

ELLEN OSBORN'S FASHION LETTER

The Checks, the Stripes and the Beamy Brightness of the Newly Fledged Summer Girl.

NEW YORK, April 29.—"Up your brush in any where and sling the color," the head painter said to the under artists when they were directed about finishing this year's lot of summer girls. "The color is good, yellow is good, red is good; anything goes; splash it thick, now mind."

The artists splashed with a brush in hand. They splashed with their brush, and when they had emptied their paint pots the head painter again directed within range.

"Quite like critical posters, or Sunday color columns," Sorry the burnt orange hold out a little better. These are bright and beamy; they'll die the country's mind in case of war."

body claims that this year's out-fashions are anything but crude startling; yet they are effective on a considerable proportion of the. A tulip bed on a green lawn set the blue sky is a cheerful specimen why should anybody cavil at colors on a green hat worn with a gown?

at I'm not complaining of the "I have always liked bright colors are never been ashamed to say that troubles me is this: I tried to couple of hats yesterday and it a relief expedition to dig me out under the avalanches the milliner ped on me. Everything has tons mming."

re is a certain consistency about appy-go-lucky, catch-as-catch-can at pervades the whole ward-



A BRIGHT AND BEAMY GIRL.

the 1898 summer girl. Happy is a woman who is enlivened and so sparkle by many adornments. As are the woes of the small per- quiet tastes and tints who is cu- vulgularized by being clothed

is not quite a year ago one of ous man milliners was showing ery beautiful dress, simple but te. When I had sufficiently ad- he produced a second edition ame thing covered with span- g glass "jewels." "This," he said, your American market. Such wouldn't go here." Those ar gawgaws are now out of this country, never the less— the summer costume at lease is capable of being win- well as gay. At a spring yesterday there were to be

table whose middle orna- as a tall green "trumpet" vase th peach blossoms and white Feathery stalks of asparagus re twisted in and out among the e, and festoons of the same feru- for the stem of the vase, giv- effect at a little distance of a n haze. Small straight vases, reen glass, similarly filled, were t the table at intervals.

the pink, green and white e- the hostess, offering the same e suggestions. A peculiarly ach-colored cashmere was the e of the dress, which was made e glass silk and trimmed with e green satin ribbon, overlaid erick lace. This trimming did continuously round the skirt; the front breadth had a band bout six inches from the edge bed with pointed ends. Six gher up a second band passed e back, stopping just above the e sides. Short perpendicular ed the horizontal ones and

and white gauze ribbon twisted round the crown.

The soft negligee silk shirt waists in Roman plaids are sure to be popular as seen as it is hot weather. At present the only shirt waists seen are in heavy cotton materials in pronounced plaid or striped effects. These are tailor-made, smart and expensive. They call for white skirts or else skirts of the same material. The tailor-made girl has special parasols in bayadere stripes like her waists or in equally gorgeous checks; sticks and handles being enamelled to match one of the darker colors. She is provided with white veils, or veils finely spotted with chenille. But of all things gorgeous about her, the most gorgeous are her ties. And the brightness of these is not hidden under a bushel, as a man obscures his with vest fronts, but the light of them shines over her whole person.

ELLEN OSBORN.

WARNED IN ADVANCE.

Tennessee Mountaineer Who Knows What Questions a Revenue Officer Would Ask.

One day when I had been stopping with Uncle John Wharton, up in the mountains of East Tennessee, for a week, to get well of a sprained ankle, I mounted a mule to ride to the nearest village to make some purchases. When I was ready to start the old man said to me:

"I reckon yo' will meet up with several folks while goin' or comin'. If it's women folks yo' needn't mind how much yo' gab, but if it's men folks then look out."

"But what need I look out for?" I asked.

"Wall, now, yo' may meet up with a pack-peddler. He'll stop and say it's a nice day. He'll want to sell yo' sumthin', and when yo' git to talkin' he'll draw it out of yo' that yo' hev bin stoppin' with Uncle John fur a week."

"So I have, haven't I?"

"Of co'se, but he won't stop thar. He'll go on and ax if I don't keep purty good whisky in the house, and yo'll say it's the pure corn juice and good 'nuff fur the jug'nor. He'll ax whether it's a little jug or a big jug, and yo'll say that the jug holds fo' gallon and is ailus full."

"I've always found it about full," I said. "It is no one's business, however, as far as I can see."

"That's what I say, but them pack-peddlers is chueck full of curiosity. Arter axin' about the jug he'll want to know if yo've seen any kegs around. He'll slide along from that to observe that co'n whisky has a mighty curus smell when it's in the mash, and say he kin smell it fo'ry rods off. How you goin' to answer that?"

"I'll have to tell him that I never smelt any."

"Yes, that's what yo'll say, but he'll try to sell yo' combs or terbacker and kinder git around to ax if I don't sleep most of the day and stay out nights. That'll rayther git yo', won't it?"

"I don't see why he should ask me that?" I replied.

"No, mebbe not, and yo' don't see why he should ax yo' what makes the old woman hang a rag 'outer the chamber winder every time a stranger comes along the road. If he axes about that rag, what yo' goin' to tell him?"

"That I never noticed it."

"And if he axes why the ole woman puts up a basket of purvisions every night and places it on the doah-step?"

"I didn't know that she did. But why do you think that a stranger will ask me all these questions?"

"Well, if he's really and truly a pack-peddler he won't ax yo' none of 'em, but will jest say: 'Howdy?' and pass along; but if he's one of them revenue fellers he'll be so powerful soft and sly and nice that befo' he let's go of yo' he'll find out that I've got the biggest moonshine still in these yere mountains."

"But I didn't know it, Uncle John— where is it?"

"Some of it is right under the bed yo're sleepin' on, and the rest down cellar! Now, then, go ahead and look out. If it's women folks, yo' kin talk coon skins, sigs, and chestnuts; but if yo' meet any man jest git ready to befo' he comes within shootin' distance!"

Games Hoary with Age.

Whipping tops come from the land of the Pharaohs, hoops and swinging are met with in classical Rome, while blind man's buff was an excuse for the equivalent of horseplay in the days of the megatherium and the mastodon. The Malay islands gave us cat's cradle. Kite flying has been popular in Japan for many centuries, the kites depicting the most absurd figures, generally of aged gentlemen, birds or puppy dogs. Games of ball have always existed, but the bat, with all the sports which followed in its train, was not introduced till after the Christian era.

X Rays for Skin Diseases.

Yet another use for the X ray has been discovered by a physician of St. Louis. Impressed with the fact that the rays destroy the epidermis, he determined to apply them in cases of skin disease, and by covering up the adjacent parts of the surface with rubber plates, which are impervious to the rays, to prevent the healthy portions being affected, he has destroyed the diseased parts, and has, it is said, succeeded in curing several cases by exposure to the chemical light for periods varying between ten and twenty minutes.

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