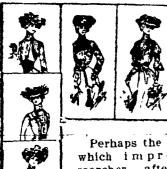
OUR FASHION LETTER

BLUE AND PINK ARE SAID TO BE THE CORRECT SHADES

Violet Color is But Little Used - The Toque is the General Shape-From Gold Feathers to Gilded Grapes-Braided Maline Selves Many Problems.



Perhaps the first point which impresses a searcher after spring hats is that violet, color and flower, is used comparatively little. In its place one sees no end of light blue, of a rather shade. There are qualities of hats all blue, others from blue combined with white, more from thee and black, and another assortment from

blue and variegated forage. Next in popularity to blue is pink, in all shades from shell to mellon. The woman who is without a pink hat in sider her wardrobe incomplete. She may have it of pink trimmed with or, last choice of black with pink. Red, scarlet is destined, it is said, and blue.

left side turned up, and the mushroom away the most popular among the frame, with whole or half drooping brim.

An English walking hat, so modified that it would not know its own name, and yet retaining an outline which recalls the one time favorite, shows a decoration of two long, wide quills, a chou of black maline and six stiff loops that hang away from the back of the turned up brim. The body of the chapeau is of four outstanding widths of black and white satin straw braid. The crown is a flat spiral of tucked black tulle. The lower portion of the higher black quill shows a tasteful use of gilding on feathers if any application of it to the trimmings of ordinary hats may be considered good styl Likely it may, since many of our milliners whom we are accustomed to regard as authorities are plunging golden feathers into brims or crowns of their newest confections. The ease with which gilded quills may be obtained rather threatens their permanency. Although the present price is such as to place them among luxurious necessities, any woman who owns a ten-cent bottle of gold paint may make an aviary of quills to glow like the here is reference to a white outing hat against the hair near the left temple. from Manila braid, the brim rolled, but pliable, the crown in sugar loaf shape. A twist of white crepe de chine was the only trimming of the crown. Where it joined, at the left side, a gold quill, as if snatched carelessly from some badled bird, come into fresh being with the young century, was placed jauntily. The spirit of Pocahontas, which more or less is in all of us, may applaud this glorified feather decoration. But there is no good excuse for liking the golden polka dots big as half dollars with which some over-enterprising Yankee has seen fit to trick out certain feathers from our festive national bird-the

From gold feathers to gilded grapes is a small flight. The latter are offered abundantly for millinery use in the late spring. All varieties are found, even to grapes as "golden" as highly polished brass, cheap and ugly. They are designed for what certain of the dealers name deprecatingly "th Western trade" (as if there were not Western trades and Western trades). Other golden grapes, all sizes, are in softened colorings and carefully made bunches. The Fifth avenue trade is supposed to desire particularly the "uit of the vine in a greenish gold hue which blends marvelously well with shell pink. Refined taste selects a hat from pink wood straw completely covered with wee plaitings of self-colored maline. The hat is turned up at one side, after the manner of the majority of new modes. Snuggling under the brim, where it turns, half hiding a handful of greenish gold wax grapes and leaves. Even they are too promounced for what is considered best taste, so they are veiled closely with white maline.

Pin this item where it may be useful to you until, as poor Mme. Butterfly says, "The robbins nest again." It is permitted to veil any flower, feather. knot of ribbon or any mortal thing which you might put on a hat with tulle or lace to modify what is beneath it. A good fairy took me the other day into the workrooms of a popular shop. There I saw a woman swathing with white maline some white frills which were soon to be placed on a white hat which was intended for rather dressy mourning wear. The workwoman was winding and winding. around and around, as one binds a hurt finger, though not bound so tightly. Speaking of maline, some one has thought of a fresh application of it. Strips four or five inches wide are braided loosely, then flattened and used as the facing of the brim. Nearly every hat has to be faced or fashioned with something in particular. Several

braids of maline are nearly as effective as overlapping fine tucking, and there is far less trouble in preparing and placing thern in it, keeping in mind the way a woman coils her braifed hair, one strand meeting but not overlaping the next. Braided maline should solve many of the amateur summer. Bolder effects in trimming are obtained by loosely braiding entire widths of maline, and laying it as a wreath around the brim of a picturesque chapeau. In one instance, the hat-body was of white crinoline; the rouleau, or braided roll, from white maline, the three-inch round crown of blue forget-me-mots and a chou of silver blue Louisene ribbon. Closely braided maline, put on in spiral style, beginning at the centre of the crown, then circling wider and wider, as our grandmothers made rag rugs, forms entire hats for afternoon or evening wear. The foundation shape is of wire, usually covered and faced before the braiding is applied with maline or chiffon of the color which will be used in the braid.

Quills, and again quills, as if they were freshest novelties in the millinery world. But one has respect for the permanency of a mode which continues for very excellence. Nothing takes the place of the quill for durability, likewise for suitability when the hat - under consideration is intended - for general wear Somewhere on this page you may find, if you like an example of a smart use of quills in natural referings shading from white to deepest wood brown. The body of the chathe coming season will need to con- peau which is in toreador shape, is of white straw flecked with wood brown, The four upstanding knots and the pink, of white ornamented with pink, circlet for the crown are from woodbrown taffeta stitched in the same shade Some extra stitches are reone sees, to play an important part in quired to keep the lengths of the early millinery. Prophecies do not feathers closely against the rolled continue its wearing into the summer. brim, as the composition requires. Yet But violet, the fashion of many pre- a third employment of the decorative vious springs, is among the colors quill shows it of silver on a toque which it is unnecessary to wear, if made entirely from gray maline and one's inclinations are toward the narrow gray straw excepting the dozen gentler and more modish pink and of little loops of stitched panne velvet under the brim against the hair This shape high at the left side, low at the Shapes in general are the toque, the right, the crown a great circle, is far



modes so far developed For that reason some women will like it. And for the same reason others will avoid it. . An exceedingly simple—in the way . that a muslin dress is simple-toque is mostly from finely tucked white chiffon. No earthly thing except that is used outside the chapeau. The brim is faced with a great roll of scarlet maline. A knot of reddish-green foliage and red bunch berries nestle The nearly inevitable buckle of the spring hat is from oxydized silver.

A mushroom-shaped hat, which is conspicuous for its use of velvet with soft pink, shows a flat knot violet panne velvet, topping a fringe of pink rose petals, made and alternating from velvet and gauze.

stage of it, will have none of plain straw is shown prettily in a low crowned drooping shepherdess hat of straw-colored leghorn, veiled entirely with black maline. A buckle of cut steel half encircles the crown, and a flat, close bow of black panne velvet is set against the crown at the back. Unlike most brims, this is bent down and in. The shape is adopted especially for wearing with the hair coiled low in the neck. The entire conception is especially happy for the amateur to follow. She may cover quickly and simply her leghorn hat in any shade of maline which she fancies. Blue taffeta in a delicate shade, done with double brim, the, brims bent as by gentle zephyrs.fashions a hat otherwise conservative in shape. A cadiepeigne, from black nanne velvet, sets the hat away from the head, as it should. A simple wreath of soft white roses, the pinkish green foliage nearly hidden beneath, encircles the crown. And these are hats enough talked about for one week, excepting a floppy one of black taffeta, the frills wired at i the edge. This is an evolution of the children's hats, which are so popular with grown-ups. The "tam" of this becoming shape is of fine black and

Believed at Last fie Was windled. "Ethel." said Lionel Bertram Jones, as he dropped his slice of bread in the plate with a noise that set the canary in the gilt cage overhead chirping invited "the boys," including many of fect. To make itd urable apply a thin merrily. "Ethel, I have something to

white straw.

say to you." They had been married only four weeks, and the time had not arrived when she did all the saying. "Do you remember the day on which I propos-

ed to you?" "Yes," she replied, "I will never for-

get it." "Do you remember," he went on, as he abstractedly drilled a hole in the loaf with the point of a carving knife. "how, when I rang the bell, you came to the door with your fingers sticky with dough, and said you thought it was your little brother who wanted to get in?"

"Yea." "Oh, Ethel! How could you? How

could you!" "How could I what?" she responded as a guilty look exept into her face. "How could you make me the victim

EASTER MORNING.

O melancholy bells! let no sound lin-Within thy throats, no hallelujah note!

For Christ is dead-is dead upon the cross! how from palm and pale, outstretching finger Deep crimson bars His riven the scoffer smote. Deep crimson bars-His riven breast emboss.

See, how His head in lonely anguish drooping On that pierced bosom riven for our sake. langs low, as still in benediction

stooping. One last rich blessing on His foes to make.

See how the purple shades are softly stealing .tid speechless lips and straining lids that rise

In human weakness, wistful and appealing. l. i. drawn above those Heaven-beholding coes.

hark, oh hark' What glorious music now The numbet winds of early spring

are bringing! tions and angels round that thorncrowned brow. Were rapturous songs of coronation

r more blessed seems this day, O. Lord! joyous Easter, when in new may.

art uprisen heard-when Thy story lahes every heart a newer life to feel, when even Nature, wak'ning, doth reveal Thee, Son of God!

Mature doth, with newer bloom, O. Lord! Billing from the depths of Winter's

heary tomb. An aftertype of Thee-when in accord All hearts lift up their hymn of praise to Thee,

O. Son of God' allest is the day when Thou didst rise. The Voice of the Children Rang Out O. Lord'

hos risen one hope of Eternity,

and atonement done. When with glad eyes Thy true disciples saw what they had revolver yet smoking and his builheard

From Thine own lips-say Thy celestial birth. tinew Thee above the mightiest kings

Thou Son of God' -Grace Adele Pierce

haster in Brimstone Gulch



EAUTIFUL, like the domes and pinnacles of a city celestial, glittered the icy range of the Sangre de Cristo. The valley was sprinkled with iris and columbine.

The breath spring softly stirred the pines in the can-Brimstone Gulch awoke to Faster morning-awoke with blood chot eyes and shaky hands.

I'ere had been a hot time the night before at Sandy Pete's dance house. That the season, at least at this But this morning Sandy Pete, with his cohorts, was busily employed in



Attend the Gospel Meeting.

"slicking up," for there were to be Easter services held in the dance with a strong solution of nitric acid hall, for the first time in the history any design you may wish, in the manof Brimstone Gulch.

This was the way of it: The young wife of the superintendent of the Lone Star mine, whom every man, woman, child and dog in the The decoration is then painted on the camp adored, had taken matters into her own pretty hands.

She had imported a "Gospel sharp" from Denver, and had formed the chil- ment. Three half-pans of water dren of the camp into a chorus and taught them the songs for the day. produce any tone you wish, and the She had, moreover, the night before simpler it is done the better the efthe coughest and most prominent cit- coat of French varnish, but be sure izens of Brimstone Gulch, up to her that your designs are perfectly dry cottage to hear the rehearsal of the before applying at. Easter music, and they had taken a vote to decide the momentous ques-

tion of accepting. It all came back to Huerfano Jack, as he lay under the pines this morning, the scene of the night beforethe sweet, dainty lady, in her, white gown, the sound of the piano, the soft lamplight and the happy voices of the children ringing out in the hymn

I've found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me: He's the fairest of ten thousand to

my soul. The Lily of the Valley. in him glone I see. All I need to cleanse and make me

The words were set to swinging Stiver deal Strings an unbrella, minds and all the boys had whistled precise of swear sand gloves as the tune is they came down the tune is they came down the tune. the tune as they came down the unil

from the superintendent's cottage to the saloon.

They rang now in Huerfano Jack's head. Cattle thief, desperade, murderer as he was, he was trying to hum them.

He's the Lily of the Valley. The bright and morning star; He's the fairest of ten thousand to

my soul: The Lily of the Valley—she had the room full of the flowers the night before: she wore them on her breast; she gave a spray to each one of the boys as they came away. Huerfano Jack turned suddenly and pressed his fierce, scarred face against a witherest cluster of the tiny white bells pinned on his rough corduroy jacket.

A rustle in the pines; a pallid, terrifled face peering down at him. "For God's sake, Jack, hump yourself!" whispered Monte Jim. "Bill Wilcox. the Sheriff, from Pueblo, and two of his deputies are after you for that business in Trinidad. Get across the gulch if you can and lose yourself on the other side of the range.

It was just at the moment that the superintendent and his wife walked toward the open door of the dance house, with their clerical guest from Denver, that Bill Wilcox fired at the skulking figure in the pines close by. Huerfano Jack ran forward a few steps, threw up his hands, turned

around and fell at the feet of the lady. She screamed once and then sank on her knees beside him, taking his head on her arm and trying in vain to stanch the blood from the great hole in his breast with her dataty handkerchief.

"Oh, poor man! poor man!" she sobbed. "Oh, why did you kill him?" she asked as Bill Wilcox came up, his



From Their Final Easter Re-

dog face white and stern. But before the Sheriff could answer Huerfano Jack spoke, in a singulariy clear and far reaching voice:-"Because I am a thief and murderer. But, miserable dog that I am you, lady, have given me the only happiness I have ever known."

face, filled with divine pity, bending over him. Perhaps she read the petition in those dying eyes.

She unfastened the lilies in her gown and gently laid them over his bleeding breast. The voice of the children rang out

from their final Easter rehearsal in the dance house:-He's the Lily of the Valley,

The bright and morning star-Huertano Jack smiled. "The lilyof—the—valley," he murmured. His hands suddenly closed tensely, over the flowers on his heart.

He's the Lily of the Valley. In him alone 1 mee All I need to cleanse and make me

fully whole, came the sweet childish voices from the dance house. The clergyman from Denver lifted

"Let us pray," he said, solemnly. "Let us pray for the soul of our departed brother.

Prettily Colored Eggs for Easter. Every Easter brings some new notion, and the occasional eggs have been turned into dainty bondon boxes, miniature holders, sachet receivers and a thousand and one pretty souvenirs. But the decorated egg, with its strong yellow and deep purples, still reigns in the hearts of the little people. One of the most effective ways of obtaining a pleasing decoration is very simple. A low or broken tone for the background is absolutely necessary, and to obtain this the egg should be dyed twice with aniline dyes-the first time in yellow, the second in purple; or first in orange and then in a weak black. Then with a pen, a quili preferably, or a small camel's hair brush, draw on the egg ner of the accompanying illustration. The acid should be washed of quickly with clean, cold water, and the allhouette effect will be obtained. egg. in water colors, and the finished product is only limited in beauty by your own skill and artistic temperacolors-red, yellow and blue-will

Pretty Kaster Gifts.

The sending of Easter gifts has become a custom which appeals to very many. Easter lilles, hyacinths and tulips growing in prettily decorated for Rester on white "Tone but pots and tied with ribbons are among the most appropriate of the season's offerings. Cut flowers are also given from his dreams of her sweet face. American Beauty roses and violets sharing equally the honors Next to saw again the growded church the flowers are the dainty and attractive Easter sweets. These are of course done up in one of the thousand novel fashions of the season. Some are inclosed in satin-lined porcelain or allver eggs, some are offered by curreling

EASTER GIFTS

Twas Esator morn, and all the deep toned bells Were clamorous with joy: "Christ bas risen!" From out the human tide that swept

the street, A woman bent with age, her once fair prow Wrinkled and careworn with the weight of years; Tolled slowly up the well-worm granite steps And pushed the arched cathedral

door alar. That closed behind her. shutting out the world. Within the mullion-lighted vestibule She paused a moment at the holy

stoup To dip her fingers in its healing depths In memory for him who died for all. Then up the aisle, with trembling

limbs, she passed To the carved chancel rail, and knelt in prayer: Nor heard the organ's choral anthem

With "Gloria in Excelsis!" clear and sweet Her Pater noster said, she slowly rose. And then, as half in doubt and half

ashamed-So simple seemed her little gift of love. Bought with gold minisd at the forge of toil-

A widow's mite-upon the altar high, She laid a single Hly-snowy white.

Then, as the organ hushed its flood of song, She slipped like water to the chancel floor. With one low sob that smote the

gloomy depths Of choir and nave; and lay as though asleen. The candles on the altar shed their

Upon the lily; in its spotless heart. An unseen angle placed the new-born.

And mounting on the chime of Easter bells, Through clouds of incense, to the great white throne: Loid his fair tribute at the Master's

GEORGE W. SHIPMAN.

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of the prettiest girls in the ward sail by the engine house and give man heart. man of Hook and Ladder Company No - a periect fusilitade of eye

idoration. "To the divil wid Tom," said Dooley, Bryan, shrugging his brawny shoulders in downright disgust, "He don't be human. What alls him Ol dunso. All the gurrils in the parish crasy over his dommed black eyes, an' he not noticin' thim. Be dad, Larry, Ot cud knock his head off for a shtupid. onfeelin' graven image."

"Was he always so?" inquired Lar-"He was," returned Dooley, since Magie Harrigan tuk the vell." Oho!" said Larry.

"They were engaged," said Dooley. enraptured with himself as a gossip have placed before as sort "whin Maggie got the vocation. It Was near killin' Tom, But by course he could do nothin."

WAY "He couldn't" said Larry. didn't carry her off" "Murder, ye divil, fot do ye be myin-? 'Tis the bride of heaven she is. It's ashamed of you Ol am, ye basts. No, poor Tom had to submit, but he's niver been the same. Of suppose now." concluded Mr. Bryan, mediatively, "if wan of thim mimbers ay the Four Hundred were to come hy-and give Tom the glad eye he'd niver-incourage her. 'Tis sthrange that the nuts allus fall to the toothless divile." With which sage observation Mr. Bryan betook himself to the burnish- there was a general m

ing of the hose cart as a relief to his peciation among the laws an overcharged emotions. All was true. Since the day "Tom" sion Brennan tore his manly heart, out in bidding an eternal farewell to the beautiful sirl who renounced him for her vocation the big fellow had never been the same.

All women were like shadows to him. He had loved one truly devotedly, and he had been forced to give her up to Heaven. He could never love another. In vain were appealing and languishing glances sent in the direction of this support young specimen of Irish-American manhood.

"Tom" never noticed women. He simply went about his business of saying property and lives as if there were nothing else in the universe for a big. handsome, athletic fellow.

Often, as he lay in his bunk at the engine house, as he rode tempestuously through the crowded streets. as he fought the flames, he repeated to his-self the last words he had said to his beloved:-"I love you, Maggle darlin" I would live for you or I would die for you, and since you bid me test out my heart, I must do it."

The Baster morning dayned the hoped to lead his awaytheart to the altar. He thought of her as he roused Life was over for him, he said. He white robed novices. He smelled the incense, he heard the roll of the organ, the solemn voice of the priest-He shivered and, turning, burried his face in his pillow. Suddenly the slarm roused Mm listened. He sprang from this and a moment face was come of the pole and the transfer of the come.

the magnificent fellows who Every one recalls the weather tude and courage displayed as frightful hour. The children bad drilled for just such a incineat of IL said nobly did they are ober-s Instructors. Such deeds of herolds were done that bitter morains never lost. Their memory remain an eternal inspiration. "Tom" Brennen thrust a ladd to a window of the dornitory tenench the huge gilded cross Ch surrounded the roof of the conventin this window, serene calm lips moving in prayer stood a sweet tancel Sister, bolding in her street ting erippied boy. So symbolic was

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The bravery of the numer

the attitude of this boly women that not one frish beart on the year spoud below talled to respond. "It is Sister Mary Bestrice!" recancel the Mother Superiors Si linelt upon the bare ground and prossed berself.

When Tom Bremmin, big the blackened with smoke and his cross blasing with heroic excitement reachof the window Sister Mary Beatrice luoked steadfastly at lilm with her of sweet smile

He held out his arms. "The child first, Tone" the said, as she laid the little body on the broad breast of the Groman, a mighty shout went up from the

crowd below. All had seen that sublime act. All realized what it manns A dozen hands received the oblid and Tom Bronnan turned back up the Inddor.

En litted Bister Many Beatrice from the window. For one instant he held her on

heart, Then as the frenzled spectato ground and cursed and prayed . convent walls awayed in. And at the foot of the cross Th Brennan died for his "Massie darlies.

The Picture of Clerks

When we attempt to pleture Christ our Lord, the most beautiful the children of mon- we know these ntmost power of our imagination. ha, Tom's luck!" fail to reach the beauty of the disas he watched two feet in beauty, in majesty, in and glory, in boliness and gentle in awastness and in goodse that could claim the love of the

Tom Brennan, the To paint a true picture of handsomest fire- the artist must study Him. is, pals, history and tradition. will be a true picture. On on his imagination of how Co peared to him, but the true will give the characteristics. tures of Christ, drawn from Sources, which slows on

> From prophecy, Scripture, and tradition the artists of all and nations have drawn types. Redsemer, From Giotto, in the toenth century, to Schaefer. bach, Bouguereau, in the since in full pointings, as in outlies, the days of the Cutucombs thirteenth century, in Rome London, in Musich and in No painters of the Italian Carries ish; French and English school

We shall take the Old To a prophetic history, symbolic Character. The New French one long record of His mare history of the Church is an able without of the power of through all ages, and profess a reliable, although reluctan Church, Dack gives His divine history During conturies Christ had been anxiously, looked the coming of the

