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NEW IDEAS IN DRESSES.

COSTUMES WORN AT THE CENTENNIAL BALL IN NEW YORK.

Entrancing Jerseys That Are as Comfortable as They Are Pretty—Newest Walking Gowns—Picturesque Riding Habits and Riding Hats—General Fashion Gossip.

[Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, May 9.—Nothing has been thought or talked about among the feminine portion of New York during the past ten days, except the gowns worn by the ladies at the great centennial ball, and I suppose the information would be as acceptable to those who did not see them. There is a certain pleasure, chastened and melancholy though it may be, in hearing how royalty attires itself on state occasions, and as we have no royalty we like to know what our president's wife and daughters wore.

Mrs. Harrison wore a splendid dress of pure white silk, so thick it fell in heavy rich folds. The front was covered with finely plaited tulle, and this fastened with silver spangles, which were cut with facets so that they sparkled like frost work. The back was cut en princesse, and the train was square. On one side a panel was worked with silver. The other was made of marabout feathers. The corsage was cut V shape and the points filled in with tulle. The sleeves were of silk to the elbow with a deep fall of tulle below them. Her gloves were white and she wore diamonds.

The president's daughter, Mrs. McKee, wore a trained gown of thick white armure silk with draperies of embroidered crepe lisse. The gloves were white, and so were the slippers and stockings, and the whole dress was much admired.

Mrs. Russell B. Harrison wore a magnificent dress, with a long square train of white satin striped with moire. The stripes were ornamented with brocaded roses and roses in natural colors. The front was of blue satin, draped with tulle, hand embroidered with silk and seed pearls. The waist was pointed back and front and had a bertha of tulle and blue marabout feathers. These delicate plumes, which are as ethereal as a whistle down, have not been seen for many years, and it was an inspiration to NEW RIDING HABIT.

It would not be possible to give a detailed description of all the dresses worn at this great gathering, but there was one general effect noticeable, and that was that all or nearly all the costumes followed the styles of a century ago as closely as was possible, and, indeed, there were very many dresses worn that have been handed down through successive generations since Washington's time, and very quaint and pretty they were. One or two young ladies wore the very dresses that their ancestors had worn at the inaugural ball one hundred years ago, without alteration.

There are some ladies who don't think these old styles pretty, and prefer the newer modes of today, and for such I show one of the prettiest I could see.

This dress has a skirt of chocolate brown faille and a very slightly draped over skirt of striped novelty goods, in pink, green and brown. The corsage is of the brown faille with drapery vest of the stripe. The wrap is made of black ottoman silk and black guipure lace, which is being revived very extensively this season. It is a rich and durable lace, and being of pure silk threads never loses its rich luster. Both hats are large and trimmed with many feathers. Ostrich feathers are very much used everywhere wherever they can be.

A LAND-OFFICE business may not be such a desirable thing after all. At least Senator Nesbitt of North Platte thinks so. He and his partner went down to Oklahoma expecting to find a great deal of litigation among rival claimants to lands from which lawyers versed in western land laws might reap a harvest. Mr. Nesbitt was in the city the other day on his way home. He explained that the people now in Oklahoma are too poor to make profitable picking for lawyers, and it will be a struggle for existence during the first year. Judge Norval of Sidney is another Nebraska attorney who went to Oklahoma to do a land office business.

A FRIEND of the COURIER feels hurt because his name has been omitted several times from the lists of guests at social gatherings. His complaint was not at the non-appearance of his name, but he felt that the apparent slight was unwarranted. The COURIER might as well take this opportunity for a word of explanation. It aims to print the news of its class without reference to personal feelings, and if the friend in question understood the COURIER better he would know that if it bore him any ill will it would make special efforts to give no evidence of it in its columns. Life is too short for petty spites. The COURIER has neither heart nor time to churn up venom and single out victims upon whom to spew it. It has no malice to vent and no vengeance to distribute.

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in their collars and lapels, and all have seams and side forms, so that they are perfectly adjusted to the figure. The backs and fronts at the bottom are better finished than ever before, and they set better and are more ornamental. Until now the form of the jerseys left something to be desired in finish, but now the most carping critic cannot complain, for no waist can be made to fit like a jersey or give such perfect ease and durability.



SOME NEW JERSEYS.

Riding habits are undergoing a great change, and one which fills the heart of the man dressmaker with dismay. Ladies are now finding out that jerseys are easier to ride in than the stiff "habit basques" of late years, and they are adopting them, and riding skirts are no longer made so tight that the wearer has to button them all the way up.

The skirts are now made a yard and a half long, and only the front breadth is gored. The rest is plaited in at the sides and back. The skirts are two yards and a half around. The effect is thus far more graceful, and pleasing to the eye. It is to be hoped, however, that ladies will not run into the other extreme and make the skirts so long as to be dangerous. The trousers will not be discarded.

Riding hats also are to be changed, and now, instead of the high hat or jockey, or Derby, a wide brimmed and soft felt hat, with a long, sweeping plume, will be worn. Of course, some conservatives will try to maintain the present styles, but their funeral cards are out. I am not sorry, but then, it really isn't my funeral. OLIVE HARPER.

The May Festival.

The third annual festival of the Oratorio society will be held next week at the First Congregational church. Concerts will be given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and on Thursday evening the full strength of the society and its assistants will be thrown into the production of Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah." A chorus of sixty voices has been in training for some time past, and the society has made an outlay of \$1000 to have this festival surpass all previous efforts. The managers of the enterprise have selected from the noted singers of the country five soloists of superior quality. The list includes Miss Geneva Johnston of Chicago, soprano; Mrs. Bellamy of Rochester, N. Y., contralto; Mr. Charles A. Knorr of Chicago, tenor; Mr. W. M. Porteous of St. Louis, baritone; Mr. Walter W. D'Euyer of Rochester, tenor, robusto and conductor. Tickets for the three entertainments are offered at \$2.00, which includes a reserved seat for the season. Single admission will be 75 cents, but will include reserved seats. To be sure of a good seat lovers of music should buy season tickets, which will be on sale Monday at Harley's drug store. It seems hardly necessary to urge the people of Lincoln to give the society their hearty support. In the first place they get the worth of their money in a series of fine entertainments at considerable less than the usual price. Secondly, this music festival is a Lincoln institution and as a matter of local pride it should be made a grand booming success.

Called Home.

Yesterday afternoon at two o'clock Claude E., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kier, departed this life after a lingering illness of nearly two years. Claude was young man but 18 years old and had been slowly but surely wasting away with consumption. He had been to Colorado Springs with his mother for the past year in hopes of improving his health, but returned home about two months ago.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, 1344 J street, tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Fashion Notes.

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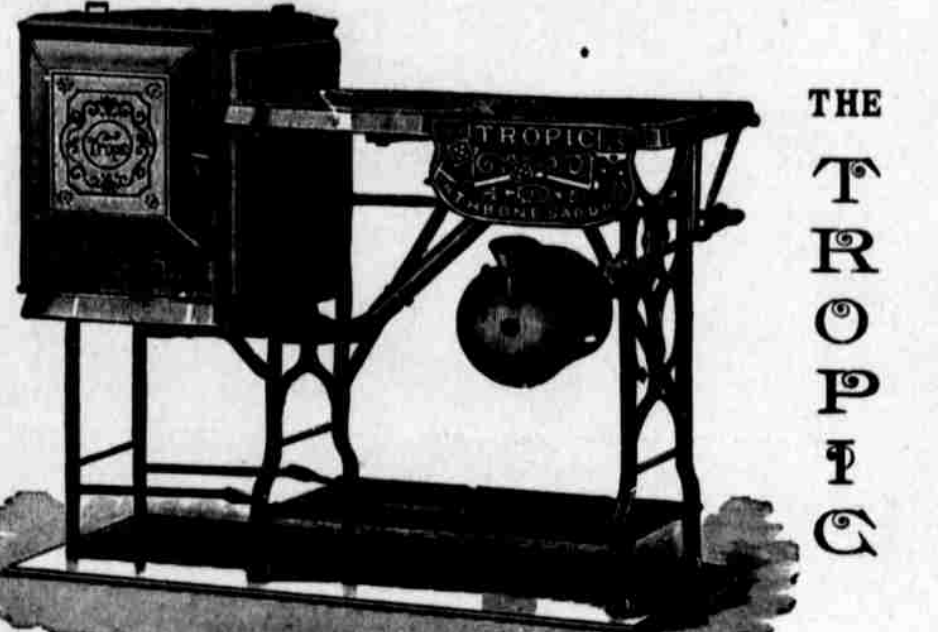
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