

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

IDEAL EVENING GOWNS.

Deliciously Smart and Pretty in Material and Colors.

NEW YORK, June 6.—Black evening gowns have no falling off in popularity, though the smartest summer dancing and dinner toilets are all of purest white.

spread so voluminously as these from the region of the knee. Our women of fashionable serpentine figure have their subtle straight lines to display and they do this to perfection with the starchless mulls, coarse silk knotted nets and lace encrusted crepe de chine that are everywhere strong in favor.

pretty and serviceable enough for the ball room. Some women, who are brave or beautiful, boldly dress their hair low of an evening and enjoy the comfortable consciousness that it is better to be fashionable than good looking.

Florentine Arrangement.

Happily girls of ages from 4 to 14 give no thought at all to the arrangement of their hair. Tots in knee long skirts have their locks cropped in Florentine fashion for summer and their prettiest hot weather gowns are of brown, white, pink or lilac linen, cut open in the neck, short in the sleeves and as brief in the skirt as the kilt of a Highlander.

MARY DEAN.

JULIA'S BEAU AND HER PARENTS.

A Pointed and Breezy Chat on a Tender Subject.

A fond mother said to me the other evening, when I was begging her not to cut short her call. "Oh, I must hurry home. George is coming over this evening to see my daughter, Julia, and I've got to be there."

It is almost pathetic sometimes to see how concerned mothers, and often fathers, too, are in regard to the entertainment of Julia's beau, writes Mrs. Helen Oldfield in the Chicago Tribune. Mother bustles in and out and shows George, or Percy, or Harold, or whatever his name is, the new tiptoe she is crocheting or the antique silver teapot she bought at the bargain sale last week.

Meanwhile of an evening our waists grow longer and longer. This is due to the astonishing evening corsets. They are made, those of the very last French pattern, in two pieces. The corset proper is hardly more than a perfectly straight fronted, heavily boned, extra long hipped girde. Powerful elastic hose supporters are applied in order to drag this girde down over the abdomen as far as it can go, and the unconfined bust is held firm by a slightly boned, but close fitting corset cover that does not extend so far as the waist line.

The eoru and biscuit-colored gowns are very happily set off in many instances with treatments of black baby velvet ribbon. A pretty exemplification is given in a sketch of a sunburnt silk gauze dropped over an underslip of pure coral rose. Below the lace edged Vandyke flounce, that hangs at the knees, extends a faring flounce ridged with tucks. Every tuck is bordered with a line of black baby velvet ribbon and this decoration is repeated on the frilled bolero and sleeve tops.

Handkerchiefs and Collars. One of the most exquisitely frivolous and inexpensive novelties, recently introduced as an accompaniment to the evening toilet, is the minute lace and tinted batiste handkerchief that is cut, trimmed and colored to represent a flower. There are pansy, rose, violet and petunia handkerchiefs that are shaped like any one of these flowers pressed or painted on the flat, and though they can not endure hard usage they are



A SUNBURT SILK GAUZE TRIMMED WITH BABY VELVET RIBBON.

down the street. Suddenly he ceased his visits at the young woman's home, and I asked him about it. "No," he said, "I don't go over to Nesser's any more. I like Miss Nesser immensely, but Pa Nesser is always coming in and sitting in your lap and telling how he could pitch railroad cars off the track with one hand when he was a boy, and it tired me out."

If Julia's parents are not actually entertaining George in the parlor they are often found entrenched behind a screen or a portiere in the library and ever and anon make their presence known by a rustling of paper or deep-toned conversation that has a most sinister sound. In fact, too many parents seem to act as though their daughters must be under a most careful and rigid espionage, which, if they look at it right, is a grave reflection on the girl's early training.

A home is the place where a girl should receive and entertain her men friends, but I don't wonder that so many Julias prefer to receive their company on the hard ledge of the sea wall or an iron bench in the park. Parents have a perfect right to look carefully after their children, but when a girl is grown she should not be watched like a suspected bank cashier who is being spotted by Pinkertons. Try as hard as they will, parents cannot prevent a daughter from meeting whom she will anywhere she pleases, if she pleases. The parents should so train a girl that when she becomes a young woman she may be trusted to entertain her men friends without mother having to go into the parlor and exhibit her new tidies or her father being compelled to sit about and snuff freight cars off the track.

For and About Women. Miss Vida Goldstein, a student of sociology at the University of California, is in this country studying American institutions. Miss Williams, a sculptor of Atlanta, Ga., has just finished a bust of Carthage and has placed it on exhibition in New Orleans. Miss Alice Roosevelt's love of horseracing is expected to cause a craze for equestrianism during the coming summer.

Californians think the coming woman sculptor to be the Chinese. She has modeled a bust of John Muir and another of the late Prof. Joseph L. Conte, and both have been highly praised. Mrs. Mary A. Shady, although 74 years old, has just been elected from a four years' course in history, astronomy, literature, etc., in St. Louis and has gone to Cuba, Mo., to take a course of piano lessons. She is a grandmother.

Queen Alexandra has had posted in many London omnibuses placards requesting passengers not to require the complete stoppage of the vehicle more often than is absolutely necessary, as this causes to relieve the horses as much as possible of the tremendous strain of re-starting. The women of Philadelphia are seeking to see the antique bonnet show in the Pennsylvania museum. These represent a portion of thirty-five handboxes containing these millinery curios and marvels of size. One of them is as large as a bushel basket and covered with fearful and wonderful wallpaper.

During the first two years of American occupancy of the Philippines over 6,000 copies of the bible were called for. It is said that there is a great need of Congregational ministers in Kansas. Sixty-one churches are vacant and calling for pastors. Two pews of St. John's church, Washington, were sold at auction last week. One for \$2.00 and the other for \$1.00. The former is the highest price ever paid for a pew in St. John's.

Bishop Turner of the African Methodist church is the leading spirit of the movement that has in view the exodus of the negroes from Africa as a solution of the race troubles in this country. If the claim for the beatification of Joseph Kleng, a Chinese Catholic convert, now being put forward at Rome, is allowed, Kleng will be the first native Chinaman to become a Roman Catholic saint. It is said that Bishop Taylor of the Methodist church, who died on May 15 at Palo Alto, Cal., had for over half a century slept with his head pillowed upon a stone. He generally carried the stone around with him.

Rev. Silas S. Cummins, the venerable soldier-preacher, well known throughout New England from his long-continued work in behalf of the Home for Little Wanderers, has just celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday. Mrs. John Stronach has given a copy of the New Testament in Chinese to the Princeton Theological seminary. It is a facsimile of the one recently presented to the empress dowager of China and is probably the only one of its kind in America. Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D., for the last twenty-three years occupant of the chair of sacred rhetoric, homiletics, pastoral theology and sociology in the Bangor Theological seminary, has handed his resignation to the trustees, to take effect a year from this June.

Frills of Fashion. Suède belts are beautifully embroidered in gold and silver thread. Pearls of all sizes thickly massed represent the latest idea in pearl trimmings. Oval or circular hair slides set with semi-



TWO CHARMING SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S FASHIONS.

turly or in proper accordance with her age there is no more artfully artistic way of adequately displaying her blanched tresses and of bringing out the delicate tints of rose in her cheeks than by dressing her, from train to shoulders, in unbroken and unrelieved white of a proper color. We use the true coral advisedly, for, in the shops and fitting rooms, we hear glib talk of lemon white, ash white, shell white, porcelain white, flesh white, rose white, almond white, and then the more familiar descriptions of ivory, pearl and oyster white. Every name here given signifies a quality of whiteness that may be more or less becoming to the complexion, hair and eyes of different women.

For Old and Young. Every species of white goods, from the finest etamine to the sheersat Swiss, forms the fabric of these delicate compositions. The tall and stately figures display the transparent woods, wool velvings and satin taftets to the greatest advantage; the youngest element have laid almost exclusive claim to Swiss and silky mull, silk batiste and the tarletons that are a revival of other days. An evening gown made wholly of white lace still remains the standard of supreme elegance and beauty of the robes of imitation Valenciennes and Brussels, are charming and decorative beyond belief. An evening dress worked out to completion without the use of lace is not to be imagined and encouraged in this day of fine needle work, and it remained for Paris to send us robes of delicate, costly and point applique enriched with entire deus, bold flounces, berthes, fronts, panels and sleeves of Irish crochet.

A White Quaker. A group of four agreeable white toilets, contrasted most gracefully and inexpensively with lace, give timely illustration to the present argument. The frock in the chair shows how a fine transparent almond white canvas, dropped upon a white lining is garlanded and medallioned with cream white Austrian crochet lace. A few straps of shining flat, white silk braids are stitched over the sleeves and breast of the bodice, and, to the rear of the most graceful frock stands a pretty decolette thing of crisp white Swiss, adorned with insertions made of broad honiton heading. A tiny vest of mock honiton is set in the front below two tiny coral pink ribbon rosettes, and here we have a positively ideal gown for the girl who yearns to present a picturesque and fashionable appearance for the modest outlay of about \$10.

Two tucked mulls, with coarse Marie Antoinette Valenciennes insertions of a strong tea tone are the materials of the two other frocks, that are topped by broad flat yokes of heavy white ecruorial lace. With all these gowns the skirts fit to the hips with glove-like neatness and flare to hitherto unusual width at the floor. The excessive skirt length of the average evening dress shows a tendency to increase rather than diminish and the flare below the knee is in sympathy with the extraordinary skirt measurement. Not all the dancing and dinner toilets

Married Women. Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free. The Bradford Register Co., Atlanta, Ga.



TWO TUCKED TOILETS.

ing so valuable that it probably would be worth all of 30 cents if quoted at market prices. By this time father has gained his second wind and launches into an exhaustive discussion of the water cure in the Philippines and concludes with a sweeping condemnation of the people of that unique, who refused to hudge an inch off the island until the volcano exploded. Then mother is anxious for George to sally out to the dining room and see her window box and the new rhododendron she bought at the department store for only 95 cents when the flower stores wanted to charge her \$2.25 for exactly the same thing. By this time father is commencing to yawn and is winding the parlor clock with more parade than if it were Big Ben in London, and George and Julia finally have a chance to talk together, Julia saying: "I am so glad you called," and George replying: "Thank you, I've had a splendid time. Good night." Then he closes the door from the outside and down the street, saying things under his breath. I know a young man who for a while was attentive to a sweet girl that lived



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