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**FASHION**

**The Ping Pong Girl**

(Philadelphia Times.)

The ping pong craze promises to out-rival the golf fad of previous seasons in the multitude of things brought out in the shops which owe their existence to the fashionable game imported from London.

Ping pong shirtwaist-sets in silver consist of a brooch formed of two bats crossed inside of a horseshoe, and three pins for the front of the waist made of two bats crossed.

Ping pong stick-pins have a single bat mounted on the end of the pin. The end of a ping pong hatpin is ornamented with two bats crossed. The devotee of the ultra-fashionable amusement can proclaim her allegiance by draping her chapeau with a veil of white chiffon profusely embroidered in black with small crossed bats surrounded with tiny balls, or the same design comes embroidered in white on black chiffon.

Among the special neckwear designed for the "Ping Pong Girl" is the ping pong cravat. This consists of a stock, shaped to fit the neck, of heavy corded white pique finished with long ends, smartly ornamented on the edge with rows of stitching, which widen gradually and terminate in a fancy pointed effect; the ends are double, the one on top being of pique, beneath which is another—detached—of soft fine mull in contrasting color, this being slightly larger, so that when the ends are crossed and fastened with a scarf pin the effect is of a border of color extending beyond the white pique.

The same idea is carried out in the ping pong cravat, which comes with ends already tied in a double knot in front. This is extremely smart in the now very fashionable black moire or in barathra silk ornamented with rows of stitching, and also in butcher's linen. These cravats are shown in the various summer colors.

Another ping pong cravat is of white cheviot, made with a stock three inches high and tie graduating into very wide ends and embroidered with a design of crossed bats and balls in black-and-white or in color. The cravat is usually worn with ends folded over once and fastened with a pin.

A ping pong stock of fine, striped, imported madras has ping pong emblems embroidered in black, pink, blue and golf green.

A washable ping pong belt with stock to match comes in a peculiar fancy open mesh called Kro-mesh. The edges are bound with narrow lawn. All colors are represented, but particularly pretty are the all-white mesh belts and those in different combinations of blue and white—pale blue with white border, white with pale blue border, a light blue and white plaid mesh with white border. A white mesh delicately barred in green with white binding is smart, as are the black-and-white effects. The gay plaids are quite the thing for golf. The stock to match is of lawn-bound mesh, the ends being brought around from the back and tying in a small bow in front.

Of course there is a ping pong shirtwaist. It is made in various stuffs, but the smartest models seen thus far are of pongee and of butcher's linen. One of pongee is in the popular Gibson style except that it opens down the front and has a cluster of three one-half inch vertical pleats on each side of the centre band. The stock and cravat are of pongee, but what gives the waist its ping pongy touch is the design of crossed bats and balls embroidered in scarlet on the cravat ends and on the deep turned-back cuffs. The symbolical designs embroidered in black and white on a Gibson model of green butcher's linen convert it into a ping pong shirtwaist.

Shops are showing ping pong suits, and if you want to be strictly up-to-date don't say "polka dot," say "ping pong dot."

The ping pong craze has even invad-

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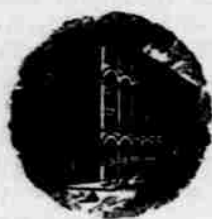
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ed the furniture departments. There are ping pong tables that can be converted into dining or library tables at a moment's notice of weathered, Flemish or polished golden oak in mission style; folding tables are of hardwood for ping pong, the legs and frame of hardwood with painted and scored tops made of board that will not warp from dampness, and there are painted and scored tops to place over any ordinary table made of compo board, and ping pong table covers of green oilcloth, scored.

For ping pong parties and luncheons are special table decorations in the way of souvenirs, favors and other decorations which range from bon bon receptacles of cardboard in the form of the bat with a small rubber ball fastened to the lid to a tiny box for sweets, the cover of which when lifted forms a table covered with green paper to represent the field and ornamented with a net and ball and racquet—the full-fledged table represented in miniature.

Then there is a ping pong thirst which goes with the game, and a new punch called ping pong has sprung into popularity.

"She is one of those foolish women who think they can win their way in society with brains."

"Yes, and if she had any brains she would know that she couldn't."

The mother of the little South American gazed longingly in his infant face. "Who knows," she said musingly. "Some day he may be president, if only—" She started at the sound of distant drums—"for a few days."

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