

# POOR DOCUMENT

## FEMININE NOTES—THE FASHIONS.

The materials which have taken rank as most fashionable in Paris this winter, may be divided into three or four series. The first, suitable for the trimmings and effective appliances of the toilet; the second, more especially designed for jacket-bodies, worn with skirts of a different fabric; the third, for dresses; the fourth, for mantles. Among the tissues meant for trimmings—that is, for revers, pockets, scarfs, draperies, collars—the prettiest is curly plush, with tiny multi-colored stripes. Also chined plush; striped, plaided, and moire plush; while plain plush is by no means to be despised.

Black cassimeres may be cleaned by washing in hot suds, with a little borax in the water, rinse in very blue water and iron while damp, on the wrong side.

Rosebud luncheon parties, for young ladies only, are given on an extravagant scale in New York and, with several kinds of wine and liqueurs, while flowers, trinkets and *bon-bonnettes* are lavished upon the fair ones, to be carried away as souvenirs of such occasions. The fashion of giving these was introduced from London, and to affect everything English is just now considered to be "quite the thing."

It is rather in the details of new winter toilets in Paris than in their *tout ensemble* that we find this year changes from the fashions of last season. Novelty chiefly appears in the disposition of trimmings and in the combination of different materials employed for making up a dress, which materials are often as many as three or four in number, different in color or texture, but matched by the harmony or similarity of tints.

"Germans" are often given in fashionable New York society, the favors for which alone cost \$1,000, the supper, the music and the flowers being likewise supplied with equal indifference to expense.

Redingotes of plush, velvet or fine cloth are worn in Paris for walking suits, with silk and satin skirts.

A slim figure and bunched torso is the style which Parisian women desire to have.

Swan's down can be dry-dyed various colors to match plush, applied figures in which, on a white satin ground, make a fine fabric for evening dress wraps.

The bridal robe of a recent Paris trossau was a cloud of Valenciennes lace of the most exquisite design and delicacy. For the "contract" dress the fiancée wore pink gauze, made with a mass of puffs and gatherings, and draped with pink acacias. The calling dress was iron-grey embossed velvet over a satin tablier of the same color, and the mantle real seal with muff to match. It has been the fashion of late years for brides to have very few dresses made up for their trousseau, as the current modes are so variable. The bridal presents were magnificent. The Russian sables were estimated at £20,000. The flowers made of diamonds only, and intended for the hair and to be worn in for a long time and of exquisite workmanship. There was a chateau of sapphires stars, and the engagement ring was a large diamond and ruby of equal size.

White gauze, elaborately embroidered in tinted flowers, is very fashionable for overskirts.

All the richest laces known are lavishly used. Irish lace figures conspicuously in full dress. Lace embroideries are embellished with point lace edgings and applique laces are richly studded with pearls, and small diamonds and rubies all figure in the make-up of lace decorations. Lace bags of various kinds are exquisitely made, the eyes being formed of precious stones. Fans are made of costly laces, lace bags adorn the sides of evening costumes, and satin slippers are decorated with lace rosettes, in the centres of which are gems of rare value. Exquisite lace ornaments, brightened by diamonds and pearls and rubies are worn on party coiffures by both young and middle-aged ladies. Entire costumes are disposed of in laces, the combination often comprising five different varieties.

Trimming laces will be less used on summer dresses, and embroideries are to take their place. These are done on cambric, on nansook and on Swiss muslin, and are the various kinds of machine-work that have almost entirely superseded needle-work. The same designs are found in three different widths usually for trimming the different parts of a dress or for underclothing, and there are insertions to match. Open patterns are the favorite.

Cotton summer dress goods are now appearing on the counters. Soft finished percales come in the stylish light porcelain blue and in dark navy blue with dots, stars, bars and lines, as for ladies' dresses. Other percales, more especially intended for shirting, have white grounds with small stripes or figures in bright red, brown, blue or black.

The first wool goods shown are chevrons for spring. They are loosely woven, are not heavier than an ordinary bunting, yet the broader threads are used spread out and prevent them from having the sleazy appearance of buntings. Some of these are in solid colors, such as olive, greyish blue, seal brown, mustard, etc., while others are mixtures of colors, such as are seen in the English homespuns, illuminated with threads of red and of orange. They are said to be pure wool, and are double fold.

## MR. AND MRS. SPOOPENDYKE.

### THE "EXPERT" QUESTION UNDER DISCUSSION.

"My dear," said Mrs. Spoonpendyke, as she wiped the corner of the baby's mouth, and curled up a roll on the top of his head, "why don't you go and be an expert?"

"Expert in what?" demanded Mr. Spoonpendyke, dropping his paper. "What kind of an expert?"

"Don't you know! An expert who goes to court and yells right out what he thinks of hypothetical questions and heads, and knows by the almanac just when a man is crazy and when he isn't?"

"Anything particular the matter with your head this trip?" roared Mr. Spoonpendyke. "Been reading some old cook book lately? What're you talking about? What dress pattern have you got hold of now?"

"I was reading about Mr. Guiteau," replied Mrs. Spoonpendyke, "and I thought how much better it must be to be an expert than to know anything about the case! That's why I asked. If a man knows anything that always proves true he don't, but if he is an expert, he just swears that a man who bothers him is crazy and that ends it!"

"I s'pose you think I've had so much experience in idiocy at home that I could make a fortune as an expert," sputtered Mr. Spoonpendyke. "I tell you they are intelligent men. They make up their minds and swear to their opinions, according to law. When the revised statutes at large provide for me as an expert, as they provide for idiots, lunatics, habitual drunkards, and married women, I'll go into the business!" and Mr. Spoonpendyke winked at himself triumphantly as he thought over the last shot.

"Well," rejoined Mrs. Spoonpendyke, bridling indignantly, "if the revised statutes provide that way, they ought to be shut up. They've no business at large. I didn't know that these experts were legalized. I supposed they just went there to help their friends along."

"No, they don't either!" retorted Mr. Spoonpendyke. "They go to swear whether the man is insane or not."

"But what do they want to drown him for?" argued Mrs. Spoonpendyke. "There they were all talking at once and getting along pleasantly, when all of a sudden Mr. Forkhill and Col. Corker and Mr. Savage throw Mr. Guiteau into a dock!"

"Drown your grandmother's hind leg!" howled Mr. Spoonpendyke. "What d'ye think a law dock is? Got a notion it's a pond with a green scum on top of it? S'pose it's a two inch mud puddle with a fence around it, and a Congressional appropriation to make it navigable? It's a pen I tell ye; a railed off pen in the court room, where they put prisoners! Guiteau bothered the experts so that they had to put him in a pen. Think you understand at now?"

"Of course," assented Mrs. Spoonpendyke, "but why didn't they put Mr. Scoville and Mr. Reed there, too? They are trying to bother the experts just as much as Guiteau did. They won't let the poor men alone."

"Don't you know the difference between a lawyer and a criminal!" rapped Mr. Spoonpendyke, "or is that too fine a distinction for you? Reed and Scoville are defending Guiteau, Porter and Corkhill and Davige are prosecuting him. Of course his lawyer will cross-examine the witness against him. But it's no use to explain anything to you."

"I understand that much," returned Mrs. Spoonpendyke, "but I don't understand what Judge Cox means by pitching into the lawyers and overruling their questions. The first he knows the experts will swear that he is an ass, next he'll be put in the dock with Guiteau, where it will go hard with him. I tell you a judge can't be too careful how he behaves," and Mrs. Spoonpendyke patted the baby's skirts and smoothed out its dress.

"Wow!" yelled Mr. Spoonpendyke, unable for an instant to throw his feelings into any coherent form of speech. "You have struck it! You're a whole barrel of canned juiciness! All you want now is a red label on your back and some marginal notes to be a dol gasted law library! If you'd change assistants once a month and win four cases during one term of office, you'd only need three deodan as an a plug hat to be a district attorney! You've got the idea! There's nothing more to be said on either side! Give you a black petticoat with sleeves to it and a wart on your nose, and you'd only want a restaurant in the basement and a lounge up stairs to be a United States Supreme Court! What d'ye suppose a judge is for, a substitute? Think he sits around to ease the prisoner, turn and turn about? Got some kind of an idea that he is a work on etiquette, with mottled leaves and a yellow binding, and Tommy from Fanny, on the fly? I tell you he presides! And anybody but a half-witted woman who didn't think with her heels and reason with the rat hole next door wouldn't need to be told of it more times than she makes an idiot of herself!"

"If he presides, it's all right," rejoined Mrs. Spoonpendyke, with a sigh of relief, "but I got the idea that he went there to feed the public sentiment, and then say those were his views, and he was only helping the prosecution to see the error of Guiteau's ways before his conduct was snapped up and used against him."

Mr. Spoonpendyke drew off his clothing solemnly, fired the pieces into different corners, and waded into bed with the stern reflection that "some people only needed side-whiskers and a note book full of bad lectures on repealed statutes to be a modern law school!"

"I don't care," muttered Mrs. Spoonpendyke. "I like those experts, and I wish my husband would go into the business. They may not hang Mr. Guiteau, but they'll find the jury insane, and Mr. Porter will have to look up some other kind of a job, for this trial can't last forever!"

With which satisfactory solution of the national complication, Mrs. Spoonpendyke undressed the baby, dropping the pins where Mr. Spoonpendyke would be sure to find them the moment he stepped out of the bed in the morning.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

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