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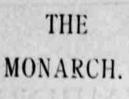
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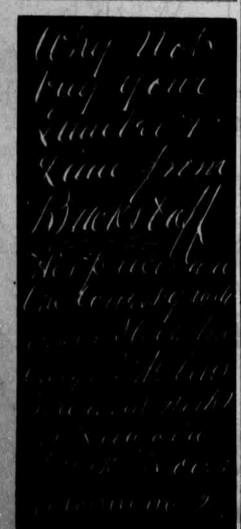
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WITH PRESIDENT Harrison, Governor Thayer and Mayor Graham in their respective chairs, politics will enjoy a sweet peaceful sleep. Pardon us, we forgot the Lincoln post office.

April 23d as Arbor Day. Plant a tree by all neans, if you can find a suitable spot, that this laudible Nebraska innovation may not fall into disuse.

THE GOVERNOR has designated Monday

A SALVATION army wedding was one of Hastings events last week and in order to defray expenses an admission fee of twenty-five cents was charged at the church door. Still the creation, because nothing ever did or they ask "Is marriage etc , etc."

THE EASTER number of Venowine's Sunlay News, Milwaukee's recognized society journal, horticulturally speaking is a daisy. Chirty-two pages with a colored cover it is truly a model issue and one that reflects much credit on the publishers.

THE LAKEST fad in Philadephia society gloss that so quickly appears upon even seems to be bridesmaids and the rule is "the best quality of French goods and more the merrier". A Miss Pemberton recently had fourteen of the fair ones act in that capacity at her wedding ceremony and now Miss De Pedestad, whose wedding occurs next week, will go her one better and require the services of fifteen.

THE Mail and Times, the organ of Des Moines society, celebrated its first anniversary-since the consolidation, by informing its readers of the merits of the paper and publishes engravings of its building and new mammoth press. Editor Persinger has made the Mail and Times one of the brightest of the journalistic lights.

Tomonnow is Palm Sunday then but one week ustil Easter releases society from the and I verily believe no two alike, and I bond that has held it forty days. The season is so far advanced however we need not lady's fancy may be, she can get anylook for anything very startling in its charm- thing she wants in silk made in this ed circles, and the fair habitant of the crowd- country. It is, therefore, her duty to ed ball room will doff the party dress for the buy them, and no husband has a moral pretty lawn tennis costume and indulge in right to prevent his wife from being

THE negotiations for the joint appearance next season of Mme. Modjeska and Edwin Booth, under the management of Lawrence Barrett, have been concluded and the contract was signed March 23. It provides that the names of the actor and actress shall ap- carried through nine different ground pear on the bills and programmes in type of colors. There are also brocades in which the same size and that in all things Mme. the ground is dark and the figures small Modjeska shall be on equall terms with Mr. Booth. The tour begins September 23, 1889, and is to extend through thirty-two weeks, during which there are to be thirty weeks of performances. The repertoire embraces "Hamlet," "Merchant of Venice," "Richelieu," "Much Ado About Nothing," "Mac-beth," "Othello" and "Mary Stuart," and when Mr. Booth plays "The Fool's Revenge," in which Mme. Modjeska will not appear, she is to have the privilege of appearing on the same night in a play of her own selection. Messrs Nix & Zimmerman of Philadelphia relinquish all claims on the actress, and she is to be under the sole management of Lawrence Barrett for Mr. Booth.

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round trip rate direct to the springs and provide sleeping car service to and from Buffalo Gap, the nearest station. Pamphlets and other matter giving full particulars can be had by calling on or addressing Geo. N. Foresman 115 south 10th street, Lincoln, Neb.

THE SPRING FASHIONS.

LETTER FULL OF SILKS AND VELVETS.

Empress Evening Gowns-Summer Gowns of Wash Silks-The Variety and Beauty of This Season's Silks Some Rich Brocades—Where Do the Worms Come From?

NEW YORK, April 11.—This is going to be a silk and velvet letter, for I have exhausted all the novelties in other fabrics, and I really cannot undertake another dissertation on bonnets, at least until my



EMPRESS EVENING GOWN

eyes recover from the dazzle of so many brilliant "confections." There was time when a bonnet was simply a bonnet, and a hat a hat, but that time has gone to keep steady company with the days when I was a girl. They are now confections and creations. The bonnet is usually the confection because it could grow like it.

But I started out to talk silks, and am going to do it. It is certainly not over twelve years ago that it was not possible to find American silks in more than one weave, and that was the plain silk in colors or black. It is true that they were practically indestructible and never acquired that very unpleasant makes a new gown look shiny and even greasy. This comes from the fact that French silks are weighted with glucose, which has the property of taking on a waxy polish with very little wear. English silks and American silks are pure, and no matter how long they are worn they never become shiny. That fact known, no lady ought to purchase a French silk if she can get an American one, for, though the English is good, patriotic sentiment ought to count for something; besides, the American goods are cheaper.

In my wanderings after the "newest" went into an enormous warehouse, and found, among those manufactured by Americans, thousands of rolls of silks, wish to show that, no matter what a such amusements as are offered by the out-of-door sports.

patriotic and doing her duty any more than she has to dictate whom he shall vote for.

Among these beautiful goods are all the exquisite pongees and India silks with delicate ground in all shades, and flowers and foliage in the most perfect taste and designs, each design being



SUMMER GOWNS OF WASH SILK. and most exquisitely designed and colored, and others with very large patterns consisting mostly of foliage in satin brocade, each having a peculiar metallic luster. These are very rich and somewhat expensive. There are other goods, crape finish in mat white, cream, pale pink and blue with tiny figures and flowers in silk woven over the surface. This latter drapes as soft as crape and is lovely for vests and drapery. There is also a full line of watered silk and moire, of satin stripe silk, and others with dainty little woven figures, others with stripes, one of rich satin and the other of intricate brocaded patterns, plain faille francaise in every conceivable color, and all of superb appearance; reps and gros grains, plaid surahs, striped surahs, plain surahs and a sort of silk between surah and satin, overwoven with bro-caded figures. This last has a change-able ground.

The armure weave is a favorite this season and is made the foundation for many beautiful combinations, one being a gray armure with narrow stripes of moire in gray, with another set of stripes of graded width in white satin with black satin stripes between them. Another is of cream armure with stripes of four shades of gray satin and a stripe made up of tiny flowers in two shades of yellow and two shades of dull green. Ribbons are made to match all the principal

patterns. There is a superb quality which has a wide stripe of gray satin, alternated with a still wider one of open work in

two shades darker. This is also matched in ribbon. There is a full line of this kind in all the newest shades which grow more and more beautiful with each suc-

ceeding season.

Black silk grenadines, brocaded and striped, are also seen, as well as black armure, faille, surah and rich dull surface siles for mourning, as well as a long list of black gros grains and glace silks of every price, though the price of all but fancy grades of American silk is really remarkably cheap when their durability is taken into consideration. I have a Cheny black silk that has been in use since 1876, and it has been turned and remade twice and is still presenta-ble. It has had hard wear and plenty

There are some lovely, dainty silks for summer wear which are indescribable. They have stripes of satin and changeable silk, lace work and brocade all together, and there are plain brocades for evening wear and bridal costumes, and among the high novelties is a brocade done in Persian palm leaf pattern in straggling figures over an overshot armure ground, cream and moss green in shades. Overshot silk in armure and plain weaves are seen of violet and yel-low, or violet and green, and it is very beautiful.

I noticed also a few pieces of the mag-nificent old fashioned, but ever new, cherry silk in very delicately tinted ground work, with large flowers in soft natural colors woven in. This is done by having the pattern printed on the warp of the silk as it is stretched in the loom, and the woof is woven afterward in, which gives the pattern that soft and indistinct outline and vagueness which are its charm. It is only recently that this has been achieved in America, the secret of its peculiar manufacture having been jealously guarded in France. I guess we can do things as well as they.

Besides these varieties, and many more that I cannot remember, are some artistic pongees and India silks for household decorative purposes. These are usually in very delicate tints, but I noticed one pattern of conventionalized flowers in greens shading into yellow.



STYLISH GOWNS

surah, which is bound to become a favorite material. The stripes are of every perfectly fast color and none others, and all in pleasing shades and combinations. Some are in fine and quite large checks also. They are for young ladies for tennis and general summer every day wear and for undergarments, both for ladies and children, and also for gentlemen's summer outing blouses, and blouses for boys for very warm weather. The goods is one yard wide, and costs about a dollar a yard. They will be like all the Cheny fabrics, strong and durable as well as pretty. There are other American silks, but the Cheny silks here, the Burton English and Bonnet French are the only ones worth buying for those who want something worth having.

I have chosen from many models some very stylish gowns made of silks and velvets only, as representing the manner of making them up, and the styles are all models of quiet elegance.

There is a new material which is likely to supplant all the velveteens and take the place of Lyons silk velvet, which it resembles very closely, being of very close weave and short pile. It comes twenty-four inches wide in all the most fashionable colors, and is called velontina. Its luster and richness are unsurpassable, and the colors run from pure mat white up through cream, resada, tabac, racine and all the reds to seal brown and a magnificent black. The serpent, nile, tuile and dark blue and plum shades are beautiful. The cost is from 75 cents to \$1 per yard.

It is used for skirts to dresses, for bod-

ices, panels, trimmings, full walking costumes and children's clothes. The dark green, blue and black make suits which boys cannot wear out, and the goods make very rich and handsome and dressy robes for little girls, as well as cloaks for babies, and is equally hand-some for grandma.



VELOUTINA AND BROCADED GOWNS. If I had my way nobody should wear anything less beautiful than silk and velvet, and after seeing so many beauti-ful ones as I have this week I am not to be blamed; but where in the world do all the worms live that make so much silk?

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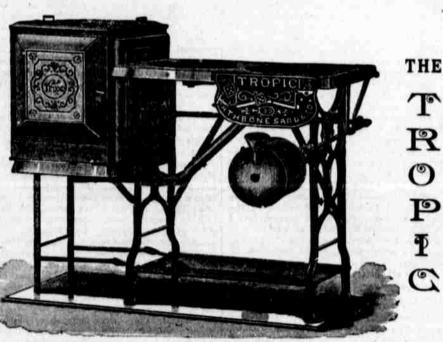
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