

MANDATES OF FASHION.

A Variety of Dress Details That Are Seen in the Season's Costumes.

Drop ornaments of cotton ornament some of the new shirt waists of heavy veiling.

The monotone costume idea is so universal that always goes and often shoes match the costume.

The leading milliners are as usual copying from old pictures, but are bringing their models up to modern requirements.

For the throat, to wear with demitote frocks at the theaters, are wisps of tulle threaded through frames of gold and jewels, matched by fillets for the hair.

The sharp-pointed turbans called torpedo hats are generally becoming to long faces, which are simply extinguished under picture hats and broad brims.

A dress for indoor wear is of champagne satin cloth, the skirt bunched with three frills of taffetas in a slightly darker shade.

Rosettes and paste buttons give a quaint effect to many of the season's new frocks.

The back view of coats and pelisses is a very important one, for herein lies one of the chief changes in fashion.

As for fabrics, there is no doubt that zibeline and the rough mixtures are far and away the best materials for street suits.

THE KITCHEN STOREROOM.

Should Be Fitted Up with Shelves for the Various Kinds of Canned Goods.

If the larder is light and airy jam will keep very well.

The jam shelf should be the highest. Here should be found all the year's preserves, the jellies, fruit pastes, marmalades, that will have been made, each in due season.

There should be a shelf for pickles and saucers where the duly labeled jars can stand and be found in their right places.

AMUSING SICK CHILDREN.

Suggestions Which May Be Helpful to Weary Mothers and Attendants.

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WHERE MEMORY FAILED.

The Man's Hobby Was Dates, Recepting These on Which His Debits Fell Due.

"I understand," said our friend Reilly to an old acquaintance whom he happened to meet the last time he was in the city.

"Oh, yes," said the man, quite flattered by the remark, for dates were a hobby with him.

"Perhaps you could tell me when Alexander the Great was born?" said Reilly, with a half-quizzical smile.

"Certainly. He was born in the year 356 B. C. and died 323."

"And when did King Arthur of England die?"

"A. D. 532."

"Quite wonderful!" exclaimed Reilly. "And will you oblige me by giving the year of the massacre of St. Bartholomew in Paris?"

"1572. You may give in that I'm pat on dates. Do you know that the painters Van Dyke and Velasquez were born in the same year, 1597? Yes, and Cromwell, too, was born that year, one year before Charles I., whose head he cut off."

"What a head for dates you have!" exclaimed Reilly.

"And John Milton, Corneille and Rembrandt were all three born in 1606."

"When was Waterloo fought?"

"June 18, 1815. I tell you, old fellow, when you stick me on dates, you will have to get up early in the morning."

"It certainly looks that way," said Reilly, "but there is one date that I am a good deal puzzled about, perhaps you can clear it up."

"What is it about?"

"It is about two years ago, when I was in town the last time, you borrowed £2 from me, and promised to send it to me in a letter. I don't remember the exact date when I was to get it, but I think you said 'Next week.' Now, can you tell me what date next week will be?"

The man of dates turned red as a boiled lobster, mumbled some words about his poor memory of dates, and disappeared.

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