

SMARTEST FACE NETS.

THE MARLBOROUGH AND THE PRINCESS MAUD ARE CHOSEN.

The American Duchess Wears During Her Travels a Wonderful Bandage of Silk Gauze as Fine as Indian Gauze, and Cooler than Chiffon.

The philosophy of the well-dressed woman is to always make sure that the details of her toilet are above reproach. It is by the veil, not the hat, she knows she is to be judged among her sisters, that a smart parasol is of more value in her wardrobe than a new spring coat, or the quality of her little handkerchief weighs more seriously than the cut of the skirt. Accordingly she feels a vast interest in and spends considerable money on carefully keeping up her season's supply of these profoundly necessary accessories.

They are already prominent in the market now, most especially the new summer veils that could easily at the most gifted Brazilian spiders to wondering how human beings managed to contrive so many eccentricities in dainty woven pattern. Of course, it is not in the least surprising to find at the counter where this relic of barbarism is dispensed, that the Marlborough and the Princess Maud are the titles given two remarkable types of face coverings.

The Marlborough, presumably the texture of veiling worn by the American duchess on her travels, is a wonderful bandage of silk gauze, as fine as Indian gauze, cooler than chiffon, washable and meant as a genuine protection from railway dust and sea glare. It has a neat hem-stitched edge and is so long that it passes around the brim of an ordinary Alpine travelling hat to tie in a bow with the ends at the back.

Women who are adopting this veil buy it in silver gray, brown, or blue, the exact color of their hats, tie the soft width about the crown as part of the millinery decoration, and pull down the kindly light shelter of the veil when it is needed.

The Princess Maud is a miraculous web of finest black tulle, heavily powdered with variegated black and white silk dots, set entirely too close together. This heavy mask also is worn with smart travelling hats, costs no more than three dollars per veil, when it is not finished with an applied edging of white lace, and two extra dollars covers the cost of the additional trimming.

With the wide Parisian hats and broad-leaved rough straw, promising to be so extensively worn this summer, huge pieces of this veiling will be used, the edge falling just to the chin point and the ends gathered in a great pouf at the back of the head. Not a bit less expensive are the little French calling tissues, that are black, made of a curious sort of very open gauze, finished with a tiny scalloped edge and embroidered in flat satin disks, no bigger than a pin head, or in stripes.

Nevertheless, there are charming new veils for the sensible and economical woman, cut from a crisp tulle, woven in diamond-shaped mesh and a little silver thread along the edges just by way of ecquish novelty, while at the veiling counters they tell veil pins made of jet, cut steel or the costly metals and stones. This is because the veil, when properly worn, is pinched together in a tiny bunch and caught by a pin exactly on the middle of the outer edge of one's hat trim. The pin is a small button-shaped affair, to hold the tulle in place and a second button-like ornament, only very much larger holds the bow of tulle at the back.

How Dumas Saved a Life.

Dumas was deep in writing a serial novel for a Paris journal, when one day the Marquis de F— called on him in a state of excitement.

"Dumas," said he, "have you composed the end of the story now being published in the—?"

"Of course."

"Of course—dies of consumption. After such symptoms as I have described, how could she live?"

"You must make her live. You must change the catastrophe."

"I can not."

"Yes, you must; for on your heroine's life depends my daughter's."

"You do oughter?"

"Yes; she has all the various symptoms of consumption which you have described, and watches mournfully for every number of your novel, rearing her own life in that of your heroine. Now, if you make your heroine live, my daughter, whose imagination has been very deeply impressed, will live too. Come, a lie to save is a temptation."

"Not to be resisted."

Dumas changed his last chapter. His heroine recovered, and was happy. About five years afterward Dumas met the Marquis at a party.

"Ah, Dumas," he exclaimed, "let me introduce you to my daughter; she owes her life to you. There she is."

"That fine, handsome woman, who looks like Jeanne d'Arc?"

"Yes. She is married, and has four children."

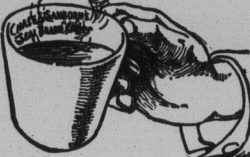
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