

FASHION HINTS.

Turquoise blue and black, and violet and black will be two of the most popular combinations for winter, says an American exchange.

Black satin is selling well, large quantities being used for waistcoats, which are very stylish with street dresses.

Jet and gold belts which fasten in a point before and behind, with a buckle on either side, are worn by the ultra-fashionables.

Straw or steel buckles are worn instead of brooches. They are fastened on velvet bands which are worn over the collar band.

Velvet is exceedingly fashionable for dress trimmings, but when sleeves are made of velvet they should always be of the same color as the gown.

Black velvet bands for the throat are once more in vogue. They now come in the form of a collar, and are thickly set with small blue stones and jets.

Long-waisted gowns with points and postillion coattails are now the correct mode. In Paris, it is said that hats in Charlotte Corday, Louis IV. or Henry IV. shapes are taking well.

Velvet galons are much used for trimmings. Sable is much used for trimming evening gowns; it is generally seen in bands outlining the tops of low-necked waists and in wide borders on the hems of the skirts. Fur of all sorts is used for yokes as much as for trimmings.

Havana brown is the most favored shade for gowns intended for both street and evening wear. In days past this hue, which was called snuff-color, was considered appropriate for only middle-aged or old ladies; it is now found to be becoming to the most youthful faces.

The under petticoat has now attained the summit of gorgeousness, and is seen with flounces of lace or of the material both inside and out. It is now a fancy to fashion them from rich, flowered silk, brocades and handsome satins. The numerous frills that decorate the hem tend to make the skirt stand out more than ever about the edge.

Magenta is very stylish this season, but although many of the handsome millinery productions and elegant toilettes show it either in the trimmings or in the material itself, it is found to be almost invariably unbecoming, as were the crude shades of purple that claimed so much attention in the spring.

One of the most stylish short capes that have appeared this season is called the Dorado. It is made to reach just below the shoulders, is round in shape, and flares in double box-pleats at the shoulder. It has a high collar that fastens closely about the throat, and it is lined throughout with silk. It is usually made en-suit with serge or broadcloth gowns.

PAYING DEBTS.

A little money sometimes goes a great way. As an illustration read the following, founded upon an incident which is said to have actually occurred. A owed \$15 to B. B owed \$20 to C. C owed \$15 to D. D owed \$30 to E. E owed \$12.50 to F. F owed \$10 to A. All of them were

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seated at the same table. A having a \$5 note, handed it to B, remarking that it paid \$5 of the \$15 he owed B. B passed the note to C, with the remark that it paid \$5 of the \$20 which he owed. C passed it to D, and paid with it \$5 of the \$15 he owed D. D handed it to E in part payment of \$30 owed him. E gave it to F, to apply on account of the \$12.50 due him. F passed it back to A, saying, "This pays half of the amount I owe you." A again passed it to B saying: "I now only owe you \$5." B passed it again to C, with the remark, "This reduces my indebtedness to you to \$15." C again paid it to D, reducing his indebtedness to \$5. D paid it over to E, saying: "I now owe you \$20." E handed it again to F, saying: "This reduces my indebtedness to \$2.50." Again F handed the note to A, saying: "Now I don't owe you anything." A passed it immediately to B, thus can-

celling the balance of his indebtedness. B handed it to C, reducing his indebtedness to \$5. C cancelled the balance of his debt to D by handing the note to him. D paid it again to E, saying: "I now only owe you \$15." Then E remarked to F: "If you will give me \$2.50 this will settle my indebtedness to you." F took \$2.50 from his pocket, handed it to E and returned the \$5 note to his pocket, and thus the spell was broken, the single \$5 note having paid \$85.50 and cancelled A's debt to B, C's debt to D, E's debt to F and F's debt to A, and at the same time having reduced B's debt to C from \$20 to \$5, and D's debt to E from \$30 to \$15.

Moral—"Here's a little and there's a little" helps to pay off large scores. Money circulates from hand to hand and business moves. Pay your debts—in full if you can, and if you cannot pay in full pay something. What helps one helps another, and so the round is made.