

FASHION LETTER.

Handsome New Spring Costumes. Directoire and Empire Styles Still in Vogue—Charming Toilets.

[Special New York Correspondence.] The city is filled with elegantly attired women, freshly gowned in new spring attire. These handsome garments are mostly plain, recherche, and exceedingly stylish, destitute of eccentricity or surprising conspicuous features, and remarkable chiefly for the fine quality of the material, and their exquisite fit and finish.

Round and belted waists remain in fashionable favor, notwithstanding the great vogue of redingotes and polonaises. Many beautiful spring toilets in this style are made of the lovely shirred or ruffled tulle, either bordered or elaborately braided. They are delicately made, for instance, of soft French camels hair in delicate old rose tints, in pale Empire green, in soft grayish shades, in the faint rose, in violet, in blue, in marquis brown, and in exquisite dyes in dove, fawn and gray so dear always to the artistic French woman.

The collar, revers and cuffs are headed, and if the goods are ungarmented, rows of ribbon are largely used. Handsome clarettes and crepeines, convent cloths and other fine wools are made up with round waists and Grecian draperies, and trimmed with Persian-brocaded ribbons, or in combination with sash of the shade of the wool fabric. The charming creamy and silvery tints in gray are noticed among choice and expensive tail gowns from Paris and London. The elegant textiles comprising these dresses do not require any intricate manipulation, and the Greek effects and clinging draperies which fashion favors are peculiarly adapted to them. Some gowns are in princess shape at the back, with long redingote fronts. Others are fashioned with princess fronts, with plaited or paneled pieces adjusted to the hips, or with Grecian draperies arranged with classic art and grace.

China silks appear in most tempting qualities and patterns. These are usually trimmed with tinted or gay-colored moire ribbons of the shade of the figure in the silk; and charming, indeed, are some of these toiles, a Zauve jacket giraffe and a sash of moire being included in the accessories. More elaborate and dainty toilets of these silks are made with rich lace petticoats and Directoire redingotes of the figured silk, the skirt-portion slashed to the waist, at intervals, to reveal the flimsy lace. There are full fronts to the corsage, which give character to the whole, and often masculine-looking revers of velvet are added. Fashionable modistes and ladies tailors are making great use of the expensive Persia-patterned bands and girdles, employing them with stylish and uncommon effect on skirts, as borders, and on bodices and street jackets. Black toilets will be extensively worn both in light and stately materials. Elegant black dinner gowns for past-Easter wear are enriched by Persian embroideries, and pendants, bands and special ornaments in cut jet, these of wholly novel device, and of princely magnificence.

Among all the draped, plaited, shirred blouse, and crossed bodices, the plain glove-fitting French corsage, laced at the back, is in high favor for dress wear. The front is fitted as closely as possible by a deep-curving sash down the center, and by diagonal French darts. The under arm seam is gracefully arched, and the bodice is deeply pointed.

The pretty "supper-jackets" of velvet lined with rose, mauve, or other pretty silk, will be worn all summer over airy toilets of lace net, muslin or India silk. There is a positive rage for the lovely French chailies which have appeared in more beautiful shades and patterns than ever.

That favored article of dress, the tea gown, is likely to prove a joy forever. It has formed a garment of great luxury and richness the past season, and for the coming summer it will be a model of the daintiest and most bewitching description. The latest importations of these gowns are something lovely.

The newly opened cases of parasols are works of art sent from various quarters of the globe, and they cost anywhere from two dollars to two hundred. The array of exquisite dancing toilets in the importers, hands begging description. They suggest nothing less beautiful than the characters in "Midsummer Night's Dream." C. D. F.

HOW SOME CREATURES FEED.

The clam feeds with a siphon, and the siphon with its beard. The leech has three saws, with which it does good service in the phlebotomy line. SPIDERS chew their food with horny jaws, which are sharp enough to give quite a nip.

The butterfly pumps nectar into itself through a tube, and bees and flies suck up their food with a long tongue or proboscis. The tapeworm has neither mouth nor stomach, but just lays along and absorbs the already digested food through its skin.

SNAILS have teeth on their tongues, hundreds of them, but as if these were not enough, some have them also in their stomach. The woodpecker has a three-barbed tongue like a fisherman's spear, with which it draws out the worm which it has excited by its tapping.

The cuttlefish, which among other strange things always walks with its head downward, does not chew its food at all, but masticates with its gizzard. Toads, tortoises, turtles and most lizards have no teeth. Frogs have teeth in their upper jaw only. Ant-eaters, sloths and armadillos have no teeth.

The caterpillar feeds with two saw-edged jaws, working transversely, and uses them to such good advantage that he eats three or four times his own weight every day. Grasshoppers and locusts are very well provided with the necessary machinery for eating much and often. They have saw-like jaws, and gizzards, too, the latter being fitted out with horny teeth.

The lion and the tiger, and, indeed, most of the carnivora, do not gnaw their food, using their jaws only up and down, the molars acting like chopping-knives, or, rather, scissors. Their mouths, in fact, are a veritable hash-mill. The carp's teeth are set back on the pharynx, so that it may be literally said to masticate its food in its throat. The carp, too, is about the only old-chewing fish, the carps being swallowed, and being forced up to these throat teeth for complete mastication.

Dogs seize their food with their jaws, cats with their feet, and so do monkeys, some of them pressing their prehensile tails into service. The squirrel uses its paws to carry its food to its mouth; the elephant its trunk; the giraffe, ant-eater and load their tongues.

The jelly-fish absorbs its food by wrapping itself about the object which it seeks to make its own. The starfish is even more accommodating. Fastening itself to the body, it wishes to feed on it, it turns its stomach inside out and envelops its prey with this useful organ.

The ray, or skate, for instance, has a mouth set transversely across its head, the jaws working with a rolling motion, like two hands set back to back. In the jaws are three rows of flat teeth set like a mosaic pavement, and between these rolling jaws the fish crushes oysters and other mollusks like so many nuts.

LOBSTERS and crabs masticate their food with their horny jaws, but they have also rows of teeth in their stomachs, where they complete the work of chewing. But there is one peculiar kind of crab called the king or horse-shoe crab which chews its food with its legs. This is an actual fact, the little animal grinding its morsels between its thighs before it passes them over to its mouth.

THE BEAUTY OF HEALTH. How many women with regular features that might be beautiful, are not, and instead of being admired, are looked upon with pity. Their hollow eyes, sunken cheeks and sallow skin haunt our memory. Alas! an invalid wife or mother, or sister fills the house with grief and sadness, and an otherwise happy fire-side is shadowed with a veil of regret. Blessed be the physician who has invented a remedy with power to regulate the delicate functions of feminine life, that relieves those benumbing pains that renew the appetite, that perfect digestion, that brightens the eyes and beautifies the complexion with the use of health-giving, such a remedy is Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla. It is woman's best friend for counteracting the evils that afflict her sex. Thousands of ladies owe their beauty to a use of this incomparable alternative. Demand it of your druggist. Take no other.—Paris News.

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"Meet your wife with a smile on your lips," says an exchange. Better wait until the odds of the "smile" has abated somewhat, though.—Texas Siftings.



ASKING. "He stole from my bodice a rose. His cheek was its color the while; But ah! the sly rogue! He well knew. Had he asked it, I must have said no." "Yes, I remember that occasion. I was young then. I am not old now, and not a hair on my head. My blood was pure and my cheeks showed its crimson. I was happy and healthy. But now, who is me! I do not see a well day. I have those distressing dragging-down pains, that stifle my voice, and I feel all the time worn and weary." For all such sufferers, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a panacea of inestimable value. As an invigorating tonic, it imparts strength to the whole system. For overworked, "worn-out," debilitated teachers, milliners, dressmakers, seamstresses, "shop girls," housekeepers, nursing mothers, and feeble women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the greatest earthly boon, being unequalled as an appetizing cordial and restorative tonic. Contains no alcohol to inebriate, no syrup or sugar to derange digestion, no legitimate medicine, not a beverage.

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