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New York Fashions.

Evening Gowns for Different

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Pretty and comparatively inexpensive evening gowns for debutantes and youthful society girls, are made of Brussels net or point d'esprit, with the advantage over mousseline, tulle or chiffon, of durability. These gowns are greatly in vogue and worn by women of all ages, though the fancy for trimmed skirts has induced many combinations and the greater number of evening gowns show more than one material. Spangled nets in small patterns, are worn by quite young ladies, but as parts of dresses chiefly when chosen in larger designs by matrons, are usually toned down by something less conspicuous. Spangles in general, however, while not as formerly a rage, have not had their day; elegant silk or satin front bodices are sometimes heavily spangled throughout and spangled skirts are shown for other uses, though in passing it may be stated that plain satin is now little employed except for wedding gowns.

VELVET DRESSES

For matrons, are almost a rage and are made without combinations, finish being imparted by jet or other passementeries. Lace dresses also, are worn by matrons rather than young girls, and all classes wear nets ornamented by chenille. Chenille on net is indeed a leading style of fabric, not must it be supposed that the difference between first mentioned are exclusively the property of young girls, but their elders more frequently choose other materials.

FRENCH TAFETTA SILKS

In delightful patterns and appropriate colors, are a favorite selection among all ages for evening and most frequently are made without combinations and often without even the slightest suggestion of lace or other ornamentation. A favorite style consists of a row of crushed roses placed on the shoulder seam with ribbon tied in a bow some little distance below the right shoulder, lace adorning the prettiest of occasions.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Thanksgiving over, all thoughts turn to Christmas and Christmas presents. Gloves or perfume are in immediate demand, but either to be acceptable, should be strictly first-class and for money expended, nothing gives quite such a return as high-grade jewelry, as for example Murray & Lannan's Florida water. Toilet bottles are preferably of cut glass with or without silver stoppers and are generally silver or silver mounted articles remain very popular. Onyx or onyx mounted articles, however, are shown and come in hand mirrors, stretchers, combs, brushes, cold cream boxes, jewel trays, etc. Photograph frames are preferably of leather and come in many sizes and styles, ranging from the simple to the ornate, and being inexpensive, yet acceptable gifts. Gilt metal purses are gentle and are either with or without chains to match and because genuine of their kind, are preferable to white metal that imitates silver, the former having too the advantage of a warlike re-echo.

"GIRLS"

"Girls" are the favorite gift in hand-painting, and you can devise an elegant evening dress for a comparatively small sum. Such style can become common because too expensive when paid for and yet more beautiful and costly is hand-painted mousseline. Hand-painted China is always a choice Christmas gift.

"TARTAN"

"Tartan" Evening boxes of net finished by chenille, are extremely soft and pretty and come in white, black, blue and white or colors, so that any one can be suited. If skillful with your needle, you can get the material and make one yourself.

LUCY CARTER.

SAYS SOMEBODY LIED.

"The man who wrote the railroad circular describing the climate of Southern California as akin to that of Paradise is a confirmed—well, he's badly mistaken," said a traveler. "I have just returned from Pasadena. Before I left New York I read of the balmy breeze, blooming flowers, singing birds, azure skies, etc., and pictured a heavenly place of rest, peace and enjoyment. It sounds nice to read those things, especially when a blizzard is howling about the house. I packed up and hurried to California, expecting to have no need of an overcoat or a fire. In fact no stoves or provisions for fire are obtainable out there. Why, I can't imagine. Two-thirds of the time I was there a fire would have been most comfortable. It's chilly out there; a mean chilliness that makes a man feel sick. I had to build a fire in the yard of the place I stopped, in order to keep my blood from congealing. It's no use to assert that fires are not necessary there. They are, if a person wants to be comfortable. As I was saying, I'll bet a barrel of apples to a pint of cider that the man who wrote the circulars describing the balmy climate never lived there. If he did, then he is deliberately deceiving fellow mankind."

Demand for Beer Glasses.

KOKOMO, Nov. 29.—Operations have been resumed at the plant of the Indiana goblet and tumbler company at Greentown. About three hundred hands are now employed. Increased facilities of the plant were made necessary by an unprecedented demand for beer glasses of a size suitable for saloon service under the new revenue law. Quite a variety of new patterns of glasses and mugs are being manufactured for this purpose, none of which, however, are as large as the old styles. They are deceiving in appearance and while seemingly as large as formerly made they, in fact, hold scarcely more than half as much.

BIG WALL AT BADEN.

No little feeling is being engendered at West Baden on account of a stone wall the Monon people are building on the east side of their tracks and in front of the row of business houses which front the depot there. The wall is about three feet thick, seven feet high and three or four hundred feet long. Report says that an iron fence, two feet high, is to be built on top of the wall. It makes a "pretty kettle of fish" because some of the buildings are shut in, having no other entrance than the one toward the railroad. The wall almost touches some of the houses. There is talk of injunction suits and the like but nothing has been done in that line by the property owners up to date.—Paoli Republican.

Death of Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Clementine Ward, aged 82, died on Friday morning last. Mrs. Ward fell and broke one of her hip bones, but recovered sufficiently to be around the house, but about ten days ago she caught cold which developed into pneumonia, which produced death. Mrs. Ward was a native of Kentucky, and was born in 1816. In 1835 she moved to Monroe county where she has since resided. She was a conscientious Christian and a devoted mother.

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