

Summer Hat That Milliner Considers Triumph of Art



Two views are given here of a mid-summer hat, which is a triumph of design for those occasions which only summertime brings. For the garden party, the hotel piazza, the open-air tea, the park concert and all the rest of our warm weather functions, this is an ideal bit of millinery.

The large shape (only modestly large at that) has a low round crown. Hemp or chip hats answer for this model. The crown is covered with white silk crepe showing a small rose and foliage in natural colorings. The brim has an overlay of white cross-grain ribbon with picot edge.

The brim is caught up at the back

and at the left side. A wreath of half bloom roses, beautifully shaded extends about the crown and over the brim following the line of the head, and disappearing when the droop begins at the back. A small ribbon ornament made of two crushed loops gives a finishing touch, which is remarkably original in mounting and altogether clever.

A parasol covered with the same silk as that used in covering the crown, is finished with the ribbon used on the brim. Its handle is of natural wood finished with heavy white silk tassel. Isn't it pretty?

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LOW COLLARS WITH JABOTS CARE OF TAILORED CLOTHES

Idea of Fashion That Has Much to Recommend It in Its Dainty Appearance.

Second in position to the low collars are low collars with jabots, says the Dry Goods Economist. Many of the styles that are taking the best, bear marked resemblance to the low Robespierres of the last season, but this term was so overdone then that it is rarely heard now. The difference, however, lies in the shaping of the collar and the jabot. Some of the most striking of these low collars with jabots have the collar portion with extremely deep shoulder points and a flatly plaited broad jabot. Many of the best sellers are finished simply with a dainty hemstitching. Among the favored materials for the collar portion are plain and broadcated silk, crepe de chine, voile, linen, crepe and net. For the jabots, net and shadow lace are liked. In some instances the entire collar is made of the same material, the jabot portion being plaited and either hemstitched or lace trimmed.

Message Yourself.

Just before going to bed one night each week slip into your room gown and draw a chair before the basin in your bathroom. Provide yourself with a Turkish towel, a face towel, an ordinary face cloth and face cream, and begin operations.

First, apply the cleansing cream, smearing it well in, removing what remains on the surface with the soft cloth. Then douse the face with very warm water. Cover the face with the soft cloth and sit back and rest while it remains, from three to five minutes. Remove it, and while the face is still hot from the cloth, rub in more cream and cover with a cloth dipped in water as cold as it is possible to have it. Allow this to remain a few minutes, then remove and wipe the face gently, dust with rice powder, and there you are, your skin feeling, and perhaps looking, as fresh as that of an infant. Remember this treatment should not be taken oftener than once a week, but then regularly.

Flowered Chiffon Linings.

The prettiest coat lining of the moment is certain flowered nylon. For some reason or another this has never had a real run for dresses. Flowered fabrics are apt to be a little difficult, not having enough of the subtle qualities we sum up in the one word "wearable." But as a lining, only revealed now and then flowered chiffons have a picturesque value not to be overlooked or ignored, and especially when chosen (as, of course, they would be), with a view to the color and texture of the material they are to line.

A pink nylon with mauve flowers lined a coat of lilac crepe de chine seen the other day, and the scheme was really nice. A little hint of mauve broche embroidered somewhere and worked in loose floss silk would be in keeping. For the soft, caplike hat this broche crepe de chine is admirable, the soft dome crown, which are flannel lined, being very picturesque in it.

When Bathing Children.

Some children are timid about venturing into a bathtub. Often the fright comes from being plunged bodily into water that is either too cold or too hot. Sometimes this plunge is accidental. One mother has solved the problem by laying a large Turkish towel in the tub and providing a small stool on which the child can sit part of the time. This is convenient when a little girl is having her hair washed. Instead of filling the tub with water, put in but a little. The use of the bath towel to prevent slipping is also suggested for elderly persons, especially if you do not have a mat for this purpose.

Social Forms and Entertainments



A June Birthday Party.

A little girl whom the gods had favored by permitting her to make her entrance into this mortal sphere on a sunny day in June always had her birthday celebration on the lawn. Each year this affair, which was always a costume or character party, was looked forward to not only by the participants in the party pageant, but by the grown-ups who were to view the scene.

The invitations requested the guests to come costumed as the flower designated. These notes were written in gold ink on pale pink paper, tied to a pink rosebud and delivered from a rose trimmed basket.

The girls came as "roses" in all their varieties. Then there were lily of the valley, violet, lily, daisy, pansy, black-eyed Susan, etc. The boys were sunflowers, bachelor's button, tulips, red carnations, and chrysanthemums. Jack in the Pulpit and Johnny Jump Up were also represented. Crepe tissue paper and cheap gauzes, tinsels and cambrics entered largely into the construction of the costumes worn.

Soap bubbles occupied the first part of the afternoon, the tennis court being the place selected for the contest. The girls blew the bubbles and the boys fanned them over the net; the opposite side tried to keep the bubbles from going over. The side getting ten bubbles over first won the prize. Then things were reversed and the boys "blew" and the girls "fanned." Glycerin in the proportion of a tablespoonful to a pint of water was used for blowing the bubbles, and the pipes had a rim of soap around them inside the bowl which causes the fairy balls to grow to immense size and the glycerin gives lasting qualities unknown to the plain soapy water. There were prizes for this contest consisting of flower-shaped candy boxes filled with candied rose-petals.

At five o'clock supper was served from a long table over which a canopy of paper roses had been made by putting up tall stakes at regular intervals from which these garlands were fastened; the roof was made by crisscrossing heavy wire and covering with vines. The roses were suspended by fine florist wire and the effect was excellent.

The refreshments consisted of minced chicken sandwiches, lemonade, sugar wafers, strawberry ice

cream, and a huge birthday cake in a wreath of pink roses. Pink candles in rosebud holders graced the cake.

A Jolly Bird Party.

This little bird guessing contest delighted the hearts of a party of school children. The oldest was fifteen and the youngest ten. The latter was awarded the boy's prize, which was a match scratcher, made by mounting a bird from Mexico done in real feathers. The invitations were decorated with sepia drawings of birds done by the young hostess. The questions and answers were:

A jolly out-door time?—A meadow lark.

What hunters sometimes do?—Kill-deer.

A quaint, old-fashioned name?—Phoebe.

Used in decorations?—Bunting.

From whom do you buy meat?—Butcher bird.

A color Quakers like?—Dove.

An unsteady light?—Flickers.

Material for summer trousers?—Duck.

A stupid fellow?—Booby.

A boy's name?—Bob White.

What friends do?—Chat.

Never seen in summer?—Snow.

An amusement for children?—Teeter.

What farmers need in harvest?—Thrasher.

What a dog does when happy?—Wag tail.

A colored tool?—Yellow hammer.

A celebrated artist?—Whistler.

The dining room had five or six cages of canaries suspended from branches of trees, and there was a cage over the table with trailing vines that made a most effective centerpiece. A doll's gilt bird cage was awarded the little girl most successful in guessing. The places were found at the table by bird-shaped cards done in water color. With the chocolate, funny, fat bird doughnuts and bird cookies were served, and there were nests filled with candy eggs at each place.

Star Decoration.

A table decoration that elicited much favorable comment from the guests was a five-pointed star, made of tin, and filled with flowers. The place cards were star-shaped and bore appropriate quotations, such as: Look; how the floor of heaven is thick laid with patines of bright gold.

Who can count the stars of heaven, Who sing their influence on this lower world?

Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven

Blossomed the lovely stars, the forgotten notes of the angels.

Ye stars, which are the poetry of heaven.

The ices and cakes were star-shaped and the hostess wore a beautiful jewel set star in her hair.

MADAME MERRI.

Dainty Summer Portiere.

Red bordered white toweling, held together with wide rick-rack braid, makes a pretty portiere to hang in a girl's room.

DAINTY SUMMER DRESS.



Model of lingerie with rich eyelet embroidery and plaited ruffle with valenciennes insertions. Belt and sash of pink taffeta.

New Straw.

The shaded colorings that appear in feather trimmings appear in the form of shaded straw. One beautiful hat is shaded from the darkest and richest shade of purple through the tone known as "dregs of wine" up to the palest pink lavender. The heavier tones appear on the softly rolled brim and the lighter tints on the crown.

The ribbons and feathers that trim this hat are shaded in like fashion.—London Daily Mirror.

Brightening the Hair.

To brighten blonde hair; add juice of half a lemon and one teaspoonful of salts of tartar to the first water of the shampoo. Rinse thoroughly. Some people find about half a wine-glass of light-colored ale, used in the water once a week, or every two weeks, keeps the hair light.

Three Costumes That Are Worthy of Special Notice



The costume at the left is a design suitable for navy serge, and will be found useful for everyday wear.

The skirt wraps over in front from left side in a point where it is trimmed with two buttons and braid loops.

The coat is cut with the points of front wrapping over from right to left; there is no collar, but the blouse collar of white silk, hemmed at edges, lies over the neck of coat; cuffs of the same are tacked in the wrists of sleeves, and can be easily removed.

Hat of mauve fancy straw, trimmed with mauve and white ospreys.

Materials required for the costume: Five yards 44 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards lining silk for coat, 4 buttons.

The next shows a pretty indoor dress. The skirt is in honey-colored fine cashmere. It has panels front and back, the sides being draped up under them; buttons and loops trim panels.

The smart coat is of satin the same color as skirt; it is cut Magyar. The fronts show the

away to show a full vest of broche which matches the collar; buttons trim front and basque, and lace ruffles finish the sleeves.

Materials required: 2 3/4 yards cashmere 46 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard satin 42 inches wide, 20 buttons, one-half yard broche 22 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard lace 4 1/2 inches wide.

In the last a smart costume of striped and plain material is shown.

The skirt is in hazel brown and black stripe, the wrapped seam up center front and back being piped with black.

The blouse coat of plain is cut with long shoulders, to which the sleeves are cut in wrapped seams; the collar and cuffs are of the stripe.

Toque of swathed tulle in a pretty shade of mauve, trimmed with a feather mount.

Materials required: 2 3/4 yards 44 inches wide, for skirt, three-eighths yard satin 22 inches wide on the cross 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide for coat, 2 yards silk 42 inches wide for lining.

HOW CHILDREN HELPED A TOWN

Flowers Were Made to Grow on Vacant Lots.

AWAKENED CIVIC PRIDE.

What One Map Did For One Town
Other Men Can Do For Other Towns.
Take the Boy Away From the Street Corner to Work in Gardens.

A minister in a small country town in Kansas decided last spring that two of the biggest nuisances in his town were weeds and idle boys. He saw that there was a close connection between growing weeds and the making of poor citizens, and so he took steps to prevent a harvest of each.

This busy minister called on the business men of the town, asking each of them for a small amount which was to be used as premiums for contests in flower and vegetable gardens. Permission was secured from all owners of vacant lots to use these waste places for garden purposes. Boys were interested, and they sent for bulletins from the agricultural college and catalogues from the seed houses. The work was directed by the minister.

In July a flower show was held and in September a vegetable fair.

The effort put forth by the minister not only exceeded the expectations of the most enthusiastic business men.



EVEN THE GIRLS CAN HELP.

but even the highest hopes of the minister himself. Instead of a number of vacant lots growing up in weeds and thereby becoming an eyesore to the town, vigorous vegetables and beautiful flowers were seen all summer long. Boys that formerly hung around street corners, whittling stone boxes or committing depredations, got a new vision of life from their contact with the soil of their gardens.

"One of the things most needed in country villages and towns is more civic pride," said C. D. Steiner, in charge of local civil work at the Kansas Agricultural college. "Too many weeds are allowed to grow in vacant lots and along the side of the street. By working up an interest in gardening, as this minister did, these villages and towns can be made more beautiful and the boys and girls can be helped also. The extension division of the agricultural college is interested in promoting home gardens and will publish a booklet on that subject in April. This booklet will be sent free to all boys and girls who will take up garden work."

SCHOOL FARMS PAY.

Evidence of Great Success by Driver (Va.) Boys.

A bulletin of the federal department of education describes how twenty-two school children of Driver, Va., paid the expenses of a vacation trip to Washington out of the profits of their individual school farms.

"Further inquiry," says the bulletin, "showed that this is not the first time the children have learned that intelligent farming brings in a cash return. Each student makes regularly a profit of from \$25 to \$100 on the individual garden patch he cultivates. In addition, the children help in working a school farm, which after paying all expenses, including the wages of a man who serves both as a farm hand and school janitor, shows a profit of about \$200."

"The director is confident that with a seventy-five acre farm, which he hopes to have soon, his boys will be able to earn their own living entirely while attending school."

Vacant Lot Improvement.

A variation of the rather familiar custom of offering prizes for the most improved front yards in a town is the offer of prizes for the greatest improvement in vacant lots, this improvement to include cleaning up and planting grass, flowers or vegetables. The plan is being tried by the Salem (Ill.) Civic league, and, very wisely, the terms of the contest do not require that only the owners of such lots shall compete. Any one who can obtain the use of a vacant lot may enter the competition. This will undoubtedly mean the improvement of a great many lots.

PUSH YOUR TOWN.

Don't put your name down and your money up and then let go. Catch hold firmly and pull with the rest. Get under and lift; don't be a leaver. Don't be a kicker or a knocker. Don't be a drone or a figure-head. Give your home stores a chance. Be a real, live, red-hot enthusiast. Help your own town first.—W. D. Wilmet.

REMARKABLE CIVIC

RECREATION GROWTH.

American Communities Learning to Provide For Their Youth.

American cities are learning to play. To the Playground and Recreation Association of America come reports from 285 cities which last year maintained regularly supervised playgrounds and recreation centers. This is a gain of forty-three in the year. In addition, forty-nine communities provided opportunities for play without supervision, while nine had volunteer workers. Sixty other cities are engaged in preliminary steps to provide their youth with recreation facilities, thirty-two more have campaigns under way, while 130 report the possession of school playgrounds. Thus a total of 533 cities and towns are making an effort in some way or other to meet the needs of the normal youth.

More than \$4,000,000 was expended last year for maintenance in the 285 cities, reporting regular supervision of these activities. Of the total number 245 reported an average daily attendance of 433,000 in July and August. While the majority of these communities paid sole attention to playgrounds, seventy-one of them kept 200 recreation centers open throughout the year, and 103 cities had evening recreation centers.

The wide range of the play activities is well brought out in this summary of reports from the cities: Boy scouts, 56; campfire girls, 21; debating, 15; dramatics, 37; evening entertainments, 53; folk dancing, 132; gardening, 67; industrial work, 112; instrumental music, 38; lectures, 36; libraries, 56; moving pictures, 35; pageants, 11; self government, 52; singing, 81; social dancing, 42; story telling, 143; summer camps, 27; swimming, 83; trouping, 74; walking, 75. In addition organized efforts to promote public athletics were made in 172 cities.

The widening use of the schoolhouse to promote civic welfare is one of the most interesting developments of recent years in American municipal life. A total of 114 cities, including many having no other centers of recreation, reported that they were using the schoolhouse for that purpose.

THE WINDOW BOX.

It Improves Appearance of the Whole House.

With what high hopes do hundreds of flower lovers start porch and window boxes in the spring only to see the plants wither and flowers fade before the season has half gone by. And yet it is possible to have a thrifty little garden on the porch or in the window until long after frost comes. To begin with, a strong box, fully eight inches deep, is needed. Many people err in using boxes that are too shallow and so dry out quickly. The box must be mixed with the soil or a small amount of bone meal added. The third requirement is water in abundance. Soil in boxes dries out much more quickly than that in the garden and, if neglected, the plants will perish of thirst. Daily watering is needed if the box is in the sun.

When the middle of summer comes window boxes that made a brave show up to that time begin to look seedy and forlorn. They need to be fed, and several light coats of manure will carry them nicely through the season, or the plants may be watered weekly with manure water the color of weak tea.

The geranium is well adapted to white houses of the conventional type and variegated vinca supplants it well. Nasturtiums, too, look well with such a house. It often happens that a box filled with vines only is more attractive when used on a brick house than one boasting a profusion of flowers. Ivy and moneywort, like vinca, are good vines to grow. If the soil is made extra rich and the climbing nasturtiums used there will be a wealth of foliage and not overmuch bloom. Other good decorative trailers are thunbergia, which grows rapidly and has many dark eyed blossoms in buff, orange and white, and variegated Japanese hop.

Pansies may be grown in the porch and window box very early in the season and later replaced with geraniums and other plants.

What Good Are Trees?

They afford shade from the hot summer's sun. They make the atmosphere more healthy to breathe. Their green foliage is restful to the eye. They make the town or city beautiful and add to property values in residential thoroughfares.

Trade Tip For Merchants.

Dealers who do not read trade papers and thereby keep posted, are generally those whose trade is least desirable. They are out of date, loose business men, and their future is very questionable.