OUR FASHION LETTER

BODICES OF NOW AND HINTS OF centres depend wee tassels. This is a NEXT SUMMER-

Spring Organdies are Already on Exhibition-Simplicity in Midseason Costumes-Wash Waists and Summer Goods are Also

In behalf of my long-shopping sigters I asked the superintendent of a favorite store why in the world he alled his windows the next day after Christmas with summer fabrics.

"Don't you know," I inquired, "that we women are worn to the bone with the thinking up of thirty-nine articles of holiday good faith for friends? And that we had to stop in the preparation of our winter clothes to do all

He smiled indulgently. Long and eccasionally trying experience with the purchasing public has illustrated the advantage of quick agreement with the adversary. Our exhibition is not especially for women," he went



"It is a showing of new goods for the manufacturers. These pretty are half a dozen inches wide, and organdies, which you see to-day, you will be wearing in shirt waists in May and June. One maker of wash blouses alone bought 1,000 yards of the Sourteen-cent organdie which you must have noticed on a centre coun- trous for one too plump. ter. Women need not take the least notice of the display if they do not sare to."

"Thank you very much."

tion of their cold-weather cloth ng."

The Spring Organdica. makes about the spring organdies is mineral waters. that they are figured in colors; the second that the figures are of medium rinse the mouth each morning with size and tasteful, and the third that tepid water into which a little toilet there is much of black in them. I water has been dropped. should say that a rose pink reappears polka dots, big, black plump ones, are and make a healthy looking skin. the design most favored. The merchants have the courage to declare that this year's organdles are firmer, of better body than those put forth, in previous seasons. They will have gained the gratitude of their feminine patrons should it turn out that the newer fabrics indeed go into and? come forth from the washtub with better grace. With which few peeps we may go back to the thought of slik cold weather bodices for a time.

Cold Westher Bodices. "Silk" this winter often means eatin soft, exquisite, a fabric for beautiful women. And peculiarly for those who are not, to render them so. The makers of liberty satin have come upon a material fulfilling the requirements of art and fashion. It is fitted to survive in fact and theory. The most elegant of the separate waists for winter wear are done from liberty satin in white or colors. The soft, clinging quality of the weave madants itself to decoration from lace and chiffon, even fur. With each midseason reaction from the gay colors in vogue usually expresses itself in combinations of black and white. This winter is no exception. An attractive mode of the hour shows the union in evening gowns and in walsts off white satin, black chiffon and black chiffon and black jet. A fitted piece of jet from which hangs a fringe outlines the half-low necks of a pretty bodice of white liberty satin. The sleeves are from black chiffon, ruched at two-inch intervals. And the result is a becoming waist, which may be worn with a suitable black or the white eatin skirt that many wo-, men find of much evening service.

Striped Satin. Black and white striped satin produce the dashing bolero which forms the upper portion of a theatre walst. Girdles of cherry-colored panne and tarquoise blue velvet are worn at will. This model is a sightly variation of the black and white fancy current now and never quite out. There is a liking this season for a disinct "note" in the bodice, just above the belt line. A waist carefully designed, to be worn with a smoke-gray cloth skirt, shows a combination of lighter gray satin, dull gray beads, and for the "note" a narrow girdle effect from smoke-gray and white velvet. Perhaps the readlest way to vary a full'dress eveni g waist is to change the color of the knot of artificial flowers worn at the left shoulder. One of white poppies is suitable for the h gh light on a black sequined costume. Another bouquet of scarlet carna'ions serves instead of the white popples

on occasion Simplicity in Design.

Simplicity in the design of the gown is evident in some of the most effective of midseason costumes. A cloth frock from violet face-cloth, of the hue which combines so engaging'y with turquoise blue, is made with the inevitable train of the afternoon drews, the current box plait at the skirt back and a round waist. The bodice overlaps the skirt binding neatly in the sty'e so much approved after the slipshod effects resulting from a careless which of skirt and waist only half

concealed by a belt. 'two skirt and walst are trimmed in princess fusbion. with black gimp, which twists here and there to form wheels, from whose revival of a mid-century fashion. Tassels then were oftenest in a gay culor. contrasting with the gown, as pink on green or blue on brown. Even gold tassels were in fine vogue with sain. costumes. Much of the effect from small tassels as dress trimmi g depends upon their being heavy enough to vibrate from their own weight. A tassel of fine silk has not bady enough to do this. Hence the knowing choose such ornaments when made from heavy silk cord.

Tucked Chemisette. The tucked chemisette with this waist is from shimmering turquoise blue liberty satin. The same material, hemstitched, forms a jaunty knot out from under the lapels of the waist. Considering it apart from the skirt. notice bow like many of the silk waists it this one of cloth. Less considerate than his neighbor, or more, according as one likes to learn of summer fashion in January, another New York merchant recently has shown ona titles of wash waists. The materials are largely organdles and their stuffs, in white, pink and white, and blue and white. The watte sort are combinations of lace inserting and Hamburg embroidery, closely resembling the prettlest of those worn last season. The elegves all are long and pointed over the hands. Cuffs do not appear on the best grades of "shirt" waist. But they abound upon all lesser varieties. Collars on every new waist are higher than last year. There . something alightly disturbing about the thought of starched collars, pointed high just behind the ears, for warm weather; but we may become accustomed to the idea. One thing is certain: We sometimes shall wear waists of such thin material that we shall need extra covers underneath for our arms. It is bordly likely that it will be in good style to appear in the city highways with arms shrouded only in sheer organdie One likes to avoid too positive statements about such a matter, however, with the memory yet fresh of lace sleeves in select approval at a horse show. One exhibitor is trimming new organdie waists with little sash-like pieces of the fabric from which the blouse is made. They start one from u: der either arm. They are long enough to knot into a pretty bow, with short ends, just in front. This is a charming mode for the thin woman, but it may be disas-

For Beauty Seekers A cut lemon rubbed into the roots

of the hair will destroy dandruff. The stomach is responsible directly "Indeed, we hope that the ladies, for an only complexion. The eating now that holiday buying is over, will of fruit, green vegetables, lean meats zeturn to the enthusiastic considera- and other simple foods always will issult in a clear skin. To help the good work along, the cufferer may bathe The first observation which one her face in white wine, and drink

To keep the teeth clear from tartar,

Witch hazer and wa er, or rock salt most often as background, and that and water, will harden the mus.lesi



oranges and lemons, put them into the water pitcher on your washer nd. Canal de Larguedoc-was that Plerre side, is to be exploited for the sake They will give to the water a delight-

plexion. Fercing is popular among society women because it tends to correct male line became extinct, on which many of the faults brought into prom. event the title was transferred to his inence by golf.

After a day's work at anything that requires long standing, bathe the feet Ward, a pretty girl from Detroit mar-in warm water, and then sponger ried only to abandon it in company them with alcohol. That tired feeling of a Hungarian gypsy violinist of the will leave at oncé.

Surely a Artistic Screen. An impecunious maiden with artistic tendencies recently found herself in need of a screen to hide the haldness of the necessary wash-stand, the one disturbing element in an otherwise dainty room. A friend gave her a Japanese screen of dilapidated aner it and it would then be as good as will cost to widen and deepen the old

After pricing the pretty things in tapestry and Oriental drapery our inger tous maiden decided she must manufacture something herself. She invested in a heavy cartridge paper of a dark gray tone, which she carefully pasted on one side of the screen. Across the bottom she made an artistic scroll design in sepit, and then sat herself down to wait for visitors in the artistic and decorative line, of

which she had many. Her first caller was a youth whose Arcachen, with its great natural basin, der. In that day France will have spends the remainder of her life. Here drawings have enlivened the pages of lends itself ideally to the kind of for- become the mistress of the Mesditer she makes bout her her best frends. many a daily journal. To him she ex-

A TUNNEL UNDER THE GIBRALTAL AND A SHIP CANAL

France is Ready to Build a Canal From the Atlantic to the Mediterranean Sea-The Estimate of the Cost Doos Not Stagger the Lively Gaul.

Those who believe that the beginning of the twentieth century in 1901 is to be marked by a long line of gigantic works, for which the discoveries of the nineteenth are the preparation, see in "The Canal of the Two. 'Seas" and the Mediterranean tunnel the first examples of the coming wonders. France heads the projects-France, that has shown the way so often, only to be outstripped by other peoples: France of the Suez Canal and Panama. This time, however the work is for herself and not for others. The tunnel that, by the courtesy of Spain a. d Morocco, is to un te her to her Af rican possessions may have a military and industrial outcome undreamed of now, while the canal that is to open up the Mediterranean to her as to no other Power may make France indepe dent of Gibraltar. The possible effects of the latter are so revolutionary that it is easy for Frenchmen to believe what an English statesman is



Warships Will Be Whirlen Through France When the Gaul's Latest Dream is Fulfilled.

pretended to have said: "If France, is willing to spend 800 millions to munition factories.

make the Canal des Deux-Mers, we From Toulouse to Castelnaudray the to prevent her!"

"From Paris to the Soudan without wer of France to Cecil Rhodes's conception "From the Cape to Cairo."

lier's experience with the Seine Tunnel and the Metropolitan Underground has put in his hands new methods and a corps of experienced fleutenants, and the fact that the work is so near home. will give the French investor coafi-

Canal of the Two Seas.

for of France, to make a ship canal from a well-guarded port on the Aton the Mediterranean. From Bor- ship clavator and the moving lock. on the Mediterranean. From Bordeaux, up the Garonne River, the canal boats that carry freight so economically throughout all France plod their way to Agen, to Toulouse, and then through the Canal Du Midi, by a great lock system, they climb and descend the watershed of the Atlantic and Mediterranean by way of their formidable Neck of Naurouze, Below Carcasonne the Canal du Midi strikes the River Aude, and then starts off northeast along a winding route to Bester, completing a great complicated eystem. By way of the Aude the canal boats descend to the Mediterranean blooks descend to the Mediterranean below Narbonne. The engineer of geplus to whom France owes the Canal du Midi-in old time sealed the same principle of metallic distributions and the same principle of metallic distributions and the same principle of metallic distributions and the same principle of metallic dose sealed to the present sealed the same principle of metallic dose sealed to the present sealed the same principle of metallic dose sealed to the present sealed the same principle of metallic dose sealed to the present sealed to the presen Instead of throwing out the peel of genius to whom France owes the Canal du Midi-in old time called the Paul Riquet, first created Baron and of expedition. They are to be such ful perfume, beside softening it until then Count of Caraman, by Louis it is equal to rain water for the com- XIV. as long ago as 1666. His grand son married the sister of the last Prince de Chimay before the direct dscendants, now properly the house of Caraman-Chimay, into which Clara name of Rigo. This catial of Languedoc was the first great a tificial waterway of Europe, and the seventeenth-century genius of Pierre Paul Riquet shines as brightly at the opening of the twentieth century as ever. The hardest task of modern engineers will be to follow him over the Neck or Narouze, "the black mountain," where the cuttings must be sixty-five tiquity, adding that she could recov- feet deep. Millions and millions it canal through this most difficult part locks as the world has never seen. of its route.

Where the canal boats now drag their slow way the Canal des Deux, to Narhonne, which is almost on the Mers will give passage to the heaviest Mediterranean. Here is another natmen-of-war whirled across France urally protested port, like Arcachon, through hills and valleys, not by great basin, impenetrable by a hostile mules, but by steam locomotives, fleet.

THE STATE OF THE S

GRAND TWIN DREAMS scent canal; and, without any of the inconveniences of a nevel centre, it will thus find its commercial advan-tages immensely increased. To-day, at the end of the ninetee th century. France sees eighty per cent, of her products carried under foreign flags. Where French boats every 2,500,000 tons, more than 120,000,000 tone are lugged around the world in Braish

bottoms. Another advantage of the canal a planned by the effervescent Gaul will be to furnish work for years to the Freuch workingman, to the calming of the laboring mind and the security of the Republic. The calculations being for a permanent force of 30,000 laborers, the partisans of the canal see in the fact the putting off of the dread labor question to a better era. When France shall be entering into the fruits of this very enterprise. Not a centime of the money will leave France.

Estimates of Cost. Some of the estimates as to post are liards and a half-2,500,000,000 franca the accounts fluctuate. "If the Baltic Canal, which is only staty miles long, required to complete it forty-one German government engineers, 10,000 laborers and 200,000 horse-power dur-ing five years," says M. Verstraet, an objector, "then the Canal des Deux-Mers, which must be five times as long, will require five times as many e gineers, say 205, five times 10,000 laborers, five times 220,000 horse. She heard me say what I had said power, five times five years."

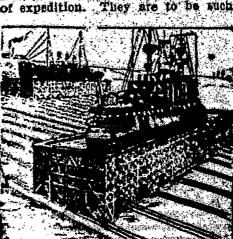
Then up speaks the partisan. "Suppose you were going to build a street of 100 houses. The first house would need one architect and two years of work. But would the 100 houses require 100 architects and 100 times two years of work; that is to say, 200 years to build the street !!

The Route. The route of the canal is straight from Arcachon to Agen, on the Garonne, eighty-six miles of easy outting, without a single lock. It will probably enter the Garonne many miles above Agen. The waters of the Caronne are themselves to be reinforced from the streams of the Pyreness, which, it is thought, will save Toulouse and many another town from the And sat me if I'd promise that periodical inundations that now trosble them. The Garonne, strongly of these mountain torrents, will then take the fleet of war and commerce to Toulouse, the central argenal of France. Then, from every point. French railways will bring troops, provisions and munitions. Around Toulouse will be grouped cannon and am-

will be willing to spend 1,500 millions route of the great canal is along the It's always that way when I say old Canal de Languedoc, of Clara Ward's ancestor by marriage. The changing cars!" This is the cry of old canal abounds in locks. To lift it She hopes I won't, you know the tunnel's partisans. It is the ans- up 200 feet, in one stretch, there are and I wonder it that was the tunnel's partisans. seventeen of them, The descent of the Aude-200 feet requires more than Would ruther have you always now. M. Berlier, ergineer of the Gibraltar fifty. It is in its cuttings and looks Tunnel, declares that the work will that the projected canal is to be most not cost more than 123,000,000 france. extraordinary, Sixteen looks are plan-When the Channel Tunnel was pro- ned to do the whole job of the waterposed—and they actually bored a mile shed that has its apex in the dresded and more of it before an invasion. Col de Naurouse, and they are to be scare in England put a stop to every- the answer of French engineering solthing—the engineering difficulties ence to the lamentable failure of Pan-were the easiest disposed of. M. Ber- ams.

them the passage would require at ficial, but will we venture the album least six days. One way of diminish. At the ege of fifteen she married ing their number—it is estimated that Recember, a wealthy become 200 would be necessary—would be the dence that he might lack since Pana- old-fashioned plan of keeping the canal to the low altitudes of the plains and then arriving at the Col de Nau-It is proposed, by taking advantage rouse, to pass through it in a giant of the present waterways of the inter- cut. It would be a cut 500 feet deep. To avoid the necessity of this almost impossible engineering feat they have that they were father and child-a the. lantic coast to as well-guarded a porty imagined a prodigious novelly, the ory which the memoirs abundantly to

used, the same principle of metallic basine balancing each other, side if



This is the Ship Eelevator That Has Been Designed for Part of the Great Engineering Works

Once through them and into the Aude River, it will be prain towing straight

This ends the fale of the Canal of Contrary to what would seem the tion of the Gaul again takes bold. A second reverse at atural Atlantic terminus, it is protification that would be demanded by ranean. She will give passage to her and lives a life that would be quasible existence, come to be the central entering the French Republic on an must be continued and the country. Arcnaturedly produced the ublquitous bit of crayon and sketched in one of his popular cartoons. Other friends soon came to her assistance, and at the end of a week the screen was finished, completely covered with autographed sketches, all of considerable artistic merit and many of no little intrinsic value as well.

A canal that would, by the fact of its Russian ally fleet at pleasure. Span that the first would be the central entering the French Republic on an must be continually fed, and those the advantageous basis, her commercial and industrial remainsance is accommended to deal the must be the breath that could never be magnified. Bordeaux, that could never be made to give the necessary case and security to a war fleet, will remain the great commercial port it is. A come interminant trains leaded doors have the many of no little intrinsic value as well.

med to these my on the just his p as he could be And I should that he was a ton, then most folks you s When I was dulies bless I am I used

When I growed up to be a man I'd like to be like pe. I used to think abody's ma-When she got settled down Was siways a posed to think his pa

West the finest men in town; But guess my ma don't think that way, Net very hard, becuz She seems to have so much to say Against the things be does.

One day I got some boards and nette and tried to build a sled. and purty moon I benged my thurst. and Moses how it best prodigious. Between one and two mil- I hopped around there on one foot but it didn't stop a bit. And then I thought I'd swear and see if that'd make it quit

> O' course, me heard me lettin so. And told,me I had grieved her so And hugged me to her side, And said she wished that she was doed And in her grave before When I had up and awore.

> Well, pe he sweets that way some times." I answered me, and then She cried some more, and said she hoped I never would again! "Not when I get to be a man as bir as DA?" HAYM T.

And abe says: "No becom Old Nick" wit him by and by."

And once I tried to chew, and, ree! But didn't I feel had, And the she cried more worse then see And both of us was sed. And then, when I was laid out fat, She knoll there on the floor. I'd never oher no more.

banked up and become the safe drain "Well, pa he chews." I says to me and so, when I'm a man. Growed up as big as he is, then I'll bet you that I wa!

And me she said she hopes I won't chew, even when I'm big. "Becur," she says, "a man that does is nothing but a pig."

That I would like to grow To be a man like pa, some day-I wonder M your ma. No different from year park

MADAME REGAMBER

Mine. Recession a life was made in At the beginning it was seen that so many incidents that to be larger ordinary locks would not serve; with making a report of it is to be appeared.

The relation between them was a strange one, to say the least. It was characterized by mutual kindness and respect by her parental fondpass on his part, by fillal repard on bars; so much so that the theory has been meintained

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