

Fashions of the Day.

A few more familiar faces in our streets, a few more well-groomed men and well-gowned women on view (albeit the gowns look strangely reminiscent of June), a few more of those forbidding wooden barricades removed with which it has become the custom of noble New Yorkers to enshroud their lordly mansions during the dog days—these are the outward and visible signs by which the second week of September is distinguishable from its immediate predecessor. We are getting toward the time for *demiseison* toilettes, those nondescript costumes donned, presumably, in deference to the tickleness of the early autumn temperature, and so cunningly contrived that, if the day be warm, their weight is overpowering, while if it be cool one shivers and turns to gooseflesh.

One of the marked developments of the season in dress building is the yoke craze. Every waist in these days, must either actually have a yoke, or, at least, appear to have one. Even shirt-waists are so made that fancy silk and lace yokes may be laid over them, and these additions are generally becoming, especially if they be not too deep.

The coming skirt is, I regret to say, going to be heavily and elaborately trimmed, while the plain skirt that has had so long and so successful a reign to be relegated to oblivion. Black velvet will be largely used in the fall trimming, while fancy braids and buttons will also be general favorites.

The soft, glossy, satin-finished material that came late in the spring will be very smart this winter, and will be a favorite material for the tailor made gowns. A stunning cloth gown just received and not yet exposed to the gaze of the multitude is of castor colored cloth, castor being another of the latest shades in brown. The waist is a beauty; the plain French back drawn tight in the belt, the front braided and of blouse effect, a cloth of gold vest and cuffs, and violet velvet collar.

Galloon is to be much in use, and for the lighter goods, embroidery incrustations, platings and bands of silk, not to mention those fascinating, old-fashioned fringes that have returned to us from fashions long gone by. These fringes make a very dressy trimming, but they must be of the very best quality of silk else they soon grow dingy and lose their gloss.

The draped satin and silk belts are taking the place of those of ribbon. They are plaited in folds made with short whalebones, and when well made are a stylish addition to a costume.

On the other side I was told that corduroys, velveteens, velvets and velours are to be the smart things. For coats, velvet and velours will be very rich and elegant.

I heard it whispered as a dead secret that taffeta silk hats are to be revived quite as our dear old grandmothers used to wear them. They are to be shirred with an additional "bouillonne" of velvet around the edge. Cock feathers, wings and quills are to be more than ever the rage.

Black silk will be very much affected, and Chantilly lace will be a favorite "garniture." A useful, sensible skirt I saw was of black glace silk with Chantilly lace flounces. These make very smart evening skirts, and, with odd waists in chiffon or silk, laces or jet, a woman has appropriate toilettes for any occasion.

Marvelously wonderful fantastic tartan colors in plaid patterns are made in mohair, lustres, poplins and light woollens. One of the catching modes to be ushered in this fall is a combination of striped and plain goods. A costume worthy of mention was made of "Jockey Club" blue cloth, a shade between bluette and royal blue, the yoke and

sleeves of the cloth, while the blouse-front was of black and white striped satin, with narrow straps over the sleeves. The short poplin effect was formed with the black and white striped satin, and from that hung the cloth skirt in a full Spanish flounce.

Another gown awfully swell, was of white cloth, the entire waist braided in black braid with a tiny gold thread through it; the top of the sleeve only was braided and the rest of it plain to the wrist, when a deep cloth cuff was braided and stood a little out from the hand. A persian band in gold and white was brought straight from the throat into the belt, with two similar short bands on either side, so as to form a yoke effect. A white cloth belt, with two long tabs, falls in front from waist to hem of the skirt, which was of white cloth braided in fifteen rows, from the bottom of the skirt up, and also gracefully braided in a slope quite high up the back.

With the near approach of cool afternoons the tea gown becomes a necessity and the new models are even more charming than ever—but of these at another time.

A pretty scarf worn around the throat a la man is becoming and fetching, but it is a firm conviction in man's mind that no woman can tie her cravat properly. He classifies it with sharpening a lead pencil as an unattainable attainment for feminine hands. Now, as no waist is complete without its cute little bow, I look to see this verdict set aside by the march of events.

Shirt waists are admissible, nowadays in woolen goods and the very latest is the cloth shirt waist—even broadcloth. These waists will be heavy enough to wear quite in to the season without jackets.

I am told gray hair is to be much admired, and in cases where old age has not been attained or has neglected to supply the silver threads my lady's powder puff will "put up a bluff at it" (isn't that the horrid slang men use for such performances?) It is not impossible that the elderly women will modestly admit that they use powder, while the pert youngsters may claim that they are prematurely gray. Wise people will say nothing, but will powder if necessary.

I predicted some months ago the coming advent of curls, and now they are here, and will stay at least through the winter months.

One of the new wrinkles (literally so) is for the glove to be "miles too big." For my part I always preferred a comfortable, easy glove, and surely no hand looks well squeezed out of all symmetry. The mouquetaire is to be the correct glove, and it must wrinkle well on the hand as well as on the wrist.

The reaction sure to follow any exaggerated style in fashion's realm has set in. The big, splashy hats must go, and with them the unwieldy masses of flowers and plumes. We are going back like sensible women (as we are in reality) to the dainty, close fitting bonnet and capote whose tidy little strings tie snugly under the chin. Middleaged women may well hail this news with delight, as this style will serve to conceal those telltale wrinkles behind the ears and under the throat.

Paquin, Worth and Felix, an omnipotent triumvirate, send word from Paris that street skirts must trail. I shall adopt the hint, but only for my very best gown, in which I shall be careful to be no walking. Your true Parisienne nowadays allows her own gown to sweep the street, and to raise it is bad form. I doubt if my sensible American sisters will allow themselves to be led into such folly. Colonel Waring, as his brigade to attend to such matters, and they cart away the debris, while poor we would be obliged to bring much of it home with us.

The newest sleeves are to be absolutely without a puff or wrinkles, to fit as smoothly as those of a man's coat; all fullness is to be abolished. The fascinating little ruffles, the becoming puffs, even the few garters, are marked for destruction. Here again I venture the hope that our women may have sufficient independence to give to this fall the "free-face," and that in time they may realize, as I do now more than ever, that our American modistes are the best in the world, and that, if only we would give them the chance, they would lead the world in Fashion, as the women do in beauty.—Town Topics.

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