WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

FASHIONS OF THE DAY AS REPRESENTED AT HOME AND ABROAD.

All About the New Parasols, Including Those Covered with Smocked Silk, Muslin, Lace, Brocade and Flowers—A Variety of Styles in Sticks and Handles.

As to parasols, their name is truly legion, for one scarcely sees two alike. The newest white ones of smocked silk, drawn muslin, lace or brocade, have white enameled sticks, with balls of creamy Algerian onyx, set in gilt, or large heads of embossed gold. A few parasols are composed of large petals of muslin laid over each other; others have a full frayed ruche round the edge (the shot en-tout-cas and Indian silk ones have this also), or a row of ferns or leaves laid on just inside the edge, on the lining, or a spray of flowers or leaves sewn on at the ferrule, and again close to the edge. Bows of small and most natural looking shamrock leaves, nestled in lace, adorn the exterior of some parasols. A row of shaded ribbon loops, laid partially over each other, is sometimes placed round the edge, corresponding with the colors of the group of flowers placed near the ferrule. This is being done in all shades, but yellow, mauve and pink look particularly well. Some muslin parasols have a design of crossed keys over them; others are square shaped, but the generality are round. Many are lined with shot silk.

A FLORAL PARASOL.

Some of the floral parasols have a peculiar effect when carried closed. These look as if the owner had been cutting for herself a large posy and fixed it on a stick, in the style of a May day posy of long ago. The impression is still further carried out when a florally trimmed hat to match is worn—as is often the case. The parasol represented in the cut is made of very pale sage green silk or satin, and the handle of ivory or silver is finely engraved with a floral design. The ribs are partly covered with roses of a delicate flesh tint, producing an exquisite and harmonious color effect on the silk foundation.

The long walking stick handles, with solid silver heads, are very fashionable, and so are the plain, dark varnished bamboo sticks, with plain tops. Some eccentric sticks have lately appeared. They are of unvarnished wood, and there are three horses' heads issuing from the stick and standing out in proud and independent consciousness, or two or only one. Then there are three dogs' heads cut out in the same way, two or one. They are generally of the same class, but one stick has a greyhound and a pug's head, collared together with a metal band, while another has a spaniel and pug. A climbing bear, carved in the brown wood of the stick, is another design, while a different one has three distinct sticks of two inches or so, capped with silver, branching from the parent stick, in the same style as the horses' and dogs' heads. A handle of carved ivory, tipped with gold, held a beautiful white silk parasol, with painted sections, and a white ostrich feather carried down each rib of the frame.

Fashions in Boots and Shoes.

The fashionable evening shoes do not necessarily have very high heels, but they all have pointed toes. The new bows are made simple and very close to the foot. Some of the bows are entirely covered with spangles in silver and gold, some with tiny diamonds, which sparkled and had a good effect. The shoes can be beaded to copy the color or design of any brocade, and iridescent beads and metallic threads of many tones are employed. Bridal shoes have diamonds, or the semblance of diamonds, intermixed with pearls, or are worked in silver with designs such as lilies of the valley.

For house shoes Russian leather in all its colors is worn so that these shoes can match the dresses.

Numbered with novelties in out door shoes are those made of glazed kid and patent leather toes. The goloshed Oxford tie is also worn. A decided novelty is the shoe made in patent black leather and white buckskin brogued.

With regard to boots, those with kid uppers and patent leather vamps are much worn; the toes must be pointed. Buttoned cloth boots, with kid or patent leather vamps, are also in fashion, especially if the cloth uppers match in color the gown with which the boots are worn.

But there is another kind of boot for which women have a demand—viz., riding boots. For the park, high Wellington patent leather are worn; for hunting, the Bedford cord tops, as then the habit will not ride up on their account.

Traveling Costumes.

The traveling season being at hand, our readers are presented in this issue with a stylish London garment, equally adapted for rain and dust. As will be observed in studying the cut, this wrap is not only an admirable protector of the dress worn underneath it, but it is an exceedingly graceful affair.

AN ENGLISH TRAVELING WRAP.

In London this wrap is known as the Ross Inverness. The mantle is kept close to the figure by means of an inner band. The wings are fitted with straps either for rests for the hands or to keep the wings from flying open.

Local and Personal.

General McBride was in Omaha Wednesday.

Mr. N. C. Brock spent Sunday at Nebraska City.

Mrs. E. E. Brown started Tuesday for Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. Fred Funke left Thursday for a month's stay in Colorado.

Mr. N. C. Abbott is spending the heated term at Manitou.

Mr. M. B. Cheney is spending a few weeks at Clear Lake, Iowa.

S. H. Burnham and wife left yesterday for a six weeks trip to Portland Me.

Mr. W. R. Kelley left Wednesday for Salt Lake and other western points.

Miss May Smith of Seward was the guest over Sunday of Miss Effie Leese.

J. L. Doty and wife left yesterday for Colorado Springs for a three weeks trip.

Mr. John Zehrung made a flying trip to Leavenworth the fore part of the week.

Mr. Chas. Clarke was endeavoring to find out the beauties of Kansas City this week.

Mr. G. M. Lambertson and wife started Sunday for a summer's stay in Wisconsin.

Mrs. August Hagenow left Thursday for Otis, Ind., to be absent a month or six weeks.

Mr. J. L. Doty and Mrs. C. A. Atkinson and son left yesterday for Colorado Springs.

Mr. M. H. Tilton of the Wisconsin Furniture company, has returned from an eastern trip.

Mr. E. E. Finney and family left Wednesday for the Minnesota lakes, for the summer.

Hyde Park has secured the new paper mill, and ground is being staked off for the buildings.

Work has been commenced on the new Presbyterian church at Twenty-sixth and P streets.

Mrs. A. M. Davis left Monday afternoon on a two months' visit to relatives in Goodrich Canada.

Mrs. Ida Carter of Council Bluffs is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. McBride, Twelfth and P streets.

Messrs. Robert McReynolds and Fred Funke returned Sunday night from a trip through the northwest.

Mr. J. T. Mastin and wife will spend the next month or so in the rocky fastnesses of the mountains.

Mr Frank R. Morrissey, one of Nebraska's most brilliant young newspaper men, was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. G. M. Lyons of New York, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Wise, mother of the Wise brothers of this city is paying them a visit, stopping with her son David, 1528 K street.

A cable message Saturday from Frank Shelton states that their party arrived in Liverpool all right after a smooth passage.

Mr. Geo. N. Forsman, the gentlemanly agent of the Elkhorn at this point, is spending his vacation at his old home in Madison, Wis.

Mr. H. E. Noble and family returned to the city Thursday, being called back by a telegram announcing the destruction of his gallery.

W. E. Clarke, Frank Burr and Rob Muir are spending a few weeks in the cool shades of the woods around Spirit Lake and Arnolds park.

J. R. Lemist and brother started Tuesday for Minnesota, where they will spend a month fishing, hunting and otherwise enjoying themselves.

Hon. Albert Watkins left Saturday for Madison, Wis., to accompany his family, who have been visiting there, back to their Lincoln home.

The republicans held a grand rally at Cushman park Wednesday. Eloquent speeches by Lincoln orators were listened to by large crowds.

Mr. L. Meyer, wife and sister-in-law, left Monday for Manitou. Mr. Meyer returned after seeing them snugly ensconced for a summer's stay.

The military band gave a delightful concert at the capitol grounds last evening. Government square will resound with their melody this evening.

Mr. J. D. Spencer, father of the Spencer boys, who has been in Chicago undergoing medical treatment, has returned home much improved in health.

The ladies of Grace M. E. church held a very pleasant sociable at Twenty-seventh and R streets Wednesday evening. It was a success in every particular.

Dr. B. F. Bailey and wife have returned from an eastern trip. The Doctor spent the greater part of the time in his old home in Manchester, N. H., and reports having enjoyed the trip immensely.

Worshiped by a Certain Set.

Boston Maiden (to young man from New Jersey)—In New Jersey, Mr. Redmud, blood, I understand, is not considered of the first importance?

Mr. Redmud—It is among the skeeters, Miss Waldo.—New York Sun.

In His Own Coin.

"Well, Janet," asked a facetious husband whose wife had just discharged the hired girl, "are you going to bravely breast the waves of the domestic sea of troubles?"

"No," she answered demurely; "I am only going to stem the currants."—Judge.

A Student of the Game.

"Well, young man," said a sporting goods dealer, "what can we do for you?"

"Have you books on baseball?"

"Yes."

"Gi' me 'The Rise an' Fall of the Roman Umpire.'"—New York Sun.

Verily It Is.

Our friends have departed to spend the summer by the seaside. We have gone as far as our means would allow, and rented a cabin in front of Billy Well's millpond. Cheapness with cheerfulness is great gain.—Smithville (Ga.) News.

Go One Eye on It.

"How much to peep through your telescope?"

"Ten cents."

"There's five. I've only one eye."—Time.

Domestic Pabulum.

"Bridget," inquired the lady of the house of her adjutant general, "can't we have hash for breakfast?"

"If ye chews, mum," was the frightfully suggestive answer.—Detroit Free Press.

He Could Draw All Right.

"Do you draw at all, Mr. Fangsley?"

"My patrons say I draw very well."

"So you're an artist?"

"No. You misunderstand me. I'm a dentist."—Lincoln Journal.

On Some Occasions.

Miss Beaconhill—What are the most disagreeable features about your school, Johnnie?

Johnnie—The teacher's.—Harvard Lampoon.