

FASHION NOTES.

The full, ungored tucked skirt is a favorite style for white and printed lawn suits.

The overdress is more and more frequently made with downward pleats as the season advances.

None but slender and young women can wear the high-shouldered shoulder cape to advantage.

Eumene is the fabric used instead of Turkey red for seaside parasols on the other side of the water.

America sets the fashion for little girls' dresses on the other side, the "American frock" being the first favorite for little women.

The polonaise, or redingote or simulations of the garments are the popular style of dress for street costumes this season.

Some of the shot silks vie with the lustre and sheen of the wings of insects and the feathers of the most iridescent of birds.

Gold braid gold lace, gold beads, and a yellow flowers, from daffodils and buttercups to dandelions and yellow asters, occupy a large part in bonnet trimmings.

The favorite form for the popular white lawn suit is the Mother Hubbard yoke and belted waist, with a tucked skirt, not gored, but gathered or plaited to the waist band.

Sorrel green and rose and old gold and pheasant blue or bronze are favorite color combinations in costumes, especially those of shot taffeta glaze trimmed with velvet and lace.

Silk and Lisle thread gloves and mitts with very long wrists, and, in all the new shades of gray, tan brown, black and ecru, are seen on glove counters and sold at very low prices.

The open loose redingote, worn over a full skirt, is frequently seen in the street. It opens loose in front, over a full plastron but defines the figure with glove-like fidelity in the back.

The blending of many colors in the same fabric gives an antique grace to many costumes, and also permits latitude of taste in the selection of the colors of the ribbons and other accessories of the toilet.

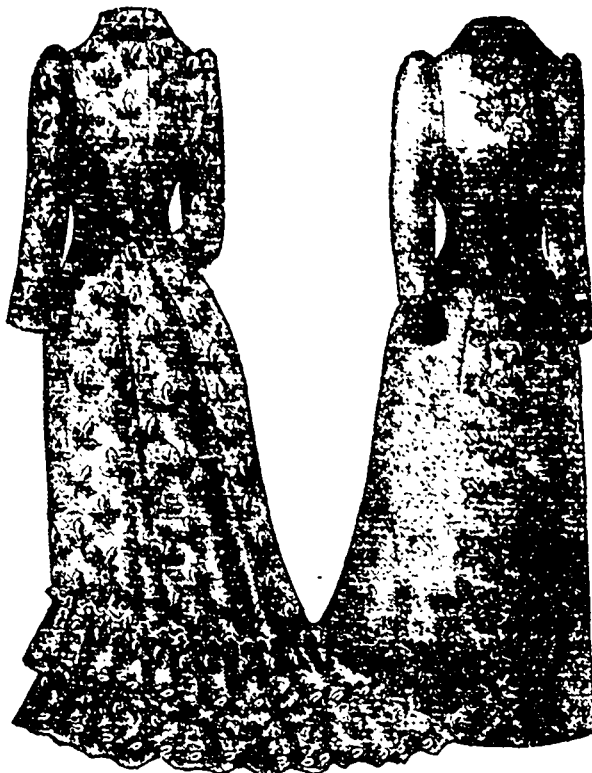
The cross rays of pink and blue, pink and red, pink and gold, and blue and gold as seen in the shot silks of this season present a rare luxury of color to the artistic eye, and afford scope for variety and harmony in the hues of the other parts of the dress.

Three dangerously bad special styles of this summer, against which a note of warning should be raised in time, are the shoulder cape, the large and eccentric parasol, and the profuse use of gold in braids, feathers, cords, nets, flowers, and accessories of the toilet.

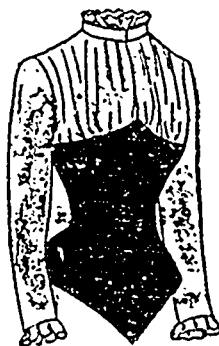
Cats

The mystery of the cat's character is probably the cause of a vulgar antipathy, but this is due to ignorance. The cat is not bound to furnish understandings in order to avoid prejudice. It is too high-minded to care. Many benevolent persons, fearful of the multiplication of the household cat drowns kittens. So, from a limited trust in Province, many suppress population. Some elegant families take a bag of kittens and distribute them in their drives. If they would let the mother cat alone she would provide for them without such cruelty. A cat blessed with a large litter does not settle in on the family. At a proper time she will place her kittens among the neighbors, showing great discernment by her choice of places and they show great intelligence by remaining as placed.

A society mother does not practice more discernment in finding husbands for her daughters than a mother does in



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finding situations for her kittens. She will return to play with each, and then leave it without any movement on its part to go back with her. The mystery and supernatural part of the cat are very interesting, but its visible and domestic qualities are admirable. Its modesty is exceptional among animals. Its dignity, composure and courage are wonderful. It will repose on the sidewalk, where at any moment its enemy, the dog, may come along, serene in its confidence in its ability to take care of itself.

The assumption is that the dog and cat are natural enemies. The cat is too high-minded to be an enemy to any creature. Such game as it hunts it hunts for food, in which it shares the nobility of man; but it is contented to have its food without this trouble. The puppy and kitten brought up together will eat out of the same dish and will make a very jolly family party. Taking thought of their prolific habit, not yet repressed by fashion, the inquiry naturally put is, what becomes of the cats that they do not overrun? Judging by their character, it may be safely presumed that they go to the place provided for cats where all is well with them.

An inward sincerity will, of course, influence the outward deportment; but where the one is wanting, there is great reason to suspect the absence of the other.

AN ARAB WEDDING.—Next day we continued our journey to the southwest, and toward evening reached a valley covering perhaps a dozen of acres well supplied with bushes. Here we halted. The woman took the stuff off the camels and had the tents pitched in a few moments, the frames for the skins erected, the camels were turned out to browse and before a quarter of an hour elapsed everything was so quiet and orderly around that one might well have been excused for supposing that the camp had been in that location for weeks. There was some excitement about our tents that evening I noticed. The women were huddled together in a group, and occasionally came to the entrance of the tent and looked in the direction of the other tents pitched at some distance from us. Abdalla and his brothers were absent, and the boys were asleep. About two hours after sunset Abdalla and brothers appeared, accompanied by two Arabs whom I had not before seen and an Arab woman who was also a stranger. The woman went into the tent and the men remained outside talking earnestly. The youngest of the two strangers said little, but the elder, a fine looking, venerable Arab, spoke a great deal, and with much eloquence, I thought, his gestures being exceedingly graceful. Abdalla at length called the woman out of the tent, and they at once obeyed. I noticed that Fatima held Toroo by the hand. The women now began to gabble, while the men kept silence. In a short time the

strange woman took Toroo by the hand and led her over to the young stranger. She pushed Toroo toward him, and taking the girl's hand, he led her away into the darkness. The other strangers then took their tent. I asked Ben afterward where Toroo had gone, and he informed me that she had just been married and had gone to the tent of her husband's parents. I had witnessed a real Arab marriage. There was no ceremony of any kind. The parents and guardians of the contracting parties had arranged the matter among themselves after the bridegroom had signified his desire to have Toroo for his wife. Toroo's wishes were not consulted at all. She was quite a willing bride, nevertheless. The next night the women held a gossip feast among themselves in honor of the event. That is to say, a number of them came to our tent and gabbled half the night, and exhibited their finery to each other in the light of a large fire.

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