.

One of the ornithologists attached to the Smithsonian Institution was collecting specimens of the birds of southwestern Mexico not long ago, when he saw a cow-bird which seemed to him to possess a white crest. Now, properly, the cow-bird is altogether black, and the top of his head is as smooth as the poll of a young dry-goods clerk. Evidently this strange matter required investigation, and a gunshot brought the bird to the ground. Then was found a more unexpected marvel than was anticipated. The "snow-white crest" proved to be a piece of white cloth that had been stitched into the bird's scalp and trimmed to represent a cock's comb, "it had doubtless been done when the bird was very young," says the observer, "by some of the natives, and the wounds of the operation were entirely healed."—Ernest Ingersoll, in the New Lippincott.

### Where Ruskin Learned English.

The book which begot English prose still remains its supreme type. The English Bible is the true school of English literature. It possesses every quality of our language in its supreme form—except for scientific precision, practical affairs and philosophic analysis. If you care to know the best that our literature can give in simple, noble prose, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures in the English tongue. Ruskin as a precocious boy of five began reading with his mother the Bible through from beginning to end and over and over again, and got from it his marvelous instinct and faculty for noble, vital, always fascinating expression.—Frederic Harrison's "Literary Estimates."

### The Polite Lie in Embryo.

A little child has given us a peep into the process by which the polite lie is developed. Mamma was talking to Effie about the absence of Edith from the children's party. "You are sorry," said mamma, "that Edith could not come?" Effie replied, having enjoyed herself. "Oh, I don't mind much." To which mamma rejoined, "But Edith is ill; that is why she couldn't come. You must be sorry." Effie considered. "Yes, of course, I'm sorry," she said, "but it doesn't hurt me—inside."—London Chronicle.

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