

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

MIDWINTER WEDDINGS.

Novel and Charming Costumes Minus the Orange Blossoms. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—It is authoritatively stated that proper intervals that short sleeved and open-necked gowns... All royal ladies are married thus, but royal initiatives are invariably, in this respect, set aside by the good taste of girls of lower degree...



PRINCESS GOWN.

ornament or even make any show at all, but simply to satisfy a feminine superstition that to go to the altar without any of these articles would be to court the worst kind of luck.

To replace the long-respected wreaths and crowns of orange bloom a half dozen rather good substitutes have been brought prominently forward. Costly white polar fox fur or beautiful inexpensive white hare, is one of them.

Now and again one sees a very delightful effect brought out in white silk bride roses, but no variegated feathers are adopted, and on the whole a rule of splendid simplicity, relieved by passementerie, governs the designing of these all-important toils.

A PRINCESS GOWN. An exemplification of this is the white satin Princess suit made for a January bride. This garment looks together down the back, and its only relief is in the two bands of seed pearls and tulle which extend from shoulder to foot.

These little novelties are especially prepared for the use of brides who have not inherited, or cannot afford, white lace veils, though considering their size there really seems no reason why every girl should not, at her wedding, now crown herself with lace. So much can be asserted in view of the lately popularized lace hood veils, shown on one of the models given this week.

ELEGANT MODELS. The three remaining wedding frocks serve best to illustrate the three most popular materials of the new year.



A GRACEFUL INNOVATION.

materials of the new year. The first is a cream white broadened satin, richly brocaded with much silver thread worked into the figures. The second is a delicate antique silk, which is only another name for white bengaline that has little lustrous and small cords, and the third example shows most fashionable of all a skirt front of cream white velvet and a lengthy train of snow white accordion-pleated satin.

like a mirror, and are decidedly the most beautiful of all the new and beautiful passementerie, especially for marriage robes. Polar fox fur is the decoration of the next dress, while the third gown is chiefly distinctive for its lovely corset bodies, formed of beads of pearl passementerie in its setting of bride roses.

Where formal five buttons are counted among the bridal gifts, a collar of bright ribbons is adopted, or a high satin neck-band is substituted in pearl beading.

Very long trains, it is a precaution to mention, are not now on wedding dresses of the most approved construction for the week and worthy reason that a bride is usually expected to wear the gown at her first home-warming reception, where a satin train, several yards long, would be a decided nuisance.

Five-button white suede gloves are in good fashion with the long close sleeves, the skirt of the glove allowed to wrinkle around the wrist, but not in an awkward bunch. As for bouquets, they are small. That is, in comparison with those that have gone before and the small thing they carry is more likely to be delicate trails of ivy, or a moderate bouquet of white orchids, or white tulips with asparagus fern.

There you will find only a few silver-edged parchment leaves on which, in gloriously illuminated lettering, simply the names of the bride and groom are set forth.

THE BRIDESMAIDS. A bride is always expected to show her taste and individuality in the scheme of color, mode of hat and pattern of frock she selects for her attending maids, so that there are few hard and fast rules to be set forth on this score.

However, it is now the mode to cut a bridesmaid's dress with a distinctly trained effect in the back with and to give them hats, wide and plume-shaded, to match the prevailing tint in their dresses.



BRIDESMAID'S FROCK.

two rows of large pearl buttons, and the top of the bodice and the sleeves are made from cream-tinted rennaissance lace.

IMPORTANT DETAILS. One of the oddities of the season in the way of things matrimonial, are the new bridesmaids' gloves of white or pearl gray suede that are so long they reach quite nearly to the knees.

Striking results are for example achieved in such a combination as the sixth figure shows. It is one from a series of six bridesmaids' toilets and all of them alike. Palest coral-color tulle is the garnish used, the lower half of the skirt slit in six tails, and every tab embroidered over in gold sequins.

Views of European Teachers on Their Attitude in the Sciences. Some time ago a Berlin Journalist, Arthur Kirchhoff, addressed a circular to over 100 German professors and men of letters, requesting their opinion on the admission of women to university education.

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attaining superiority in these branches. "As the result of personal experience," writes Dr. Freund, director of the university clinic at Strasburg, the aptitude of women for medical studies does not rise beyond mediocrity.

But Dr. Freund declares that "as practical garters are ornamented with the most fetching class of satin gird or Scotch plaid set in old silver."



MODEL STOCKING CASES.

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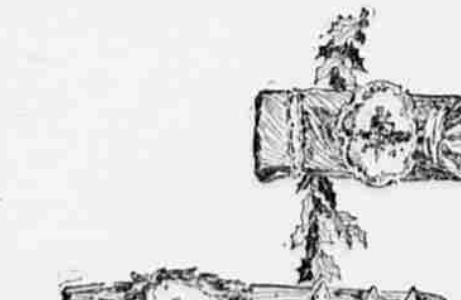
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find it out. She has discovered that one strap holds up the stocking exactly as well as two, and this she wears fastened to the front of her corset, just back of the steel, the effect of which is to press the abdomen back. Broad bands of elastic with strong fastenings at either end come ready to be worn in this way; but there is a scheme even better than that, which any woman can make for herself.

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GARTERS AND GAITER BUCKLES. The Old-Fashioned Elastic Circle Has Had Its Day. Take a look at the latest creations in garter clasps and buckles.

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ORNAMENTAL GARTERS.

quietly blending shades of dark green, blue and black enclosed in a larger bar of gold; beautifully mottled white, plaided off with light blues, greens and yellows; in fact, all possible combinations of line and color that ever graced corset or kirtle have been reproduced in the interests of new and gorgeous hosiery.

These exquisite importations come in all grades, the finest quality and most brilliant colors running as high as \$4.50 in price; very lovely ones, however, may be had for \$1.50, while the same schemes are carried out in lisle-thread and very fine cotton for an average price of \$1.75.

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Evening Hosiery. Holding only a second place to these fascinating novelties are brilliant effects in Roman stripes. Not time nor fashion have ever been able to long banish from our feet this charming design in the form of another anti-heat respirator.

It is indeed much more worn by the really smart woman than the round garter. The secret of which is that she has learned to make it serve a twofold purpose.

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JANUARY BRIDES.

tioners, they have never risen above the ordinary standard. "In science," he says, "it is mediocrity. Until now a woman has never set herself to solve a great scientific problem; she has never found an original solution to even an easy problem."

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SMART HOSE.

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will easily hold the stockings in place. By the addition of pretty ribbons these convenient cases are all ready to be rolled, tied and slipped into the traveling bag or trunk when occasion requires.

It is always desirable where possible to have a fresh pair of hose every day, and I know some women who prefer washing a pair every night to putting them on for the second time without washing.

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