

MIDSUMMER FABRICS.

Organdies, Muslins, Laces and Voiles e the Dantiest Designs.

One sees little but summer goods nowadays at large shops. One of the daintiest designs of the sheer fabrics is the pin point dot of black or color on white ground. Ordinary Swiss muslin seems to be next in favor, and makes charming gowns, but all light and summery goods are in demand.

while white is popular for "dressy" gowns, the average woman of good sense and taste prefers colors for har ordinary wearing apparel, not wishing to be dressed at all times as if for a garden party. China or navy blue, lettuce green or wood brown grounds, with delicate mofits of white, may be as bewitchingly pretty as one pleases, and infinitely more serviceable than white. The quantity of lace that is now used for trimming makes it possible to impart every airy charm to any color if the fabric is filmy and fine.

The so-called "wash suits" frequently are far removed from the possibility of easy laundering, so elaborately are they made, but the "shirt waist suit" of dark pique or linen is a useful addition to any woman's wardrobe. Neither material is thin enough for extremely hot days, it is true, but either is perfect for the cool days that are frequent in the summer months, on which organdles and muslins are imprudent.

Gowns of gulpure or Cluny lace are highly favored this season, being less perishable than other laces. A lovely costume for a garden fete was made of a flounce of Cluny on a white tafteta drop skirt, with a tunic of allover Cluny. The flounce and the tunic's hem were edged with a scroll design of narrow gold braid, and the former was headed with a band of broader width. design of the former was headed with broader width.

Some of the new guipures have a touch of delicate color in portions of the design, and the effect is charming. Some ingenious women have been known to introduce a thread of color into white laces by outlining the most required flavore or figure is the post. prominent flower or figure in the pat-tern. The coarser laces may be made immensely chic in this way.

One can hardly go astray in the choice of thin fabrics, as mousselines, chiffons and all other diaphanous materials, plain or embrodered, are equally liked. Linen and silk gauze, organdles, Lyons grenadines and Calais laces may be selected as one chooses with no fear of mistake.

'Apropos of the rage for white, it may be remarked that white hosiery, so long threatening a return, has actually arrived and is begging for admission to modish wardrobes with such success that one may expect to see stockings of finest white silk and lisle worm by fashionable women whose gowns are white. They will be invariably in the most delicate lace openwork effects.

Voile is of all woolen fabrics the best adapted to summer wear. A fetching tailor made costume of pearl gray voile, lately shown, had a walstoard of palest blue taffeta fastened with tiny silver buttons. The collarless Eton was trimmed with a stitched band of the taffeta, edged with silver braid a quarter of an incli wide, and the narrow circular flounce on the skirt was headed by a similar band applied in an almost battlemented design, edged above and below with silver braid. White voile and tan are popular, also, for summer tailored gowns.—New York Tribune.

Rest Rooms For Business Women

There are in the down-town Chicago business district more than a dozen rest rooms, where the self-supporting woman may enjoy an hour's comfort when she goes to lunch. Of these the one called the "Noonday Rest" may

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Established several years ago by a few earnest and enthusiastic women, within a month the "Rest" had 600 members, with many more on the waiting list. To-day the membership roster shows 1400 names, and the "Rest" is "in every sense of the word a club home. A fee of twenty-five cents a month entitles a self-supporting woman to join. This procures for her the freedom of a suite of well furnished rooms, including reception hall, office, library, music room, parlor, bedroom, sewing room, lunch and lecture room. No article on the menu costs more than five cents, and as many of them cost less than that sum a good hot luncheon may be obtained for ten cents.

Patterson the hours of 12 and 2 c'clock

Between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock daily 1200 young womer may be seen in the lunchroom, which is airy and light and tastefully decorated. The members enjoy the privilege of a cir-culating library of 600 volumes. Current literature magazines and the daily rent iterature magazines and the daily newspapers are on the library table, and the members read these in rooms adorned with painting and statuary that have been bought at the annual exhibitions of Chicago artists. The rest rooms are provided with lounges and recking chairs, and a matron is always in attendance, while a woman physician gives her services free of physician gives her services fre charge.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Concerning Sleeves.

Under-sleeves are still in favor, made of lace, chiffon, batiste, liberty silk—of any material different from the rest of the gown. They fit close to the arm or are in puffs, and some even are shirred; but none of them are ugly or exaggerated. The sleeve that stops just at the elbow, or a little below it, finished there with a turned-back cuff, is not nearly so popular as it has been, probably because it is usually unbecoming. It is much less graceful than the sleeve that finishes below the elbow in a ruffle or flares in an exeggerated copy of the coat sleeve. Thin gowns look well with elbow sleeves, but one style that is fashionable is most unbecoming; this is the sleeve finished below the elbow with folds of muslin or silk and without ruffle or flare. It is one of the most trying styles ever designed, and yet seems to have a firm hold on the affections of many women. An attractive sleeve which looks equally well made of slik muslin, or cloth, is just a little larger than the arm, and reaches not quite to the wrist, where it is finished in squares, and shows underneath a full puff of the same material, gathered into a band. The reason this is so becoming is that is has lines long enough to make the arm appear graceful.—Harper's Bazar.

A Woman Farmer.

Mrs. Minnie Eshleman Sherman, of
California, a former society girl of
Philadelphia, owns and manages a farm of twenty-eight hundred acres with its varied interest of dairying, stock farming and fruit growing. In her palm bordered orchards and vine-yards are grown raisin grapes, pears, yards are grown raisin grapes, pears, pears, peaches, apricots, nectarines, prunes, oranges, almonds and olives. For her immense herds, Mrs. Sherman grows all of her own feed, the cows in summer being pastured on alfalfa, and, as the season advances, on ensilage made from the first crop of alfalfa; then on corn from the silo, and later on green rye.

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In addition to the dairy which supplies its immense creamery, Mrs. Sherman has a large number of thoroughbred horses and a big herd of fine Berkshire swine. Among the lessons which Mrs. Sherman learned by a sad experience was the fact that the beautiful Jersey cows which have found nourishment on sweet hill pastures in a cool, moist sea air will not thrive on fields of alfalfa in a warm, dry valley, These have been replaced by the sturder Holstein-Frieslan stock, of which she is said to have now one of the finest herds in the country. Her large barns contain all the latest devices for the comfort of the cows and for keeping down all bacterial growth detrimental to the butter.—New York Tribune.

A New Field For Women.

Women have invaded another field of industry in New York City, and it behooves the "sandwich man" to look out for his job. She enters upon her new vocation timidly and travels in out for his job. She enters upon her new vocation timidly and travels in groups for company, perhaps for moral support. Time will probably emboden her to stalk alone for the clusive customer. In the shopping district six young women may be seen any pleasant day, dressed in the quaint stage garb of New England. Of course nobody in New England or anywhere else ever dressed that way in real life. They wear sunbonnets and spotted shawls and mutely invite sufferers from headache to use somebody's one-minute cure. It is a tribute to the cosmopolitan character of New York City to say, and say truthfully, that since the first vay or two of their appearance they have attracted no more attention than does the man who carries a straw hat on a pole and calls it a Panama on his portable sign.—New York Times.



Chiffon veiling in white, black and vivid tints is extensively used for hat

Pearl gray and fawn colors are ex-

millinery.

A boa of Parisian design is made of white chiffon roses, with green centres, heavily spangled with strass.

For early fall wear it is predicted that plumes will be extensively worn—colors, black, white, beige, castor,coral, pearl gray, ciel and maize.

they are put on the hat to droop not a fittle at one side, touching the shoulder in some instances.

Rosettes of baby ribbon matching the color of the gown and combined with innumerable loops of black velvet ribbon of the same width represent z new idea in garntture for thin muslin gowns.

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The collarless gown brings the pearl in rooms statuary mecklace into vogue to such an extent that the supply of real pearls cannot meet the demand. But it is the price had a woman and not the small supply which is the usual obstacle to obtaining such a necklace. So the imitation pearls have come into the breach in greater perfection and beauty than ever before, PASSING CRANKS ALONG.

Washington Method of Dealing With Harmless Ones.

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The Government departments in Washington are naturally very attractive to roving cranks of the harmless variety. More such persons can be seen here in a month than in any other city in a year. Perhaps they find it easier to induce somebody to listen to them or to get some attention paid to their schemes. At all events, the practice has grown up of "passing them along," unless they seem dangerous enough to warrant calling a policeman. The other day a man approached the private secretary to the Attorney-General for his legal opinion. The secretary, in a great hurry, referred him to Colonel Clay, the chief clerk of the department, under whose authority all such weighty matters, he said, came.

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Twent over to the state Department one morning." began the stranger, addressing Colonel Clay, "and after showing my system, they sent me to the Bureau of American Republics. I suppose they thought my system might be tried in the South American countries first. But when I outlined my plan at the bureau they told me my plan at the bureau they rota me to write to my Congressman and get him to take the matter up. I did so, but he has never answered by letter, and so I have come back to Washington to lay it before the Attorney-General I must have his pointon."

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Colonel Clay told his visitor that the practice of the department was against giving opinions to outside parties; that it was really a law office for the President of the United States and the heads of departments. He accordingly advised the promoter to get his system printed so that the world might have the benefit of it. At first he visitor would not hear a word of that, saying if it were printed a lot of critcism would be provoked, while if it could go out with the endorsement of the Attorney-General such opposition would be headed off. But the further arguments of Colonel Clay prevailed, and the manufacturer of governments departed in great glee, looking for a printer. Colonel Clay says that that is always the safest and the surest way of disposing of such guests. Often the bare cost of printing exercises a wholesome prohibitive restraint. If it does not, and the eccentric ideas see the light of printer's ink, they can always be "left for perusal." This saves the author from personally explaining thethe details of his mission.—New York Post. York Post.

A weritable Nemesis.

A melodramatic story of Nemesis quite Oriental in color, comes from Knin, in Dalmatia. A substantial cattle dealer, having sold a couple of beasts for 500 crowns, stealthily gave the money into his daughter's keeping for safety. On the way home two men who knew of the transaction way-laid the pair and murdered the father, letting the girl escape. Fleeling in terror she at last took refuge in a solitary cottage, where she told her story to the women, letting out also the secret of the money. The hut turned out to be that of the murderers, who on returning chagrined at the turned out to be that of the murderers, who on returning chagrined at the barren result of their crime, were surprised to learn that the prize still lay unsuspiciously within their grasp. The girl was invited to rest for the night, sleeping with another girl of about her own age, the murderers intending to strangle her as she slept. As it happened, the two girls changed places during the night, and the men, going in complete darkness for their going in complete darkness for their places during the night, and the men, going in complete darkness for their fell work, strangled their own relative, while the intended victim, paralyzed into silence, lay still until all waz quiet again, and then managed to make her escape through the Icle in the wall doing duty as a window. The murderers have been arrested.—London Pall Mall Gazette.

The Cat Goddess,
In old Egypt there was a burial
place for sacred cats as well az for
sacred bulls. A cemetery of cats existed near Bubastis. A few years ago
Monsieur Naville found buried in the
mound the ruined temple of Bast or
Pasht, the cat goddess, who gave her

name to the city.

The foundation of Bubastis carries The foundation of Bubastis carries us back to the period of the building of the great Egyptian pyramids. The Bubastis of the Egyptians is the same as the Artenis of the Greeks, who is generally said to be the same as the Diann of the Romans, a goddess of light, representing the moon. So Bast, or Pasht was connected with the cat on the one hand and the moon on the other. Accordingly it is quite possible that puss, when she figures as a symitation. other. Accordingly it is quite possible that puss, when she figures as a sym-bol in the Egyptian worship, repre-sents something in astronomy and in the calendar. Ovid calls the cat the sister of the

moon, and says that Pasht took the form of a cat to avoid Typhon. Ac-cording to Plutarch, a cat placed in a cording to Flutaren, a cat placed in a lustrum denoted the moon. It is stated by some writers that the "cat" was an interclary month, added in the one hundred and twentieth year to rectify the calendar.

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Queer Case of a Horse's Death.

Farmers who are frequently at a loss to know what strange diseases are destroying their stock will be interested in the experience of William Bickford, who lives in the town of Martinsburgh, Mo., whose valuable horse, which had been running down for the past year, died, and Bickford's curlosity led him to investigate the cause. Upon opening the animal, he cause. Upon opening the animal, he found the liver enlarged to three times its normal size. In the stomach, which he then proceeded to dissect, he found a live snake fully three feet in length and three inches in circumference. As soon as the reptile was liberated it made a lively escape by running under the barn floor.—New York Weekly Witness.

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