

MY LADY OF THE LORGNETTE and EAR-RINGS

When Miss Ethel Barrymore first appeared in "Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire," several seasons ago, with long earrings dangling almost to her shoulders, women said, "How quaint—but of course I could never wear them."

From being entirely out of fashion—as dead as day-before-yesterday's newspaper-earrings have been swung

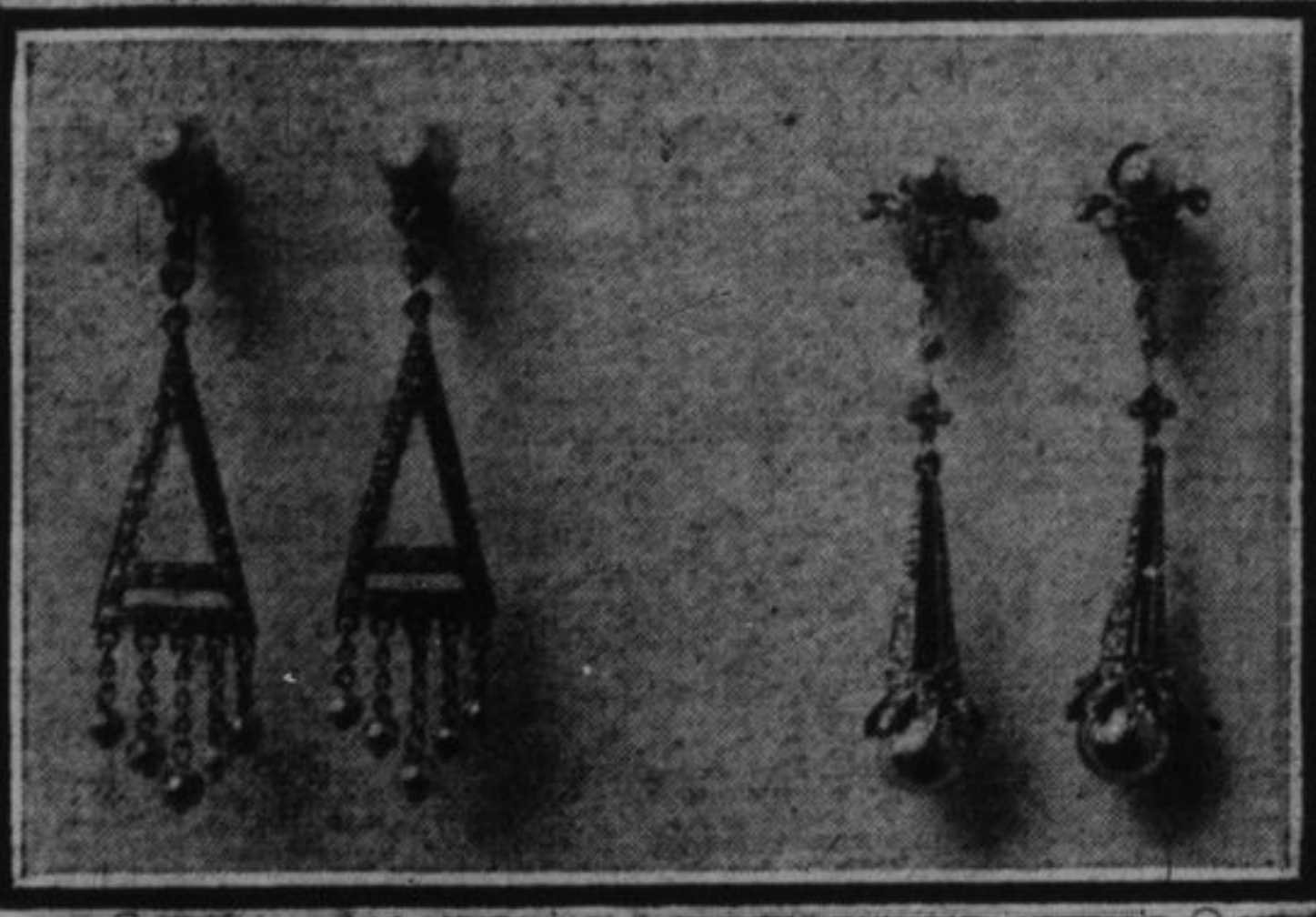
ear-rings come in the same style, pink coral also. There are scores of prettily styled in coral ear-rings—both the pale pink sort and the deep, blood-red Japanese coral, which is very becoming to dark women. Jade pendants and hoops are exceedingly pretty, especially when the clear, pale

hair. The woman with gray hair who dresses smartly may wear any color ear-rings she pleases, though she should be wary of the pale, trying blue of tourquoise.

It was the barbarous custom of piercing the ear-lobes and dragging them out of shape with heavy ornaments that put ear-rings under the ban for so many years, but now that these really charming ornaments may be worn without any necessity for boring holes through the flesh, there is no reason why every woman should not take advantage of this means of making her costume more chic and charming.

With dangling ear-rings the lorgnette forms a very fetching combination. Lorgnettes have ceased to be merely a fad and though they add much to distinction and dignity—when gracefully used—they are really a very useful article of dress. The woman whose eyes are just beginning to play tricks with her when fine print is to be read in public may draw out a jewelled lorgnette with much less embarrassment than she would produce a pair of tall-tale eyeglasses, and it is much easier to pick up a lorgnette, swinging on a pretty chain when a time-table or menu is to be consulted or something on a shop counter examined, than it is to fumble in one's handbag for an eyeglass case.

There are jet mounted lorgnettes for wearers of mourning, but the prettiest styles have rose or green-gold mountings set with topazes, emeralds or other small stones. Sometimes instead of a lorgnette, a monocle is carried—in fact, monocles are the fad of the hour with ultra smart folk. The monocle is usually worn on a black gros grain ribbon with jewelled slides and is held up before the eye—or rather before the eye-when one is troubled with astigmatism or near-sightedness. The large illustration shows one of the new lorgnettes, folded together, one glass over the other. The ornament hangs on a rich chain set with pearls and the ear-rings are set with pearls and diamonds.



SOME EAR-RINGS LONG ENOUGH TO TOUCH THE SHOULDER.

around by a turn of fashion's wheel to the very apex of modishness. No body thought they would ever come back. Dress reformers spoke of "the days when women used to pierce their ears" in as final a past tense as they spoke of fidget fashions. But now not only are ear-rings the mode, but the new ear-rings are bigger and more exaggerated in style than anything ever worn before, and many women who at first looked on the revived fashion as freakish, fast or absurd have come to like the dash and picturesqueness of ear ornaments so well that they own a set for every costume.

For that there is a dash and a piquant charm about earrings is undeniable. Often a really plain face may be lifted to a certain attractive individuality by a right selection of ear-rings and a becoming hat. There is a vast difference between the different sorts of ear ornaments and not all faces can stand all kinds. One must choose carefully, taking into consideration facial contour, coloring of eyes and hair, and the characteristics of personality. The tendency of all ear-rings is to give an experienced look to the face. The woman who bends her efforts toward the young and innocent in dress should avoid ear-rings and leave them to the woman who aims for chic, piquancy and fascination—there is no getting around that—and the longer and more dangling they are, the more fascinating they seem to be.

The most conservative ear-ring style is the single-stone, set in such manner that it rests close against the ear-lobe. Huge baroque pearls, as large as ten-cent pieces, are the whim in these ear-rings at the moment, and they are more fashionable even than solitaires—once the dream of every prosperous merchant's spouse. Women in mourning wear these small ear ornaments of dull jet, and the dangling ear-rings are also considered good taste and are really very smart with mourning attire. There is something ponderous and overpowering about the enormous ear-rings of polished jet with pendants that hang almost to the shoulders. A Fifth avenue jeweler displayed some jet ear-rings in a window last week that had below the out jet ornaments which rested against the lobe of the ear, swinging pendants at least two inches long, solid carved pieces of jet which had somehow the uncanny suggestion of the polished four-sided shafts which surmount handsome monuments in graveyards.

There are jet ear-rings, of course, much more frivolous in style and perhaps the prettiest of these are the swinging hoops made of small black jet beads set closely together. Pearl

green is combined with pearls or diamonds, but there are few women who can wear green. To pure blonde types it is usually becoming and there are red-haired women, with eyes holding a greenish glint, on whom jade is peculiarly fascinating. The one sort of ear-ring which should be avoided is the blue ear-ring. Pale blue stones in the ears have somehow a trick of making the wearer look "Dutch," and if the eyes are blue the jealous ear-rings rob them of their color. Neither should the blue-eyed woman wear coral ear-rings—these are for the brown or hazel-eyed beauty. Baroque pearls, rhinestones and pearls, or jet ear-rings will best become the woman with blue eyes and fair or light brown



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ASQUITH'S SUMMING UP

Of the Imperial Conference in London, Eng.

Your main obligations, so far as you are under obligation at all to persons in this matter, are due to my right honorable friend and colleague, Hon. Mr. Harcourt. I associate myself entirely, if I may do so, with every word of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's eloquent tribute. Mr. Harcourt has not been long at the colonial office, but I think I may venture to appeal to the verdict of you who know better than anyone else, and with more intimacy, more responsibility, what the affairs of empire are, that he already has more than justified his selection for that responsible post (hear, hear), and that his work, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier says, not perceived, a work carried on behind the scenes, but none the less serious and responsible, of preparing the ground for a meeting of this kind, has never been more efficiently performed.

If I were asked to define what has been the dominant governing feature of the conference, I should say it has been the attempt to promote and develop closer co-operation through the old British institution of free and frank discussion. I think you will agree that the value of the conference and its permanent results are not to be judged entirely by the actual resolutions affirmed or the proposals adopted. I agree with Premier Ward that some more valuable, perhaps the most valuable, use to which we have been able to put our time, has been in the consideration of matters on which we have deliberated and abstained from coming to any, for the moment, definite conclusion, but upon which we have cleared the air and cleared the ground, and got a better mutual understanding of the relative reciprocal requirements.

We see in truer perspective the proportion, bulk and importance of not a few of our imperial problems, and that in the result which could never have

been attained in any other way than by assembling together the responsible statesmen of the different parts of the empire to hold a perfectly free interchange of opinion, each presenting those aspects of the case which he himself from his own local experience was exceptionally familiar. You will all, I am sure, remember our meeting in committee of defence, when Sir E. Grey presented a survey of the foreign policy of the empire. That a thing which will be stamped upon our recollections, I do not suppose here is one of us who did not feel that that exposition of our foreign relations had been concluded that we

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We cannot even take our own fellow subjects into our confidence in the full sense of the term, but we who have one into it with a frankness which such confidential discussions admit of will agree that even if the conference as done no more than that, it would have been a landmark in the development of what we may call our imperial constitutional history.

When you come to the internal relations of the empire itself, without attempting to give the exact order of precedence to the particular resolutions, I confess, speaking for myself, that I attach as much importance to that which was said and which is now greeted with regard to the court of appeal as perhaps any other. I think, in regard to the constitution and practice of our Imperial Court of Appeal, the dominions had well-founded criticisms to make, which were put forward here with moderation, but with great point and force. I believe that the suggestions which the government was able to indicate, and which have now received your approval, will, when carried into effect, dispel these criticisms for the future and provide the empire as a whole with a tribunal which will secure una-



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