

THE RENAISSANCE OF LACE

A FASHION IN WHICH WOMEN TAKE DELIGHT.

The increasing use of lace of all kinds... The renaissance of lace has been one of the most interesting developments of the past few years...

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batistes, Irish, point de Venise and flannel... are of course enormously popular, but they lend themselves to flat trimming effects...

of last Sunday night at Ocean View... Mrs. William Grosvenor gave an elaborate dinner that night when Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Norris, Jr., were the chief guests...

our having the pleasure of dining with you and Mr. A. on the 21st inst., &c... Invitations to balls and dances are issued in the name of the hostess only...

PROPERTIES OF GEMS. Rarity, Beauty and Hardness Necessary in Precious Stones. The average person is probably acquainted with eight or ten varieties of precious stones...



A LACE GOWN WITH A TAFFETA COAT.

and here on a frock, but the modes have not favored lavish use of lace... The great collar taking on soft flesh lines opened a way for soft lace drapery...

as narrow Valenciennes, and were rather flat set on in festoons or scallops rather than straight lines... The late season costumes in Paris and their reports from the watering places...

class, those colorful linons and batistes covered with marvellous hand embroideries and inset with fine laces... The Secretary of War and Mrs. Stimson are due to arrive here from Panama on Thursday...

IN SOCIETY.

Beginning on Wednesday, when the New York Yacht Club fleet comes to anchor off Newport, there will be a deal of entertaining afloat by Elbridge T. Gerry, Henry Walters, John Jacob Astor, Curtis A. C. Taylor, Ogden Mills, Arthur Currier James and others...

Miss Madeline Talmage Force will have an opportunity to observe her fiancé, Col. John Jacob Astor, as a skipper aboard his yacht the Noma. The wedding of the couple is likely to be not long deferred and quietly celebrated...

Nils Florman, who is in business in New York and is a grandson of a Swedish Admiral, went to Newport with John Jacob Astor on Thursday. His marriage with Miss Helena Stallo will take place in September and the couple will live in New York. Miss Stallo is a granddaughter of the late Alexander McDonald of Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Berwind, easily in the lead as the chief entertainers at Newport now, gave one of their series of receptions and dances last night at the home of Mrs. Astor, and gave another in their town house during the winter succession of dinners and occasional big dances...

Mrs. James B. Haggin will give a dinner dance on Friday night at Arleigh for her cousin, Miss Tevis Camden of Versailles, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry and Mr. and Mrs. T. Saffern Taylor are to give big parties on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Dodge will give a dinner dance on that night. Other affairs include a dinner dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. F. Lothrop Ames on Thursday night, August 24, at the golf club.

The series of subscription dancing parties to be given at pleasure at brief intervals and arranged by Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Craig Biddle, Miss Mabel Gerry and others, add to the gaiety of the Newport season. Thus far the dwellings of Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. John R. Drexel and Mrs. Clarence Dolan have been chosen for the dances.

Adeline, Duchess of Bedford, and Lady Dudley, wife of the Governor-General of Australia, who recently made a brief stay at Niagara Falls and were here a few days last week, left yesterday for England on the Baltic.

Lady Granard, now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, at Newport, will return with them to England within a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulding Fosdick gave one of the big dinners of last night at their Newport cottage. Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas, also gave one of the dinners.

Mrs. Eliza Dyer was another of the matrons who entertained at dinner last night. James Van Alen gave a dinner at Wakehurst. Mrs. Frank R. Sturgis and Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings also gave dinners last night.

The Claret Club, which had a luncheon yesterday, will round out its season with a luncheon on August 19 and September 2. James V. Parker gave one of last night's dinners and the guests of all of these generally went on to the Berwind dance.

James J. Van Alen will give a big dinner to-night at Wakehurst and Mrs. Ogden Mills will give one at Ocean View, her Newport place, when her daughter, Lady Granard, will be the chief guest.

Miss Anna Sands' dinner to-morrow night at her cottage is especially in honor of Lady Granard. James J. Van Alen, the only entertainer at Newport who gives real British dinners, will give one of these on Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Paulding Fosdick will also give one of the dinners of next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bowers will return to New York to live in November. They left for Europe last Tuesday accompanied by Mr. Bowers's son, William C. Bowers 2d, and with the Continent in an automobile. The wedding of the couple was recently celebrated at Cooperstown, and the bride was Miss Kate Starkweather.

Dr. Lewis Morris, U. S. N., and Mrs. Morris, formerly Mrs. Ella Bingham Duffy, when they return from their honeymoon motoring trip will reside in New York. They had a quiet wedding with only a few friends and those near of kin present last Tuesday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jacob Willard Bingham, in town.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould and their daughters, the Misses Edith Gould and Gloria Gould, will return from Europe in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gould are at Trouville, Normandy.

William K. Vanderbilt has a cottage at Trouville, Normandy, for August.

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ENGLISH INVITATIONS.

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