IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

HOSTESS WEARS WHITE.

Color Avoided in Modish Reception and At-Home Toilets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- White is not only of its very charm, the most approved choice for indoor reception gowns. The hostess at a luncheon, at an afternoon athome, at a musical morning or an afternoon committee meeting shines in snowy and effective contrast among her gaily and variously costumed guests. "We can hardly keep our counters supplied with white materials," was the pleased confession of one of the leading dry goods merchants, "and while the richest white moire eilk is first on the list of effective fabrics for house dresses, there is not any greater demand for it than for soft and inexpensive white wools, such as albatross cloth, nun's velling, loose woven homespun and all the qualities of cashmere."

Seen in the Show Rooms.

appreciative review of a whole show room full of white reception toilets proved that the soft wools were in the mafority, that simplicity of line was the rule in their makeup and that, while flat applications of white lace on white goods is modish in the extreme, there were plenty of white reception toilets, daintily relieved with lines of black and an occasional touch of soft color. The color is touched in by means of a bow, a belt, a rever or a collar, but often enough even the single point of

contrast is missing.

The advantages of the black and white reception dress are shown in the illustration of a white nun's veiling printed in a black vermiceld pattern. Both skirt and waist are variegated with treatments of white peau de sole and lacings of black bebe velvet ribbon. Two large, brilliant buttons ornament the silk belt and the points of the

Skirts and waists that are slashed open and then laced with ribbon are a triffe in advance of those that are only stitched or strapped. It is not considered in the best taste to use this means of decoration, save on gowns meant for somewhat ceremonious occasions. There is portrayed, for example, a black cloth calling dress that has been idealized and reincarnated from a wardrobe of last year by the discreet and inexpensive introduction of slashings and lacings that reveal pleatings of clear Canton blue crepe. The skirt is altered not at all from its last year lines, with the exception of the fans of pleated crepe introduced at the bases of the front scams. These openings give the foot of the skirt just that pretty flare that has crept in this season and the lacings are done with black velvet ribbons.

Only such remnants of last winter's black waist were retained as were necessary to supply the requisite strappings for a smart tucked blue crepe bodice that hooks up in the rear. With a knot of velvet heather blossoms pinned on the left breast this captivating gown has easily passed under the most critical eyes as an entirely new creation from Paris.

Valots Coat.

What's become of all the gold that used to glitter last winter from the tips of her braided slippers to the bow in the hair of the well dressed woman? You can walk the shops and investigate the dressmakers establishments and not find enough gold braid to loop once round your little finger. Gold-specked velveteens and gold-threaded gauzes have disappeared, too, and the only vetcen and corduroy suits large wood butpossible successor showed to the days of ton molds covered with intensely gay gilt and glitter we knew twelve months ago brocade have advantageously appeared. Is a taffeta decorated with dots, dashes and These buttons are as big as a half dollar, weed designs done with a brush dipped in are slightly convex in form and the bit of copper paint.

This is a true nouveaute de Paris, but a little of it goes a long way, and the conservative women are using touches of it on and tambourine bound with ribbons. There the vests, cuffs and collars of their renovated fur and cloth coats. There is still another purpose to which it may more



BLACK AND WHITE RECEPTION DRESS, SHOWING EFFECTIVE LACINGS ON SKIRT AND BODICE,

strikingly be devoted, and that is to the construction of a Valois coat. The dressmakers who are endowed with a mysterious rear bow of green ribbon fastened with a and precious foreknowledge of fashion events to be hint darkly at the approach of a mild rage for everything of the Valois tain their hold on feminine fancy are the Perfectly true it is that in the back hair combs studded with turquoise or days of the fair Marguerite of Valois and solidly topped with a broad band of clear famous Francis the First, fashions first be- turquoise blue enamel. Lower down on the came matters of great pith and moment, back hair, which, by the way, is as temptand these copper painted taffetas were then ing as a pin cushion as a receptacle for invented. If you take these warnings into ornamental brooches of all sorts, the short consideration, and if you are hesitating locks that threaten untidiness unless conover the mode of some sort of dressy gar- trolled are often and neatly caught by a

ment to wear with a plain cloth skirt, both | bit of black bebe ribbon tied in a small bow for the theater and for calling, be wise in knot. your day and generation and use a little painted taffeta in the makeup of a Valois

There is a sketch of such a coat given for brides this winter, but it is, by virtue for the encouragement of any woman toward the new material and the new design. It is not by any means a radical garment in shape, and it is wrought of bronze green taffeta, dotted in metallic coppery spots, garnished with motifs of ecru Russian lace, and still further brightened with a full front and high drawn collar of geranium red Japanese crepe. The full gathered sleeve drawn into the close fitting, transparent lace cuffe, and the loose cape-like jacket of decorated taffeta, over the close fitting foundation body of plain silk, are both, in the construction of this ornamental full dress waist, new features copied from a portrait

of Valois times. The Use of Bold Buttons.

MARY DEAN.

ONE-DAY REST CURES.

Repair Shop for Irritable Nerves of Society Women.

The one-day rest cure was first recomsalve to over-excited feminine nerves did offection. this method of short and frequent relax- At 6:30 the shaded lamp is lighted and prietress, who also regards herself as the crochet or play solitaire. originator of an entirely new system for had its limitations and when she had tasks before her. Decidedly we are going back to the use reached the top notch as a high-priced and of bold buttons, but only as decorative expert professional she decided to go into

until 4 o'clock. At this hour the maid brings her a sup of hot, clear broth, for tea and coffee are not used in Rest House, and after supping this and munching a dry biscuit she is advised to lie back in her chair until dinner and invite her soul.

Every hour spent in a relaxed position with closed eyes is just so much added release of the nerve strain. If she can't keep her eyes closed and succeed in divesting her mind of troublesome thoughts she is advised to look around the soft-hued mended and experimented with in New walls until some picture or plant or vase York City last winter. Such a boon and of flowers suggests a pleasant fancy or rec-

ations prove that the proprietress of Rest veritable dinner of herbs is served. It is House, as it is called, has been obliged to a short, light, but exquisitely cooked meal, increase her accommodations. The pro- and then until 9 the visitor can read,

Nine o'clock is bedtime and after anconserving nerve force, began professional other light treatment of massage the palife as a trained nurse, whose specialty was tlent is tucked into a sweet, warm bed. the care of patients suffering from nervous At 7 the next morning breakfast is served prostration. Trained nursing, in her ex- in bed and by 10 the guest is ready to leave perience, was an interesting and success- Rest House, calling down blessings on this ful calling, but for an ambitious woman it home of peace, refreshed and ready for the

AMERICAN GIRLS.

Qualities Superior to Those of Foreign Sisters.

"My experience in this country has not yet been sufficiently extensive to warrant my basing any judgment upon Americans at home," writes Mme. Sarah Grand in Success, "but in England and on the continent I have seen much of Americans and have been specially drawn to a close observation of American girls-your types of young womanhood. They have been an ever-fascinating study to me and I must say frankly that, in comparison with English and French girls, they must be given the palm for superiority.

fluence for good and to the grave responsibilitles of womanhood. Therefore, her development must not be cramped and hindered by the foolish conventions of a less enlightened age, as in England, but must be given plenty of room and encouragement, as in the United States. A woman is more womanly and charming for being broadly educated and led out of the mists of ignorance, which are never a protection, but always a menace.

"I am happy to say that, while the old-fashioned, conventional ideas in regard to young women and their education are dying hard in England, newer and more pro-

England, newer and more propressive ideas are gaining wider consideration. While we are far behind the United States in women's colleges, we have two institutions which are devoted to the highest education of women, and our High schools, the plan of which we borrowed from you, I think, are imparting the fundamental principles of good education to with long streamers.

For table use Venetian glass is enjoying special favor just now and specimens of this exquisite crystal are much in demand for wedding and holiday gifts.

The modish hatpin is topped with a pear-shaped pearl or round topaz or amethyst framed in gun metal. Crystal beads with setting of gun metal are used for some of the long chains, for which there is a decided liking just now.

Some very youthful and pretty shoulder mental principles of good education to thousands of young women."

For and About Women.

Miss Julia Morgan of San Francisco, has just completed her studies at the Beaux Arts in Paris, and is the first woman who has been graduated from that famous in-

Mrs. Marguerite Warren Springer of Chi-cago has promised to give the site at Van Burean and Green streets, Chicago, for the home of a proposed Industrial Art League there. Already \$25,000 has been subscribed toward the fund for the projected associa-

tion.

Mrs. John W. Mackay, who now lives abroad nearly all the time, and most of the time in London, has a pair of matched black pearl earrings which are said to be worth \$50,000. She also has a chain of diamonds nearly two yards long, besides many other exceedingly valuable jewels.

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Miss Alice Roosevelt, eldest daughter of the president, is at the home of her grand-

scalp and then her face is gently kneaded with fragrant, fresh cocoanut ointment. A state of exquisite relaxed, semi-consciousness follows this manipulation of her weary limbs and rolled in a down coverild she is left to doze and wake and doze again until A colorie was the state of the president.

married to the president.

Another woe has come to the lot of Miss Agnes Gill, the girl who acted as governor of New Jersey while the real governor and other state officers were at the Pan-American exposition during the New Jersey week. She is being flooded with offers of marriage. They come by messenger, mail and telegraph, all sorts and conditions of men being represented among the senders. Among the lot are not a few who are well off, some of the missives showing unmis-



VALOIS COAT, DESTINED TO BE POPULAR.

the palm for superiority.

"This is not the mere idle compliment of a stranger in your land; it is the truth, as I have observed it. The American girl has, as a rule, a more marked and interesting individuality, more force of character, more mental independence and alertness, more vivacity and conversational ability than has her English cousin.

"The chief reason for the superiority of American girls lies, I think, in the American system of education. They have space, freedom and liberty for intellectual expansion and the development of character, while our English girls, from the time they cease to be infants until they are married, are subjected to a system of suppression. It is not surprising that the average English girl is a nonentity, who, when she marries, is treated by her husband as an inferior.

"Some American mothers, I am told, are educating their daughters on the English plan. They are making a grave mistake. A woman has her own individual life to lead, Not on the character of her husband, if she has one, but on her own, will she stand or fall, and be equal or unequal to her many opportunities to wield an influence for good and to the grave responsibilities of womanhood. Therefore, her devices of culture and refinement. At first Miss Gill attempted to answer the letters, but they came so thick and fast that she gave it up as a hopeless task and many that now come are merely opened and their contents noted, and then they are it may an district she gave it up as a hopeless task and many that now come are merely opened and their contents, betters, but they came so thick and fast that she gave it up as a hopeless task and many that now come are merely opened and their contents noted, and then they are it may may may be they came and then they are it may an altern tow gas of there as the basket fills. A pretty Cherokee girl of 20 years, known among the whites as Miss Gill attempted to answer the letters, but they came so thick and ther they are may and many that now come are merely opened and there they

Green is a favored color for coats for lit-tie girls, particularly in velvet. An ecru lace collar, beaver fur or ermine forms the trimming.

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Some very youthful and pretty shoulder capes for matinees, concerts, afternoon receptions, etc., are made of plain velvet lined with gay pompadous brocade, and trimmed with ermine or otter fur and narrow gold gimps, or rather showy jewelled buttons and neck clasps.

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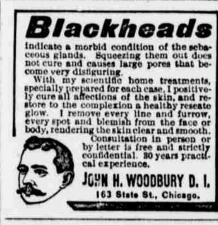
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stitutions, modeled on her own, in every

A GRAY AND GREEN RUNABOUT GOWN OF SCOTCH MIXTURE.

fements in tailors' as well as dressmak- la bigger business

ers' gowns. On some of the prettiest vel-

brocade that covers each mold shows a

very Frenchy basket of flowers, a blossom

wreathed shepherd's crook, a flute, pipe

is no gainsaying the charm of these or the

brilliancy of those that have velvet rims

and cut steel or strass centers. Again

we hear the title Valois applied to these,

and if a gay bit of brocade is used in the

decoration of a dark gown a set of brocade

buttons completes the color study, without

The tailors show a marked preference

The very best of these dresses, however,

follow with almost unvarying fidelity the

lines laid down by the sketch of a traveler.

This is a gray and green Scotch mixture,

ladies' cloth is used on the cuffs and revers.

of the coat, but the waistcoat is smooth

gray cloth, dotted in green and fastened

with twelve pretty silver buttons. At the

top of the waistcoat a green silk tie, folded

in the regent knot, appears, and the rolled

colonial toque of stitched gray felt and

Among the toilet details that seem to re-

steel buckle.

adding greatly to the expense.

for pierced silver buttons that are frank When the lease was signed the house and not costly copies of those worn a century and a half ago. When it is the case was uniquely and beautifully decorated of a smart morning walking or traveling under the lessee's personal supervision. dress the man of stitches unhesitatingly Upstairs and down the space was divided into suits of bedroom, sitting room and suggests a double row of silver buttons down the front of the high buttoned waist- bath, and the walls were washed with coat. If the suit under consideration is the softest and most restful tints, or hung being built for a young and stender woman with pleasing green, dull red or quiet blue cartridge papers. In her experience with the tailor's argument is all in favor of a skirt clearing the ground and cloth of any nervous folk the head of the establishment had learned the value of surroundings that cheerful color. Black and sober Oxford grays he used to advise for what are now do not excite the imagination. called runsbout suits, and a mode that was

A figured wall paper is one of the trifles simple to the verge of severity pleased both she had found that can often drive a tired tailor and customer best. If black is used mind into a shockingly irritable state. this winter in the construction of a short Flowers or geometric patterns can be-skirted suit it is adorned with such liberal come distorted under an excited gaze into decorations in red or green that the galety | teasing likenesses of people and things and sharp contrasts of color are almost as of the costume is its most striking charactrying. Dark walls or those colored a cloudy gray blue are not finished with light woodwork in that house. Door and window facings, mop boards and picture moldings are all painted the exact color of the walls. Curtains and carpets, shades rough of surface and treated with black stitched bands of itself both at the foot and and furniture are also equally plain, and where pictures hang in a room they are where the pockets are introduced. Black carefully selected photographs or engrav

ings of land or seascapes. The majority of the patrons of Rest House are rich, busy society hostesses, gay belles and debutantes, with a sprinkling of popular authoresses, musical stars and leading actresses. Of course, it is a sad commentary on the luxury of modern livgreen satin bands is decorated with a big ing that these women are obliged to go out of their homes to find rest. In spite of its being a pity, it is true that the larger and more splendid the city house becomes and the more complete its scientific conveniences, the more is it a scene of bustle and excitement.

It is well enough for a doctor to advise the half-hour afternoon nap or an occasional holiday in bed as a preventive of nervous depletion, but this otherwise valuable repose is robbed of nearly all its efficacy in the average private house when the maid taps at the door with important telegrams, notes or messages and the roar of street traffic and the indoor movement is woven distressingly into every dream. To the women who live the nerve-racking existence of the popular apartment hotel repose is even more emphatically denied and it is to these victims of over-civilized living that the idea of a retreat has especially appealed.

When a fashionable leader in New York society has had a peculiarly trying week of work or play and she can't spare the time or energy for a few days in the country and her mirror warns her that the late hours and combats with domestic problems are beginning to tell on her damask cheek she telephones for accommo dations in Rest House. In twenty minutes she and her dressing bag are passing up the broad easy stairs of the retreat to her rooms, where a skillful, quiet maid puts per into a lounging robe and slippers, lets down her hair, wheels her in a deep wadded napping chair before the cheerful hearth and rubs her down from top to toe with

