

Next week commencing Monday, February 1, the Edison Vitascope will be seen again at the Funke. This is the original machine, and not the magniscope or vitascope, and as the most of our readers have seen it, will not need much advertising. There will be new pictures every night and the house will be packed to the doors as usual. The Holdens, who accompany the vitascope, are well known as they have always been the standard repertoire company of this city. You all know Kittie De Lorme and all like her, and "Kitie" will be seen at every performance. You have all seen the vitascope and you will all see it again by paying 10, 20 or 30c. Don't miss the new pictures. Remember all next week at 10, 20 and 30c. Matinee Saturday, 10 and 25c.

FASHIONS OF THE DAY.

Gowns, Jackets and Slippers.

A keen, unerring sense of time and place, in other words, of appropriateness in matters of costume, is more than half the battle which a fashionable woman is called upon to wage in her own behalf against the forces of dowdiness and bad taste.

It is claimed, as a matter beyond dispute, that circumstances, rather than individuals, create the fashions which the big round world accepts with hardly a comment. The quick-witted French woman is never at a loss as to what the circumstances require, and that matter once settled, her keen eye for color and her deft fingers do the rest. Hence, the Parisian creations are the daintiest and most tasteful in the world, while among Parisians Doucet easily leads all the rest in originality and cleverness at the present time.

A woman's wardrobe is not fully complete without a street morning costume. Owing to the increasing athletic tendencies of our sex in these days, fashions for outdoor wear are greatly influenced thereby, and even the dainty French, with all their love of frills and furbelows, lace and gewgaws, have conceded the point that for the morning and le sport the tailor gown is the correct caper.

Golf and the bicycle have definitely established the supremacy of these plain tailor suits, and they have become an essential part of the wardrobe of every woman who aspires to be considered well dressed upon air occasions. True, some of the tailor gowns made this winter are more elaborated than those of which I have spoken, being trimmed with velvet, gimps, braids, fur and passementerie, and such gowns would be permissible for afternoon wear—for visiting, church, or even receptions. Fashion, however, now decrees that the reception gowns, as such, shall be very elaborate, and I had the good fortune to be shown one of these recently imported for the use of an acknowledged leader in society. Skirt of black velvet, the bottom trimmed with a piping of black satin, and this piping faced with orange velvet; the waist of bright orange velvet with stripes—not, indeed, unlike suspender—of black velvet on either side, frilled with narrow white lace. The sleeves were long and covered the hand well, with frills of white lace peeping from beneath the cuff. The bodice was a Gainsborough in black velvet, with orange plumes galore. The wearer of this singularly striking costume was the observed of all observers, and I may add that orange bids fair to be one of the reigning favorites in color combinations.

Another reception gown was of drab cloth, the skirt rounded at the bottom and made like a fourreau, very tight in front and at the sides, fitting well over the hips; the godets, starting behind the hips, are thrown very far to the back. There are three hoops of sable fur, two and a half inches apart, one above the other, commencing at the knees. The cloth bolero is plain on the right side and embroidered in black silk dots on the left side. The back is tight and seamless, the sleeves moderately small and plain. The drab felt hat which came with this costume was elaborately trimmed with hoops of black velvet and black plumes.

Uncle Tom—Why do you put the twins to bed that way—feet to feet?

Nurse—Lor, sir! they makes trouble enough as it is, without lettin' em git their heads together.

The Model Restaurant is an excellent place for family board. It is also excellently situated for persons spending a day in the city. Ladies while shopping can find no better place for luncheon. Meals 15 cents, Sunday dinner 25 cents. Tickets \$3. 316 South Twelfth. Soup served from 8 to 10 p. m.

The second floor of the Harris block, 1134 N street, has been fitted up for a dancing hall. The floor has received the attention of experts. It is of hard wood, and the boards are laid parallel with the length of the hall. Parties desiring to rent it can do so at the Courier office, in the same block.

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"Rockabil gave a very select dinner the other night, I understand."

"Yes; very recherche."

"Ah? I thought it might have been re-Sherry-che, don't you know?"

—The Idiot.

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CALIFORNIA
and return.

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She—You remember when you proposed to me?

He—Yes. I had been drinking.

—The Brute.

New Penn. hard coal, \$7.00 at yard yard and \$8.00 delivered. Whitebreast Co.

Mrs. Benham—What did you pay the minister when we were married?

Benham—I don't remember the amount, but I know I overpaid him.

—The kicker.

This year's Lehigh Valley and Scranton hard coal \$9.40 per ton at Charles Gregory's, 11th and O.



1. Huctioneer—What is bid for this piano? Going! going! going! (you can't open it; the key's lost) going! going! Sold for two-fifty. NEXT!!!



2. Mr. Short—Well, Mary, as long as the key's lost, I'll open it with this crowbar.



3. Funny it doesn't open!



4. BANG!

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