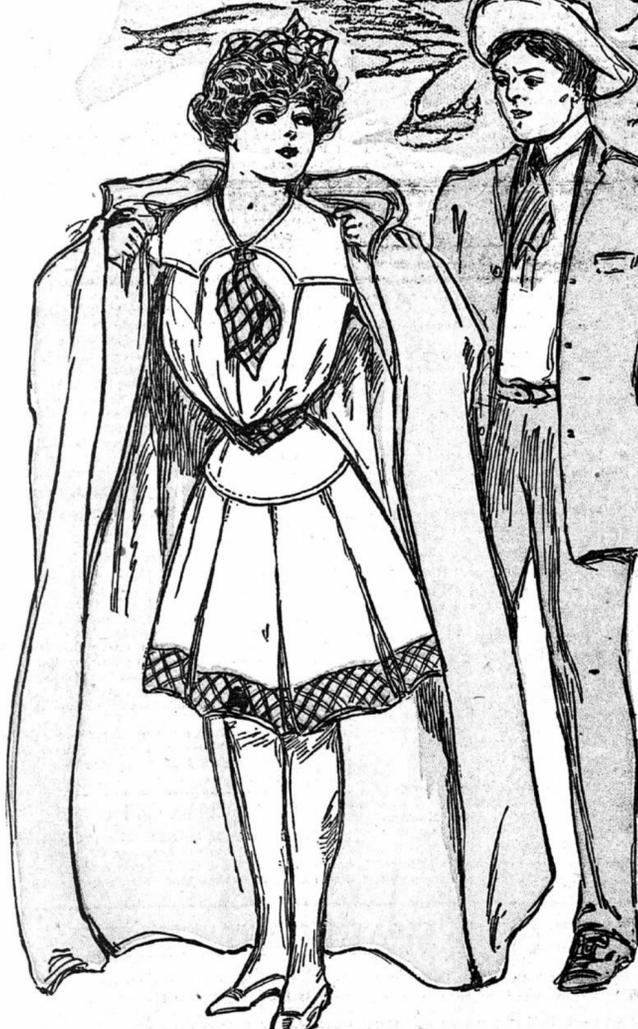


SEA-GOING TOGS For the SUMMER SIREN



PRINCESS and
BRETELLE
FROCKS, THE
SMART CABER



CREAM MOHAR WITH
PLAID SILK TRIMMINGS.



PRINCESS
MODELS
VERY
FASHIONABLE.



IMPORTED MODEL IN
SCARLET AND CREAM
MOHAR.



PRINCESS
CORSELET
WITH
EMBROIDERY



CAP WITH
HANDKERCHIEF
BANDS.

YE GODS and fishes what have we here? H-u-s-h, breathe it low. 'Tis a fair siren—a witching sea nymph who captures the hearts of susceptible masculines—the modern summer girl in a princess bathing suit! What the sad sea waves say aen't this dazzling, radiant creature the world will never know; however, her reception must have been flattering, for they are rolling over each other to break at her feet. And, of course, after reading this overture, nothing on earth, above or below it, will prevent you from sallying forth for your salty plunge, clad in one of the much discussed living-picture costumes. That's the way with women; condemn a thing, they all go after it. But, oh dear, do have a care how you appropriate this figure-revealing garment, for despite its conspicuous charms there are pitfalls, and very unhappy ones, the unwary plunger is likely to experience. For instance, don't expect to take a beach promenade after your embrace with Father Neptune, because your clinging draperies will make you resemble Aphrodite arising from the waves, therefore the privacy of your bath house

will be more agreeable than the scrutinizing, maddening gaze of the public. Unless your figure possesses the requisite curves, you will resemble a stick of spaghetti; that's a fact. The modiste and tailor have a way of patching up Nature's deficiencies, but their art ends with the mention of a bathing suit. As a final word of precaution, don't allow your dearest enemy to persuade you to adopt a princess costume unless your mirror gives unstintingly praise and approval. PLAIN AND FIGURED MATERIALS. There is no dearth of desirable stuffs for the exhilarating dip in the sea; on the contrary, we have a formidable array of attractive weaves, many of which take important rank for serviceable wear on terra firma. Starting with the old reliable mohair in plain and figure weaves, especially the fashionable shadow checks, we have in this class alone an attractive assortment. A mohair suit is an all-around good investment. Dark blue will not assume that greenish cast that is found in black mohair after persistent use for a couple of weeks. Silks are to be much worn this summer, as the list of fashionable weaves proves. Taffeta, duchess, Rhadame, liberty, pongee and other raw silks, besides water-proof Japanese silk, are par-

ticularly good. Cotton-back satens are also employed. Among the woolen weaves are found mohair in all sorts of patterns, as formerly mentioned; panama cloth, serge, chevot, challis, delaine, albatross, henrietta, cashmere, besides French and Scotch outing or tennis flannel. The fashionable bathing costume shows a marked resemblance in many ways to street and indoor gowns. Princess frocks are cut much in

the same fashion as full length garments, the snug effect about the waistline and hips being gained by vertical tucks, lines of shirring (an always graceful model) and gores. Princess corselet and bretelle effects are very attractively developed for bathing suits, admitting of stunning treatment. Russian modes are much liked, and come very close to the princess lines in their trim, trig effect.

Sailor collars are treated in a score of pleasing ways, the shield being worn as a matter of personal fancy, and are attractively shaped, trimmed with wide and narrow braids, put on in straight lines or to simulate scrolls and other decorative designs. A number of the new models have top pieces of plain material, enlivened with braids and bands of self-trimming. Those of a dressier type have collars and top pieces of embroidery and heavy lace, with cuffs on the short sleeves to match. Very elaborate models are shown for beach promenade, with footgear and leghorn hats and bonnets to match, laden with posies and coquetish chin bows. FOR THE WOMAN WHO MAKES HER OWN SUIT The craze for all sorts of figured materials, from shepherd plaids to those four and five inches in diameter that have been worn with lavish hand during the spring has descended to the bathing suit.

Many women prefer to make or have made their bathing suits, because they can more readily suit their personal requirements and impart an individual air to them. The illustrations on this page may be copied, in part or whole. The first sketch shows a suit of cream mohair, with plaid silk trimmings. A plain color would be quite as attractive as the ornate plaid. The cap is water-proof silk, arranged with handkerchief ends. The princess model is a very mild sample in comparison to some displayed. The next model is a Parisian design, needless, perhaps, to add. The plastron effect and the bows across the upper arms are quite pleasing. Scarlet and white is a much admired combination this summer. For a woman who has set her heart upon a bretelle frock she cannot choose a more simple, yet becoming, model than the one pictured at the top of the page. Polka dotted silk is employed as a border on the skirt, top of corselet and for the straps over the shoulders that are held in place by pearl buckles. MARJORIE.