JP-TO-DATE REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIDESMAIDS AND THE MOTHERS

the Hair Bridesmalls and Brides'

From a dress point of view, the sublect of a wedding trousseau is of the most engrossing interest to a woman, and although there are just a few confautional ideas that always have to be arried out, it is astonishing how many original designs can be produced for every trousseau. The prettiest gown that a woman can wear when she is married is a regular wedding gown. A great deal is said in favor of merely wearing the traveling costume, especally when economy is to be consulted. But it is always a pity not to have m regular wedding costume of white matin, if possible, and if that is to exsensive then of some other white fabric. The gown itself can be worn for so many other occasions afterward not such a large investment



after all, whereas a cloth or a traveling suit—which, by the way, is not at all suited for traveling-is far score useless. The expensive wedding cowns made of satin, velvet, or brocade can do duty for a dinner gown for a long time. The French style is much more useful than the English, for the French insist that all wedding gowns should be made high in the throat and long in the sleeves. This effect can be gained by having a yoke and sleeves of lace or of chiffon, or some other material than is used in the entire gown. Then the waist can be cut like a longmeck evening waist, and can be worn afterward without a guimpe, for it is a guimpe when it is made with yoke and sleeves.

An immense amount of trimming can be put on a wedding gown. The front breadth can be tembroidered in seed pearls and silver, and can be made entirely of expensive lace or of act, with a garniture of artificial orange blossoms, or it can be made absolutely plain, with no trimming whatever, and yet will look well if it is cut after a good design and well fitted.

The prettiest skirts are rather long. The front breadth is narrow, and there can be either a little tracery of embroidery and pearls on either side of the front breadth, or the side breadths can be put on so that they overlap the front. The train should be in a double box plait, narrow at the belt, the misits theld down about a quarter of a yard from the waist and then left to being loose. A pretty design for the walst is to have it draped across from the left shoulder in soft surplice, the folds fastened with invisible hooks. Where the folds are drawn down to a point at the right side there should be either folds of the same material draped in the opposite direction or else a piece of lace fitted absolutely close. This style can be high or low in the neck. A spray of orange bloesoms must then be fastened at the shoulder and draped across the front of the waist, following the line of the folds. The lace veil, if it be an heirfoom, or if handsome lace can be bought, is, of course, a great addition to a bride's costume, but lately many bulle veils have been worn, which are infinitely more becoming, and, if so desired, can be trimmed with lace across the end of the veil.

The hair should be arranged high on the head. The veil then should be tolded directly in the centre and pinand in the centre just back of the pompadour. Some of the folds should be pushed forward, so as to give height to the head, and then the other end should be thrown back, forming a becoming background to the face. More care should be taken that the wedding weil be put on becomingly than in any. thing else about the bride's costume. White roses, liles of the valley and erange blossoms are the correct flowwith but lately there has been an inno-tation in the way of flowers that brides carry. At one or two of the recent fashionable weddings in New York the bride has carried a bouquet of brides' roses, and the faint pink of the flowers the really proved a most effective bit of color against the dead white.

Arrangement of the Hair

Bridesmaids and trides' Mothers The question of bridesmaids' gowns requires careful consideration. It is a mistake to have bridesmaids wear white. Pale colors look far better and do not detract from the bride's coswine, as do gowns made all of white. The prettiest bridesmaids gowns that York have been of crepe de chine in pale pink or pale yellow, heavily em-broidered with lace and worn with black velvet hats with long ostrich feathers. It is a mistake also to use heavy material. The satin faced cloths Mat are so fashionable this year cannot be included in this category, but be likey are used they must be remained negatily with these, or will controlly said after all, it is to the last managers like silk.

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paid to the traveling costume for a NOTES FROM GOTHAM bride should look as well as possible when she is bidding good-by to her friends. The brides of this season have gone in for Princess gown's or THERE IS ALREADY TALK OF GUBERthe long half-fitting coats worn over cloth gowns to match. A smart costume that one of the brides of last week wore was in a light biscuit-col-White Satin the Material For Wedding ored cloth with the plain skirt cut cir-Gowns The Trimmings Arrangement of oular, but with more fulness at the back than what is known as the habit : skirt. The only trimming was three round flounces, each edged with machine stitching and put on to lap over one another. The coat was long, half fitting, and had a design of cut embroidery that showed the lining of white satin. There were wide revers and a high collar faced with satin and covered with an embroidery of the cloth. The coat was made to fasten tight in the throat with only one rever to show, but it could be worn open al-The hat was of velvet the same shade as the gown, trimmed with a band of sable around the brim, a twist of chiffon the same color around the crown and rosettes of the chiffon at the left side, fastening just one thick ostrich tip. Another good gown was in a blue cloth, in much simpler style. the skirt opening at the side and trimmed with a narrow band of fur down the side seam and around the entire skirt, headed with three rows of black hald. The coat was a short jacket. with the straight fronts faced with fur and braided elaborately. It was . .t so short in the back that it showed a velvet belt, and there was a vest also of velvet two shades darker than the cloth The hat worn with this was a velvet toque, with no trimming but a

> For the Brides Mother. What the bride's mother shall wear 's a matter of some importance but nowadays methers des in a much younger fashion than their own mothers would have considered proper, and consequently the hardsomest laces, vervets silks and sating are none too elaborate. A dark blue satin trimmed with white lace, not the plain! satin, but the corded material, was one of the handsomest gowns worn at a recent wedding. It was made with a long trained skirt with a box plait in the back and near the foot of the sairt was set in a band of heavy yellow lace, the edge of the skirt falling over in accordion plaited flounces of chiffon the same color as the satin, The waist was made with a bolero jacket of white lace opening over a front of blue chiffon.

rhinestone buckle fastening a bow of

velvet at the left side.

Suggestions For Decorating. One of the leading New York merchants recently made a window display of artificial flowers which caused much pleased feminine comment. At the same time women wondered how they were to be used. Certainly not as hat trimmings Milliners are putting posies on bonnets girgerly. What then? The exhibition was made to give to us suggestions for decorating our winter evening gowns lovely laces, shimmering satins, sparkling sequins, billows of tulle and chiffon are insufficient for such full dress toilettes as fashion requires this season. And natural blossoms cannot be depended upon to keep their life and charm in the heated atmosphere of a reception or ballroom. So the best possible imitations of the real flowers are sanctioned again, to add the soupcon, bouquet, wreath or garland of desired color.

The Material. Velvet is the material frequently used for blossoms and leaves. Perhaps one shade or another of purple oftenest is repeated in the blooms, which appear in the familiar forms of pansy, violet, heliotrope; not so frequently in morning glory and petunia. And for novelties there are plenty of lavender-purple orchids, trumpet and passion flowers, besides tulips. After these come strange blooms, never grown on bush or tree. One needs to know her botany, and much else besides, to account for the flowers and the inspirations of imitations which she may wear on her new evening gowns. Black flowers of curious invention are commended as contrast with fellows of delicate hue. Thus, a frock of white China crepe is touched un at the coreage with a nosegay of warm pink carnations and their foliage and two or three blooms of the same sort in dead black, sometimes



satin, again velvet. Black tulips 🕶 in demand since the play of this name, current in London, has achieved a certain vogue. Knots of black velvet are preferred to black flowers by certain fastidious women who cannot abide

distortion of nature. A dress from shell pink faille francaise, made with no attempt at eccentricity in cut, being simply a carefully fitted skirt with spoon-shaped train, has a decollete bodice of Honiton point lace over shell pink satin. Panne velvet ribbon in the hue of the gown has knots on the left shoulder. with a rose of black satin and another from soft pink. At the corsage top downward course to entwine another pink flower or two, and at the belt the ribbon finelly ceases to wander, consents to knot side by side with two big blooms from the artificial rose.

buck, one black, one pink

NATORIAL CANDIDATES.

the Chinamen are to Have a Postoffice of Their Own-The Harper Brothers Receivership-Movement to Secure Both

A post office is to be established in "Chinatown." It will be at the corner Mott and Pell streets, and an Americanized Chinaman will be in charge soon as Postmaster Van Cott caa find any applicant who is likely to be suitable. The regular post office employes manage to deliver letters to Chinamen under the present system, bur it is not an easy thing when the superscription is in Chinese characters, as often happens. It will be a simple thing for the Chinese superintendent of the new branch office. even if he is Americanized He will be the first Chinaman to hold such a position in New York, if not in the United

John L. Sullivan is .n a dudgeon. He old out his cafe on Sixth avenue lately to take another one on Broadway that used to be called "Dante's infer-Now the man who has his old saloon is keeping up the big electric -ign- spelling Sullivan's mighty name. and Sullivan threatens injunction proceed ags. The ex-champion is not a very close business man, but he knows the value of his name in the cafe business in New York, and, besides, no wants to have his name emblazoned on his own place of business and he is afraid of a mixup

Is Coler a Candidate. There are indications that Comptraller Coler is to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and that he may have to contest the nomination with Perry Belmont. who will probably have the support of Tammany Coler is a Brooklyn man and will no doubt have the Democrat. of that city solidly for him Politicians are wondering a little over a recent magazine article which he wrote in which he says: "Party macaines are a fungus growth on the body politic, the seed of which is political indifference. The machine must have something to feed upon. Those in large cities thrive upon the neglect 3 their obligations by party voters are the impractical theories of amateur /e-



Comptroller Coler.

upon his power, using it to enrich himself and his friends, is merely tak. ing advantage of the civic indifference of the majority of his fellow partisans.

This looks like open rebellion egainst Tammany, ar the refusal of Mr. Belmont to again ept the presidency of the Democi ic club is taken by many to mean that he will enter the field for the nomination as the opponent of Mr. Coler. McGlory is Beaten.

"Billy" McGlory will not be allowed to open his new concert room in Armory hall, in Fifty-ninth street, near the Central Park circle. The residents of the "gridiron," as that particular district is called, have been fighting McGlory ever since he announced that he would establish his resort there, and now the poice authorities have forbidden him to open. McGlory knows when he is beaten, and he will seek some other site for his concert hall. Even if the city is "wide open, " McGlory's concert hall will not ! be permitted to exist in this locality. Having Hard Hatching.

coiled upon the eggs, she glowers de- operatives in Eastern factories. fince at everyone who even looks at her. The eggs weigh a pound each. The keepers say she cannot hatch' them, because the zoo has no tropical the snake requires to make her hatchsuccessful. Her material instinct is er, and she seems to have perfect confidence that she will carry out her pur. pose this time.

Dark Spots on the Bowery. The five-cent shows along the Bow

dicheartened. Experiments Completed. The big contract for the equipmen. of Manhattan Elevated goes to Pitts, action, the same as electricity is a burg after all. President Gould author, force evolved from the decomposition is a statement that Westinghous of elementary substances.

has it, and now the public may expeot some revelations in the progress made in applying electricity to motive power purposes. Manhattan would have changed to electrical power some time ago had it not decided to awil; the result of important experiments, which have now been presumably, completed.

Harper and Brothers. Harper & Brothers, publishers, have been placed in the hands of the State Trust company, as temporary receiver of the corporation, by Judge Gildersleeve, of the Supreme court. The State Trust company is authorized to collect and receive the debts and demands of the corporation, to preserve its property, carry on the business and apply to the Court whenever necessary for instructions as to the management of the corporation. For the last three years, the petition states, the business has shown a reasonable amount of profit over and above the expenses, but barely sufficient to pay the interest on borrowed money. The mounts now owing by the corporation aggregate \$3,163,212.19.

For Both Conventions.

An organized movement is now on oot by citizens and business men to secure the two National conventions for this city. The people have now realized what as good thing it is to have a crowd in the city The expenditures which were made in welcoming Admiral Dewey came back to the well there is great unanimity among the business people in favor of securing one or both of the big National conventions which will meet next sum-

There has for years been a deep the South and West. This has existed in both parties, but to a greater de-

ee in the Democratic party ocratic party in 1896 than at any other The Convention went to Chi-.re. which prevailed among farmers of of interest, and staggering under mortgages. Yet, you will recall, Mr. Bryan, the Democratic candidate, asked that he be notified of his nom-Ination in Madison Square Garden. He realized that in the East the hardest fighting had to be done. Mr. Bryan's friends have already seen the wisdom of coming East with the conprejudice that existed against New to loan money in the East There is no reason why either of the conven-

Our Big Policemen. One of the bigger policemen on the force walked into a drug store the other day, and, catching the eye of the ninety-pound girl pharmacist onterrogatively raised to his seventy-three inches, whispered something solemn She trotted across the store and picked up a box of obesity pills, bearing on 'O the front as a trademark the head formers. The first product of the ma- and shoulders of a man about his own (chine is the party Boss, the one man size. He looked like a well-conditionpower in politics The party machine ed athlete who regularly trains down, is not necessarily dangerous, because yet his weight could not have been less organization is essential to success in than 280. "That's it," he said, and any undertaking where many indi- she wrapped up the box and gave him viduals or interests are involved. It a check. At the desk of pretty, pert is the machine personified, the one- Miss Cashier he flattened out a hunman power, that is contrary to the dred-dollar bill, new and crisp. The principles of our form of government, woman gasped "Is that the small. Human nature is always selfish, and est?" "Umph-humph." She signaled as a rule it is doubly so when invested for the proprietor, and in fifteen minwith unrestricted and irresponsible utes the man of fat waddled out with power. The political boss who trades \$99 in small bills and his obesity cure. The Cartoonists.

> The cartoonists are busy as usual. | 6 and some of them hit the na' quarely on the head. There is a hanksgiving cartoon which shows Uncle Sam | X and Miss Columbia seated at a boun- | tifully loaded table and little Aguinaldo sitting on the floor and trying to pull the table-cloth and dump the dinner on the floor. Another, and a



One of the Cartoons.

very pleasant one to contemplate shows Uncle Sam with a smile of satisfaction on his face, resting an arm It is not safe to go near the big against a sign on the chimney of a log royal pythoness in the new zoo in manufactury, the smoke of which Bronx Park, just now. She is trying spells out the word prosperity. On to hatch strty-seven eggs, and as she the sign is the announcement of a ten keeps her twenty-two feet of length per cent. increase of wages to 56,700

Wireless Telegraphy. The editor of the British Medical cand and cannot be kept at the heat less telegraphy an argument in favor of thought transference by "brain, ing a groces. The pythoness tried to waves." He writes: "Marconi has raise a family once before, but was unshown that a small electric battery can "Marconi has send waves of energy and thought proof against disappointment, howev- through the ethereal atoms of space for a greater or less distance, according to the elevation, which may be caught by a sensitive mechanical receiver and its code of signals recorded and interpreted. In the battery a the places were mere traps for the un- The brain is to a certain extent a batwary, and he gave his men orders to tery, and the ganglions of the great Sets, Skates, Sleds, etc. close them. So there are a score of sympathetic nerve relay batteries to black spots along the Bowery where insure a continuous supply of the nerlast week were brightly lighted con- yous energy generated in a great cert halls and museums. But there is measure by the brain. This battery, plenty of fun along the Bowery still with its relays, by the nourishment the ribbon stops in its crossways and the "fakers" are not particularly applied to the body, decomposing its own material thus supplied, is perpetually in action. Thought is to a certain extent the outcome of central

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