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FASHION

From green to red Dame Fashion has turned with startling suddenness. The new red is not a geranium red, nor is it a tomato red, nor can it be called cardinal, vermillion, crimson or any of those familiar shades. It is clear fruit red. Fruit red is a shade borrowed from the ripe fruit. It matches the ripe strawberry.

Fruit red is worn in the newest gowns; its color pervades the lawns and challies, the foulards, the batistes and even the durable cheviots. You can trace it through the very thin fabrics which are to be worn over linings; and you can see it in the parasol which miladi flings over her shoulder and which frames her face so becomingly. Its deep, partly subdued red casts a glow over the complexion and gives you the flush which you want to have.

Upon hats you see it, not in the tone alone, but in the actuality. Cherries, strawberries, raspberries on the stem. plums, very small peaches, little apples of the variety known as "love apples." all are grouped and worn, or worn separately, to trim the backs of hats or the sides.

Fruits are also arranged in the middle of bunches of ribbon, ribbon choux as they are called, and put on as bust and belt bows.

At the lawn party-for it is now the season of the lawn party-you notice many of the shades of red mingling and combining most harmoniously; in fact, this is the only color which goes well with itself. Green becomes jealous of its sister shade, and to get two greens that harmonize is very difficult; but with red it is different, and all reds seem able to dwell in one family.

Mrs. Arthur Paget wore at a lawn party-an afternoon affair-a gown of peach red lawn. It had a silk finish, and its lining was peach red silk. The lining, if so handsome a thing can be called by so homely a name, had a band of lace set in across the bust.

The lace was the filet lace which has so captured the feminine fancy, and it was put in insertion fashion, from under-arm seam to under-arm seam, right across the front. The silk lawn was absolutely plain over this handsome lining, and looked more like a veiling.

The semi-skirt was managed in the same harmonious fashion, but in a different way. Here the filet lace began at the belt, and extended downward in panels. There were six panels on the skirt, the longest being in the middle of the front, and the shorter ones at the sides and back; then came one of those great frills around the foot, side-pleated and trained.

And, by the way, no one can notice the summer figure without noticing its height. All women must be tall and those who are absolutely short are indulging in every imaginable device of dress to make themselves taller. But "long" is the better word, for a woman must look sinewy, almost snake-like in her outline.

Her skirt must be very tight around her hips and tighter still around her knees, and, below the knees, it must fall in lines that sweep the feet and sweep the floor and sweep the ground far behind her. That is briefly the idea which the appearance of the woman must give—the long sweeping length.

They are trying to ruffle skirts and women who dress in the extreme mode have a few of these ruffled skirts and wear them now and then, but they do not put them on as a rule, for the impression of shortness is always conveyed by the skirt, which is trimmed round and round, and you cannot get away from it.

The semi-skirt is rather shortening in its effect unless it be worn in the Langtry manner. The Langtry semiskirt is a fad of the London season.

First there is an under skirt which is very long and very much trimmed and very fluffy around the feet; then there comes the semi-skirt or overskirt, which is just as long as the underskirt. After it is put on it is

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looped or draped and the lower half of it is laid in folds around the knees and caught at the back with a handsome pin. This is an absolutely new fashion and one which may "catch on." to use a popular phrase, or not, just as feminine eyes see it.

If you want to make such a semiskirt, put on your best petticoat-one that is beautifully frilled and which looks exactly like a dress skirt. Over this put on your dress. Now loop your skirt by lifting it up and pinning it in the back. Arrange it in such a manner that the front lies in place across the knees and the back hangs in loops. If you experiment with it in front of a cheval glass you will get the idea.

The semi-skirt and, indeed, all summer skirts, call for a sash.

The sweep skirt is so deservedly popular that there is little chance that it will disappear this fall. Women will go in carriages and those who do not travel in this fashion will hold up the skirt with both hands. For the street pale cloth costumes will be worn and blue will lead.

The Sartoris girls, who are such beauties, and who claim so much attention from the fact that suitors are ever after them, dress charmingly this summer in the pastel colors. They wear very pale blues, those that are called light duck's egg, pale turquoise, faded ultramarine and visionary blue. And, by the way, visionary blue is the latest thing. It is something like cloud blue and a very little like oyster gray. It is a clear cloudy color.

At Newport they are doing a clever thing; they are remodeling all the early gowns of the season to fit the last month of summer, when fashions change. They change not so much in the skirt and waist as in the neck and sleeves. At this moment all the sleeves are big between the elbow and the wrist and they are big in a new way.

The balloon is fashionable and so is
the mandolin, which is slashed at the
back with the end pulled out in some fashion. Another sleeve that is smart is the Robespierre, which has a cuff turned straight back above the elbow

and setting out in very brusque fashion, as though it were a piece of armor.

But the latest sleeve, the sleeve which they call the Newport sleeve, is one which is shaped exactly like a watermelon. In certain poses it looks like an egg, for it is pointed at one and. This sleeve begins at the albor. end. This sleeve begins at the elbow

and ends at the wrist.

The small part is at the elbow and the big part is at the wrist. It is made out of a melon-shaped piece of silk, which is gathered at the elbow and fastened on to an elbow sleeve. At the wrist it is laid in little side pleats and fastened to a deep cuff of lace.

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