OUR FASHION LETTER.

Some Lively Gossip About the New Styles.

NEW FABRICS SHOW LACE EFFECT

Green Muslins Are Among the Novelties For Summer Wear—Wool Veiling Is to Be Popular Also Skirts Profusely Ornamented.

Oriental satin Japanese silk and poplin crepe are very pretty for blouses, and all manner of pretty and expensive trimmings are being used for them. Then there are smart little coffee and theater jackets of net and lace, which effect a really marvelous transformation when required to conceal the defects of shabby evening bodice or blouse.

Many of the new fabrics show a lace effect. For instance we have colored grass lawns as fine as chiffon. Lace striped silks in new designs show inlet

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bands of chine silk. Other materials appear to be composed of one strip of ribbon and one of lace, and fine silk foulards have printed lace stripes.

Green muslins are a novelty.

The new muslins fine as lisse, old world mull muslin, clear swiss, hand embroidered and ecru muslins in blue pink green and yellow are popular. Old laces attain fabulous prices and are being eagerly sought after by connoisseurs. The more transparent a dress can be made the more smart it will be.

The illustration shows a gown of soft ecru mull having embroidered flounces. The sleeves hips and top of blouse are shirred.

Smart Costumes.

For smart costumes cream and ivory white, together with that paler shade of mastic which is barely deeper than old ivory are to be much adopted, and a little later on soft materials in silk and wool mixtures, such as crepe de chine, crepe de soie with etamine and eolienne, will be generally worn. Gray was much seen during the winter, though it is quite a spring color, and

ROUGH STRAW TURBAN

now only the palest shades are favored, and there are invariably touches of bright color or of black.

Colored embroideries on silk and tasseled ornaments in silk passementerie are extremely popular, but the little separate tassels strewn aimlessly over a gown are things of the past, and only a few of the larger type of tassels are now used.

Handsome fringes are used on the more elaborate gowns, and these are most graceful on a deep pelerine or to border a sack coatee.

Very unique effects are obtained by a combination of panne, face cloth and silk passementerie all in one tone or with the panne just one shade deeper. The passementerie is used as detached medallions laid on panne and appliqued on the cloth. Skillfully managed, the effect is delightful.

The picture shows a turban of rough red straw suitable for traveling and ordinary wear.

New Boas and Ruffles.

The new boas ruffles and shoulder capes for the season are very ornate. The pelerine is made in ecru or fleelle lace intermixed in some cases with flower petals and anyway made fussy with much ruffling and shirring.

The stoles of mixed marabou and ostrich feathers are very dainty and go to make cream cock feathers dotted with velvet or chenille and lace ruffles with stole ends bordered with chenille. Marabou stoles are made more fanciful

COAT OF BLACK PEAU DE SOIE.

by the addition of powdered rose petals which in Ostrich are dotted with tiny bits of [illegible].

Lace capes with stole ends made from silks are very handsome when appliqued with medallions of embroidered silks.

Wool veiling will be one of the smartest materials of the season for dresses, and these will be elaborately embroidered with heavy silks or figures of taffeta.

The illustration shows a three-quarter coat of black peau de soie having bands of silk forming the collar and likewise the wide band at the bottom of the coat. The revers are faced with white lace, the lining is of white silk.

Modish Ornaments.

Corsets though still straight fronted show a tendency to become shorter. Petticoats are most elaborate. They are cut like skirts and have a shaped flounce profusely ornamented with ruches and inbettings of lace. Black and white petticoats are smart wear and all manner of fancy silks are used for fashionable underskirts.

Belts are very artistic in hand painted satin and embroidered silk and also spangled suede.

Irish crochet lace is introduced wherever possible on cloth and linen cos-

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tumes, and it is seen to great advantage on the pretty grass lawns, silk striped in green or pink.

Both pink and red coral are fashionable, also all green stones.

Motoring costumes are much trimmed with bands of suede in Lincoln green or tan color.

For evening wear accordion kilted skirts of point d'esprit net are gauged in a yoke shape around the hips, rows of lace insertion being plaited in with the net.

The illustration shows a visiting gown made with a loose hanging jacket effect. JUDIC CHOLLET.

Somewhat Different.

"Why, George, what an enormous pile of letters!" exclaimed the bride of a week. "Billets doux, I suppose."

"No, my dear," replied the other half of the sketch; "they are billies overdue."—Chicago News.

SEEING LONG DISTANCE.

How Far Away Has the Human Eye Detected Another Object on the Earth.

The recent claim of the United States Signal Service to have transmitted heliograph signals over a distance of 183 miles, and of the United States Coast Survey and Geodetic Survey to have beaten that many years since between Mount Helena and Mount Shasta, over 192 miles, has started mountain climbers to make all sorts of guesses and assertions about the distances they ought to see and the distances they do see. It would appear that one of the enthusiastic climbers of Mount Hood in Oregon made the statement that from the summit he saw the peak of Mount Shasta 276 miles to the southward. Of course he was doubted but principally because the curvature of the earth would prevent the intervisibility of the peaks, and so an appeal was made to a young officer of the United States Engineer Corps who computed the distance at which these peaks would be intervisible. Mount Hood is given as 11,758 feet above the sea level and Mount Shasta as 14,440, and the distance on the latest charts is 278½ miles. By his computation the total visible distance was 277 miles, which gave "one mile to spare" over his assumed distance of 276 miles. Upon which the Oregonian and some of the New York papers have assumed the intevisibility of the peaks, and that the mountain climber was right in his declaration of seeing Mount Shasta.

That is all very pretty. Prof. Davidson says, if the ocean intervened between the two peaks, when the line of intervisibility would be tangent to the surface of the sea at a point nearer to Mount Hood, but unfortunately the surface between these two peaks is the backbone of the Cascade range of mountains, and the intervisibility is an absolute physical impossibility. We must turn to Alaska if we expect to obtain the largest lines of intervisibility because the great mountain peaks like Elias and Logan of the St. Elias range immediately dominate a curving coast line. The greatest authenticated distance at which these great master peaks have been visible from sea was by Capt. H. E. Nichols of the United States Navy when commanding the United States gunboat Pinta. He was [illegible] on Montague Island off the eastern coast of Prince William Sound in a well determined position which [illegible] view of Mount Elias to the northeast and Mount Wrangel [illegible] southward. The former was [illegible] 187 statute miles [illegible] It may have [illegible] Mount Elias was [illegible] saw and M[illegible] to the north [illegible] Mount Elias at 11[illegible] feet [illegible] mit of the [illegible] This gives the distance [illegible]

It may be [illegible] the consensus of [illegible] who have been through [illegible] such Mount Wrangel [illegible] highest mountain masses [illegible] sixty-two degrees [illegible] between 147 and 148 degrees [illegible] or 166 miles west [illegible] from Wrangell. This would put the unnamed Mount Wrangel, Mount Elias, Fairweather, Cook, Crillon, La Perouse etc. of the Mount Ellias range into a line extending through nearly [illegible] miles.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Boadicea's Untouched Tomb.

Boadicea's tomb still remains undiscovered. Mr. R. [illegible] of the British Museum, has had the trench dug several feet beyond the centre of the tumulus on Parliament Hill without having found anything to show for whom that pathetic burning mound was raised. So far the net result of the County Council's quest has been a leaden musket ball and some chips of china. These are modern jetsam. There are indications, though, that a [illegible] of the ground was disturbed [illegible] century ago.

For the [illegible] as it was in the [illegible] up as there is no [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible] some distinguished personage. It is not uncommon [illegible] disturbed barrows [illegible] for the ruin and the slow [illegible] of nature completely [illegible] all vestiges of human remains that may have been buried in them. The work, however, is not quite at an end at Parliament Hill for a [illegible] is being dug to right and left so as to thoroughly explore the ground.—London Telegraph.

How to Keep in Good Condition.

An athlete's [illegible] matters connected with [illegible] training says that a woman who [illegible] to keep in condition should [illegible] nine hours of the twenty-four [illegible] in cold water, exercise five minutes daily with light dumbbells, drink a cup of hot liquid before breakfast, spend half an hour [illegible] exercise, make [illegible] of bad habits and always [illegible] occupied. Athletic feminines, [illegible]

Alarm Letter Box.

A novel alarm letter box has been invented, the principle of which is to let householders whose doors are [illegible] with the apparatus know when letters, etc., have been dropped in, their weight releasing a catch which allows a short spring to uncoil and set a vibrating hammer to ring a bell. The action of opening the letter box to take out the contents winds the alarm attach[illegible] and the catch is reset by simply closing the box again.

Snuff to Cure Hiccough.

M. Tatevossow states that he recently had a case in which he successfully combated diaphragmatic spasm, accompanied by cough or prolonged paroxysms, by making the patient take snuff until sneezing set in. Its action was immediate, the paroxysm ceased and the continued use of the snuff caused the disease to disappear.

Parrots Educated by Telephone.

According to London Electricity a Mr. Hill, of Manchester, who seems to have invented a number of curious contrivances, has lately devised an electrical parrot teacher, which is made up of a phonograph, a motor, an electro-magnet and a battery.

ETIQUETTE AT WEST POINT.

Singular Anomalies Found Among the Rules of the Military Academy.

The etiquette of West Point is a thing sui generis, and is certainly a curious institution, says the Illustrated American. It has been evolved out of the peculiar conditions which exist at the military academy, and only those who have been there can fully appreciate how harmless and proper it seems in its surroundings. For instance when a cadet has obtained permission to make out a girl's hop card he signs her name, with his own, to it in a book provided by the hop managers for that purpose. Then any other youth who wishes dances on that girl's card knows to whom he must apply for them. Many are the complaints arising from this system, for it gives him who wishes to dance with a belle to apply early, or both find card full. Often, when there are few girls visiting on the post a man who has been fortunate enough to secure one and who wishes to dance a good deal himself will refuse to give dances except to such as can give them in exchange.

A story is told of one astute youth who wished for more than his allotted four dances yet feared it would look strange for his name to appear six or eight times. In order to overcome this difficulty he put down the names of the guard detail that day. They of course, could not be present, so when the time came for their dances, with profuse apologies he appeared before his charmer and explained that Mr. Dumjohn was unavoidably detained and might he offer himself instead? At graduation hop however, there is usually such a multitude of girls that many men make out more than one card and rumor hath it that once a "spoony" youngster was nearly driven frantic in a vain attempt to keep thirteen cards from being tangled up. But then cadets will exaggerate.

There are other reasons why this hop is an important event at West Point. Not only does it mark the departure of the fledgling lieutenants from their hitherto well guarded nest, but it also brings socially to light the erst undeveloped resources of the plebe or lowest class. Throughout the first year at West Point regulations and [illegible] everything to suppress that exuberance which freshmen at other colleges feel and the plebe is taught to consider himself so small in every way as to be totally unfit to shine in society till the earning of his first stripe has [illegible] his status. And [illegible] this year's absence [illegible] West Point was [illegible] plebes [illegible] have [illegible] hop managers. They will [illegible] partners [illegible] the hop [illegible] West Point [illegible] gives the [illegible]

The hops are held [illegible] mess hall and between [illegible] walk in proximity [illegible] their partners [illegible] enjoying the moonlight if there be any if not they enjoy the [illegible] Naturally the coming in and out of so many does not improve the floor, but there is one advantage about it as a rule [illegible] cannot be injured. Just as soon as supper is over the tables are piled up in one corner of the hall, the floor is hastily rubbed over and the pretty [illegible] of dancing is a poor [illegible] will deprive no one even if the [illegible] skirt did not betray the [illegible] This seems to be an [illegible] and the [illegible] at 7 and the [illegible] have begun at 8. All the hops which follow later, however, are marked by [illegible] better conditions. The tables are removed from the hall and some real cleaning is done. But [illegible] that the cadets go without their evening meal and are [illegible] appetites or formal [illegible]

Is this true?

The Harvard [illegible] have followed President E[illegible] in voting that intercollegiate [illegible] be abolished. The [illegible] be communicated to the [illegible] committee, a university body [illegible] composition, and may or may [illegible] given effect by them. [illegible] members being and [illegible] would seem as if a majority [illegible] of the existing custom were more probable than the reverse. In the [illegible] we shall be likely to witness [illegible] attempt to reform the game. There is however a strong disposition on the part of football [illegible] of discussion at Harvard [illegible] the game to college [illegible] and this would be a decided gain on the moral side. Nevertheless we adhere to our old-fashioned conviction that the simple solution of the whole athletic problem lies in concentrating the interest of each college upon home sports, without regard to or competition or contact with any other college. We do not separate football from other team play when we condemn all intercollegiate contests as demoralizing, and as tending to substitute physical for spiritual ideals in the aim and intent of college discipline. Football is simply more brutal and more perilous.—New York Post.

A Sleepy Old City.

In one respect Washington is behind every modern city, and that is in the handling of mails. No mails are taken up after 9 o'clock, not even at the hotels. If you post a letter anywhere along between 8 and 9 o'clock it is likely to remain there until morning, although mails are departing all night. The only way you can get a letter off with certainty in the evening is to send it or take it to the railway station and post it on the mail car. And this is at the fountain head of the United States mail service. They expect a man to finish business during office hours and to go to bed early. You have scarcely time to get an after-theatre lunch before you are summarily ejected from the restaurant and must go home; and as the cars all stop running shortly afterward you really must go home or else walk, or hire a cab. It seems funny to a metropolitan to have to break for the last car before fairly finishing an after-supper cigar.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

THE SUMMER GIRL WILL WEAR PRETTY THINGS.

Everything is Lacey and Fluffy—Checks in Wools and Silks—Gowns and Jackets and Household Hints.

Checks in Silk and Wool.

Checks are going to be very popular this season, both in silk and woollens. They will be used in the building of smart shirt waist suits and handsome [illegible] gowns. In the woollens they [illegible] canvas, etamine and [illegible]. A very pretty combination is of plain [illegible] canvas over a foundation [illegible]. In the silks the checks are [illegible] and a very [illegible] in gray and white have [illegible] in color scattered over their surface and green [illegible]. Others in black and white have little hair lines in white running through them. Then there are tiny [illegible] and white, red and white and green and white checks with a narrow white embroidered strip running over them that are fashionable and pretty in the extreme.

Lace and Its Uses.

If you are the happy owner of a lace [illegible] you can fix up a toilette which will [illegible] the despair and envy of all your friends. Over your silk or [illegible] fancy [illegible] catch the lace up [illegible] the waist line near the back the [illegible] being made in a little [illegible]. The fourth corner a long one forms the point in front. If you do not [illegible] the shawl two or three [illegible] might be used as revers.

[illegible] that the material [illegible] smart and fur[illegible] mixing them with a coarse [illegible]. If possible have your [illegible] arranged so that [illegible] than one [illegible] cuffs are [illegible] be removed from one [illegible] to another.

Always [illegible] a piece of muslin over the lace when ironing it. It should never [illegible] contact with the iron. [illegible] and Irish laces should not be ironed at all but placed on a flannel covered board and pulled into place, every point carefully pinned down at both ends. If it seems stiff and dry put it gently with the fingers.

Collarettes of white silk embroidered in Oriental colors can be had for a quarter.

Buff chamois in common colored gowns are most popular. A touch of turquoise blue adds largely to the charm of the colors.

Bows of black satin ribbon alternate with rows of narrow black lace, with tab fronts and pendent purse of the same material, are among the [illegible] novelties.

Decorated boxes for bonbons show the appropriate design of an Easter lily or the more sentimental pansy. They are tied with dainty purple and white satin lavender ribbons.

New Street Costumes.

A gown of brown broadcloth has something rather new in the way of [illegible]. The upper part of the skirt is close fitting and apron shaped. From below this the skirt hangs in closely set pleats. The coat shows a vest of white silk trimmed with rows of small gilt buttons. The full sleeves are slashed and show an inset of the white silk. The brown chip hat is trimmed with brown velvet and orange colored quills.

Many women are buying the embroidered pillow slips that are sold in the shops and using them to make their summer shirt waists. A good quality of linen sheeting used for this same purpose is to be purchased for $125 a yard, one yard being allowed for a waist.

Monte Carlo coat of black peau de soie, relieved with strappings and black lace. Facings of panne and lace.

Tussah Silk and Cluny Lace.

Waists and white tussah silk adorned with Cluny lace, effectively disposed Bolero simulated at the front by frills of lace outlined with insertion.

The Shirt Waists.

Shirt waists at anywhere from $50 to $150 apiece—that's the newest extravagance of the woman of to-day. The evolution of the shirt waist is indeed something to wonder at. Practical, simple and economical were the shirt waists of a few years ago. To-day they are luxurious works of art—stunning creations—exquisite ex-

amples of fine hand work, embroidery and fancy stitches and a purse as deep down as that of Fortunatus is needed to own them. When the shirt waist first appeared a $5 waist was considered a high priced one. Now, among fashionable women, a $50 waist is regarded as the proper thing.

For the favored shirt waists this season are all hand made. They are masses of fine tucks exquisite lace insets and artistic embroidery, and those which range in price from $50 to $150 apiece are designed to order. Such is the evolution of the simple little shirt waist.

One of the prettiest of the new [illegible] Liberty satin in a pink shade [illegible]. For the trimming [illegible] lace is used as [illegible] flecked with [illegible] rows of fagoting [illegible] rings in cream [illegible].

M[illegible] is used [illegible]. It is threaded [illegible] jetty beading, and [illegible] shot it after it [illegible] the beading and [illegible] finished with loops and ends in varying lengths.

Household Hints.

To separate postage stamps that have become stuck together, dip them in water for a few seconds, shake off the water and heat them with a match as much as possible without burning. The heat expands the water between the stamps and they are easily pulled apart.

Dry cheese may be used in making a cheese soufflé or omelet.

A small quantity of jam or jelly will serve to flavor a pudding sauce.

Meat bones scraps and tough pieces of meat as well as carcases of chicken and turkey may be used in making soup stock.

Cold or mashed potatoes may be utilized by mixing with the meat for croquettes instead of bread crumbs.

The oil from sardines may be used instead of butter for frying fish if the flavor is liked.

Carefully wash all eggs, then use the shells for clearing coffee.

The Liberty Mirror.

No doubt the human race would consider it little short of a universal tragedy if there were no looking-glasses. Yet in spite of their widespread use, it is an astonishing fact that we have never seen ourselves as others see us. In the first place, the reflection in the mirror does not portray our likeness with any attempt at accuracy. The hair is wrong in tone, the eyes are not correct in color and our complexions are hopelessly libelled by this specious household deceiver. It is certain that if the looking glass spoke the truth, the sale of various complexion washes would decrease to half, for any fair skin looks gray and pallid in the glass, and numbers of women will have splendid complexions ruin them by trying to improve them because they look bad in the mirror. You may be certain that, however plain your face seems it is by no means so plain as it appears in the telltale mirror.

Secondly, you cannot assume your natural expression while peering in the looking glass. The eye must be in a certain position before you can see at all and the eye, so far as expression is concerned governs the face. The consequence is that you can see only one of your expressions in the glass, and that expression is one of attentive examination. All the other expressions by which your friends know you, favorable or unfavorable, you have never seen and never will see.

This Dog Goes to School.

Chicago has a dog that goes to school every day. He began by accompanying his owner's children to the Oak Park school, and ended by becoming a regular attendant. The dog's name was Jack originally, but now he is called "Professor Jack Cook," taking the last part of his name from the family that own him. Every morning when the school bell rings he sets out for school and is never late. He roams at will through the classes without disturbing the lessons or inviting the treatment the teacher gave Mary's little lamb. Professor Jack's latest report card showed him perfect in deportment, perfect in punctuality and standing high in "science," upon which subject he is supposed to be deeply learned.—Chicago Journal.