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NEW YORK, June 7.—At the initial presentation of the new society play, "Hearts Aflame," at the Garrick theater, on Monday night, there was a rich, if not entirely novel, display of gowns both on and off the stage. In spite of fulsome advance notices of the frocks to be worn in the play, those seen in the boxes and orchestra stalls rather out-shone those behind the footlights.

Miss Dorothy Dorr made her first entrance in a black gown that was practically a glittering coat of mail. The tight spangled Princesse sheath reached to the floor. To this four or five full flounces of net or chiffon were added. These spread over the floor and made walking a matter of no little difficulty.

A simple white house gown which adorned the generously proportioned Miss Dorr in the third act was quite effective, though scarcely new in design. It was made of wavy alternate horizontal strips of silk and net, and had fifteen or more tiny ruffles about the bottom of the skirt. The bodice was full, with a white ribbon belt and short sash, and the sleeves were elbow length, finishing in white ribbon bows. A gray gown, made up with heavy crochet lace of the same color, in which

this actress appeared in the last act, was the most artistic of her wardrobe. The bodice was of the heavy lace with a tiny postilion back, ornamented by two jeweled buttons. Four of these also fastened the front. The sleeves were tucked and long, but slashed just below the elbow to let out a lace puff. The skirt was tight and of the overskirt order, with lace insertions. A black veiling gown with satin trimmings in the form of squares and lengthwise strips was rather good. It had elbow sleeves with chenille and jet ornaments dangling from them. The hat worn with this was an odd and rather ridiculous conceit in Patrick green and white lace and cowslips. Its brim was turned up all around, and from the back, where bunches of the tiny flowers formed the visible crown, fell long streamers of knotted white tulle and accordion-plaited green chiffon quite to the bottom of the gown. It was certainly striking, but it seemed to cause the lady who wore it no end of concern at times as to how to dispose of it.

A woman in one of the boxes displayed a distinctly smart and novel toilette. The sweeping skirt was of heavy deep cream-colored lace, over which fell a very long-skirted crash coat, with lace belt, insertions and trimmings.

A fine broadcloth of pale blue was also charming. It had a double Gibson waist (two folds over the shoulder instead of one) of lace, across which were tiny stitched straps of the cloth, fastened at either end with brilliant sapphire buttons of small size. The skirt, which showed the stitched straps about its flounce, fitted the figure extremely closely.

There were many white cloth coats in evidence. These show no color whatever in the trimming scheme. They are generally lined with heavy white satin, and made up elaborately with coarse lace. In one instance all of the sleeves and a wide-spreading collar were of lace.

Another three-quarter coat showed a wide Irish crochet, with points upward around the bottom and running up both loose fronts. Wide lace tabs fell from the throat to below the waist.

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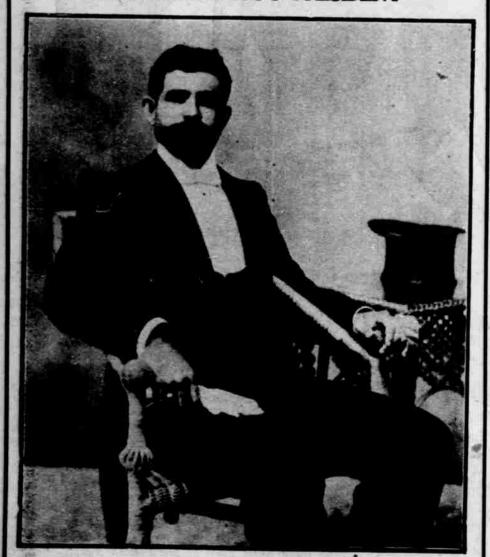
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Photographs of General Horacio Vasquez, the new president of Santo Domingo, are exceedingly difficult to obtain. This halftone was made from a photograph loaned by the consul general of Santo Domingo, at New York. General Vasquez was born in 1861. He was vice president under the last government, which he overthrew. His career has been very eventful. He was placed in jail by General Heureaux, then president of the republic, and exiled for five years.

Exquisite fine straw hats, in black and tan and in black or white alone, very large and turned up at the left side, with only one handsome plume for trimming, are much in vogue. A dark tan with a green plume of excellent quality was particularly effective.

White is growing more and more popular for gowns. In the Waldorf palm-room the other evening nearly all the women were in white, and most of them wore large black hats. The effect of these hats, with the close-fitting skirts and the odd sleeves, with their big puffs and garnishings, is most picturesque. A party of girls at the Holland House at luncheon the other day were conspicuous by reason of their fine Panama, masculine-looking hats, adorned with black or greenblack Italian plumes, similar to those worn on the hats of Italian army officers.-Lady Modish in Town Topics. * * *

An Irish soldier asked his colonel for a furlough. "I had a letter yesterday from my wife, your honor," said Patrick, "and she is not very well, and the children are not very well, and I feel I ought to go home and see after them."

"Why. Pat," answered the colonel, "I got a letter from your wife only this morning. She says that she and the children are well, and she wishes I would not give you any more furloughs, because you do not make a good use of your time when you are at home idle."

Patrick departed, with a blank face. Soon after, the colonel saw him standing outside the door, seemingly buried in deep meditation.

"What are you in such a brown study about, Pat?" he asked.

"I could tell you, your honor," answered Pat, "but it would maybe give you offense." "Oh. not a bit," said the colone, "speak out; what were you thinking about?"

"Well, your honor, I was just thinking what a pair of iligant liars there is here. I have no wife!"

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Coronation celebrations in the provinces. Squire—Seems to me that, for the riverside, it would be capital to get a good supply of flambeaux.

Farmer Nobbs.—As a loyal subject, squire, I object. I don't see the necessity o' havin' foreign birds. If we want 'em at all, let 'em be British, says I!—Punch.

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