LONDON FASHIONS.

Velvet a Mighty Factor—The Cult of The Corset.

(Written Especially For The KENT NEWS.)

After visiting some of the great manufactories of England, and calling on the leading modistes and drapers in the Regent and Bond Street regions, where I found a goodly display, I will write you my impressions of the coming Autumn fashions.

Many of the modes are, as it were, only the bud, but velvet is unquestionably a fabric that must be taken into account in any discussion of the subject of Milady's fall costumes. It has assumed an importance most unusual, not only with regard to evening and calling gowns, but is constantly growing in popularity for tailor frocks.

One of the handsomest velvet gowns I have seen and which I have been enabled to illustrate for you is one made by Ernest for Julia Marlowe, of black Nonpareil velvet magnificently appliqued in cream lace outlined with black and gold sequins.

Luckily for her whose dress allowance is not lavish nonpareil velvet is not an extravagance but, owing to the increasing skill of the English weavers Tootall Broadhurst-Lee and to the famous dyers J. & J. M. Worrall, through whose kindness I had a peep at the newest designs before they were seen in the shops, velvet has become a thoroughly practical and comparatively inexpensive fabric. One of the most beautiful designs was in polka dot of Imperial blue—a revival of the shade so much admired by Napoleon, and universally worn during the time of his prosperity. Particularly suited to this fabric is the Empire model so much affected by the English women for evening wear, and while no two nations are enough alike individually or collectively for all the modes of one to suit the modes of another, yet there is no pretty style that the well dressed American woman cannot gracefully make her own.

The cult of the corset is a much studied one here at the present time, and justly so as its importance is paramount where the fit of a frock or the symmetry of the figure is considered. I was much interested to find the C. B. A. la Spirit, as popular here as it is in America, which is one of the many successes of the American Invasion.

Among the various notes I made of coming modes, feather hat shapes from one distinct item. They are made entirely of the short body feathers, say for instance of the grey Pigeon with a chic looking border of black feathers round the brim, and a strap of the same jauntily holding up one side.

Another charming model was a cream lace blouse over white silk, daintily cross barred with cream velvet ribbon.

The Monte Carlo coat will still be popular this Autumn and winter. The length here is three quarters, the proportions "roomy." The sleeves are also "roomy," with deep cuffs.

I leave London for Paris to-morrow, and in my next letter will give you my impressions of the Parisian fashions.

HELEN ADAIR.

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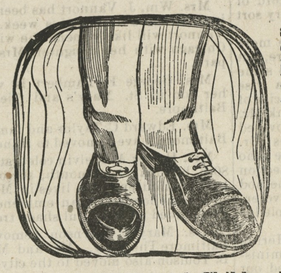

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