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Rose pink and pale green are leading shades for linen gowns, and these are always dainty and cool looking in summer.

A smart fashion is that of little waist-coats of kid embroidery or old brocade for morning wear over blue or black serge skirts in company of a short sack coat or bolero. These are cut low to admit of a folded scarf or chemisette of soft plaited muslin or chiffon, which comes right up to the neck. The softening effect at the neck takes off any idea of hardness from the brocade or cloth underneath.

The attractive little loose sack or bolero in black net and taffeta has not



TURBAN OF ROUGH STRAW.

disappeared. It is such a welcome addition in town for wearing over blouses with ordinary black skirts that few of us with a limited number of toilets can afford to dispense with this smart and useful garment.

Very dressy hats are made of satin straw, trimmed with ostrich feathers. Tulle and chiffon hats are not so much used, but are mingled with straw.

Foulard dresses are useful as well as pretty if made in a simple blouse and skirt fashion with fagoting for sole trimming or a little embroidery. The extremely ornate, fussy foulard has given way to the velvety or crepe de chine dress and the foulard is now considered a material for the general utility gown.

Elbow sleeves will not be seen for street wear this season, but will still be popular for dressy occasions.

The turban in the sketch is of rough straw trimmed with red founaces.

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BALFOUR'S IDLENESS

PREMIER OF GREAT BRITAIN A MAN WHO WAS BORN LAZY.

And Yet He Achieved Distinction and Rose to the Topmost Height in the Gift of His Countrymen, Thanks to Having an Uncle Who Was Premier Before Him.

During a recent dull sitting of the House of Commons several politicians were seated in the smoking-room discussing one of their colleagues. He was lazy, they said; he was utterly impractical; he had not the faintest chance of arriving at anything great.

"Don't be so sure," said an aged statesman who had been listening to their talk. "It's a ticklish business to judge men. Do you know that we used to say the very same thing about Balfour less than twenty years ago, and now he is Prime Minister of Great Britain?"

"In 1885 and 1886 none of us dreamed that he would ever become a successful politician, let alone a great statesman. As president of the local government board and secretary for Scotland he had managed to miss all his chances of doing anything remarkable. He was clever enough, but he simply couldn't take the trouble to work. It seemed to be almost too much bother to him to live. He seldom got out of bed before the afternoon, and often he would not go to his office for three or four days at a time. Dispatches bored him, parliament was a nuisance, and the officials of his department to their hair over his neglect to keep appointments and sign important documents. They never expected him to read them; if they could get him to sign them a week late they thought themselves lucky.

Parrell's Prescience.

"Well, this was the man whom Lord Salisbury appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1884—one of the stormiest periods in the modern history of that country. Of course, everybody raged and said that Salisbury had appointed the most unfit man he could have found in a day's march, simply because that man happened to be his own nephew. The Irish members were delighted. They thought they had got a man of straw for their chief opponent. Parrell alone saw the truth.

"Don't deceive yourselves," he told his colleagues. "Salisbury knows what he is doing. There's a great deal more in Balfour than he has shown us yet. He will turn out to be the strongest Chief Secretary for generations past."

"And so it proved. Faced at last with an immensely difficult and important task, Balfour altered his habits completely. There was no more lying abed until noon, no more neglect of business, no more scorn for petty details. He rose with the lark even after a hard night's session in the House of Commons and worked hard all day and everyday at his office. When he became Chief Secretary he knew no more about Irish affairs than the average man in the street, but in less than a month he surprised the permanent officials by his thorough knowledge of every branch of Irish government.

"And as he worked and learned his character and will grew stronger. The lazy, vacillating philosopher, who couldn't make up his mind about anything became, in a few short weeks, the stern administrator who telegraphed: 'Don't hesitate to shoot!' to the soldiers at Mitchelstown when they asked how they were to deal with a riotous mob.

"You all know how he has risen since then. It is a good lesson to be careful in your judgments," concluded the old statesman.

A Premier Who Signs for Obscurity.

Strange to say, this man who has risen to the top of the tree in British politics is no lover of politics. He is a politician by family influence and chance, not by choice. The nephew of Lord Salisbury, Arthur J. Balfour was "born to the purple" and destined for Parliament from his Elton days. But his tastes are literary and academic, not political and practical. He cares more for the honors which have been showered upon him by all the British universities in recognition of his achievements in philosophy than he does for his political fame.

"Give me my books, my golf clubs and leisure," he once said to a friend, "and I would ask for nothing more. My ideal in life is to read a lot, write a little, play plenty of golf and have nothing to worry about. If I could give up politics and retire to-morrow without disorganizing things and neglecting my duty I would gladly do so."

Mr. Balfour has often said this and there is no doubt that he is sincere. He is too much of a philosopher to be ambitious. Entering politics more as a social necessity than anything else, he drifted from one office to another until at last he reached a position in which he had to work hard or, in his view, jeopardize England's interests by neglect. He worked hard and "made good." As a reward he was given still more important posts, which have kept him working busily ever since.

In the strenuous "Coercion" days when Mr. Balfour stood in grave danger of assassination, he worried his friends by absolutely refusing to take any precautions. He would not even allow himself to be guarded by secret service men, though a previous Chief Secretary, Lord Frederick Cavendish, had been murdered in Dublin.

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a while as detested in Ireland as that of Cromwell.

Balfour's cool courage finally won the respect of the Irish, and when he relinquished control of Irish affairs he was as popular as any Chief Secretary could be under a policy of coercion. Even the Irish members in the House of Commons liked him, as they do to-day.

"He tells us with exquisite politeness that we are fools when we meet him here and sends us to jail when we are in Ireland," the late Dr. Tanner, M.P. for Cork, used to say. "But he has such a charming way with him that nobody can help liking him."

That is how all Mr. Balfour's opponents feel towards him. Nobody hits out harder than he does in debate, but there is never any personal bitterness, any malicious sting in his remarks, as there almost always is in Mr. Chamberlain's. Mr. Balfour is one of the kindest, most gentle men alive. His courtesy and consideration for others are unfailing, and that is why he is the most popular leader of the House of Commons in the history of Parliament.

Decidedly an "Eligible."

In English society he is extremely popular and much sought after. Years ago dowagers used to angle for him for their daughters. He is decidedly "eligible" in the marriage market, being rich as well as distinguished, but he has never married, and nobody expects that he will. Even the most hopeful dowagers have given him up as a confirmed bachelor.

Next to books, Mr. Balfour finds his chief pleasure in golfing and cycling. Mr. Chamberlain has been heard to boast that he never takes any other exercise than that of walking up and down stairs. Not so his chief. Mr. Balfour is one of the best golfers in the House of Commons, if not in Great Britain. He started the annual parliamentary golf tournament, and always stands high up in it. He used to be captain of the oldest and most famous golf club in the world—the Royal and Ancient golf club of St. Andrews—and is still the president of the National Cyclists of Great Britain. The head cadie on the St. Andrews' links is fond of remarking regretfully that a splendid golf professional was lost in Mr. Balfour when he turned his attention to statesmanship.

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