

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A COLUMN OF GOSSIP AND HINTS FOR OLD AND YOUNG GIRLS.

What Women all over the World are Talking and Thinking About.

It is solemnly asserted by the New York Herald that the Turkish bath-party is a social fad in Chicago just now. A half-dozen ladies—members of the same set, of course—having previously made arrangements with the Turk who is the presiding genius of the bath, come down town and spend the entire afternoon in the enjoyment of the Oriental lute. There are no horrid men around save the stalwart sentinel at the door. Those who wait upon the fair bathers are of the Turkish sex. The afternoon is always the time selected, as more conducive to the true appreciation of the luxuriant languor of the Turkish bath. Lunch is served, and the maidens recline and loiter about the rooms in great abandonment and enjoyment.

I am sorry to see that Mrs. Fawcett deprecates the engagement of ladies of education as dress-makers and milliners (writes Oscar Wilde in the Woman's World), and speaks of it as being detrimental to those who have fewer educational advantages. I myself would like to see dress-making regarded not merely as a learned profession, but as a fine art. To construct a costume that will be at once rational and beautiful requires an accurate knowledge of the principles of proportion, a thorough acquaintance with the laws of health, a subtle sense of color, and a quick appreciation of the proper use of materials and the proper qualities of pattern and design. The health of a nation depends very largely on its mode of dress; the artistic feeling of a nation should find expression in its costume quite as much as in its architecture; and just as the upholsterer tradesman has had to give place to the decorative artist, so the ordinary milliner, with her lack of taste and lack of knowledge, her foolish fashions and her foolish inventions, will have to make way for the scientific and artistic dress-designer. Indeed, so far from it being wise to discourage women of education who are needed, and I am glad to see in the new technical college for women, at Bedford, millinery and dress-making are to be taught as part of the ordinary curriculum. There has also been a Society of Lady Dress-Makers, and the Scientific Dress Association, both doing very good work in the same direction.

A New York girl of that exquisite blonde fairness of complexion to which green is the most becoming color, gave a green dinner the other night that was a picture in its way. The dining-room was a bower of palms and trees ferns. Across the entire length of the white tablecloth was laid a broad strip of green China crepe, each edge being thickly fringed with maiden-hair ferns. The centre of the table was a bed of ferns and delicate, lace-like yucca plants, and from each corner of the square plot of green rose tall slim vases of green glass, holding above the heads of the guests one long green stem crowned with a cluster of lilies. Among the net ferns and grasses were buried half-a-dozen tiny fairy-lanterns of the palest green, giving a light like that of fire-flies. The table was lighted from above by a great ground-glass globe covered with pale-green crepe and lace. At each place lay a bunch of white lilies amid maiden-hair ferns and tied with green ribbons. The soup was a puree of asparagus served in green china, and everything throughout the dinner was green when it was possible to have it so. The entire china service being green, and the jews at the conclusion all flavored and colored with pistachio. The young lady's mother was dressed in emerald velvet, with emerald and diamond ornaments, and the young woman herself was in green tulle and silver, looking like an undine or a naiad. Nothing so daintily perfect has been seen in New York for a long while, and it is a pity that the famous white dinner served by the emerald French cook to Blanche Amory, when he spoke his love in his plate. The Chinese Minister gave in Washington, last autumn, a pink dinner that was the talk of the capital for a while, but pink and red dinners are not uncommon, while there are few women who have sufficient confidence in their complexions to venture under green.

Ladies' luncheons are more gorgeous, more fashionable, more personally flattering, than any other attention (says a writer in the Bazar). One New York hostess of the winter gave a large luncheon of fifty or sixty, having small groups around the room, without tables, served as they would be from a supper-table, from one large buffet at the end of the room. This was delightfully social and pleasant. Now such a luncheon as this has great advantages. It enables a lady to invite more than she can to a "sit-down lunch"; it is a useful institution as enabling a hostess to show a considerable amount of civility to a great number at comparatively little trouble to herself. She can have young ladies, single ladies, married ladies, old ladies, all of whom like to meet each other. She can have persons at such a luncheon whom it may not be easy to ask to dinner, and it is always a pleasant way of entertaining a stranger. She can offer to them all the same delicacies—salads, pates, boned turkey, oysters, loaves, jellies—that she would offer at a dinner, beginning, of course, with bouillabaisse in cups. Ladies do not remove their bonnets at a luncheon; they should, however, wear a warm wrap to remove in the outer room, because the effect of eating in a crowded room makes

them very much too warm for the outer air, and in danger of taking cold. Tea and coffee are never served after luncheon, either in the drawing-room or dining-room; guests are not expected to remain later than four o'clock when, if they are denizens of New York, they generally go off to a "tea at four o'clock" somewhere else.

The Cuban woman can not go out of doors in the daytime, except in carriages, the ladies sending for what they want to look at and the clerks staggering out under great burdens of goods. You can imagine that shopping there is neither a pleasure nor a vice, as it is said to be in Paris. So, after the morning is spent at housework and a veiled visit to church, the Cuban ladies dress to loiter in the windows, and their sweethearts creep along close to the walls and chat with them, if no old woman is to prevent them, and if they have proceeded so far in their love-making as to be able to converse with their heart's delight. Before they do that they can talk along the streets ever so many times, past their sweethearts' windows, waiting to be noticed and flirted with, and then comes a long period of ogling and the exchanging of swift glances and peering behind fans and waving handkerchiefs—all extremely silly in the eyes of American girls.

In Boston, women club together to do every earthly thing that is conceivable, and it is said that the reason they don't marry often is because it must be done individually. The beauties are almost the only class that has resisted the club instinct so far, and they at last have succumbed. And, surely, they should be encouraged in an attempt to form an association for the culture, preservation, and increase of beauty. It will, of course, be largely composed of women, though the other sex will not be excluded. The idea originated in the brain of a clever and beautiful society girl who has been giving some very unique dinners this season. She has given artists dinners, matinee-actors-and-actresses dinners, "clever" feasts, and finally was inspired by the brilliant device of inviting the handsomest men and women of her acquaintance to a "beauty dinner." There were twelve in all, and it is said the array of masculine and feminine good looks around that board did the beauty-lover's heart good to see. A great deal of good-natured chaff resulted, and before dinner was over it was moved and carried by acclamation that those present should form themselves into a beauty-club, and a list of members was proposed and voted upon and then there. Its aims are to be the study of all the highest forms of beauty, the encouragement of becomingness in dress, and the promotion of the observance of such physiological laws as tend to the preservation and increase of good looks. Miss Winkler is in Washington as Miss Grant, but they will both be offered membership. Miss Hecksher, Miss May Brady, Miss Laura Bonham, Miss Leonard, Miss Camilla Moss, the debutante, and Miss Nellie Astor are all to be included should they apply. The women's selection is far more difficult, and there has already been some spirited contests over the varied taste displayed concerning masculine good looks. The question of dress may be a difficult one also, for a certain number of the male members insist that picturesque silk and velvet costumes in varying colors and styles should be worn, while another party declares that at the angels open the windows of heaven and give down to dress, and while the Greek garment will be encouraged, no one will be asked to wear them if not beloved.

Fashion Notes. Epaullets are de rigueur on all sorts of fancy capes and even on jackets. Two widths of braid used together make very charming and braiding. Castor and biscuit shades in the new silk warp Henriettas are the most popular colors. Very few long garments are seen for spring wear, everything being jaunty and short. Wood color and white is a very stylish combination in the light weight fabrics for summer wear. Beautiful and graceful effects are produced by the simple high drapes seen on the stylish spring models. Gorgeous are the printed challis in flowered designs, but not so soft and lovely in coloring as the Indian silks. Vicuna cloth is always an elegant fabric, and this season it is particularly stylish and suited to the newest models. Tubular woollen braid is one of the heavier trimmings which bids fair to be very popular the coming season. Elephant and mouse grays are two popular shades for spring wear and are combined with black and white, or either. That exquisite shade of green known as celadon is again in vogue and will be worn, it is hoped, only by the young and fair. White Henrietta cloth is in great demand for fine white costumes and promises to be very popular fabric for half mourning. On round hats, of which there is a good choice, a generous decoration of ribbon bows seems to take precedence of any other trimming. The violet and heliotrope shades still linger in the challis and the India silks, generally with several shades of the color in combination. Loose Fedora fronts were never so stylish as they are this season and they are seen on all sorts of costumes of many sorts of fabrics. The gingham flannels are in wider stripes than last season and cannot fail to be very popular for yachting, tennis and sea-beach costumes. Gallons of various fancy weaves will make a very conspicuous addition to the coming spring costumes and render them more dressy and elegant. Sets of trimmings in black as well as colored beads make very pretty effects on simple house gowns, and nothing else need be used with them.

Blue and pink, a combination always loved by Persian modistes, is to be seen in the new materials for summer wear, and certainly has a soft and girlish effect. A honeycombed or smoked blouse is one of the prettiest of the stylish, fluffy waists which will be sure to be popular with young girls the coming season. An event of interest to ladies this week will be the opening of Miss Demorest's, 17 Temple place, which is announced for Thursday, the first day of spring. Feathers are ombre, only ostrich tips and egrettes, however, and these in the most odd and eccentric combinations to suit the ombre blouses, presumably. The jacket basques of bright colored silks are to be very stylish the coming season and are finely tucked. Waist and sleeves are worn with a belt and metal buckle. Yellows will be used with browns the coming season and will be very generally worn later with the ivory white fabrics for some of the dressy toilets of the summer season. Watered ombre ribbons are in wide widths for sashes and also for forming part of lace dresses, the tabling being striped with the ribbon and the corsage made to correspond. Dore browns are very elegant and stylish this season and in some street costumes for spring wear are elaborately decorated with gilt braid, with a relief of white underneath.

The long and narrow vest which gave grace and character to the corsage of last season will be worn the coming season again as it is particularly becoming to a slender figure.

For Social Gatherings.

The following hint comes to us from a Presbyterian church in Evanston. Each person present was provided with a card on which were printed a dozen numbered lines. These lines were filled out with the corresponding names, and each person was expected to talk for five minutes with everyone whose name was written on his card. At the expiration of five minutes a bell was struck, and each person sought out his next "partner," whose name was written on his card. The array of masculine and feminine good looks around that board did the beauty-lover's heart good to see. A great deal of good-natured chaff resulted, and before dinner was over it was moved and carried by acclamation that those present should form themselves into a beauty-club, and a list of members was proposed and voted upon and then there. Its aims are to be the study of all the highest forms of beauty, the encouragement of becomingness in dress, and the promotion of the observance of such physiological laws as tend to the preservation and increase of good looks.

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