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FASHION

Outdoor interest at this season, while it is yet too cool for rowing and sailing, is divided between golf and tennis, the revival of the latter game promising to make it more popular than ever this year. Several new modes have appeared for the devotee of these sports, and a special outing wardrobe is now a necessity.

Cloth, fancy homespun, brilliantine, duck and linen are the materials employed for the newest golf suits, which are frequently nothing but shirt-waist suits with short skirts. The best models for skirts are tucked or plaited all over, with a fullness about the bottom of the skirt. The plain skirt is no longer at all smart. The backs are close fitting quite to the knees, taking the place of the tedious inverted plait so long in use. Since the outing suit has developed such possibilities, the French women have adopted it, short skirt and all. The cloths are finished in stitching, which is more effective than bandings. A pretty model shows a skirt of dark blue brilliantine, laid in two-inch box-plaits at the belt, and widening toward the bottom. Where these are let flare, each plait is embroidered in a heavy silk triangle, which serves both as an ornament and also to keep the plaits securely in place.

The season has brought forth many novelties in the line of gloves, coats and stocks for the golf girl. A new

glove, and the best so far seen, is of soft but thick gray suede with perforations the size of a small pea all over the back. The glove is fingerless, and fastens with a clasp on the back of the wrist. Where the strain comes on it in playing, on the palm and at the base of the thumb, it is reinforced by an extra thickness of the suede. The convenient short skirt is used entirely for train wear, and does away to a great extent with the long, smart dust coats of silk, so popular last year.

The best tailors are turning out some stunning suits—duck and linen. The coarser and more loosely woven these are, the better. The coats are variously made, from the loose sack to the snug Eton. These snug coats are either entirely collarless or have a large collar on the sailor style. I see in all the outing coats shown a tendency to be much more trimmed than heretofore. The knitted red coats with silk and satin sleeves are still favored by those who love comfort, as nothing so far has been shown which can compete with them as an undercoat, and to slip on after the game.

Of the numerous outing hats, those of golden brown Panama are the prettiest. They require very little trimming—simply a band, a bow or a quill, with sometimes a bright veil wound about them, with short ends falling in the back.

The month of brides is again here, and wedding gowns claim attention. One now in course of preparation for an approaching event, and which I have been so fortunate as to see, is of rare old lace made into three flounces to form the skirt. The bride-to-be is slender, and the bodice, instead of being also of lace, is of accordin-plaited chiffon over tulle and silk, closely fitted, save just at the front belt line, where it blouses a trifle. Over the shoulders falls a superb berth of the lace, pointed in the front. The high collar is of unlined lace, and the elbow sleeves have pointed flounces and turned-back cuffs of lace. The veil with this costume is comparatively short, falling well below the hips, and having a knot of lace to fix it to the high-dressed hair.

Another gown that struck my fancy was of white crepe de chine, very soft and clinging, made plain, and exquisitely trimmed with tiny white blossoms.

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This, too, was high in the neck, and had long sleeves as well. Flowers were used in attaching the veil to the hair and in its drapery. This veil was long and also of lace. Roses are to be largely employed in the decorations for the coming weddings, and in several instances the brides will carry large, round bouquets of bride roses, with long streamers, interwoven with buds.

Orchids, too, will be popular, and in all instances the color scheme used in the floral decoration will be carried out in the costumes and flowers carried by the bridesmaids.

A heavy satin princess, made almost severely, has sleeves of heavy white lace and deep inserts of the same about the flaring bottom of the skirt. This is to be worn by a tall brunette, who will carry orchids. Her bridesmaids are to wear white lace over delicate, flesh-colored slips of silk, and are to carry bouquets of pink roses.—Lady Modish in Town Topics.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NEXT AMBASSADOR



The Hon. M.H. Herbert

Mrs. Michael Herbert.

It is probable that the Hon. Michael H. Herbert, the newly appointed British ambassador to Washington, will not present his credentials before late summer or early autumn. Above are latest portraits of the ambassador elect and his beautiful American wife. The latter was formerly Miss Lella Wilson. She married the former ambassador in 1888 after meeting him in Europe. Mr. Herbert holds a distinguished record for diplomatic service. He resigns his position as secretary to the British embassy at Paris to take his latest and more important office. He has also been secretary to the legations at Washington, the Hague and Rome. While in Washington Mr. Herbert was very popular in this country and his beautiful wife was always a great favorite at Newport so that their return is eagerly anticipated.

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