



RECEPTION DRESS AND BRIDAL TOILET.

Fig. 1.—A handsome reception toilet representing the "Orinda" basque and "Vestigia" skirt in combination. The materials used are ruby velvet and satin Rhadames, and the garniture passementerie in a leaf composed of the iridescent beads in which ruby beads predominate, making it in perfect harmony with the materials. The basque is made of the velvet, ornamented in front with a vest-plastron of cream-colored Mechlin lace, confined at the throat and waist-line by bows of pale blue velvet ribbon, and trimming lace to match is carried over the hips and terminates at the sides of the full postillion at the back. A dog-collar of pierced gold is worn outside the velvet collar, and a full frill of Mechlin lace finishes the neck. The sleeves are trimmed to match. The front and back of the skirt are made of velvet, the extra width in the back giving a graceful fullness. The sides of the skirt are composed of plaited panels of Rhadames on which the trimming is very effective. The drapery is of

the Rhadames caught up high in front with a bow of blue velvet ribbon and forming paniers at the sides, and the back is moderately long and very stylishly draped. The bonnet is of Mechlin lace made up over ruby velvet, and has a full frill of the lace forming the brim and describing a decided point in front. The trimming consists of pale pink roses and a blue aigrette. Long, tan-colored kid gloves complete the toilet. Both the basque and skirt are illustrated separately elsewhere and estimates given of the quantity of material required for each. Price of skirt pattern, thirty cents. Basque patterns, twenty-five cents each.

Fig. 2.—The "Euphrasia" toilet here shown clearly illustrates the prevailing fashion for bridal dresses, and is represented made in a combination of cream-white satin, embossed velvet and Portuguese point lace. The basque and train of the toilet are made of satin. The panels and vest are of brocaded velvet having large rose designs in cut and un-

cut velvet strewn on a satin ground. The vest is outlined with Portuguese trimming lace arranged *en jabot*, and delicate festoons of orange blossoms are arranged across it; the lace is carried flatly around the bottom of the basque. The sleeves are ornamented with the same lace. A narrow puff of satin, shirred at its upper edge, is carried entirely around the bottom of the skirt, and the back breadths are looped effectively. The tulle veil is unhemmed, and arranged with a half wreath of orange blossoms, and falls gracefully to the lower edge of the skirt, leaving the face and hands free. This design is suitable for to be used for the most ceremonious occasions, and when combinations of harmonious tints are selected, a toilet sufficiently handsome to please the most exacting taste will be the result. The double illustration is given among the separate fashions. Price of patterns, thirty cents each size.



DARIA POLONAISE.

Although characterized by simplicity, this design is very dressy and stylish. It is tight-fitting, with two darts in each front, one in the usual place and the other under the arm, side forms rounding to the armholes, and a seam down the middle of the back. The fronts fall in points at the sides, and the upper edge of the back is laid in a wide plait in the centre, and attached to the body portion just below the waist line, while the front edges of the same piece are looped high, giving the effect of a graceful bow. Soutache braid is placed on the front in vest shape, and the cuffs are also ornamented with braid. The model is adapted to all classes of dress goods, and may be trimmed in any way that taste may suggest. The size for fourteen years will require six yards and one-eighth of goods twenty-four inches wide, and six yards of braid to trim as illustrated. Patterns in sizes for fourteen and sixteen years. Price, twenty-five cents each.

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Mr. Matthew Arnold will soon resign his position as Inspector of Schools, in order to make an extended tour in this country.

First citizen—"Is it true about the sudden death of young Snooks?" Second citizen—"Yes." First citizen—"Too much liquor, was 'nt it?" Second citizen—"No; too much water." First citizen—"How so?" Second citizen—"Hedrownded himself while intoxicated."

Mr. Andrew Lang writes that when a boy somebody gave him a copy of Edgar A. Poe's lurid tales, which greatly frightened him. "Every night I expected to wake up in my coffin, having been prematurely buried; or to hear sighs in the area, followed by light, unsteady footsteps on the stairs, and then to see a lady all in a white shroud, stained with blood and clay, stagger into my room. I had as bad a time of it in the night watches as any happy British child has survived."

Professor Tyndall claims to be a descendant of Tyndale the translator of the Bible, and to have a yearly income of only \$6,000. Six years after he left school he was a civil engineer's assistant at a salary of five dollars a week. "I have often wondered since," he says, "at the amount of genuine happiness which a young fellow of regular habits, not caring for pipe or mug, may extract from pay like that." Subsequently when studying at Marburg, Germany, he "worked without weariness sixteen hours a day."

There are no old ladies' bonnets this winter.

Persian lamb or Astrakhan is the coming fur.

Pichus of lace in various shapes are much worn.

Appropriate boot-gear.—For soldiers, Wellington and Blucher boots; for hen-pecked husbands, house shoes; for mash-

ers, dress boots; for toppers, tight boots for cattle dealers, calf boots; for upholsterers, carpet slippers.

Mr. Henry M. Stanley, the eminent African explorer, is one of the most important of the technical advisers before the Congo Conference at Berlin. Probably no man possesses so thorough a knowledge of the Congo and of the vast territory through which it flows as the au-

thor of *Through the Dark Continent*, published by Harper & Brothers, in which Mr. Stanley narrates the adventures that attended his exploration of that mighty river.

Never, young man, marry a girl who insists on opening the car window on a cold day. She not only lacks judgement in the matter of caring for her own health but has no consideration for others.