

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

MIDSUMMER FASHIONS.

Eternal Feminine Seems to Be Returning to Its Own.

NEW YORK, July 12.—In midsummer fashions the "eternal feminine" rules the day, the only danger seeming to be a tendency to get skirts too long, waists too frequent and effects too heart-breakingly coquettish.

New Kind of Paper Patterns.

A quartet of afternoon frocks show some of the least extravagant of the summer's styles and offer becoming suggestions to the home dressmaker.

But apropos of home dressmaking, when you have a smart gown to fashion don't buy the conventional flat paper pattern. Go to one of the many pattern houses in New York where a muslin or paper model goes with the flat one.

One of the four gowns in the group picture has a lingerie collar in ecru batiste, the fine tucks ending at a point to form a surrounding frill. Another gown for blue and white pompadour foulds demonstrates in shirring the hip-trimming now so popular.

White silk muslin or, null is it is most commonly called, forms the shirred front and puffed undersleeves; black velvet is the other garnishing and in a great bow at the front it trims effectively the round hat of white tulle and black satin braid.

A very graceful toilette for a youthful figure also has its charms heightened by this gracious decoration and so softening is found the influence of black velvet that it may revel with the frailest and palest textures and never seem amiss.

Pekin silk, which means in plain language black and white dots, evolves the fourth frock whose swathed little bolero knots at the bust over a corsage of white guipure.

Bright Parasol Idea.

One very pretty and striking fancy of the season's modes is to introduce the gown stuff into the accompanying parasol.

Some of the umbrellas will be entirely of the frock material and if this is light, dotted silk, a bordered canvas or a robin's egg blue pique the result is exceedingly smart.

One clever woman, who is endowed with more brains than gold, has a parasol for each of her best toilettes through the simple device of covers to go on and off as fancy dictates.

Lace cloaks are seen for evening wear and bewilderingly lovely are some of the long, trailing things. Both black and

themselves with a foulard or taffeta silk gown, the shops are just now showing batistes that will amply remunerate the buyer who knows how to select the blossom from the weed.

gested by the various soft embroidered and plain ecru batistes, which, selling at the beginning of the season for fabulous sums, are now going for a song.

suds, rinse well, dry, by heat if possible, then oil plentifully with sweet oil and dust thickly with powdered quick lime. Let the lime stay on two days, then brush it off with a clean, very stiff brush.

Before wearing any sort of brace—bra, and especially brones, remove all the dust possible. The less dust water finds about fine lines and cranies the less it can leave there.

about six weeks in Chicago and prominent educators and editors felt compelled to interfere in behalf of the pupils with insufficient means.

Country parents and those of the middle classes in cities who have struggled to give their children an education are burdened and embarrassed by the financial expenditures necessary to get them out of school.

Perfolically the sensational papers bristle with headlines to the effect that Miss— graduates one day and weeds some distinguished individual the next.

Any greater parody upon education than such conduct, it is yet to flash forth. A hollow maid, in the midst of examinations in Virgil and geometry, writing a thesis probably upon "Life, I know not what thou art," with the comprehensive mind and experience of 17 (1) and in the dress-maker's hands not only for the graduating gown, but for an elaborate trousseau, and having also the distractions of courtship.

Timely Protest Against Elaborate Commencement Gowns.

We have heard the praises of the "sweet girl graduate" sung ever since sweet girls were allowed to graduate, which has been fewer years than most of us realize.

For and About Women.

Miss Rebecca Page Knox, daughter of the United States attorney general, is a pretty brunette of 29, an admirer of kindreds and horses.

Children's Pongee Suits.

For children certain ready made and very stylish little suits in figured and plain pongee may be recommended.

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AN EXQUISITE LACE CLOAK.

the richest satin and the colors of the rainbow. She is immersed in clouds of tulle, her hair a creation worthy of Madame de Pompadour, her lingerie suggests the Parisian souflette in its gauze and gaiter and gossamer.

Prills of Fashion.

The simplest picnic costumes in blue, pink, pale blue or white lace, a bolero jacket and a gored skirt bordered with a heavily stitched circular flounce.

Some of the newest negligees of the season are the straight-edged models in Napolitan, Tuscan, lace braid, horsehair and other fancy trim that show a curving line from each side of the head toward the front and back of the hat.



A QUARTET OF AFTERNOON FROCKS.

little black velvet ribbon will do. One of the bargain foulds thus redeemed was in a rarely beautiful shade of blue, with white zigzags.

In designs some of the newest foulds run to startling effects, huge rings, eccentric triangles and big balls being considered quite consistent with good taste.

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CHECKED LINEN AND BROWN DOTTED PONGEE.

lower breadths of the cover are fastened to the ribs by means of the good, old-fashioned thread and needle always at hand.

The Swell Cotton Gown.

Very dashing pique costumes are seen in rich, solid colors, and there are some beautiful linens with veerings so coarse they might pass as wall coverings.

These practicable and dashing little suits, though designed in the beginning for strictly morning use, are fast becoming features of afternoon driving.

Low Necked Waists.

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CLEANING BRASS AND STEEL.

Vinegar and Salt or Oxalic Acid in Common Use.

To clean brasses quickly and economically, rub them well with vinegar and salt or oxalic acid.

Two smart little suits for boys of 3 and 5 are of brown dotted pongee and checked linen, with white canvas bands.

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