

PLAIN TALK

FAMILIAR SUBJECT.

The winds which now scatter the falling leaves about your feet will soon gain strength enough to tackle you. The whistle they now make is a note of warning—take heed to it! Before the frost strikes home provide against its attack by warmer and heavier garments. Come on way and see what we have brought for you.

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DOLABELLE'S LETTER.

A Chat Concerning Mourning and Mourning Costumes.

How to Make Black Gowns Effective—Obtention of Woe is No Longer Contented—Passing Away of the Crapé Veil.

(Special New York Letter.)

The wearing of black may not be a cheerful fashion or one that is at all conducive to gaiety, and I am aware that many people are strongly opposed to any regalia of sorrow, preferring an inward to an outward manifestation of grief. But it is the province of the fashion-writer to give hints concerning the most modern and most effective of really cheerful black, which although worn as the insignia of grief admit in their composition a tone of hope. The old style of shrouding oneself in billows and waves of crapés has really gone out. There is no longer an ostentation of woe. The long, heavy crapé veil has been laid aside and a soft, light fabric substituted for it. Crapé-trimmed dresses are now rarely seen. The widow still wears the narrow white border in her black bonnet, but she no longer covers her face during the first year of her widowhood with the smothering veil. There are many ladies who make only this concession to the custom of mourning. They lay aside their bright dresses and their festive robes, and for a season wear plain black. This prevents them from being asked to participate in social functions when they cannot do so consistently.

simple affair, the entire trim being composed of narrow folds. The veil is then arranged to hang from the back and form the trimming. In lighter black a small tuft of corn as in the illustration. This style is for young ladies who do not like ties.



STREET GOWN.

Another phase of fine-needle mourning is the use of heliotrope. A recent widow of this city, who has dedicated a volume of admirable biography to a distinguished husband, never wore black except on the street. At small social gatherings the lady in question appears in marvelous Parisian toilets of several shades of heliotrope with black gloves and fan, but no other outward sign of mourning. Her toilettes have been described in the society journals, and her beauty has suffered from no eclipse of sorrow, but her peculiar taste has been severely criticized.

There is no individual style of dress which has so many pleasing accessories as black. There are always fans, handkerchiefs, jewelry, feathers and flowers made with especial reference to the wants of mourners, and they are more elegant than anything in the color line.

The mourning costume in the illustration is of Henrietta cloth, trimmed with bands of Courtauze. The gauntlets of the large puffed sleeves, the yoke of the shawl cape and the veil are also of the crapé, and the hat of black silk with loops of the crapé. Long loops of lustrous ribbon adorn the front of cape falling from a puffing at the side.

The street gown is of dull black cloth, with irregular short lines in heliotrope. The throatlet, waistband and front of the bodice are heliotrope silk. Hat of black silk puffed, with aigrette of dull jet.

The cost in the illustration is of black cloth trimmed with flat braided bands, with black collar and cuffs. It is double-breasted with full skirt, and is one of the newest autumn styles. The hat is of black felt, piped with black silk, with jet aigrette.

It has often been remarked that black is an expensive color. That is a mistake. The first outlay for a complete black toilette may be expensive, but it does not require renewal as colors do. A red dress or a blue dress constantly worn would stamp their individuality on the wearer in an unpleasant manner, but black never tires the eye or offends by its repetition. No more distinguished figure is seen in the capital than Mrs. Gen. Logan in



MOURNING COSTUME.

as long as it exists let us invest it with dignity. The mourning periods may be divided as follows:

A widow wears black until she has resolved upon a second marriage.

A daughter wears black for a parent one year during the year following the death of the parent.

Ten months is the period of mourning for a father-in-law or a mother-in-law.

Six months, the shortest period of family mourning, is customary for a brother or sister.

Court mourning is usually for a period of six months.

Queen Victoria is an illustrious defender of the mourning custom; she has worn severe black for the prince consort for thirty years. I have been told that during the year following the war in this country black was almost worn as a uniform. It is said now that the fashionists have veered and the black and white again be the favorite costume.

I know that in staple black goods the demand will be unprecedented, and the black departments of the leading dry-goods stores are enlarged and filled with a display of new goods. For mourning black there are new crapé figured goods, silk and wool hennetias and all wool hennetias in really elegant weaves; there are also fine wool black goods, with smooth surface, black brilliantine, fine corded black goods, large corded goods, diagonal cords and broadened figures on a smooth black surface. The camel's hair fabric is more in demand than ever. In silks there is, first, the satin duchesse, which is immensely popular both here and abroad, passementerie, duchesse amure, bengalines, in the crystal and corseweb weaves, and the handsome broadened satins in new weaves. It may interest the public to know that most of these goods are of domestic manufacture, a promising feature, as it places the price within the reach of the majority.

I have been repeatedly asked if it is allowable to wear sash-like diamonds when occasioned in mourning apparel. My dear madame, that is for you to decide. If consistent with the tone of your feelings, and if you already possess them, wear them. If you are a widow and your diamonds are jewels of fond associations, they have become a part of your daily toilette. As to sash-like diamonds, being of a uniform color, it harmonizes with a black toilet.

Approves of cheerful black, there are many ladies who have their first mourning trimmed handsomely with dull jet, which is one of the most stylish trimmings in vogue, or with corded passementerie and "frogs." Young ladies may be allowed to consider the deep mourning, but elderly ladies or widows of advanced years except the plain black Brussels net is indispensable.

Mourning bonnets are in small shapes, and the veil no longer spreads over the figure, hanging from the back in long slim folds. A face veil of plain black Brussels net is indispensable.

The most desirable shape, or the favorite one for a black bonnet, is the Marie Stinart, and the material is very willing. The bonnet itself is a very

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WASHINGTON NIMRODS.

They Are Now After the Inoffensive Road Bird.

Our Capital City Correspondent for the Nonce Honorable Professor of Natural History and Tells All He Knows on the Subject.

(Special Washington Letter.)

This is a very bad season for English sparrows to leave their nests in the Potomac valley. It is now time for our hotels and restaurants to furnish road birds to their guests, and, inasmuch as these popular gastronomic favorites are very dilatory in their southern migrations, markets are supplied with allured road birds at the expense of the imported sparrows. Experienced cooks can broil and season the feathered little Brits so that none but most sensitive epicures can suspect the difference.

Our sporting men take great pleasure in hunting the genuine road birds. Under favorable climatic conditions they used to come to us by the tens of thousands about the middle of September. They remained about three weeks, and made their nomadic migration homes in the marshes. During the past ten years the Potomac flats have been walled and filled, creating an island nearly three miles long and a mile wide, upon the spot where vessels used to go aground, and where the pastures were a vast expanse. Gradually during the decade the luscious little fellows have learned that their south-bound popular table d'hôte had been closed, and are seeking fields and pastures new in the Chesapeake, Po, Severn and other rivers, while many of their flock seek temporary homes along the eastern and western shores of Chesapeake bay.

Some of them travel on southward to the James and James river a week or ten days earlier than in former years. Thus the removal of the erstwhile off-shoot "flat in the Pot" has had a beneficial effect between our wharf line and the Virginia shore, has resulted in greatly reducing the numbers of our most popular American game birds; while our markets are filled with a mass of inferior birds from abroad. Fortunately, however, we do not have to pay any customs duties upon this class of imported goods.

One of the fraternity of hunters, a gray-haired boy who was about sixty years young, says that the sporting man of to-day who is after road birds and goes hunting about the marshes in his shell of a boat, intent upon securing a dainty tidbit for his dinner, sometimes rises directly in front of him a short, thin bird of apparently bluish plumage, with a long neck and a long tail, with dangling legs and wings flapping. Its flight is so feeble that one unacquainted with the bird could suppose that he was a sparrow. It pursues its slow flight for some fifty yards, and then drops limply into the reeds. When it strikes the marsh, however, it is gone. Its wings are weak, but its legs are strong, and quickly carry it out of range of the sportsman's gun. It does not travel by either swimming or wading. Its feet are not webbed, and it cannot swim, and its legs are not long enough to permit of its wading. Its claws or talons are long and sharp and strong. It grasps the reeds by them and makes its way with great rapidity. Its thin body enabling it to go through the thick growth almost as though there was nothing to impede its progress.

If you have ever been a hunter or a reader of Nimrod's lore, you have seen the road of the "American rail." This is one of the names of this unique avian character. The man of learning who knows nothing of pleasures of life beyond the value of his library, will tell you that it is the *Peregrina Carolina*, but don't you believe it. Its black is golden brown, varied with black and white, the front of the head and throat being black and the neck and breast colored. It is numerously called the "American rail," "Carolina crane," "common rail," "sora rail," "sore," "meadow chicken" and "ortolan."

It is a game bird and a table delicacy under any or all of these names. It is distinctly a marsh bird. It lives and loves in the marsh. Its name in this country is "sora," but it is known by sporting men of several latitudes by the names given above. It is a bird of national reputation, breeding throughout

the marshes of the Chesapeake.

IN THE HAUNTS OF THE RESEMBLED.

All the northern United States from the forty-first parallel and far up into British America as high as the sixty-second parallel. Its favorite home is the salt-water marshes along the southeast of the Atlantic, but it is found far in the interior of the continent, where it still manifests its predilection for marshes, and as it cannot get salt water it takes fresh water ones. But whether in brackish, salt or fresh waters, it is essentially a marsh bird. In the seclusion and seeming security of its swaying home, the sora loves and nests. There the nests are ingeniously constructed with long grasses neatly brought together at the top. Upon a scientifically constructed platform, often built over water, the sora lays and cherishes its broods by a new generation of sora.

Each year hard on Mrs. D. Rivers—That Miss Hennessey over there was born with a silver spoon in her mouth.

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