



THE QUEER SLEEVES, THE BEEFEATER HATS AND THE ICH DIEN PLUMES.

A FROU-FROU YEAR

That is the Opinion of a Fashion Observer at Newport.

GROWING INFLUENCE OF LONDON MODES

Novel Allies in Dress Material and the Use of Lace.

BLOOMER BATHING SUIT

NEWPORT, June 27, 1896.

THE JUNE WEDDINGS are over, and there is nothing now to hold people in their town houses, the coming week will see the descent upon Newport, not fully populated as yet, of one horde of fashionables from the teeming town and another returning foot from Europe.

And, like two streams that meet and pour each through each till, core in core, a single self-repos, they will in one voice demand "What are they going to wear this summer?" and "What are they going to do this summer?"

Celebrate the glorious Fourth—that's one thing on the lucas a non lucendo principle, by running away from it; nay, by remaining shut within protesting doors even as one would do at home; for the excursionists will be here in force and aristocratic Newport will, as it does on Sundays, mutely rebel against their presence by seclusion.

And, as on Sundays, the watering carts will take a rest and let the dust of Bellevue settle unimproved on the gay costumes of the invaders.

Until that day, golf and bicycling. Newport tried to frown on bicycling, of course, because it is so popular. But the seductive wheel won, and now any day you may see the hordes of millions in public sight on Bellevue avenue, with old Johnson, the colored man, teaching them the wheel.

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But to return to our muslins, or to our brooks and other fabrics in public sight on Bellevue avenue, with old Johnson, the colored man, teaching them the wheel. Any day but Sunday or a holiday. The latest-present most famous duchess in England featured the cyclist's art in just that way. Newport can be very unconventional, when it is quite sure the wrong people aren't around.

There are continual revelations of novel allies in dress material. Canvas and lace, and now that we may golf we play with a lace jacket garnished with a touch of velvet and worn over a chiffon front.

It is a fro-u-frou year. ELLEN OSBORN.

HE—"Hortense Vaseline Debris, from this hour henceforward we ain't to each other what the five words taste. I brand you as a flirt an a croquette!" She (haughtily)—"As you please, Regina! Over. There are others!"

UNCLE SAM'S PART

In the Preparations for the Great Christian Endeavor Convention.

PROMPT ACTION ON PART OF CONGRESS

Use of the White Lot and the Meeting at the Capitol.

DESIGNS IN THE PARKS

ONE FEATURE OF the preparations for the great Christian Endeavor convention that meets here next month which has not received more than passing notice is the number of concessions made to the local committee of arrangements by the general government. Congress has officially recognized the fact that a gathering of more than usual importance was to be held in the country's convention city during the summer, and has made provision in a number of particulars for the convenience and entertainment of the guests.

Residents of the District are familiar with the fact that Congress is the only board of aldermen this city possesses, but thousands of those who, in less than two weeks, will be Washington's guests do not know of the peculiar statutory provisions which require the laws of the United States to pass upon all matters concerning the government and control of its capital. Without an understanding of this unique condition, it might be puzzling to a stranger to appreciate why the national legislature should be called upon to authorize the White Lot and the convention held in any other American city, would be granted by the common council.

Of importance, as well as in point of time, of the concessions made to the committee of the United States for the purpose of these public reservations are a portion of the park system of the city, and are the property of the United States Government. For their use had to be obtained, therefore, from the general government through its legislative branch—the Congress. Similar authority was granted to the committee of the Republic and the Knights of Pythias during their encampments here. So far as the committee was aware, the only objection to the proposition they intended to make to Congress looking to the White Lot was the objection, on the part of the committee, that the White Lot was a public square, and that the erection of a building there would be a violation of the public square law.

The history of the congressional action granting the desired permission to erect the three mammoth tents on the stretch of sward bounded by Washington's "Rotten Row" is interesting to Christian Endeavorers. It took the form of a joint resolution, and although passed by both the House and the Senate, it was not until the 21st of June that it was signed by the President.

The advantages of the White Lot as a place for erecting the large tents and holding the convention are many. It is a public square, and is well watered. It is a public square, and is well watered. It is a public square, and is well watered.

Two Fists Win a Wife. Pretty Mary Seevin Watches the Battle and Walks Off With the Victor. From the New York Journal.

Mary Seevin is good looking, but of late much worry has left traces on her pretty face. Her trouble is not one that bothers a summer girl a bit. She had just one too many beaux.

Her many friends in Franklin, N. J., saw how things were going, and wondered how it would all come out. "Carl Lessing is a fine lad," they said, "and how happy Mary could be were 'other dear charmer away.'"

The other was Martin Goode, and the rivalry between the two for Miss Seevin's hand grew bitter, indeed. "See here," said Martin on the other day to Carl: "Mary won't tell either of us to go. Let's fight it out."

"Humph! maybe she'd take the loser, just like all women," said Carl. "If she'll take the winner, I'm with you." So Mary was consulted, and she thought things were all right. "I'll give you a good beating," she said to Carl. "I'll give you a good beating," she said to Carl.

Explosion in a Horse's Mouth. From the New York Post. The driver of one of H. B. Scharmann's brewery wagons stopped in Mott street this morning to deliver a keg of beer.

Assistance of Public Officials. The members of the committee of '96 feel thoroughly grateful to government officials for their courtesy and co-operation. Col. John M. Wilson, U.S.A., the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, is lending material aid to the committee. He has offered them the use of a flag pole, to be erected in the center of the White Lot, from which will fly the national ensign.

A Narrow Escape. From the Cleveland Leader. Mrs. Snobbs—"How many girls do the Newlies keep?" Mrs. Nobbs—"Only one."

signs of rare beauty and astonishing exactness in large beds in public places, where they cannot fail to attract the delighted attention of the beholder. Brown cannot plant as many floral devices and make as elaborate a display as his inclinations prompt. Him-insufficiency of funds is the insurmountable barrier; but what is putting out for public gaze are certainly the equal of anything of the kind that have been previously prepared for these conventions, according to the testimony of those who have made the comparison.

Old Glory Will Be There. To assist the decoration committee in beautifying the tents and other meeting places, Snobbs, in the War and Navy departments have promised to lend a supply of flags, and while not an act on the part of this government, yet as indicating the interest high officials in Washington are taking in the preparations for the convention, the exhibition will be ordered for the special benefit of visitors during the Christian Endeavor convention. Uncle Sam's mounted soldiers are scarcely exceeded by any of the world's renowned riders, and the Endeavorers will take great delight in witnessing some of the marvelous and almost hair-raising feats of skill and daring performed by members of the 6th U. S. Cavalry. It is the supposition that at the conclusion of the Cosack and bareback exercises an exhibition drill in cavalry maneuvers will be given, concluding with a dress parade, the mounted band furnishing the music.

Some Stylish Costumes. Favorite Colors. Purple, White and Sunlight Yellow Are the Favorite Colors. Fancies in Gloves, Parasols and Shoes—A Cape That is More Ornamental Than Useful.

STRAW HATS OF 1896. New Shapes Which Hitters Insist Must Be the Fashion. From the New York Herald.

If you get your old straw hat out, held over from last season, with its wide brim and low crown, you will find yourself very much out of fashion.

The hat that is soft and gauzy is black and white in general tone. The waist is black with a white stripe made over black. Lace flounces fall over the shoulders and down the front. The skirt is white with black stripes. There is no hesitation about these patterns. It looks queer to see those tips, some buds and roses with plenty of foliage. Indeed, foliage is almost more necessary than flowers on this season's hat.

For Young Women. eyes, and raised crowns to a height which is not pretty and is very unbecoming. All the same you have got to buy these hats because they are the new shape. There are about five different styles of straw hats put on the market this summer, and when I say put on the market I mean that comes along to buy.

Alpine Strav. There is also the rougher straw, called pinnepie, in two patterns, both with straight brims, and still another style shown is the Alpine, fashioned after the Hamburg hat, a pretty conceit brought out in London last season and worn by men with beards who like to look picturesque.

As to Ribbons. With these shapes an infinity of ideas are displayed in the ribbons which ornament the straw hat.

Most Popular. All haters now keep these colors in stock, and a buckle fastens the ribbon to the hat in a very satisfactory manner.

The Curly Brim. of fact, men very often go wrong in this department of dress and wear ribbons which don't suit at all.

The Wheelwoman's Belt Pouch. From the New York Times. The pocket question for women's gowns is a little more satisfactorily settled this season than usual. In the full pleats at the back and slightly at the side of the fashionable skirt it is possible to put a pocket, and with the revival of belts to a degree not known for several seasons, the manufacturers have shown a kindly appreciation of the pocket poverty of woman-kind.

A Helpful Courier. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. "So you enjoy belonging to the Pat Men's Club?" "Oh, yes; it is delightful."

Not So Strange, After All. From the Philadelphia Inquirer. In the wilderness of advice as to how women shall please their husbands, notwithstanding more to the point and more sensible than that counseling them not to be always straitlacing up the latter's den.

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Japanese handles with figures carved in old ivory are very fashionable. Some of these sell for over twenty dollars.

Platin brown linens with silk linings to match can be bought at a very low figure. Fancy linens with rich ribbon trimmings and dainty colored linings sell for about \$5.

The very finest are of light Dresden silk with a covering of duchess lace. Gloves come in the usual tints, with the exception of fawn, which are not fashionable. Fawn color is a good shade to buy, because, like tan, it harmonizes well with any color, and is a perfect match for the grass linens that are worn by everybody.

Another pretty gown was made of dark green liberty silk with white bolice, bordered in a gold-brod word in all Primitive Baptist families. He has been a great traveling preacher, always at his own expense, and while "every third Sunday finds him in his own pulpit, every other Sunday finds him in some other pulpit, wherever hundreds of miles from his home.

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favorite colors of the season. Yellow and white is an extremely youthful combination and makes a stunning costume. A cape that is more ornamental than useful has two accordion-pleated silk flounces, one draped some beautiful pointed duchess lace. The yoke is laid in pleats running around, and not up and down. Over the flounces are draped some beautiful pointed duchess lace. There is a standing soft around the chin, formed of white and yellow accordion-pleated silk. A hat to match is yellow leg-fern, with yellow ribbon bow, yellow tulle and white paradise algeettes. The audacious maid who wore this striking costume carried an immense bunch of violets, which yellow ribbon bow, yellow tulle and white paradise algeettes. The audacious maid who wore this striking costume carried an immense bunch of violets, which yellow ribbon bow, yellow tulle and white paradise algeettes.

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