

# WOMAN'S WORLD.

## PARASOL PRETTINESS.

The New Sunshades Are Elegant in Shape, Material and Coloring.

When it comes to the new parasols one's pen almost fails, such is their infinite variety and so many new ideas are there than there were last season. They may be divided into three classes—the utility ones; the regulation sun umbrella, to go with an ordinary gown; the long-handled, fussier ones, to be carried with elaborate cloth or silk gowns; and, lastly, the distingue kind of lace, appliques, chiffon and pleatings, marvelously elaborate and elegant as to shape, material and variety of colorings.

The erstwhile familiar coaching parasol has a formidable rival this year in a similar kind, only with one or two points of difference, termed the automobile parasol. This is of perfectly plain silk, of any desired shade, only, of course, Dame Fashion has first say, and decrees that one shade shall be smarter than all others, but you may choose what you like. Last summer exclusive women chose either a green or a purple coaching parasol; this year the proper automobile sunshade is either red or purple. They have a wooden handle like the coaching parasol, but it is medium in size, not so short or so thick as formerly. A tiny ruche of white Liberty silk, put on so as to fall over the edge, is sometimes used on the automobile parasol, but a coaching one is universally very plain, therefore making a most consistent accessory for a tailor-made gown. One must not mistake because these parasols are so plain that they are inexpensive. Au contraire, they only come in the high-priced kinds, but they are so useful, serving on so many different occasions, that really they are cheap in the end. Care should be exercised in their selection, as unless it is a good silk they very soon crack, and then all is over, of course.

The curved and the square shapes are developed in many of the second class of parasols mentioned above, the latter shape being very new, and often made up of one of the recently-introduced silk squares, with plain centre and fancy border, or vice versa. The result is extremely effective, especially those of Persian colorings, with the same color and white carried out in the border; these are dainty and pretty enough to be entirely consistent with almost any gown.

Of course, the greatest elaboration and variety of ideas is shown in the lace and chiffon parasols, as here greater scope is had, these materials lending themselves to so much greater diversity of design in the way of tuckings, pleatings, ruchings, appliques, etc. Eccentric might almost be applied to the mode of fashioning some of them. For instance, there is a centre tucked or plaited chiffon or lace over a silk lining, then around this a lace inserting, then a band to match the centre, then one or two lace ruffles. Entire accordion-plaited chiffon or lace parasols over transparent linings are new and handsome, but as a useful sunshade leave much to be desired.

The parasol introduced last summer, consisting of rows of tucks of Liberty silk or chiffon over a thin lining to match, is still very smart, but must match the gown in shade, or at least match the trimmings. This sunshade is extremely pretty, either open or shut. Very light colors, white or black, are the only shades in which it is made, and the bottom tuck is made wide enough to fall over; it is never finished with a lace or chiffon ruffle.

Very handsome and elaborate parasol handles are the fad of the season, and where expense is not considered many most expensive and original designs are used. Gold or silver-tipped ones are quite usual, some of these being even further embellished with small colored stones, or made of something like malachite or lapis lazuli. Coral or ivory exquisitely carved is the newest and most beautiful, but necessarily proportionately expensive.

### Women and Forestry.

The lovers of trees will all be glad that young women in colleges are taking lessons in forestry. Report says that in the University of Washington, at Seattle, sixty young women have taken the lectures in forestry during the last four years; eleven have done the same thing in the University of Nebraska. In the college of forestry at Cornell the courses are strictly professional, and are intended for the instruction and training of managers of forest properties. While no women have been admitted to that department, a special course designed to give general information on the subject is open to them, and interest is growing in it.

Professor Maria Sanford, of the Minnesota State University, has been hard at work for the last fifteen years trying to save the forests of northern Minnesota from the covetous hands of lumber contractors. Her efforts, with the help of Colonel John S. Cooper, have prevailed with the Government to set aside a tract of virgin timber between the head waters of the Mississippi and the Red River of the North is a forest reserve, with the name of Itasca Park.

Through the influence of the women who took up the matter of planting and cultivating trees on College Hill, Cincinnati, a dilapidated locality has become attractive, and property in that section has advanced twenty-five per cent. in value in two or three years.

In New Jersey, Miss Vermilye, in a address before the State Federation of Women's Clubs, brought forward the importance of an intelligent

understanding of forestry. All such efforts are laudable, and the women's clubs throughout the country should extend helping hands towards the all too small company of tree-lovers. Arbor Day in schools, tree-planting in honor of great men and women, all these exercises work for good, yet there should always be a strong effort made to awaken an intelligent as well as sentimental regard.—Springfield Republican.

### Between Two Queens.

It is said that young Queen Wilhelmina has offended her friend, Queen Victoria. She has espoused the side of the Boers and made indiscreet remarks about the English. Wilhelmina is warm-hearted, impetuous and very fond of Wilhelm's way. Queen Victoria has written her many letters of affectionate advice, and when urged to marry Wilhelmina has found it convenient to quote the Queen of England, who reigned several years as a virgin Queen. But Wilhelmina has not accepted the many invitations of Victoria to go to Windsor on a visit. She has replied evasively and put off the visit each time it was proposed. The great lady of Windsor has never been treated in such a manner before, and she has known four generations of European potentates. As her majesty grows older she becomes more and more particular about the observance of all rules of etiquette, and she is pained and surprised at the modern independence of the youthful Queen of the Netherlands. But Wilhelmina is neither a grandchild of Victoria nor a scion of the house of Hanover, so she cannot be scolded.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

### Grace Culture.

A woman who has improved a naturally ungraceful figure says that it has been accomplished by remembering every time she is required to stand to lift herself upon her toes and let herself down gently, leaving her weight upon the balls of her feet, instead of upon her heels. "When this is done," she says, "it is not necessary to think of chin or shoulders. She has learned to walk in this way, and says that her feet grow less tired than formerly, because the portion of her foot which was intended to bear the weight is in proper use.

A glance at the position of the arch of the instep will prove that the body's weight was never intended to rest upon the heels, and the habit of throwing it there accounts for weak backs and kindred ills.

### The Long Chain.

The present popular way of wearing the long chains of pearls or corals is in a single loop about the throat and a second loop tipped with a pendant hanging to the edge of the gown.

### Frills of Fashion.

Belt buckles covered with suede in its natural color, and ornamented with steel, jet or turquoise, are one of the novelties.

It is said that in England khaki cloth has attained considerable prominence as a fabric for fashioning almost everything, from slippers to costumes.

A freak of fancy or fashion, as the case may be, is hand-painted flowers on gauze, silk and suede, all of which are used for trimming gowns and hats as well.

The new hats show very decided crowns, more or less high. Plaited straws are in evidence, and choux of tulle, wings, fruit and flowers are favorite decorations.

Heliotrope and pale blue are colors that have been seen in combination for some time, and in the latest hats pink in a pale shade is seen combined with the other two colors.

Among the foreign novelties shown in the shops is a line of illuminated silk and wool crepon effects. There are two designs in six colors, and in every instance the black yarn is thrown to the surface to produce a crepon effect.

One of the things which may be attached to the neck chain or chintelaine is a gold buttonhook for gloves. The new ones open and close like a pocket-knife, and when handsomely engraved or studded with jewels are both elegant and costly.

Among the novelties in silks that have met with favor are satin Liberties printed in Persian designs of pastel coloring. Foulards have not lost ground, and bid fair to score the success that was predicted for them at the opening of the season.

Many new crepe ties are in, in all the different shades—pink, blue, red, white and heliotrope. Some of them are fringed, some appliqued with lace, and some embroidered, while others are hemstitched. The white, pink and blue will wash well, and possibly the other shades.

The new jackets are very short and finished with rows of stitching or very narrow piping with stitching above. Some of them are double-breasted, with handsome buttons for a finish. Eaton coats are shaped down below the waist line in front and are quite short in the back.

Pretty silk waists, not intended for the tub, come in plaids, divided by Valenciennes lace insertion; in white and pale blue, embroidered with black spots, and in almost as great a variety of designs as the more elaborate separate waists that have been worn throughout the winter.

Women who have long necks will certainly welcome the latest fashion—which, by the way, is only the revival of a fashion which was in vogue many years ago—of wearing a velvet neckband; the wider it is the better, so it is understood that, at the present moment, the longer your neck the better. These neckbands frequently match the dress with which they are worn, but in many cases they are of black velvet.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Mr. Bryan is now forty years of age. Governor Roosevelt is to spend his next vacation on a shooting trip in Maine. General Lord Kitchener is an Irishman by birth; his father was an Englishman. Former Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson is to make a trip to Hawaii and the Philippines. Governor Smith, of Vermont, is an expert shot and very fond of hunting big game. The Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, hunts, shoots and fishes in his leisure time. The Prince of Wales will visit the Paris Exposition in April as the guest of the French Government. The Kaiser has asked the Reichstag to increase his salary \$1,000,000 a year. His present yearly income is \$8,500,000. Speaker Henderson, of the House, told the Convention of Labor representatives that he had always favored eight hours for a day's work. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) and his family will soon return from abroad to Hartford, Conn., and take up their permanent residence there. Senator Frye, of Maine, does not care to write for publication, and has refused many flattering offers for magazine articles in a political or reminiscent vein. King Menelek, of Abyssinia, receives Europeans at his court on Sundays. His state posture on such occasions is to sit cross-legged under a canopy of drapery. Lieutenant Hobson, the hero of the Merimac, has given a flagpole made of the masts of the Don Juan de Austria and the Almirante Oquendo to the State of Alabama. Lieutenant-Governor T. S. Woodruff, of New York, says he inherited his liking for politics from his father, John Woodruff, who represented the New Haven, Conn., district in Congress. Judge William Howard Taft, the head of the new commission to the Philippines appointed by President McKinley, is an Ohioan by birth, a graduate of Yale and a lawyer of recognized ability. John Addison Porter, Secretary of the President, has completed a collection of crayon portraits of his twenty-five predecessors in the White House. The pictures will be hung in the Secretary's office.

### Not Intentional.

Mrs. Catnip—"There, now! What'd you want to go and fall downstairs for?" Little Amos—"I didn't want to, ma; I couldn't help it."—Puck.

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## Driest Spot on Earth.

Payta, in Peru, is said to be the driest spot on the face of the earth, as the average interval between two showers of rain is seven years. The flora of Payta consists of about nine species—of these seven are annuals, the seeds of which must remain dormant in the ground for eight years. Notwithstanding the scarcity of rain, the natives subsist by the growth of the long-rooted Peruvian cotton, which is able to maintain itself without rain for seven years in the dried-up river bed, and yields profitable crops of colored short staple cotton.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Not Fit to Print.

"Protection at best is a demoralizing thing." So the Times of this city asserts. A paper that makes such an assertion as that obviously ought not to take for its motto "All the news that's fit to print." For the statement that protection at best is a demoralizing thing is