

that is not spangled. "Miss Lochinvar" promptly bought it, of course. It is the simplest, plainest thing—just a web of small, fine jet beads—made straight and long and trailing, with a suspicion of a black frou-frou of net showing about the feet, and the sleeves and neck transparent.

It is one of the best black gowns I have ever seen, and with the dainty, suggestive shimmer makes the spangled atrocities look what they are—the quintessence of vulgarity. How they ever escaped from the chorus of comic opera to the backs of women of fashion is a mystery never solved. There is one fashion that has been in vogue all winter that has got terribly on my nerves, and that is the wearing of white gloves with black gowns.

If a woman could realize how pink and washerwoman her arm looks between a black gown and a white glove, she would never let it happen again. How many women have watched other women's arms coarsened by this stupid fad and have not seen themselves as they have seen others is beyond me! All they have to do is to go to the opera and look around, and it would seem to be a difficult thing to avoid the realization of the ugliness of the fashion, but there are other things besides love that are blind in life, for up to last night the white gloves, black gowns, and, in consequence, red arms were as much in evidence as ever. I have so impressed "Miss Lochinvar" with the awful results of such a combination that she has laid in a liberal supply of long black gloves and has solemnly sworn that she will wear nothing else.

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