MID-SUMMER FASHIONS.

A Criticism of the Winged Sleeves—Airy Costumes at Their Height.

Affect What is Most Becoming to Your Peculiar Style of Beauty—Linen Underwear to be Transplanted.

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MUCH has been said in praise of the stylish bouffant sleeves set high on the shoulder so that I was quite startled to hear an objection to them, therefore first let me describe a charming toilet which I saw at a garden party last week and then let me state the criticism made upon it by a male friend of mine. It was a mauve colored mousseline, figured with flowers in a dark shade of lilac, the waist being very bouffant and sleeves still more so, but held down by a yellow silk ribbon, which starting out from under the arm, encircled the arm in a spiral until it reached the wrist where it ended in a small knot. The same garniture on the waist passing three or four times around the body and terminating in a little pompon behind, others in front with loose ends falling over the skirt. The bonnet was a mere chiffon of soft tulle with which the blonde hair of the young person was artistically blended. Now, I thought her a perfect vision of loveliness, and so she was, viewed from the front, but the male friend above referred to called my attention to the fact that these high puffed sleeves gave the wearer a "round back" in a profile view. He was right, and my enthusiasm over this charming toilet received this cold douche of criticism at the moment of its greatest warmth, for if there is any one thing I abominate it is a round back. A woman may be as beautiful as Helen of Greece or Cleopatra of Egypt, but if she have a "round back" that settles it. I prefer less beauty in front and a straight column behind.

At an afternoon reception the hostess' daughter wore a very pretty pea jacket made of old rose surah with black lace edging about ten inches wide in the style of zouave fronts. The jacket had a few pleats over the bust and was drawn in at the waist. The sleeves, which were trimmed with the lace in a loose frill, were set very high and a black ribbon served as belt knotted in front with long ends. A medicis collar stiffened with white buckram added to the effect.

At garden parties and outdoor fetes you see many very effective gray dresses.

The costume pictured in the initial figure is such a one—a gray woolen stuff with black velvet chenille designs. The hat is in white striped etamine with a bunch of fenilles de rose behind and fenilles de rose surah strings and white gauze knots in front.

The season for light, gauzy, airy costumes is now at its height, and I must say never before within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant have the summer costumes been so altogether elegant and artistic. Sateen and cambrics are great favorites, and are generally trimmed with guipure or broderie Anglaise, the former being more effective on dark and the latter on light costumes. Embroidered chiffons, too, are beautiful to look upon. Fancy the effect of a peach colored embroidered chiffon draped a la pompadour over an underskirt of Chartreuse green.

But I'm somewhat afraid that this sleeve business will be overdone. At first the confectioners were very careful to make no other than artistic combinations, then a little later these combinations became eccentric, and now some of them are simply startling. Imagine such a horror as a green dress with pink sleeves, a white dress with heliotrope sleeves or a gray dress with green sleeves!

Many of the thin, summery costumes are elaborately trimmed, for instance, the white serges being emdroidered in white and silver braid. But still, one sees now and then an effective summer costume like that pictured in the second illustration of this article, made up in a very plain manner—a gathered front with large sash artistically tied, and pointed embroidery applied in an original way at the shoulders, collar and sleeves, always in some shade qualified to increase the brilliancy of the costume; sunshade and hat in harmony.

The design of the more ambitious subjects of Queen Fashion seems to be to make these summer costumes veritable masses of fluffy, puffy stuff, so that the wearer appears to be a great moving pile of muslin and lace, the latter being let in as insertion, and also gathered, quilled and draped in fantastic and altogether indescribable ways, and the hat and parasol must catch the same motive, and lie crushed beneath puffings of the muslin and lace. Of course, a tall, slender figure lends itself better to such confections than a short, dumpy one; but Queen Fashion is a tyrant and will not modify a decree to suit individuals, hence we see these animated puff balls at garden parties and elsewhere. The almanac of summer pleasures warns us to look out for yachting and boating parties about this time.

Short serge skirts are much worn in combination with the man's shirt and narrow brimmed sailor hat. You must look "manuish," and don't you forget t Make your collars and ties a subject deep study and affect the Gordon sash, too. To do this, study the boys and copy them closely. For instance, carry your watch the way they do, use the same kind of handkerchief, wear only one ring on your lett hand, and talk "stroke" and say "cox'n" and don't get larboard and starboard mixed up.

Dark blue skirts are worn with shirts and light blue ties and sailor hats must be gayly trimmed with bands of red and blue ribbon. Thick white gloves are worn with these white shirts and dark dresses. Some affect pink skirts with pink ties in sailor knots, the ends secured beneath the waistband, the hat encircled with pink ribbon.

The third illustration in this article sets forth something very quaint and arch in the line of feminine garbs. The dress is made up of a loose pansy pongee blouse embroidered with white daisies, having an open jacket in white wool, with revers in pansy surah trimmed in knots and zigzags in silver galloon, and a mauve peau de soie skirt. But the hat is the piece de resistance. This is a sort of big, old fashioned jockey cap in Tuscan straw with visor and ribbon in mauve silk. Pale gray gloves are worn with this original costume, which could not fail to be charmingly piquant for the right style of a face and figure.

Not everybody looks well in motley, and the thing to do is to affect what is most becoming to your peculiar style of

beauty—no easy task, I can assure you; but such a costume as the one just described would be quite sure to attract as much attention as the horses themselves. A famous French woman once expressed the wish that Paris only had one eye and that it was fixed upon her. However, not all of us are so greedy for public recognition. We are quite content with an occasional and short-lived triumph at some distinguished gathering—queens of an afternoon or evening. We make merry at the expense of the peacock, and yet a dozen such fowls could not contribute vanity enough to stock a human being of either persuasion.

The last illustration in this article will give you a tolerable correct notion of a pale gray costume trimmed in a striking and effective manner. The material is a woollen batiste, garnitured with transparent black silk gauze volants (plisse) also applied en epaulette and as collarette, the sleeves being in black velvet. The bonnet, which is very small, is fashioned from white gauze with black spots, black velvet strings and trimming, and has white dandelion heads on the top. Gloves are white, altogether an extremely dressy and refined costume to belong to an outfit for a jaunt to the mountains after the mid-summer season is over. Thin transparent stuffs will not fill the bill at an elevation of 3000 or 4000 feet above tide water. There is very often a very eager and nipping air on the verandas of mountain hotels and no one looks pretty when the blood is not coursing freely through its channels. There is a place for blue blood but it is not in the lips.

It seems to me that we are in a sort of transition period as regards women's clothes; that we are bidding adieu forever to starched linen underwear. Woman will become more catlike than ever. Her coming and going will be absolutely noiseless. That old-time rustle, so dear to the ears of the expectant gallant as he awaits the coming of his dulcina into the drawing room will soon be a mere reminiscence.

In the trousseau of a fair Parisienne, fully described in a recent issue of a leading French journal, there was no linen underwear in the category. Everything was silk or wool. Can you imagine anything more dainty and delicate than a white crepe de chine underskirt with an applique of point lace on the bottom and above that an embroidered garland of orange blossoms running around it? Underskirts of all colors were there, garnitured with Mechlin

lace, old guipure, black, chenille, etc., etc. And one, too, for outdoor parties in buskskin, embroidered a la ruse in red and blue silk and gold thread. But, ah, one was a delicious confection—a pink mousseline de soie, figured with little pompadour bouquets. For devotional occasion there was a changeable gray, and also a purple underskirt. These are for wear when attending religious services. There are also undergarments for those in mourning, crepe cut bias and made plain. Then there are skirts in all tones to match the dress, always in a lighter shade, faille trimmed with valenciennes or Mechlin. All these undergarments are saturated with violet or heliotrope perfume so that the fair wearer as she passes you, leaves a delicate trail of fragrance, and when she sinks into a fauteuil these soft clinging robes outline her graceful figure and lend a plastic and picturesque beauty to every pose.

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FAR FROM DEAD.

Anti-Commissionites Not Defeated by Hogg's Nomination.

The Fight Will be Kept Up Until the Election and Then Begun Anew in the New Legislature.

Congressman W. H. Crain Renominated by Acclamation at Beeville—The Situation in the Fifth District.

PREDICTIONS.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX. Aug. 6.—Notwithstanding the overwhelming defeat they are certain to encounter in the San Antonio convention, there are manifest indications that the anti-commission leaders do not propose to give up the fight. The nearly unanimous nomination of Hogg they concede. The adoption of a commission plank in the platform they will fight. If it is inserted in the platform they will disregard it, on the ground that a question of changing the fundamental law of the state cannot or ought not to be made a party or partisan issue. The fight will be kept up until the "ides of November," as the San Antonio Express put it. Every agency that can be used to that end will be brought into action to secure the defeat of the amendment at the polls. Failing there, the next citadel to be assailed will be the legislature. A commission governor can only appoint a railway commission after the general assembly has enacted a law giving him the right to do so and defining the commission's powers. They propose to make it difficult for the solons to pass such a law, and a few of them are confident that no such law will go to the governor for his signature next winter. In the meantime agencies will be at work with a view of disrupting the Democratic party of the state, in the hope of putting three or more tickets in the field during the next campaign and electing a mongrel legislature, fit for "treason, stratagems and spoils," that will do nothing but wrangle the session through, and most of whose members will be as plastic clay in the hands of the skillful manipulators who will be on hand to accomplish their assigned work. Reasons for the above predictions may be found in the fact that the anti-commission leaders persistently assert that Hogg's nomination will not be a Democratic, but a Farmers' Alliance victory, and that the Farmers Alliance, as such is not a Democratic organization, is as much as none of its members are willing to pledge themselves in advance to support the nominees of Democratic conventions, but reserve the right, after going into and participating in conventions, to refuse to support the ticket named if it is not satisfactory to the Alliance.

What these anti-commission extremists are aiming at is the sowing of such dissention in the Democratic ranks as will result in a disruption between the farmer element and the railroad element. The latter will then set itself up as the simon pure Democracy of the state, and leave the farmers to flock by themselves and form a new party, in the hope that as soon as it is formed jealousies among its leaders and other causes will bring about its speedy disruption. Out of the chaotic condition that will ensue, the anti-commission leaders hope to evolve a new order of things that will put off indefinitely the day when the scepter of power shall be wrested from their hands.

This is the form their dream is taking. How disappointing will be their awakening let the future disclose.

BEEVILLE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Special to the Gazette.

BEEVILLE, TEX., Aug. 6.—The Democratic convention for the Seventh congressional district met at the courthouse in Beeville at 12 o'clock to-day, J. B. Wells, chairman, calling the convention to order with a brief and appropriate address. M. F. Mott of Galveston was elected temporary chairman; C. G. Levi, secretary; W. J. Baker, assistant; M. F. Wright of Duval, sergeant-at-arms, with J. B. Hibbert of Galveston, assistant. A committee on representation, credentials and resolutions was selected, one delegate from each county; also a committee on permanent organization, composed in the same manner. The convention then took a recess until 3:30 p. m., when a report on representation and resolutions was received and adopted. The report of the committee on permanent organization recommended for president of the convention James B. Wells of Brownsville; vice-presidents, James McDonald, T. P. McCampbell and J. M. Ruess. Other officers as in the temporary organization. The report was adopted, and after an address by the chairman Stanley Welch placed in nomination for congress W. H. Crain, seconded by Mr. Wheeler of Galveston and sev ral others, in eloquent addresses, and on motion Crain was nominated by a rising vote, no other candidate being placed in nomination.

James A. Burke of Goliad was elected chairman of the Seventh district, and after resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Beeville the convention adjourned.

IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

Special to the Gazette.

SHERMAN, TEX., Aug. 6.—Hon. J. W. Bailey was here to-day to arrange with Judge Hare for a joint canvass in Collin county, but Hare pulls out for Washington to-night, leading his friends to conduct the fight for him. Mr. Bailey, however, not being acquainted extensively, will make a canvass of Collin immediately. Should Mr. Bailey carry Collin he would have fifty-eight votes in the convention, fifty-four being the necessary two-thirds. Should Judge Hare carry Collin he would have thirty-nine votes, and with Clay's two votes would have a bare majority of one vote; thus stands the congressional fight in the Fifth.

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Woman Struck by Lightning.

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IFS AND ANDS.

The Originator of the Electrical Execution Scheme Talks About Wednesday's "Job" Says it Was a Success.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Dr. A. P. Southwick, father of the electrical execution law, said to-day in an interview: "I feel just as I had always felt in this matter. There is nothing against the system, and the fact is there has been a great deal of senseless sensational talk about the execution. For instance, the big story in regard to the sickening spectacle of the froth, saliva, etc., coming from Kemmler's mouth is ridiculous. It was a perfectly natural thing, and was caused by the muscular contraction of the stomach. It was nothing unusual. In fact, a party of ladies could sit in a room where an execution of this kind was going on and not see anything repulsive. If the mistake of ordering off the current so quickly hadn't been made there would have been none of this talk. This burning of flesh was also exaggerated. That was caused simply by the fact that the sponge under the electrode was too small. A light current was passing through then, and the sponge having dried out the electrode touched the skin. I think Kemmler's nerve affected those there about as much as anything. It looked to me as though it were mental incapacity. He seemed to be without fear. No, sir, I don't consider this will be the last execution by electricity. There will be lots of them. It has proven that the idea is correct, and I think the law is the best one. The execution was a success. Kemmler never knew what happened to him, and died absolutely without pain.

NOT YET INTERRED.

AUBURN, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Warden Durston stated this afternoon that the remains of Kemmler still lie in the room in the prison where the autopsy was held. He has not decided where the remains will be finally buried. The subject which continues to excite greatest interest in connection with the execution is the record of voltage of the shock which killed him. It has been generally supposed that the first shock was 1300 volts and the second between 1500 and 2000. Electrician Barnes, who was in the dynamo room, said to one of the doctors in attendance yesterday that at no time was the voltage more than 1100, and that it frequently fell to 800. Dr. Daniels of Buffalo, who performed the delicate work of removing the brain and spinal cord of the dead man at the autopsy, has gone home, taking with him parts of the spinal cord and other specimens of the experiment.

PRESS OPINIONS.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—In the editorial columns of the Standard is an article strongly condemning the publication of the minute details of the execution of Kemmler which other papers have indulged in, and denouncing the practice as demoralizing. At the same time the paper devotes two whole columns to the subject, including a detailed report of the proceedings in the death chamber, summary of autopsy and opinions of experts. The evening press is as unanimous as the morning press in condemning the electrical execution.

Special to the Gazette.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—On the strength of the first experiment, the Evening News declares that public opinion throughout the civilized world demands that Americans shall not repeat the outrage committed at Auburn yesterday.

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THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Who Will Wield the Gavel if the Farmers Alliance Hold the Balance of Power in the Next House?

Special to the Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The speakership of the next house is already beginning to enter into political calculations of the national managers. It seems to be conceded that the Farmers' Alliance will have from thirty to forty members of the next house, and if so they will undoubtedly hold the balance of power. This will enable them to name the next speaker. Of course, it will not be possible for a farmer who has been elected to congress as an Alliance man, to take the speakership, which requires an acquaintance with parliamentary rules not possessed by a new member. Gen. Hatch of Missouri is spoken of as an available man for the speakership if the house is Democratic. He is the author of the pleuro-pneumonia bill and is a practical farmer. He is a broad gauge man and is in every way qualified to wield the gavel.

MILITARY PROTECTION.

The Marlow Brothers, Wantd as Witnesses at Graham, Promised Protection.

Special to the Gazette.

GUNNISON, COL., Aug. 6.—Deputy United States Marshal Shores several days ago received from the clerk of the United States court at Graham, Tex. warrants for the arrest of Charles and George Marlow, who are wanted there as witnesses in the case of the government vs. Eugene Logan et al, in which case almost the entire population of Young county is involved. After two days' searching, the men, with their families, were found in the mountains herding cattle. When informed what was wanted of them they positively refused to go, saying they would rather die in Colorado than return to Texas. After some persuasion they agreed to accompany the officer to Pueblo. At that place they are to be met by a military escort and go to Leavenworth, Kan. They are to have military protection until they have given their testimony before the court at Graham, and then to be escorted to any place they may designate. They leave to-morrow night.

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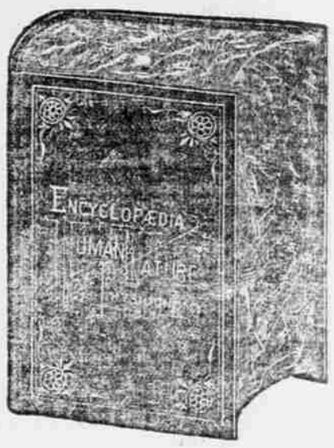

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