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THE FASHIONS.

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The flowered muslins intended for dresses, blouses, and Marie Antoinette fichus are particularly fine in quality and exquisite in design and coloring. Surplice or crossed bodices are very desirable when transparent materials are used, and Fashion is for once consistent and favors this graceful form of sistent and tavors this graceful form of bodice. When the figure is high, the slightly bloused front is approved. The drooped textile should be transparent. In this case, while giving apparent length to the waist, the airiness of the material does not impart an appearance taking to it. of thickness to it.

The designers of the latest French pelerines, fichus, and yoked shoulder capes show a decided partiality for lace instead of chiffon or mousseline de soie in the decorations of these dainty gar-

ments. Very many of the organdy and flowered and dotted muslin dresses have plain tinted batiste or lawn for the foundation ekirt and waist lining instead of the taffeta on which they were formerly mounted. The batiste lining makes a cooler gown, and a more dainty, if a little less rich looking one, and this soft lining can be had in all the pretty shades of pink, lilac, yellow, green, or other tints that form the backgrounds of figured muslins.

FANCY DUCK COSTUMES IN WHITE,

cream, ecru, and blue are made with a short bolero elaborately trimmed with insertion or rows of white braid, or else a blazer that extends about six inches below the waist line. The jacket has no lining, neither has the gored skirt, which is about four yards wide, narrow on the front and sides, and full at the

The handsome English serges and mohair in fine all-wool are still the best and most appropriate selections for neat, stylish gowns for travelling and for morning wear on cool days out of town. A narrow belt and a single buckle, an open jacket, and a vest or shirt waist complete more than two thirds of the costumes of this description. The rest are made with boleros or Norfolk waists. and a seven-gored skirt completes the suit. For the girl who elects for simple styles, the open tailor made jacket bodice, double-breasted piqué vest, and four yard untrimmed skirt are selected as being close to the regulation masculine severity of style deemed essential to the smart utility gowning of the stylish maidens of the summer of '97.

SOMETHING ABOUT HATS.

The great majority of fancy straw hats in black or vivid colors are ugly in shape, with heavy waved brims, and unbecoming double or eccentric crowns, and when heaped with all the various accessories employed in millinery this season, they look ridiculous and topheavy, and are wholly unfit for hot weather wear. The plainest and prettiest styles are the zephyr braids, the pliable Neapolitans, the always popular Leghorns, and the violets, lilacs, lilies of the valley, and green tulle; shaded roses, heliotrope, mignonette, and velvet ribbon; hawthorn aprays, maidenhair fern, and cream tulle, and so on. A hat in black and white effects with a touch of color in the form of a cluster of Jacque roses, or a spray of creamy gloire de Dijons worn with a black and white silk gown trimmed simply with velvet ribbon, form a very lady-like and becoming costume for the summer. If one wishes to treshen the bodice of a good black silk or satin gown, sairy black silk point d'esprit draperies on the waist and sleeves will make a cool and pretty change in the gown. Then have black point d'esprit trimmings added to the hat or bonnet, brightened with a crimson rose and a 'spray of violets or a cluster of spot pink roser. Point d'esprit wears far better than chiffon or allk tulle. It has more dressing and body, and is thus less atfected by dampness.

SOME VERY WONDERFUL HATS received by a Fifth Avenue importer are in very broad-brimmed Rembrandt and Victorian styles, weighted variously with chaplets of grasses, brambles, brierroses, lilies, magnolia blossoms, scarlet hibiscus blooms, pale green foliage, and moss. The crowns are high, and a still loftier effect is obtained by the arrangemingled awe and disdain, and they soon turn from them to inspect the saner untrimmed models in black or white, or in a mixture of pretty colors—models sug-gesting variously the old Euglish walking-hat, the medium sized Rubens shape the style with a rather low crown and flat brim, with no waves or angles in it, and which has no special name, but which proves so suitable and becoming to women past their first youth who like a hat to shade the eyes and partly cover the forehead. These are among the shapes which can be selected, and orders given for their simple, elegant decora-tion, for it is this season next to impos-sible to purchase a display hat that does not look as if it had been specially de-signed for a French carnival bal masque, made of straws as aggressive as any of the riotous flower gardens and amazing ribbons, buckles, vivid tulles, and flash-

ing spangles used in trimming them. No one can dispute the fact that the NEW TIGHT FITTING SLEEVE

is unbecoming to women who have long thin arms, even when frills, tucks, and other decorations are resorted to to conceal the defects. Sleeves shirred from wrist to some inches above the cloow, with a puff on the shoulders and a full lace; collarette shaped with Vandyke points to partly cover the puffs, give the effect of roundness as well as any style nowidobular among summer to ilets, and Do popular among summer to lets, and let the my ten in the manner art is made to overcome.

Nature (no lee) in a very setting ()

manner. Thin women, however, have but little more to regret in this mitter of the great change of sleeves than their heavier sisters, for while they deplore the departure of full puffs and voluminous sleeve effects generally, very stout women whose huge arms were covered and concealed by these draperies have an equally good reason to regret the invasion of the tight, outlining coat

SUMMER TOILETS.

A wild craze has set in among the ultra fashionable for materials heatpressed in the manner known as sunpleating, accordion-kilting, etc. quote from a famous French fashion designer: "Every woman who respects herself must wear the radical pleating in some form or other." This mode of manipulating goods both thin and weighty extends to whole costumes, waists, capes, frills, collarettes, hats, fichus, etc., and in Paris much of the newest expensive underwear is kilted or accordion-pleated. Some of the fresh summer toilets so arranged are certainly very charming, but, as was recently mentioned, the straight folds easily man when one is obliged to sit upon them, and this is a great disadvantage to the fashion, but it is greatly obviated by sash draperies at the back, and not a few of

THE PLEATED SKIRTS

are now half covered by the overdress, which seems to be persistently making its way among approved summer styles. A ribbon belt passed through a handsome oblong buckle at the back of the figure, the ribbons tied either at the side or in front in a smart looking Empire bow, is still the popular finish to the waist of demi-dress gowns. The most usual method of tying the ribbon is to form somewhat long loops standing upwards, with corresponding loops below the waist. These look better when slightly irregular in length. Attention to such details may appear unnecessary, but in reality they are not unimportant. Much more depends on trifles of this sort in the general effect of a gown than might be supposed. It is the French woman's attention to the minor details of her toilet, however trifling, that has endowed her countrywomen with the well-merited reputation of being the best-dressed women in the world she parlor maid or marquise, it is all the same. Alike they are as perfectly and charmingly dressed as their several circumstances will allow them to be.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

A pretty dish demonstrated recently at a cooking-school is Titian cream. Soak half a box of gelatine in half a cup of cold water half an hour. Whip a pint of cream, and add two-thirds of a cup of powdered augar, half a teaspoonful of pistachio flavoring, one teaspoonful of vanilla, and one tablespoonful of sherry with the gelatine. Stir the cream from the bottom towards the top as soon as it begins to solidity. Color a pale green with vegetable powder. Turn into a mould which has been wet with cold water, and set away to harden. Make a little orange jelly, and color it a soft pink with more powder. Put this into a small mould, and when both have hardened take out enough of the green to admit the jelly. Cover with the green and set away again.

When the table cloth is removed after a meal, it should not only be very care fully folded in the creases into which it was ironed, but it should be laid away under some heavy weight. A small marble slab, if procurable, is excellently adapted for this purpose. If the wellsmoothed cloth is laid beneath it three times daily, it will keep its freshness remarkably and last much longer before need of change.

A present fashion is that of placing plants intended for parlor decoration in fancy baskets. This is neither appropriate nor artistic, and when there is a riobon bow tied on the basket's handle—as though milliner's finery could possibly improve nature's favorites—the effect is very much like that of "painting the lily." Nothing is really prettier for this purpose than a tile grown somewhat subdued and mossy with age, for either flowering plants or those of ornamental toliage. If, however, as is sometimes ment of long loops of tulle or ribbon and the case with large palms, a commodious upstanding flowers and leaves. The most | receptacle is needed, the most suitable of them are crazy-looking creations one is a small tub, painted exactly their which women of taste look at with own shade of green, set on a wicker own shade of green, set on a wicker standard, similarly painted, or one of dull, unobtrusive metal. Gay-colored jardinieres detract from the plant which they hold, instead of being for them a foil, as is the plain tile pot.

> The following recipe comes direct from a skilful New England housekeeper who presumably knows how brown bread that invariable accompaniment to baked beans, should be made. Mix together two teacupfuls of rye flour, half a cup of commeal, three quarters of a cup of molasses, three cups of sour milk, and one and a halt teaspoonfuls of soda. Boil four hours.

> "I have had a practical lesson." says a mother, "in the value of good school luncheons. For three years we have lived so far from the school which my son attends that he has been obliged to take his luncheons. I fancied I was very particu ar about preparing them, but, as

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THE MAGISTRATE'S WISHES AND HABITUAL DRUNKARDS.

It is to be hoped that other magistrates will follow the example of Mr. Lane at the South-Western Police-court, and stop the constantly-recurring scandal of committing to prison in cases where medical and not penal treatment is obviously demanded. What happened was that Elizabeth Watts, aged 30, no home, was charged with being drunk, disorderly, and using obscene language. The prisoner is known as the "Drum-

came out of prison yesterday after a month's imprisonment for a similar offence. She has been covicted over 80 people themselves. I wish I had power to send you to a compulsory home for twelve months or two years. I would do one more chance.—Mr. Lane: Very well. Go away. - Prisoner (fervently): Thank you, sir.-Mr. Lane: Oh, don't think I am sending you away for your sake, but because I feel it is a wretched farce sending women like you to prison. The attention of Parliament will no doubt be brought to bear on this case.

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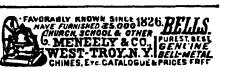
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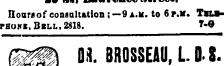
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