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Advance Notes From Paris

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signs finish the airiest fabrics. You will love, as we all do, the tiny-flowered silks that suggest court ladies playing at milk maids and Dresden shepherdesses.

These dainty patterns are made into quaint overdresses, and are worn with lace underslips or over a plainer silk foundation. Doubtless the wired tunic that flares out below the hips, several inches beyond the straight skirt, which we noted once or twice on French women of unquestionable fashion, will be taken up by many. The de Medici collar of fine lace, also wired to stand up in a fan shape fashion at the back of the neck, has already become popular.

The tiny hats we will wear, my dear, are almost absurd when compared to the cart wheels of a season or so ago; but smart they are, indisputably. They take quaint forms and set low over the forehead and ears. Carrier favors tulle plaited and bowed up into stunning effects for the back or side. A strange little turban, with two aigrettes, one thrusting up in the air in the front and one in the back like the rakish masts of a schooner yacht, capped the pretty head of a petted Parisienne who passed us driving the other day. I am afraid I quite disgraced myself staring after her, for her ensemble was startling to say the least. Aunt is so hardened to the kaleidoscope the streets present that she rarely turns her haughty head; but she sees, nevertheless, and often reproaches me for my gaucherie, which to save my life I can not help. If the Comtesse of was seen driving in the Bois wearing the court costume of a Hottentot, she would stare quietly ahead and murmur: "Quite the correct thing, my dear, it seems!"

Marianne de Lourey.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT NUMBER

IS THE gentleman burglar—the social highwayman—a myth? He is, according to no less an authority than Chevalier Alphonse Bertillon, the famous head of the identification department in the Prefecture of Police of Paris. Writing on *The Myth of the Gentleman Burglar* in the next SEMI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE SECTION, M. Bertillon explodes a long-standing theory and going from fancy to fact declares he never knew of a Raffles in real life.

ON the other hand, William J. Burns, the great American detective, takes issue with M. Bertillon, and in a vigorous editorial says if there are no gentlemen burglars in France there certainly are in America. Two such eminent and opposing views furnish material for an interesting controversy.

COUNT LEO TOLSTOY, following his remarkable last message and prophecy to the European sovereigns published recently in the SEMI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE SECTION, has written in *Civil War* a stirring and powerful parable to appear in our next issue. This posthumous manuscript was found among the great Russian author's papers at Yasnaya Poliana.

GEORGE FITCH, whose Siwash College stories have won an enviable place among humorous classics, never conceived a funnier story than *The Pet Town of Jupiter City*, to be published in the next SEMI-MONTHLY. It's the tale of a town that went on strike and was swept away in a gale of laughter.

PROFESSOR BRANDER MATTHEWS discusses *The Art of Pantomime*, and Lillian Bennet-Thompson tells, in *The Unknown*, a story that deals dramatically with the mysterious Fourth Dimension.

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