

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

PRETTY AND BECOMING.

Charming Summer Dresses to Be Had for Little Money.

**NEW YORK, June 15.**—There she goes! whisp'ring Maizie excitedly, peering through the vines. "Why, the best dressed woman in this well-gowned watering place, to be sure. I've been watching her like a hawk all week, since from the bow in her hair to the bow in her shoe she is an infallible indicator of which way the wind of fashion blows. Yesterday morning I saw her climb the steps of that new big colonial house down the drive. She was evidently a luncheon guest and I saw her lovely chat-train hair was a big bow of black pinstriped ribbon, for she was too hot, I mean that I think, sweetly informal fashion of dropping in to pick one's midday chicken wing and crush a strawberry with a friend. Of course she carried a parasol of white silk, with two inset bands of black lace and a white wood stick having a prodigiously curled chrysanthemum which was very chic indeed. Her gown, dear me! Now, why didn't I have one like it, instead of my own corn flower velvet. Here was in pastel green, a veil incrustated in embroidered black silk dots and big, black delicate black lace flowers laid on and the goods was not even beyond the waist. This formed the lower half of her sweet waist and the avertedness, which last was cut in long points from the knees down to allow a vaporous light acor-dion pleated blouse of the finest black silk muslin to flower out about her feet. The yoke of her body was made of fine pleated green muslin, with rows of black baby panne ribbon running now and then between the tucks and a narrow strip of black panne ran around her slender waist, while a broader band, with sheer muslin points turning over, encircled her throat.

"I like it all except the parasol," commented the hostess, going back to her easy cane chair in the shady, breezy corner. "There is something newer than that—a parasol made wholly of tucked Swiss muslin, showing in set bands of Valenciennes entire deck and heading, with narrow ribbons run through the last. It goes without saying that double frills of gathered lace finish of the bottom and such a cover can be dropped in all its transparent loveliness over the naked ribs of a parasol and used thus, or stretched upon a plain pink, blue or yellow silk muslin to infinitely adorn it. That is the latest whisper from Paris and some women I know are showing off their genius for fine needlework by making these sunshade covers of white silk muslin and some are using the most delicate handkerchief batiste and embroidering their crests and initials thereon."

Sweet Simplicity.

"There are times," quoth Maizie, going back to her chair and supreme indulgence. "When I am almost persuaded by papa's fatuous argument that the more simply and daintily a woman is dressed the sweeter she seems. I met two girls from mine on the beach this morning who were, such visions of fresh and tidy economy in dress that I felt positively ashamed of my puffed and flounced French muslin. One sat on the sand baring her handsome ankles to the wind and sun, wearing the market white outing cloth gown picked out in clear crimson dots no bigger than pin heads. Her waist flared in the back, bloused a trifle in front and across the shoulders, from the front of the collar and over the top of each sleeve ran a strap of heavy white flannel stitched down. At the base of each sleeve a cuff of the same fell over her hand and a belt and collar of crimson stitched taffeta just touched the whole thing off.

"Her friend was in pique, white, spotted with marine blue, plain skirt, a close fitting sailor waist laid to the waist, tucked waist, and having a big collar of stiff white linen, turning back from a vest and collar of solid blue linen to match the dots in her gown. Her belt and cuffs were blue and under her collar waved the soft silk ends of a blue silk tie, the ends of a servicable blue linen sunshade, having a band of white about the edges, and her white stitched linen hat had a cloud of blue straw bow at one side. They took me home to their hotel and showed me their things and made my mouth water with their fine bargains and my cheeks burn with shame over my own extravagance.

**Mohair Gowns.**

"What do you think of casino gowns of cream white mohair, the skirts laid in fine tucks about two inches apart and running from the waist to the knees, these worn with tucked waists of the same or cream taffeta, and finished off with belts and collars of colored panne? The girls found skirts like that tucked and put on the hand and ready to be taken up to the proper length at the shops for a simply startling price. In the evenings they wear white or-gandie frocks, with each a big cabbage bow and single fringed end of pastel tinted panne on the back, and a girlish with a side knot and fringed end at waist level. All in white, with those two touches of color, they were charming, and by means of having a black and a white and a colored set of breast knots and girlish they contrast to get at simply no outfit at all an effect of several changes of costumes."

"It is admirable," replied the hostess. "But I am afraid so much can't be said for your pretty little glass of fashion across the way. No concealed bargain counter about frocks."

"I should say not," replied Maizie. "I am told that she is the girl who has set the fashion at Newport of wearing black veil or muslin or net gowns, with a hat of one bright color. A black liberty Saxe said in a tongue of pelargonium pink tucked chiffon lavishly trimmed with large silk muslin blossoms of the same shade is what I mean.

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**A Peacock for the Hot Day.**

"She was the first I saw at the dance last night wearing a truly attractive ornament in her hair," answered the hostess. "The hair was put up high, and then in front on top was set a gorgeous peacock made of spangles. Every one turned about to watch it and we women enviously wondered where she had bought it. By day, when she relaxes her stately attitudes on the links, I take very admiring note of her shirt waists. She has been here at least two weeks and every morning she rejoices our eyes with a waist of complete freshness, in cut, if not in color. It only goes to prove, of course, how infinite the shirt waist variations are. Yesterday morning it was a pretty pink batiste slightly relieved by narrow white banding, striped the front and intersecting all the seams. The day before that it was a white lawn affair, every inch laid in latitudinal tucks, and a half-shaped cuff over the hand. Before that she went by in a very taking little confection of French blue batiste made with a vest, sailor collar, cuffs and neck band of the sheerest tucked white Swiss. Short skirts respectively of pink, white and blue linen were adopted with these, and back of these three my memory won't carry me. However, they were any one excellent models to copy, and it rejoices me to see how the shirt waist wearing sisterhood have given up the hard, clumsy masculine collars they used to set so much store by.

**Shirt Fixings.**

"The prettiest I have seen have the tiny little trimmed neck fixings that can be worn with ribbons slipped under the overturning embroidered edge or points. Another mode is to wear a more or less shaped turnover of white pique and a fringed scarf cravat tied under. Ribbons can be bought so corded that they will stand up staunchly about the neck, and then by crossing the ends at the back and bringing forward knot ties as a man's evening tie under the chin. Aside from these I've had my temptation from a window full of newly introduced sash scarfs of pastel tinted liberty taffeta that is very tender of quality, but can stand up for itself. These go twice about the neck, knot in front and fall to fringed ends that are artfully fretted open with floral bouquets of filmy lace. Really, you know," sighed the good lady as she rose at the butler's announcement of luncheon, "there is no end to the excursions for frittering away one's income in bewitching little tridles. One is obliged to cultivate a very stiff upper lip and close purse fastenings these days when the counters fairly overflow with almost irresistible bric-a-brac of dress, as one woman calls it."

**ARE GROWING HANDSOME.**

**American Girls Have Learned the Value of Exercise.**

The rage for outdoor exercise that has taken possession of American girls of late years is already bringing forth its legitimate fruits and unbiased observers declare they are growing in grace and comeliness.



**TWO PIQUE GOWNS OF SWEET SIMPLICITY.**

every year. They are taller, straighter and more healthful looking than were those of a generation ago. The increased opportunities for physical culture and open-air exercise have undoubtedly brought about this change. Girls are learning that the first essential to good looks is good health and that health depends on plenty of exercise. In England great attention is paid to athletic sports for girls. They are brought up to take part in all kinds of vigorous exercise and in pastimes which keep them out in the fresh air, such as riding, golfing and boating. To many persons cricket and hockey may seem to be unusual amusements for girls, yet at the girls' schools and colleges in England these games are as popular as basketball is in the United States. American girls have arrived gradually at the knowledge of the delights of outdoor life. Fashion, which has had much to do with bringing sports into favor, has really been a blessing in disguise, but it is not probable that the enthusiasm for athletics will be a passing fad when one considers its accompanying advantages to health, strength and beauty. Well-developed, symmetrical muscles are necessary to graceful outlines, roundness of limb and the ease and suppleness of movement which create admiration. Health not only gives bodily beauty, adds a glow to the cheek and a brightness to the eyes, but it animates the body and makes the possessor happy. A delicate girl who is entirely unfit to ride a bicycle or to play tennis may put herself in good condition to take up these pastimes by exercising with light dumbbells or going through calisthenic movements in a gymnasium.

**TOO BIG A CONTRACT.**

**Women Cannot Keep House and Earn Money at the Same Time.**

A woman of wide repute, who has been both professional and housekeeper by turns and tried to be both at once, has this to say of her experiment: "Until a woman has tried she never knows what it means to be housekeeper and business woman combined and few can stand the strain very long. I break down every little while, but just now I do not seem any other way to adjust matters. But it is this division of duties that gives the opportunity for the critic to sometimes lead relative to women's and men's ability in business. A man is not expected to do anything else but attend to business during business hours and then amuse himself in the way he best likes afterward. But a woman is not only expected to thoroughly understand the business in which she is interested, but to know how to conduct a house in all its details and furthermore to put this knowledge into practice, and a great many busi-

ness women try to do too much. They are at once their own cooks, dressmakers, milliners and household managers and follow a business pursuit in addition. It must naturally follow that something must be sacrificed. Generally it is the woman's health as the consequence of her conscientious endeavor to do her duty inside and outside her home."

SHAM JEWELS FOR SHOW.

**New York Society Lecturers Bedecked with Bogus Gems.**

More bogus jewelry and gems may be found at a fashionable New York reception than most people imagine. It is not always the sham aristocracy that array themselves thus, but many of the wealthiest people of the metropolis appear loaded down with gems that are sold by the pint instead of by the carat. This is due in part to the fear of robbery, for at all the swell functions there are present some of the most expert thieves in the country, ready to snatch a jewel of value when they are unobserved.

But in the wearing of ornaments, as in most other things, much depends on the woman who wears them. For instance, a large row of sham pearls worn in the daytime is stigmatized as bad taste, while a smaller one worn round the neck in the evening would be unobjectionable.

Large-stoned imitation diamond jewelry is at all times vulgar, but a sparkling, well made French ornament of sparkling paste for the hair gives as good an effect as the real thing and is only less good because it has cost less money.

The greatest disadvantage in a woman's buying sham jewels is that it is such a terrible waste of money. These things are not very inexpensive when they are good, but they are worth nothing if one should want to sell or exchange them. As a rule they don't last long, needing often to be replaced, so that imitation jewelry becomes a very expensive fancy.

A woman of refined taste and good judgment will avoid buying too many sham ornaments or those of too remarkable a size and then—if she should add a Roman pearl string to her real Oriental one or put a glittering agrette in her hair—she will feel few to blame her or call her vulgar.

SHORT SKIRTS FOR WOMEN.

**Observations and Conclusions of a Missouri Judge.**

Police Judge McAuley of Kansas City says that men who spit in public places need expect no mercy if brought before him. He says the habit is not only filthy but dangerous to the public health and he is going to do all in his power to see that it is broken up.

In connection with this, reports the Kansas City Star, Judge McAuley has an idea regarding women's wearing apparel. As long skirts are the great distributors of disease germs in spittle, he suggests that a combination ordinance might be passed—first prohibiting spitting under the penalty of a very heavy fine and second, compelling

**RESCUED BY A GIRL SWIMMER.**

**Dived from a Wharf and Saved the Life of a Drowning Boy.**

Louis Benepe, the 7-year-old son of Dr. L. M. Benepe, 550 Dayton avenue, St. Paul, owes his life to the rare presence of mind and heroism of Miss Edith Murray, who plunged into White Bear lake Thursday evening to rescue him from drowning.

Miss Murray, with the other members of the family, was seated at dinner in the Murray cottage at Mahomed. From a window overlooking the lake she observed a disturbance in the usually placid waters. As she gazed an arm and a face rose and disappeared beneath the surface. A life was endangered. With a warning cry she sprang from her seat, dashed down the winding pathway and out on the trail dock 100 yards away. At the end, scarcely pausing, she poised for the dive. A strong outward leap and her lithe figure shot into the water. In a moment, which seemed hours to the members of the startled family, all of whom had followed her to the dock as readily as they might, she rose some little distance from the pier with the form of a child in the frenzy of drowning clasped close to her side. The battle then was not for one life, but two. Miss Murray clung to the struggling child until he lapsed into unconsciousness. Then the brave girl, sadly hampered by her clinging garments, struck out for the dock, supporting the limp body of the little fellow she had risked her life to save.

Her brother, Robert Murray, had by this time reached the pier and relieved her of the burden that must soon have borne her down. The young heroine climbed to the dock unaided and quickly sought her own home and dry clothing. Miss Murray is about 15 years of age, the daughter of Mrs. E. N. Murray of 35 Irvine Park. She is fond of outdoor amusements and is an expert swimmer.

HEALTH AND GOOD LOOKS.

**Something Useful May Be Learned from an Actress' Experience.**

One of the most admired of American actresses, both for her grace and comeliness, has been divulging some of the secrets by means of which she has preserved her beauty. "Vigilance," she says, "is the first requisite. I am ever on the alert and when I discover traces of fatigue or any other health-destroying symptoms in my face or figure I set about remedying it at once. I don't attempt to be anything but a professional woman during the theatrical season. I don't receive and don't go to other people's houses. I simply haven't time and I don't make it. My mode of life is very simple. I sleep nine or ten hours as a rule—never less than eight. I eat regularly and heartily and avoid everything that would be apt to give me indigestion. Indigestion is a powerful foe to beauty, a greater foe than age, as great even as worry. I walk every day, expectorates on the sidewalk or in a street car. A woman with long skirts comes along, wipes it up and goes home, where the skirt is hung in a closet. The fluid dries and the tubercular germ is released, to lodge in the lungs of some healthy person. This may be looked upon as an exaggerated example, but it is not likely likely to happen, but it is a matter of record in hundreds of cases.

"A police order that gave more than ordinary pleasure was the one issued a few days ago forbidding spitting on the steps of the federal building. I have walked up



AN ELABORATE AFTERNOON COSTUME.

these steps when the tobacco spit was as thick that I felt like gathering up my trousers and holding them up to my shoulders. If I felt that way how much more disagreeable must it have been for a woman with long skirts. I sincerely hope that those custom house spitters will be brought before me and I'll guarantee that that cheek of tobacco will be the most expensive they ever look in their lives.

"Not only this, but the sidewalks, particularly in front of the retail stores, should be guarded against these pests. These are not ranked notions on my part, but since in all earnestness Miss Edith Murray, who enjoys it, that's his business and privilege. He has a perfect right to do so. He must be considerate of the rights and health of others and so long as I am on the police bench I am going to look out for the comfort of the other fellow."

**DIDN'T POST THE MESSENGER.**

**As a Consequence the Wife Knew of Her Husband's Subterfuge.**

Men are learning by degrees that their wives are not all as simple minded, confiding creatures as they are popularly supposed to be. One of these men learned this fact greatly to his mortification the other day. He met a college chum down town on a certain afternoon and subsided, with many twinges of conscience, for what he felt was a description of the better half to an invitation to dine out and have a game of cards afterward. But in order that the little lady's feelings might not be hurt by the neglect he wrote her a note, which ran like this:

"Dearest: Won't be home until late; will have to stay at the office until midnight at least. Am there now working furiously and will not be able to get any dinner, correspondence is so piled up around me. Don't worry, but spend the evening at one of the neighbors. Yours, JACK."

The wife received the note with a shudder of apprehension and read it with tears in her eyes. Her poor boy—that was what she called him in her thoughts—was so over-worked.

Then she never knew what maiden fate would her do it—there was the gentleman when he gave you this!" she asked the small boy, who stood waiting for an answer.

"At the blank hotel, getting dinner with two other men," came the reply promptly and cheerfully.

The wife reached home that night and found the weather marked stormy and was confronted with the evidence of his villainy, he made but one remark.

"To think," he said sorrowfully, "that after all these years of experience I should have forgotten to post that messenger boy."

Fritts of Fashion.

Embroideries of gold on tulle are a feature of the new evening gowns, with silver and mother-of-pearl often used in combination.

Silk, satin and even velvet stocks are worn with the curious shirtwaist styles of vastly more becoming than the stiff linen collar.

The linen dusterails this season are the most attractive of all. Some of them, made in the Empire designs, are really charming.

Pink is one of the most popular colors of the season, and the varying tints in the different materials are more beautifully soft than ever before.

For mourning pretty blouse waists are made of black net run through with black chenille and worn with a long net sash finished with chenille fringe.

That fashionable color called khaki has improved since it was first produced, and the ugly tint of yellow brown has merged into the soft fawn and beige tints.

High corset girdles are worn with short waists and dainty gowns as well. Formed of rows of lace and embroidered insertion running around they are especially pretty for the flowered muslin.

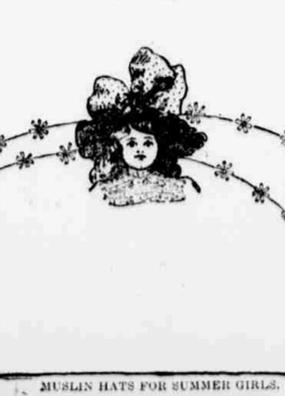
One of the new modes of trimming found-lace gowns consists of bands of white silk, machine-stitched in straight rows or in a pattern, which makes them very effective as a finish for the bodice, and the blouse in the skirt.

Seamless skirts of tulle are plain and are finished around the lower edge with three narrow shawl ruffles or volantes of the material. The little taffeta coats can be bought now for much less than woollen garments.

Sections of velvet have shawls and pockets for work or books, and big chairs of the same material have shawls on the outside where the hanger can collect his or her belongings, to be reached without moving.

The most beautiful clamped rings now ring none of the setting. In some of the rings smaller stones are set along the ring on each side of the large stone, and the jewels have the appearance of resting on the hand without the aid of prongs.

Increasingly great is the rage for lace appliques in white, black and deep cream colors to lace in every possible form on smart summer gowns, light wraps, boleros, fancy waists and high-class summer millinery. Fine old-fashioned thread and Chantilly patterns in white or cream color are laid over liberty satin, crepe collars with scarf ends, and the insertion bands are used as borders to revers, gowns, blouses and jackets on costly evening toilettes.



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