

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

FASHIONS AFIELD.

Cloth and Colors for Women's Wear. NEW YORK, June 2.—This has been so far a season most cruelly unpropitious for outdoor sports...

broken by touching a rivet head, removed and sent to the jeweler in order to have engraved on the links the date of the completion of every century run made by the owner...

white, which gives the goods a glimmering electric quality that has never been seen before. Through rough and soft, this goods is not hot or heavy, and some women there are who wear a nice new cotton thing called cotton corduroy...

bons, being under the chin. Milliners who profess to have authority say that by next autumn all our headgear will be comfortably fast on. The little bonnets are all ready, and the next branch of millinery to be attacked by the approaching epidemic is the wide hat. So far it has accepted the contagion rather mildly...

The leghorn flats boast strings usually of flowered liberty silk. These are genuine straws, very wide and long, with deeply turned hemstitched ends. In the shops they show a ribbon especially manufactured for the strings of little bonnets. It is velvet, gold studs in the rear of these shirts and wear them with Roman collars, about which white ribbons are wound and tied in full bows behind.



A SWORD HANDLE SUNSHADE.

ideal woman to rank at the head of the war's angels of mercy. She is young and charming, possessing unusual magnetism, vivacity and gift of language. Moreover she has the blood of patriots coursing in her veins, being able to boast of three revolutionary ancestors, the best known of whom, perhaps, was General John Bull, who defended Philadelphia during our struggle for liberty...

Returning to this country she equipped herself for the sciences and studied medicine at Columbia and Johns Hopkins. She is the daughter of Prof. Simon Newcomb, the great astronomer, who has been more honored abroad than any other of our American scientists, and is the wife of Prof. W. J. McGee, the well known ethnologist and geologist. She is one of the vice-presidents general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having been previously elected the president general and librarian general of that society.

As soon as the present war was anticipated she conceived the idea of the society co-operating with the War and Navy departments, and both Surgeon General Van Reypen of the navy and Surgeon General Sternberg of the army indicated the project to her. She immediately received the appointment which she now holds, being at the head of the board of "daughters" having the selection of the war nurses in charge. The other women of the board are Miss Mary Decha, Mrs. Frances S. Nash and Mrs. Amos G. Draper. Dr. McGee is the director of the hospital and the only member possessed of medical training, performs the responsible duty of selecting eligible nurses from the hundreds of applicants.

Already 1,500 women have volunteered their services as war nurses, their letters being addressed to the president, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy and to various other high officials. All of these applications, which are now pouring in at the rate of about 300 a day, are turned over by the departments to Dr. McGee, who replies by mailing blanks to be filled out and returned to her.

Before they may be placed upon the list of eligibles, the applicants must prove that they have been graduated at reputable training schools for nurses. They must be between the ages of 30 and 50, and it is preferred that they had had practical experience and that they be without family ties. They must be strong and healthy in order to cope with the unusual hardships of a military hospital.

Only surgical nurses are being called for, since women trained in the case of general diseases would have practically nothing to do in wards filled with men mangled by shot and shell. Although during the last war Miss Dix, who performed the duties now conferred upon Dr. McGee, refused to appoint women who were prepossessing in appearance, no such regulation has been made for this war, and our brave boys may hope to be inspired to strength by woman's comeliness as well as healed by her tender skill.

Great care is being taken, however, to select only women of the very highest moral character, and to insure this individual members of the Daughters of the American Revolution are co-operating in all of the states. No one will be appointed an "angel of mercy" without the written indorsement of some "daughter." Thus it will be seen that women are managing the affair entirely, and perhaps no other association of women could undertake such responsibilities as the Daughters of the American Revolution, numbering 25,000 members, scattered in all of the states.

There is a great demand for women nurses who have had yellow fever and who are immune from the disease, but so far not a single one has been found. Women of various nationalities are making applications, but only citizens of the United States are accepted. Trained colored nurses have been placed on the eligible list to be called upon when needed.

These war nurses will be uniformed in white dresses, caps and aprons. Each will wear a badge in the form of a red cross of enamel, surrounded by a circle of blue enamel. Upon the cross will be inscribed "Hospital Corps," and along the blue circle, "Daughters of the American Revolution." Upon each apron will be neatly stenciled the words "Hospital Corps, U. S. Army." No women nurses will be sent to Cuba. If any are delegated to field hospitals they will



LIBERTY SILK STRINGS

do service only in this country. Of course, none will be permitted aboard any of the naval vessels, since the gender sex are forbidden quarters on all ships in action. Speaking of naval nurses, it may be of interest to add that congress must make some appropriation before any nurses, male or female, may be appointed as such. Some male nurses have been enlisted in the navy as ship's cooks, that they might draw the war's salary while performing his duties. No woman will be taken aboard the naval hospital ship Sigsbee.

Dr. McGee will take pains that her corps may be the best equipped woman war nurses ever employed. When the civil war broke out there wasn't a trained nurse in the country to answer the call of the sanitary commission, whose nurses were mostly women who had simple practical experience in hospitals or at home. Almost every large city, especially of the north, now boasts of several training schools for nurses. To study five nurses will be attached to each regiment in the field and if all of these nurses are to be graduates of training



OR LINK AND DECK AND WHEEL.

ern dress seems to be toward almost tropical intensity of tints and daring combinations that would flatter a macaw. The golfers take the lead as usual and are in the main responsible for this movement. Their choice for this summer is hunter's pink with meadow green. A few clinging tentatively to plaids though the Scotch crosses are fading out of favor. Inverness cloth, Aberdeen twill, Harris tweed and washwoman's serges are the fabrics they put most confidence in. The twill is a heavy cotton goods best suited for skirts and of the Inverness cloth short red coats are made. Harris tweed is a rough brown mixture that literally has no wearout to it and thus attracts the thrifty. Washwoman's serge is the light, wily waterproof serge that serves as a ground plan for such plaid stripes as are any longer used and it is the mode of the moment to have your cap and golf bag made of the same goods as your skirt. The bag is of course heavily reinforced with leather.

Lock in Colors. At least the sporting women say there are some propitious colors and some decidedly preventive of good fortune. Red is worn by the golfers simply because Mr. Arthur Balfour made his longest drives and most effective lofting strokes when he happened to be wearing his pink hunting coat. A superstitious countrywoman of this famous golfer, with all a woman's eye for trifles, observed this, took thought, hid herself off to town and secured a red coat. She at once spread the report that in red clothing her muscles were braced to marvelous effort and promptly the pink coat swept the country. Now there are troops of women who honestly believe that if you are equipped for comfort's sake to peel off your red coat you must still wear some bit of this warm color about you to keep the elements of good luck still on your side. In consequence the scarlet gold stock is all supreme, whether it is made of pique, chambray or corded silk. The bicycling women have no common color as the golfers, but every woman wears a tie or a shirt waist, a husband or a belt showing her individual lucky shade. It may be blue, red, green or yellow, but she never goes wheeling without it, though it may only appear in the border of her handkerchief or as the stone that sparkles in her scarf pin. The yachtswomen very wisely cling to blue and for this reason they have a new blue that is not navy or pale—mid-ocean blue it is called and at first glance it is rather more of a purple. As a matter of fact it is exactly the tone of the sea and the West Indian islands and possesses a rich metallic lustre that is distinctly novel.

Whims of the Wheelwomen. Wheeling whets the wit; nobody denies that, and now that a good many women have taken the chains of their trusty wheels they have found a new use for the discarded bit of mechanism. At the jeweler's they have made of gold, silver or gun metal flexible bracelets, the links copied after those of a bicycle chain. The last link of the chain is, by skillful goldsmithy, so forged that the chain, when adjusted on the wrist, shows no catch or hinge anywhere. However, it can be easily

bulky they possess one happy faculty, of so emphasizing the roundness of the leg that the clumsiest ankle and foot seem small by comparison.

This masterly subterfuge is never resorted to, of course, by the possessor of a tight, round ankle and a neat, straight foot. Instead she wears, on her bicycle, a brightly striped stocking and a pretty thing in four-garter known as a Scotch brogue. A brogue is nothing more than the low buckled shoe a Highlander wears when in full dress. It is a black leather slipper, with a square heel, cut down rather far over the toes and showing a bright silver buckle on the strap that crosses the instep. A brogue is not exactly a shoe designed for touring, but it is admirable for short afternoon rides and calls made awhirl.

On the High Seas. Just at present, when Columbia seems in a fair way to share with Britannia the rule of the waves, there is considerable activity in yachting fashions. All the big pleasure boats are out of commission or have been turned over to the government, but in well protected waters the little sail

With the advent of so much military and naval activity a prompt response has been made by the tailors and dressmakers and braid has come to the front again. This is especially true of the sporting clothes. Nearly all the braid is gathered on and, to show their fidelity to the question of paramount interest, the women have the placket holes of their yachting suits laced up, as a sailor laces his breeches. These laced skirts fit snugly about the hip and flare broadly at the knee. A good many bicycle women follow this rule, too, not so much because it is a sailor fashion, but because it is a nice way of making a skirt fit closely and safely at the waist. White dog skin gloves, their gilded buttons bearing eagles as a decorative design, are also numbered among the novelties, and because the sailing done by women this season will be chiefly in land-locked waters elaborate headgear is the rule for yacht decks. Tulle and flowers and fluttering streamers burgeon aboard the little boats, while the only thing classifiable as a distinctly yachting hat is sure to bear about its crown a group of Valkyrie wings. These are the remnant left from that long

velvet will discolor the skin when the bonnet's wearer grows warm, but a dark velvet, faced with white or pale rose or pearl gray satin, is a pretty and safe string to wear on the hottest day.

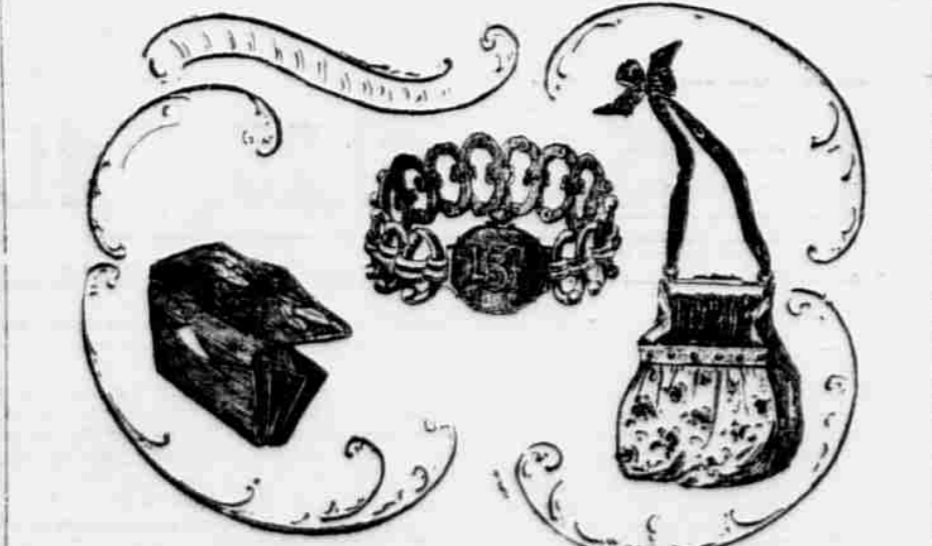
Illustrations of Fashions. Suits for three dominant sports for the season are excellently represented in the sketches. The sailor wears a smart, plain skirt of washwoman's serge made on such severe and exact lines as a golfer skirt should always follow. All the seams are reinforced by straps on the inside and the hem is in reality a facing of brown suede. The skirt with this is a cheerful meadow green pique, of that quality that is woven in fine ribs. Across the bust it is laid in the close set groups of cords, and the cuffs and collar are a part of the skirt, finely corded for a finish. A tie of red silk further brightens this suit, and the hat is a dark green sailor, banded with ribbon, striped in green and red and bearing green and red

The cycling outfit consists of a Harris tweed skirt in solid brown tone laid in wedge shaped plaits on either hip and set off with heavy brown bullet pearl buttons. With it a dark blue linen shirt waist, braided in white and buttoning up behind. It is worn, and upon this in turn is slipped a little jacket of tweed. The jacket's sleeves are slashed at the cap to show the fulness of the shirt waist sleeve, and its long front points are significant of what we are coming to very soon in coats.

White camel's hair is the fabric of the yachting gown, that is trimmed with mid-ocean blue braid set on very full. A hat with rosettes of blue silk shot with white and blue tipped white wings, complete the smart costume.

Just as much attention is now lavished on the inside as the outside of parasols this summer, and the parasol in this is a little case big change for busy, ferry, or horse car. The Hamburg is the name of the new blue glaze kid card case, bearing a jeweled dragon fly on its flap, and not less attractive are the new sample bags of suede and satin, made for the morning shopper.

Selection of War Nurses. Important Duties Assigned to a Female Washington Woman. For the first time in the history of the United States women are being enlisted in the military service. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, a patriotic Washington woman, has just been charged with the selection of all the war nurses for the government during its present conflict. She is the Dorothy Dix of the Spanish-American war. The surgeons



PRETTY PORTMANTEAUS.

boats will be busy enough. More than all the spirit of the hour is making itself felt in fashions, and the sea-side dresses have a distinctly naval air. The leading suits are fairly loaded down with gilt braids, the smart reefers jacket has a row of little admiral's stars on the high collar and a free translation of the gold lace spaullette is introduced on the shoulders. The most captivating water gowns are those of white cloth, touched up with gold and blue braid, and in place of a belt an officer's sash is wound about the waist and knotted to one side. The white basting suits are made chiefly of seaman's twill, a new thing under the sun and a relief from the Coves serges, so long and faithfully worn. Another admirable seaside goods is white summer canvas hair. Needless to say this is an expensive thing, and the long hairs in it are silvery

slaugher to which the birds submitted and they are quite the prettiest feathers ever worn. Oddly enough, there is a tacit agreement among the women this season about the red chiffon, or grenadine veil. They say that a red veil is a wonderful protection to the eyes. So it is on snow fields, but there are doubts as to its usefulness in other emergencies. However, the red veil flames abundantly already on every land and sea scape, and it certainly sheds a most becoming glow on the cheeks of its wearer, whom it does really protect in a great measure from sunburn.

Signs and Omens. The straws that show which way the wind of fashion will blow are those that are already fitted with wide or narrow rib-

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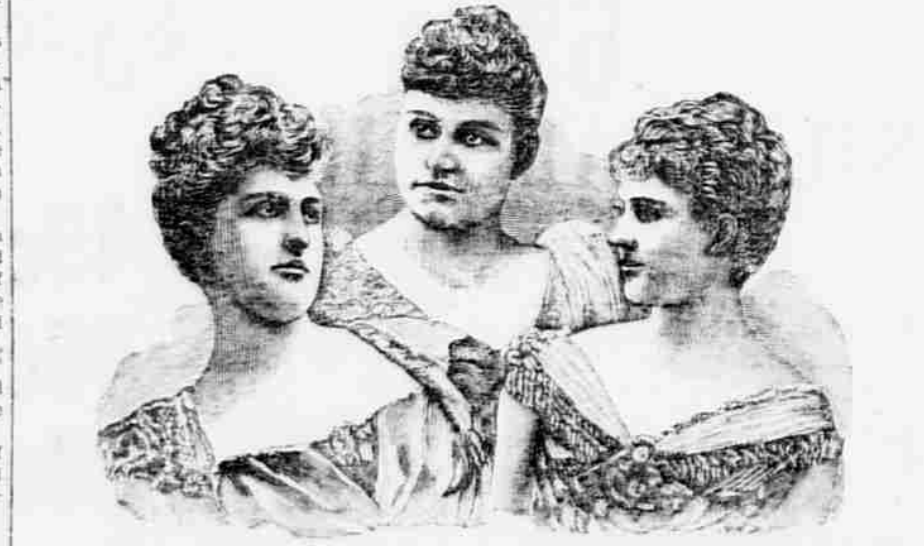
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schools a great many of them must be women. Many of the women who have already volunteered are doctors of medicine willing to perform any duties, and some are sisters of charity. SPINSTERS BECAUSE HEROINES. Many Women Darken Their Own Lives to Brighten Lives of Others. "The consciousness of seeing her own character reflected in a man's eyes is something which appeals to every woman," writes Edward W. Bok in the June Ladies Home Journal. "Nothing else ever makes her so proud and so happy as exactly the same way. But that consciousness is not always felt, sometimes it is a thing for one's inner self, to be enjoyed at the time and to be lived over in the years to come. No woman does not wildly turn away from their own happiness. But they do sometimes darken their own lives to make brighter the lives of others who may be close or dependent upon them. Some higher and fundamental duty sometimes calls, loftier motives sometimes quiet the deepest heart-longings. A God-given task sometimes points a woman in the opposite direction to her own interests. There is such a thing—not known to the young, albeit years bring the knowledge—as a woman turning away from great happiness to insure the great comfort and happiness of others, choosing their way. But that consciousness is not always felt, sometimes it is a thing for one's inner self, to be enjoyed at the time