

*A Little Girl's Dress.*

The young Lady of the sketch was to have appeared as "The Queen of May;" but having failed to be in time for that, she now comes to help to inaugurate the new dress or type of this *Journal*, while is supposed to appear with this number, and which will naturally be black, thereby shewing off her's all the better, which is white.

The dress looks rather airy for this time of year, and this one is decidedly for the summer time, which will very soon be here.

Now, let us see what the young lady has on.

She starts with a combination suit of flannel.

Then comes the little stays (no bones) or waist, to which is buttoned the drawers, a skirt with a loose fitting waist, so as to give perfect freedom to the body (never give a child of this age bands to her skirts; they slip about, and are a source of annoyance to her every movement.)

This little girl has on a cream coloured skirt, made quite loose; a box plait under the armhole to assist in keeping a little of the fulness there; shoulder seams; finish off with a collar, or gather the silk round the top to form one.

Small bishop-sleeves, gathered round the wrist.

Be sure to give plenty of freedom in the armhole.

Now comes the dress of white muslin, a perfectly loose-fitting garment, cut out a little, with the same plait under

the arms, which must be bound round to make it strong.

The frills of white muslin form the supports for the shoulders, finished off with bands of pink ribbon, a bow and long streamers nearly to the bottom of the skirt.

A broad hem, and as many bands of baby ribbon as your patience will let you put on; only two are given here but to be *very* fashionable you must have many.

A Leghorn hat trimmed with flowers and a very little ribbon; the hat tilted a little on the left side, where there is a small bow of ribbon.

For a small child, strings should be given, as the Leghorn hat is apt to flop about. It has always been a favourite for young children, as it is pliable and not easily torn, and will certainly last for two or three seasons.

*Home Dressmaking.*

Bodices chosen for young people are mainly of the blouse order, and belts and bands are so much in favour that in all probability they will remain fashionable all through the