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NEW YORK, July 19.—Bathing suits are much the same, summer after summer, but it is a very chilly season indeed when Dame Fashion does not manage to introduce some novelty even in the garb for the sea.

Among the new features this year is a bath cloak of unique design. The familiar long cape-like affair is to be succeeded by a semi-fitted cloak of Turkish toweling or silk. In the bathing suit itself the changes are less radical. Among the elect black and dark blue will continue in favor, to the exclusion of the brighter colors. At Newport these sombre hues will prevail, relieved only by a little white in the trimming.

Nevertheless at many of the resorts—and fashionable resorts, too—the costume for the beach will show as much variety as any other feature of the feminine wardrobe. Heavy silk—not the flimsy and vulgar Japanese—is the most acceptable material. Suits of this do not cling so closely when wet, and dry more satisfactorily. Flannel suits and suits of bombazine are less expensive, and will be as popular as in the past. A rather bizarre white flannel suit shown in one of the best shops is made along the regulation lines so far as blouse and skirt are concerned, but the application of the trimming is most unique. This consists of triangular pieces of red silk strung about the low neck, each one fastened down with three white buttons. The same idea is carried out in the skirt trimming.

A cloak, which might well go with the suit just described, is of black silk, elaborately stitched with white. A black grosgrain model shows wide lapels falling from the low neck, and laced across the bust—for the lapels reach to the waist—with narrow white silk cord. The bodice blouses a little in front, and has a belt of white. The skirt is laid in box plaits, and is entirely black. This is one of the most effective suits I have seen. The cloak which accompanies it is of heavy dark gray toweling, and has a half-fitting back.

At Newport all the young girls will wear the plainest sort of bathing suits. Miss Cynthia Roche has a decidedly modest one of dark blue, with little or no trimming save a wide sailor collar of white, and the other girls of the younger set are equally sensible. There is nothing new in shoes for the water, and few novelties in caps and kerchiefs.

Some of the latter are made already tied, with the cute little tabs wired to stand up at all times. Red is still the favorite, although white with big polka dots is also seen. A costly fancy suit exhibited in a shop is of white serge, the white bordering on cream color, with elaborate hand-embroidery in white about the bottom of the skirt, around the throat and on the short puffs which answer for sleeves. This has a cap to match. It is of rather a military shape, and is much embroidered. White silk stockings with clocks go with the outfit, and white canvas shoes tied with ribbon.

The shirt-waist bathing suit is the latest thing for the careful girl or the extremely modest one. It consists of a perfectly plain silk or wool shirt-waist, made full, and with a high collar to protect the neck from the rays of the sun. It may have either long or short sleeves.

A silk sunbonnet, rubber lined, is also a pleasing and sensible novelty. This has a peak well over the face to protect it from summer freckles, which it sometimes takes two winters to remove. Pongee is being used this season for bathing suits, but this material clings so closely when wet that no woman with a shred of modesty would think of wearing it.—Lady Modish in Town Topics.

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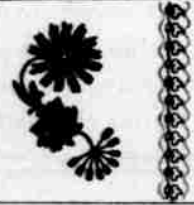
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them out. They crawled in between the siding and there began housekeeping in spite of all protests. Heroic measures were resorted to. Cold water, hot water, insect poison, bedbug poison, rough on rats—all were tried in succession. For twelve hours the battle lasted, the bees even climbing out into the living rooms to fight more effectively. They did, too. But the power of chemistry finally vanquished them and the last one was killed unless he departed to mourn.

Besieged by Flocks of Birds.

Not the least queer of a year of strange events is the rapid multiplication of birds in Nebraska City, according to the editor of the Nebraska City Weekly. He has taken a bird census. While not pretending to have made as accurate count as some might have done he is convinced that the town has had three times as many birds as ever before, with a remarkable diminution of sparrows. New birds, too, have pre-empted the limbs of the numerous trees in town, birds that never before sought the city confines. It would not be so surprising perhaps if they were more thick than usual were it not for the decrease in sparrows. This is what puzzles the editor. For want of a better explanation he connects the situation with the eruption of Pelee and turns the subject over to subtler minds.

 There is an old Shakespearean joke that is worth the retelling at this time. A wag, after having witnessed an unusually villainous performance of "Hamlet," remarked: "Now is the time to settle the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy. Let the graves of both be dug up and see which of the two turned over."

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