Through the Fashion Glass.

Latest Models for Maid and Matron.

In the world of fashion, as everywhere else, there are to be found scaremongers who from time to time circulate alarmist reports which rarely have foundation, yet are believed by some who become considerably agitated in consequence. The latest effort of these quaint individuals is the rumour that ere many more months have passed we shall all be wearing crinolines—and kiss-curls! Those styles that made the early victorian era so unpicturesque at times, and yet so fascinating at others, are, we are assured, to be revived, and that in no half-hearted fashion.

Some of those old-time modes were indeed comely—perhaps even to be preferred to many we are now accustomed to—but one shudders at the mere thought of a return to corkscrew curls, tight bodices and tighter waists, poke bonnets, mittens, and shawls!

Of late, a few Parisian designers, more to create sensation than to revive ancient styles, have made some display of modes not unlike those that prevailed a matter of 60 years ago, but advices from the gay capital assure us that Madame and Mademoiselle are not taking seriously to heart attempts to lure them into the adoption of what, in comparison with that to which we have been educated to regard as suitable, would savour of being highly freakish.

From time to time old styles certainly are revived, but only in connection with minor dress details. Generally speaking, fashion is advancing almost faster than it can be followed, and many new modes are of a decidedly futurist character, but it is highly improbable that Miss or Mrs. 1923 would consent to become Victorian!

Sale Time Wisdom.

Summer sales are being held early this year, and some rare bargains are to be picked up. Such things as shoes are being offered at prices which one really feels inclined to believe are below cost, and in good time for reasonable wear.

Useful washing frocks and gowns quite suitable for river wear are also being displayed at tempting prices, and it is not often at this time of the year that such wonderful bargains in furs are to be secured as is the case at present.

Obviously this is the time to buy furs even if they have to be stored away for some months. The reason why they are to be so economically obtained is not difficult to find. The mild winter—and a tendency to do without what the weather did not render essential—left the stores and importers with larger stocks than they cared to retain. Consequently during the spring, and now at the summer sales, they are being cleared.

It is at sale-time that we are often tempted to buy what we do not want simply because it happens to be cheap. This is not a sagacious course to adopt. A bargain is never a bargain if it cannot be made to perform useful service. A hundred pairs of "open-work" stockings at twopence per pair—an offer recently observed—does not strike one as being at all attractive in view of the fact that such hosiery is absolutely obsolete, and could not be worn by any woman who considered herself to be well dressed.

For Smart Occasion.

Straight gowns of black net, embroidered fairly freely with soutache braid, and worn over a foundation of black georgette, equipped with a flowing sash of a like material, and accompanied by a picturesque hat of net, trimmed with an osprey, are being recommended as being highly desirable and eminently suitable toilet for seasonable wear on smart occasion.

It sounds a little elaborate, yet really is not so. When the cost of its production is figured out, it will be found well within the means of the woman with quite a moderate dress allowance, and provides another example of how tasteful and elegant attire may be selected without unduly disturbing the purse.

Curtain Veils.

Summer-time is also veil-time, especially when such charming examples of the French veil-makers' art are to be chosen from among the many displayed, all of a character which leaves one puzzled as to a final decision.

The latest and most favoured veil style is one that completely covers the hat, over which it is simply dropped almost like a lamp-shade—rather a crude description, but nevertheless an accurate one! These veils have a hexagon mesh, and always a dainty border. When properly adjusted they should fall just below the mouth.

The recent craze for a highly-decorated coloured border is dying a natural death. A veil is sufficiently fantastic, as a rule, without indulging extravagant adornment.

Kimono Style Gowns.

These beautiful shades of brown that attracted us all last season seem as popular as ever, and are employed in afternoon gowns of the "kimono" cut, a delicate cinnamon being most frequently noticed. These gowns have a bodice of marocain with long georgette sleeves, and the skirt is draped.

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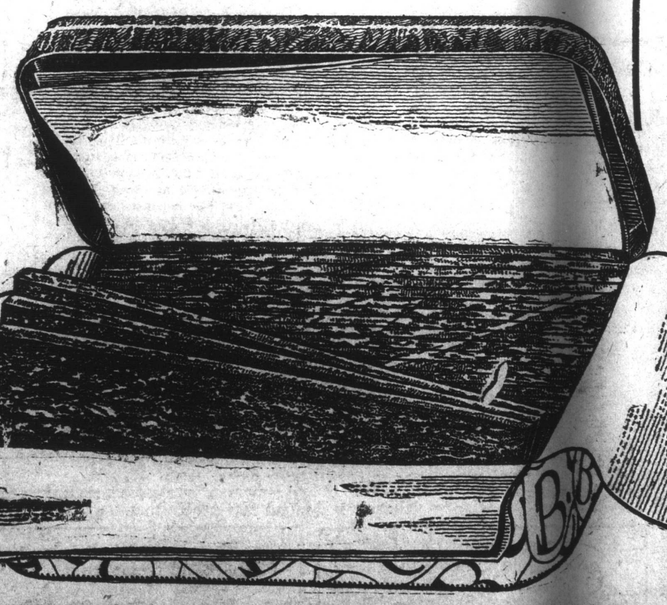

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Somnambulists are supposed to be able to see with their fingers when sleep-walking. Extraordinary as this may sound, it has been proved over and over again that a sleep-walker who takes the precaution to put on gloves, before going to bed, will never walk in his sleep. The gloves should be firmly fastened at the wrists.

Another preventive of sleep-walking is to put upon the carpet by the side of the sleep-walker's bed a strip of sheet metal, iron or zinc, wide and long enough to make certain that in getting out of bed his feet will rest upon the metal. The sudden chill is bound to awaken him.

Yet doctors say that sleep-walking is more common in cold countries than in hot, so that if you are given to sleep-walking you should see to it that you are thoroughly warm in bed.

Another odd fact is that fair-haired people are more given to sleep-walking than dark-haired folk.

The feats of some confirmed sleep-walkers are absolutely amazing. While sound asleep, men have been known to saddle and ride horses, to walk for miles, to thrash corn. One, a Californian, actually swam two miles down a river and continued his sleep upon the bank after leaving the water.

Another, a schoolgirl, anxious to pass an examination, rose night after night, lit a candle and studied, yet was totally unconscious of what she had done, and amazed to find that she knew her lessons when to all seeming recollection she had not yet opened the book.

Oddest of all, perhaps, was the performance of a tradesman at Elsworth, who one morning woke to find that, in the night, he had stripped all the paper off the walls of his bedroom.

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The Book World.

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It is rather curious that two best selling memoirs of recent should have come to us from erica. One is "My Life and by Mr. Henry Ford, the famous er of motor cars, the other "The and Letters of Walter H. Page," was an American Ambassador during a good part of the war. Ford book is now in its fifth edition, and the Page book is seventh English edition, and the tions, as one happens to know been quite large. Perhaps the is that interesting life stories, ever they come from, are inter to people wherever they may

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