SUMMER WARDROBES.

Fashion at a Standstill, but It Is Time to

is now the season when fashion is nearly at a standstill. Summer wardrobes are all arranged, and it is too early to think of fall ones. Women want to wear and enjoy the pretty things they already have rather than go through the fiery ordeal of shopping and being fitted. The odors of town, although quite as characteristic in their way, are less appreciated at present than the fragrance of sea and country



SHER MUSLIN COLLAR. weed in the sun is better than all the manufactured essences in the market. If some one would only invent a method of botthing it up for winter use, the stock of potpourri jars would drop hopelessly.

The woman who is enjoying these scents at first hand is undoubtedly already provided with her outing suit of black, blue or brown serge, made with an unlined skirt and blazer or Eton jacket. Such a costume may be worn with a thick or thin bodice, as the weather demands, and will endure any amount of rough usuage, rain, spray and dust. She also has her dotted or flowered muslin gown much frilled and furbelewed, which she puts on after her return from boating or fishing excursions in the aforesald rough and ready garments. A bath and a fresh dress are wonderful reviviflers after fatiguing exercise, so it is worth while, merely from a hygienic point of view, to have several nainsook gowns as prettily trimmed as one can afford. Of course she has a broad brimmed flower laden hat to correspond and long wash leather or silk gloves, as well as a white, scarlet or dark blue sun umbrella to keep the flowers on the hat from fading. She has not forgotten the light silk gown trimmed with lace for formal occasions nor the two or three evening gowns, one probably of black net or grenadine. In fact, it is doubtful if her wardrobe is not well stocked with most of the things in vogue just now, except possibly the newest inventions in gauzy arrangements to be worn around the neck and shoulders. Something fresh in that line is continually appearing, and the latest is shown in the cut. It is of black mousseline de soie puffed over the shoulders and falling in two points in front. It is draped across the upper part of the chest and is collarless.

SUMMER BOOKS.

Judic Chollet Discusses Them With Her Usual Good Sense.

In these days, when "novel" is merely an alluring name for an essay on social or medical problems flimsily covered by a transparent veil of narrative, like the gelatin coating of a quinine capsule, it is hard to find a book that may be read for for diving into the dark depths of science and ethics. Even the ordinary society love story, that once most popular of tales, has been thrust into the background by the



FOULARD GOWN crowd of dissertations on brain wearying themes that beguile us into reading them by their specious claims to the title of light literature. There would be danger of a revolt in favor of dime novels if it were not possible to once in awhile get hold of such a story as Stevenson's "Treas-ure Island," full of delightfully unabstruse mutineers, buried gold and bloodshed, and so well written that the reader, like the recipient of Sam Weller's valentine, will "vish there yos more."

Without wishing to add another new theory to the innumerable host now buzz-ing like bees in different bonnets, it may be suggested that possibly some women have a lurking fancy for personal experience of moving accidents by flood and field, not as strong as the adventurous instinct in men, but still strong enough to give a charm, in addition to its own charming style, to such a book as "The Admirable Lady Biddy Fane," for in-

If we could all live in caves for the next month or two, the interest in dainty summer gowns might relax a little. As we cannot do that, we must be content to read "Lady Biddy" on the veranda in the pret-tiest costume that the heat permits. A sketch is given of a gown of old rose foulard. The round skirt, trimmed with four bands of white lace insertion, has a plain princess tabller in front, the left side of which is trimmed with black sating bows. The back and right side of the bodice are trimmed with three bands of insertion, while the left side is draped with white lace to match. The corsage opens in a V over a full plastron of white silk muslin. The elbow sleeves consist of two puffs finished by a lace flounce.

The Sound of Thunder. One of the most terse and succinct descriptions of a natural phenomenon is that recently given by M. Hirn, in which he says that the sound which is known as thunder is due simply to the fact that the air traversed by an electric spark-that is, a flash of lightning-is suddenly raised to a very high temperature and has its volume, moreover, considerably increased. The column of gas thus suddenly heated and expanded is sometimes several miles long, and as the duration of the flash is not over the millionth of a second, it follows that the noise bursts forth at once from the whole column, though, for an observer at any one place, it commences where the lightning flash is at the least distance. In precise terms, the beginning of the thunder clap gives the minimum distance

of the lightning, and the duration of the rolling of the thunder the length of the column of heated air. Professor Hirn also remarks that when a flash of lightning strikes the ground it is not necessarily from the place struck that the first noise is

Again, he points out that a bullet whistles in traversing the air, so that we can, to a certain extent, follow its flight. The same thing also happens with a falling meteor ite just before striking the earth. The noise actually heard has been compared to the sound produced when one tears linen; it is due really to the fact that the air rapidly pushed on one side of the projectile in front, whether bullet or meteorite, quickly rushes back to fill the gap left in the rear. -St. Louis Republic.

LEARN TO SAY "YES."

Moral Obligation and Personal Care For

the Little Ones. No doubt we can each of us remember pecasions in our childhood when we were denied a pleasure that, in the light of mature years, we see was innocent and might easily have been granted. Child-hood is or should be the golden age, the period when humanity is irresponsible without being blameworthy, simple in its requirements and easily pleased. While a foolishly indulged child is one of the most detestable beings on the face of the earth, there is no need of denying a child, or a grown person either, for that matter, any innocent pleasure that it is possible for him to enjoy, innocent pleasure being taken to mean a pleasure which does not hurt himself nor inconvenience anybody

else. When a child asks to be allowed to do a certain thing, the parent often says "No" automatically without stopping to consider whether there is any real reason why the request should be denied. It is worth while to weigh the pros and cons of this matter, trifling as it may seem, for early associations have a strong influence in the feeling with which grown children regard the father and mother. A little child soon learns the difference between



CHILDREN'S COSTUMES. and indifference or opposition to them,

and once learned the effect of the lesson is lifelong. The state of mind induced by the needless thwarting of pet wishes is not a favorable one for the growth or even maintenance of family affection. To provide the necessaries of life, food,

shelter, decent clothing and the average amount of education for the child whom we have called into the world without consulting him is not enough to merit his lifelong devotion and self denial. Such provision is a moral obligation in simple justice. To rightfully possess our children's devoted affection we must deserve it by giving something beyond the necessary care that an animal gives its helpless young. We must enter into their interpersonal prejudice and recognize the fact that they are not merely our satellites, but that they have a distinct personality and inalienable individual rights as strong as

But this is wandering outside the bounds of a fashion article, and fashion must here be considered. The larger figure in the sketch shows a gown of blue serge trimmed with white braid. It is sleeveless, and the bodice opens in front to show a frilled shirt of red cambric with white dots. The smaller child wears a lawn gown which has a triple cape to match, both being trimmed with valenciennes lace.

PARASOLS.

They Are All Colors and Styles and Are Vary Pretty.

It is such weather as this that causes the luxuriant blossoming forth of parasols. They spread themselves in the sun like tropical flowers and display as brilliant an assortment of tints, besides being much The evolution seems complete from the big green leaf, which was doubtless the first parasol, and which always shelters the ill fated Paul and Virginia in

There is a great variety shown in black alone. Besides the usual plain silk and satin ones, now left mainly to old ladies, there are innumerable puffed and ruffled arrangements in black chiffon and mousseline de sole. Figured silk grenadine is also used, stretched smoothly and thinly lined, so that the light shining through indicates the figures. Other black parasols have bands of lace insertion, either black or white, set in at intervals.

All white parasols, covered with china silk or taffeta and having white enameled sticks with a china knob, are much liked for general use with muslin and other thin



NEW PARASOLS, ostumes. There are more elaborate ones of white silk muslin and lace, flounced and furbelowed to match the fluffy gowns and

highly trimmed hats now in vogue. Entering the domain of color, the scarlet poppy, purple elematis and blush rose have all their prototypes, very beautiful and also expensive, elaborately trimmed and fitted with valuable porcelain handles. There are likewise plain scarlet and dark blue sun umbrellas, well made and much more serviceable, although less costly, which are useful adjuncts of a modest summer outfit where economy as well as beauty has to be considered. In low priced goods plain natural wood handles are seen bearing a frame covered with Japanese figured cotton stuffs, mainly in blue and

It is reasonably safe to predict that the popularity of china knobs and handles will soon wane, and that natural wood will again come into favor for expansive umbrellas and parasols. The latest French designs show bamboo sticks, the irnegular swelling where the stem of the seal, or the leather of the sheep or cow, or
any of the choice fabrics that cost so many
plant joins the root forming the handle.

ADVANTAGES OF VANITY.

Self Esteem Is the Best Soul and Heart Padding In the World.

Time out of mind the vanity of women has been held up to public execration and ridicule as the cause of extravagance, envy, jealousy and other undesirable things. For the sake of argument let us admit the soft impeachment and not venture to suggest that a woman's vanity has the effect of inspiring the least cultivated of her sex to some attempt at neatness and decoration, while that of a man of the



BLUE SERGE COSTUME.

same class is so strong that he often con ceives himself irresistible enough to dispense with all protense of personal care. Nothing need be said about that, because it is undesirable to habitually draw lines of demarcation between men and women and place them in comparison unfavorable to either of them. But there is much to be said on the affirmative side of the question, ''Is vanity to be desired or not?' A woman who has a reasonable share of vanity will dress becomingly as well as neatly and thereby help to brighten the world, which needs all the brightening that is to be had. She will be courteous because she desires to appear well. She will read a little, even if she has no taste for it, because she does not wish to be thought an ignoranus. But these are mere externals not worth considering in view of the main advantage, which lies in the fact that self esteem is the best soul and heart padding in the world. It is sensitive to small pricks, but is a shield against wounds in a vital part. Given a thick cushion of vanity, the possessor is secure from all fatal thrusts in the region of the affections, all stabs of conscience, all lasting, soul imbittering humiliations. Dress is a valu subject, and a sketch of one is therefore appropriate. The gown illustrated is of electric blue diagonal cloth. The double breasted Eton jacket fastens with large pearl buttons and is cut short enough to show a folded white slik sash at the waist. There are double revers of blue cloth and white moire. A white bosom, collar and cuffs are worn,

and a black necktie. AIDS TO GROWING OLD.

How a Woman of Forty-five May Appear Sixty.

When youth is openly admitted to be a desirable thing, it seems strange that many women who are past their first bloom should choose to appear so much older than they really are by means of the wholesale use of cosmetics. Bleached hair, face enamel, rouge and penciled brows and eyelids would make a girl of 15 look 25, and they make a woman of 45 appear at patently artificial in all eyes except those



TEA GOWN

of the wearer. Although such accessories are employed by many a woman of undoubted social position and perfect propriety, they invariably give the idea of vulgarity and arouse a feeling of disrespect in the observer. In itself there is no moral transgression involved in the use of cosmetics or artificial coloring for the hair, but such practices are indications of frivolity and bad taste, and their suggestions and associations are unpleasant in the extreme. But leaving that consideration entirely out of the question it remains undeniably true that face enamels bring into ghastly and unnatural prominence the wrinkles that they are supposed to con-ceal; that golden locks and penciled brows make the pleasant middle aged eyes beneath look positively bleary, and that it requires only the additional touch of rouge to convert a woman of 40 thus "made up

into an octogenarian. Simple cleanliness, which means wash ing the face as many times a day as is nee essary with the ald perhaps of some sort of fine soap; good health; the use of an emollient, such as camphor ice in cold or sunburning weather, and a dust of rice powder-no bismuth-on hot days, will keep the complexion in as good condition as it is possible for it to be, provided there is not some disease of the skin that requires medical treatment. Face specialists as a class are to be regarded with suspicion. Many of them make up their own complexions artificially, although they profess that the phenomenal pink and white fairness is a natural effect caused by special scientific treatment. A good digestion and philosophic views are the only pertain alds to youthfulness of appearance A clear skin depends more on the general health than on anything else, and no invention that human beings have yet pro duced will prevent one from growing old. A sketch is given of a tea gown of black merveilleux lined with grass green shot slik, the sleeves being of the latter, covered with black net. Accordion plaited black net drapes the side of the gown and falls

ruffles are of merveilleux, bordered with ecru aulpus). The Other Side of the Bird Question Looking at it from my immature standpoint, I think the people who make such a fuss about birds worn on bonnets are very illogical. It cannot make the slightest dif ference to the bird whether it is to be worn as "a thing of beauty" after it is killed, or eaten to sustain human nature. It hurts the quail just as much to be killed for our benefit as it does the bird of beautiful plumage. We can just as well eat vegeta-bles or cereals as quail, but the fact of the matter is man lays tribute to all other animal life, and if would be true reformers and logical ones we would not wear the skin of the kid, or the beautiful cont of the

from the lower edge of the sleeves.

down the antiered stag's head from your library walls and diseard the ostrich feathers from your knightly cap or spreading fan, for ostriches are reared and kept only to provide you with these luxuries. And a bird pie is as great an atrocity as a row of stuffed humming birds on a woman's hat.—Detroit Free Press.

A Beroic Remedy. Chara-Why in the world are you going to marry Mr. Slimpurse? He hasn't a penny to bless himself with.

Dorn-The doctor said nothing would cure these horrid little pimples but a long continued low diet, and I'm determined to save my complexion.-New York Weekly.

PIANO PRACTICE.

Utterly Useless In Some Cases, but Vocal Exercise, Never. The newspapers are continually publishing jokes at the expense of the unmusical young woman or girl who persists in practicing upon the piano and going through stinging exercises. There is no more rea-son to find fault with the latter custom than with any other sort of gymnastics, for even if a girl can never learn to sing proper vocal exercises properly practiced strengthen the throat and lungs and thereby improve the general health. But piano practice to one who has no taste for it is utterly useless. The confinement and cramped position are irksome in the extreme when there is no compensating intellectual pleasure, and the feeling that too often accompanies faithful practice, the feeling that the pupil is constitutionally unable to achieve a musical result, no matter how laboriously she perseveres, has a depressing and unwholesome effect.

Yet thousands of parents persist in setting their daughters to learn to play the plano in spite of natural aversion and incapacity, and thousands of girls throw away years of their youth in attempting to accomplish what is to them impossible. How much better it would be if fathers and mothers would have their children taught those things which they are capa-



ble of learning and which will be useful to them! If a girl has musical talent, by all means cultivate it, but if she has not let her learn millinery, dressmaking, hairdressing, something that is available for everyday use. She is not obliged to make it her profession if she does learn it, and she will be amply repaid for the small outlay of time and money by the ability to assist herself and her particular friends. Nobody, man or woman, no matter how intellectual, should be entirely helpless and ignorant as to handicrafts. nothing degrading in a practical knowledge of any trade, and in these days of fluctuating fortune such knowledge may on tuating fortune such knowledge may on occasion stand between a girl and destitution. So, if you care for your daughter's Seeds and welfare, teach her a trade as well as ac-

A sketch is given of a young girl's gown of rose colored crepon trimmed with bands of white lace insertion. The skirt is plain, but the corsage is crossed in front over a full plastron. The tight sleeves have a puff to the elbow, and the collar and belt are covered with insertion. The light brown straw hat is trimmed with rose colored ostrich tips and ribbon.

NEW ETON JACKETS.

Styles to Suit All Tastes and For All Ocea-

Bodices differing from the skirt are more worn than ever. Silk lawn and muslin are all employed for these garments, and every degree of elaboration is seen, from the plain shirt waist to the complicated affair made of lace, moire and spangles. There are styles to suit every occasion, but the prettiest bodices are not necessarily the most expensive. Blouses of ruffled lawn are often more becoming than those of richer materials. Some pleasing ones are shown made of soft silk or crape with a wide collar, Garibaldi front and folded belt, but the yoke effect is usually employed and is accentuated by a trimming of double or even triple ruffles around the shoulders. Sometimes bretelles extend from shoulder to waist back and front, the bodice being full between them. The new Eton jackets are tighter and longer than those of last season and show a tendency to close in front in either sin



gle or double breasted style with large but-

tons. They all have revers more or less conspicuous, usually faced with different goods, and are worn over a vest or plastron preferably of a brilliant color. A stiffly starched shirt bosom of white or tinted linen may be worn beneath the jacket, brightened by a gay silk soarf, or the triangular space over the chest may be filled in with chiffon ruffles. When the jacket has open fronts, they generally display a neat duck or cloth tailor made vest or a ruffled

The standing collar still prevails in spite of the weather and is often supplemented on the outside by another flaring one still higher. It is as uncomfortable and therefore silly a fashion as was ever invented for this season of the year.

An illustration is given of a sort of Etor jacket, double breasted and having double revers of contrasting colors. The flaring cuffs of the gigot sleeves are also double The jacket closes with two rows of three large buttons each, and the V at the threat shows a plain linen band collar and a silk searf holding a scarfpin.



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