

Fashions and Society.

IT is getting to be quite the fashionable thing to dine at the Moana on Sunday evenings. Many families like to give their servants a holiday, so Sunday is the chosen time. Last Sunday I saw a number of well-known people dining at this popular house. No wonder the Moana is so popular with our young men, when the secluded parts of the Moana can be made so attractive and the old game of flirtation can be carried on with all the delightful possibilities under the shadow of mamma and papa, who, by the by, are discreetly engaged in looking for the other way.

The Princess tea gowns are unusual attractive this summer, and are made of brocade or this material trimmed with lace and chiffon. A good style is one of yellow and white brocade trimmed with ruchings of narrow lace. The front and yoke of the gown were of accordion plaited mosseline silk, with broad lace collar and a band of the ruching at the throat to the foot. The lines of the gown were a bit severe, but it was a becoming style to a slender figure. Silk gowns are always most useful and attractive for summer wear, and it seems to be rather a fad of the moment to have them made up quite simply. A gray taffeta gown would be charmingly dainty with gathered flounce, headed by a band of lace insertion and the waist trimmed with a band of the insertion on either side of the chiffon front, and another band finishing the sleeve above the chiffon undersleeve.

Quite the smartest covers of the year are those combined with taffeta and cloth. A model I saw was most fascinating; the skirt with full flounce of the silk and the overskirt cut in points, and the trimming cut with effect of the taffeta was most becoming. The short jacket was trimmed to match the skirt and had revers and collar of white silk embroidered with narrow silver braid. This style of gown can be made in black or any color, but the silk should be of the same color as the cloth, or of white, never in a contrasting color.

Black velvet ribbons as trimmings on white are used on all sorts of materials and the color does not make any marked difference. Blue with black and white is effective, but red, so popular for the moment, is no less so, and gray and tan are in the best contrast.

A charming frock which I saw here just an edge of white straps, with black showing off the front. The bolero jacket was finished in front with straps of black velvet, and there were straps of the velvet attaching it to the belt, while below the jacket was seen a blouse of the white silk.

A long fitted waistcoat of red and white brocade fastened with small gilt buttons, while a long white silk tie helped to tone down the rather vivid coloring. Cloth, silk, or veiling can be used for this style of gown, or any of the fashionable colors will make up well with the black and white trimming.

It was a question for a time whether the shirt waist would be as popular this year as last. However, that is all past and the shirt waist question has been decided for many months to come.

I can hear the sigh of content that goes up from many an anxious woman's heart. What makes the shirt waist so popular? As simple looking as it is, a shirt waist takes as much time to put on properly as an evening dress.

I say properly advisedly, for there are ways and ways of putting on a shirt waist. A woman never looks so trimly dressed, so altogether "chippier," as she does in a shirt waist that is well put on, or so slouchy as in one that is badly put on, and for the sake of those dear women who for lack of knowledge or inspiration have never learned to do the thing properly I give here a few rules which, if followed to the letter, will guarantee a "shirt waist figure" to those who have dreamed of one, but have heretofore had no personal acquaintance with it.

My method is my own peculiar invention and I have shared the secret with only a chosen few till now, when my conscience no longer allows me to hide it from the feminine world.

First, then, take the corset you are wearing, a straight front, of course, for they can be bought now in the cheaper models as well as the most expensive, and just at the end of the eyelets, at the bottom of the corset, sew a loop of inch-wide ribbon on either side.

Now put on your shirt waist, fastening it with the tiny pearl buttons which are to be so fashionable this summer, and tie your stock, taking care to lap it neatly in the back. Then, with two small safety pins, pin the belt of your shirt waist at the back to the loop of ribbon as tight as you can stand it without being uncomfortable or making yourself feel like a horse with too tight a check rein.

Now take your hand mirror and turn round and look at your back. Did you ever get quite that flat effect before? Did your shirt waist ever fit so smoothly between the shoulders? For my own waists I always have the belt sewed down just to the side seams and then hanging free, so that I may pleat the front of the waist to suit myself.

Smooth the waist down well, then under the arms and over the hips, and pin it on each side. Then pleat the fullness left into side pleats, and if you are thin enough to stand it, blouse it a little in front.

Now fasten the loose ends of your belt, and there you are, I warrant you, with a better shirt waist figure than you ever dreamed could be yours. The problem of how to pin a shirt waist down remained long unsolved to me, until I evolved the method from my inner consciousness, but I had my reward when a friend to whom I had whispered my secret said to me last summer: "Do you know,

the most valuable present you ever made me, was your method of putting on a shirt waist."

The Healan Minstrels gave a most enjoyable entertainment at the Opera House on Monday evening. All the boxes were occupied and the house was more than crowded. The minstrels did themselves proud and their jokes were both witty and amusing. Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Waterman sang sweetly, and the Quartette was listened to with pleasure. Mr. Elston sang a sentimental song in an acceptable fashion, while Mr. Hawkins kept the audience in roars of laughter by his coon songs. The belle of the evening was without doubt Mr. Cunha, who gave a burlesque of Sappho in his own inimitable manner. His shivers left nothing to be desired in the way of dimples, and his charms were artistically displayed. Mr. John Piver did his work in a masterly manner and deserves great credit for his zeal. Ralph Raymond mimicked the eccentric Paderewski to the manner born, and proved vastly amusing. The grand march of the amazons, with Billy McLean as premier danseuse, was one of the most laughable features of the evening. I failed to see that old time enthusiasm in the front row which has been remarked upon so often in the past. The audience was a fashionable one. Society turned out in full force and did much in the way of laughing to help the show along. The contagious laughter of a certain beautiful girl in the audience proved so irresistible that the audience just shrieked in sympathy. The big man with her also did his best to keep the ball a rolling.

The races have been well attended during the past week, but I missed a certain fashionable element which was conspicuously absent. Why this was I don't know. The races were well worth seeing, but much disappointment was expressed because of Violin's defection. Poor Prince David was nearly heart-broken, for he is very proud of his beautiful horse.

There were many informal lunches given on the 11th. Conspicuous among these was the one given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Locke. When I tell you that Mrs. Paul Neumann made the punch, comment is unnecessary. It was a difficult matter to bet on the winner, for there were many new horses from the different ranches, of whom little was known. There were smiling faces and sober ones as well, for there is always a sad side to every race, and the man who needs the money is the surest one to lose.

All the little ones of Mrs. Mary Gunn's dancing school are looking forward with glee to the exhibition next Saturday evening at the Drill Shed. If there is even standing room it will be a great surprise, as everybody is interested. Society will be out in full force, as Mrs. Gunn is a bright and shining light in circles exclusive.

It is hard lines for Mr. Clive Davies that he can't have his private secretary, coachman and groom, whom he imported all the way from the old country. Britishers do not realize some of the problems of the new laws, but after experience they will be wiser if not happier.

The portrait of pretty little Dorothy Freeth, which Mr. Mores is painting, is most attractive. Mr. Mores is also painting Governor Cleghorn's picture for the Club with great success. Miss Deming's portrait shows great skill in the treatment of the hair. The face is seen in profile.

A band of ancient natives paid tribute to the departed king by placing flowers on the bronze statue of Kamehameha. Songs were chanted and many strange ceremonies were observed. This was a pathetic sight and attracted many spectators.

The Sabbath schools of the different churches also had picnics on Tuesday, and all were made happy by games and sea bathing. The shouts could be heard many blocks away, and that in itself testified to the happiness of all concerned.

Miss Carrie Castle's "musical" was a most charming affair last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Allan White sang and many guests were present. These musical afternoons at Manoa valley are real treats, and one is most fortunate to be invited.

The Y. M. C. A. had a pleasant outing at the home of Mrs. Hobron at Waikiki, on Tuesday. A delicious luncheon was served at 12 o'clock and the afternoon was agreeably spent under the trees with fancy work and readings.

Mr. and Mrs. Swany gave a most delightful picnic on Tantalus Tuesday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clive Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davies, Miss S. Carter, Mr. William Irwin and Mr. Tarn McGrew.

Mrs. M. A. Burns, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. I. R. Burns, will leave Honolulu on the Zealandia for New York. They will visit the exposition at Buffalo and will be joined later by Mr. I. R. Burns.

Mrs. J. R. Walker has been at Waialua for the past week. She is far from strong, and the rest has been most beneficial. Her charming presence was much missed at the races.

Governor and Mrs. Dole went to Hilo on Wednesday, to be gone about two months. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Low on their ranch in Hilo. Mr. Dole's health is slowly improving.

Mrs. Deering leaves very soon for the Coast. She will not be joined by Mr. Deering, as was first expected.

Monday evening an informal dance was given at the home of Miss Dag-

mar Sorenson of Nuuanu valley. Many guests were present and a most delightful evening was spent.

Dr. J. S. McGrew entertained quite a number of friends at Aiea last Sunday. Among those present were General Greeley, Judge and Mrs. Estee, Mrs. and Miss Chaffee.

Miss Katalina Clark's engagement has been announced to Mr. Charles Sedgewick of Hilo. Miss Clark is from Evanston, Illinois, and is both beautiful and accomplished.

Judge and Mrs. Humphreys departed for the mainland on Saturday. Mrs. Humphreys and the little one have been far from well, and the change is for their health.

Comte de Potter departed for Japan on the Peking, and the new French Consul, Monsieur Vizzavoni, is occupying the home left vacant by the departing Consul.

I hear we are to have some private theatricals soon. It will be quite interesting to see what our society folk can do in the way of amusing us.

Mrs. Edward Damon arrived in the Claudine from Maui last Sunday. She has been the guest of the Baldwins.

Mrs. Sorenson gave a delightful children's party for her little daughter last Monday afternoon.

An engagement which will be of local interest to many of our fair maids is not yet announced.

Bishop Willis left on the Kinau for Hilo. He will probably remain away for two weeks.

Mrs. William Irwin is expected to return to Honolulu in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Thrum are "at home" on Monday, June 17th, from 8 to 10:30.

The engagement of Miss Harriet Lewers and Mr. Willie Wall is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cooper are summing at the Kunst residence at Waikiki.

Judge and Mrs. Galbraith arrived from Hilo on the Kinau last Saturday.

Lieut. Ketcham of Camp McKinley has been promoted to a captaincy.

Mr. William Irwin went to Maui on Wednesday for a short trip.

Mrs. Severance went to Maui for a short visit on Wednesday.

General Greeley, the Arctic explorer, has been in our midst.

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