



HE midsummer hats are charming. The face that cannot find a hat to suit it must be plain indeed, for there is no end to the wonderful variety in millinery. Hats big and small, tail hats, and low hats are all in order. The high crown, with or without a brim, is one of the picturesque things of the hour, and with

the head size a trifle smaller than it has been for some time back there is a definite improvement.

As a large choice is given a woman these days in the choice of her millinery, each woman should study her own face, or let her modiste do it for her, and choose the style which is naturally hers.

To begin with, barrettes are not worn—they are completely out. The hat must sit well down on the head. The Berguins, Cabriolets, Syrian, Charlotte Corday, Breton, or Pierrot shapes do not suit big, fat, middle aged, or elderly faces.

For the short woman there are the high crowned hats with trimmings en algrette; for tall ones, the capeline in Italian straw, with flat trimmings. The stout should shun hats with narrow brims, which emphasize the great size of bust and hips. Those with abort necks will find the upward turn at the back of the Louis XVL or Napoleon gives the desired line.

For all except women with large faces the Gainsborough shapes of the shapes turned up all around are becoming. A woman with a good profile always looks well in a Gainsborough or Rembrandt, but only women with irregular features of the tip tilted variety should wear the new babyfied models that are being featured in the lingeric hats.

A dark hat lined with a lighter tint is becoming to a brunstte, while a blonde will find the fairness of her skin and hair set off to advantage by the hat with a dark lining.

The most popular colors are black, white, cerise, and navy blue. The greatest momentary success lies with the big hats of extremely wide brims. The immense manile, with a border of roses, ever retains its eightcenth century charm, and each year sees its recurrence in some shape or fashion.

The pure white flowers made of gauze, lace, satin, or velvet, with pure white foliage, which were used so freely a few seasons ago, are in great vogue again. For the lingeric hats the ones made of batists or lawn are especially effective.

White hats with the dead white trimmings are especially effective with any of the brilliant costumes worn this summer. An odd hat worn by a pretty girl that I met recently was built with a wide brim that rolled up slightly all around and had a dome crown. At one side of the front there towered a fleur de lis stalk, with the blossoms at the top and the long, slender foliage below.

There is nothing that one might call demure about the floral trimmings of bats this season. Hollyhocks as well as sunflowers are shown on many of the imported hats. The hollyhocks are placed on an upright stalk at the side of a high crowned hat, in the same way that we are now using the straight wired plumes.

On the extremely large shapes, which are everywhere featured, roses in sigreite arrangement, violets in double garlands, forget-me-nots with tiny pink roses, white likacs with pink roses, or black veivet marguerites are among the favorite trimmings.

Many poke shapes are noted, but these are on a much more generous scale than these that were designed for early summer wear. In addition, the sides spread outward and do not, as a rule, touch the earsa presention which is advisable for warm days.

An over increasing number of hats with crowns and half of the brims covered with fancy swiss.

either dotted or elaborated with jacquard figures, is being seen. The under brim may be entirely of the straw (hemp is much used), or it may be of the swiss with a one inch fiange of the straw at the edge of the upper and under sides,

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Lingerie hat made of fine Brussels allover, trimmed with ince-edged frills of plain net and little wreaths of ribbon roses in delicate roccco shades of pink, blue, mauve, and Wile green. Trianon hat of leghorn, inced with pale pink maline and trimmed with a graceful arrangement of small flowers in many tones, and streamers of black velvet ribbon.

with the crown and the upper brun covered with white Turkish toweling. These have appeared in various shapes of medium size, and have crowns faced with

black velvet. Hats of this kind are for the most part simply trimmed, and, while not bad to look at, the material is rather extreme, and they possess no advantage over the daintier and more suitable fabrics that are in use.

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