Frills of Fashion.

This has been a record breaking summer for the woman's tailors. The surprising activity in yachting, the continued popularity of golf, and now the rise and rage of the automobile have kept them as busy as bees and beavers straight through what has hitherto been their dull season. So long as there are new and interesting sports to be followed, just so long must the women be turned out in the latest tweeds, ducks and serges, and it requires not one but dozens of smart tailor dresses to carry any self-respecting young woman through the summer of outdoor activity.

In the golden days of tennis and simplicity a pink shirt waist, a duck skirt and a sailor hat comprised the whole ethics of dress as applied to the education of feminine muscle, but the gay coats and frivol ous hosiery of the golf links quite turned heads of the most sensible, the autombile costume's requirements completed the business and now as big a trunk is necessary for every modish woman's sporting toilets as the one that holds her ball gowns.

Justly they are named toilets, for all of them represent careful color schemes; elaboration in detail and an elegance of aspect never considered essential before for suits built to endure hard weather. It is no uncommon sight, for example, to see smart serge sea coats flung open to reveal the most fragile silk bodices fluttering in the front with costly lace jabots. All the yatching skirts are cut to the floor in front and beyond the heels behind they are hung upon pale tinted silken petticoats. The coat revers are often faced with fine Irish point and if it were not for the wearer's cap and glasses the whole outfit would ar hopelessly anomalous.

These two last details are thrown in for local color. The cap's crown is always made of the same goods as the duck dress with a visor of salt-water proof silk, and it is in shape only a pretty teminine edition of the yachting caps men wear. Now and then a telicitous little hat is seen on the deck of a private steamer, where, of course, these toilets make their most agree able display. The hat is apt to be of white felt wound with ribbon twisted over a wire and drawn in skeleton bows in front, or double bands of velvet enthe crown, finishing in two bright gold-watched buckles. An objection urged to these by the girl who ties up her curly locks in a big, soft Persian patterned silk kerchief, is that they are not practical; but to be practical is by no means one of the ambitions of the woman who walks the rear deck of a white steamer. Hard, stern and unbecoming utility she leaves to whoever goes sailing; and on the steamers to the ornamental, to be able to arrange herself well in a wicker chair and to glance now and then at the sailing boats through a pair of small handsome glasses slung by a ribbon across the shoulder, in the whole duty of the gentle

While white and pale pink and 'navy blue have become devoted to the service of the sea women, green is growing as precious to the golfer as to the patriotic Hibernian. Last year it was red and only red that the women would wear for coats and skirts, neckties and stockings, while now there are ninety nine in green to every bundredth woman who wears the pink. Skirts have dropped to the ankle and are usually of a tweed that shows a mottled green and brown surface, while the skirts run the whole verdant gamut, from sober olive and what is called vegetable green to a bright peagreen overspread with yellow or black microbe dots.

While the effort of the tailor is merely to cast a pleasing [variety into his gold

scarlet, the tailors have done wonders in combinations, and blue and bluff is as nice an arrangement of a uniform as la belle chauffeuse could desire. A pretty automobilist at Bar Harbor spins about in her gasoline dogcart in a strapped seam skirt of pale bluff cloth, brightened about hip and foot with curlycues done in turquoise blue mohair braid. A white duck shirt, heavily embroidered down the bosom as all well regulated duck shirt waists should be, in three broad bands of blue, accompanies the buff skirt. No small coat goes with this, for a cape is what the chauffeuse prefers usually to carry, and the cape, in the case referred to, was made of plaid molleton cloth in buff and blue crossbars, lined with blue silk, and showing a pudding hood also lined with blue. A white straw bat, with a crown band of blue velvet and ore big argus quill and pair of one button gezelle skin gloves completed the story. When a coat is carried by a woman in her automobile it is a long box-shaped affair bristling with pockets of sizes so various that they will hold anything from a cent to a cabbage and made of the very light, very warm Scotch goods called fleececloth. The coat is almost certain to be buff and lined with blue, and its buttons are big silver or mother of-pearl disks engraved with the owner's initials. It is observed that the owners of automobiles carry long-handled, long-lashed carriage whips, usually for the benefit of small dogs that attempt to imperil their lives near the wheels of the machine, the handle end fia-

Let it be here impressed upon the woman who is soft hearted and non-resisting under any temptation in shirt waisis that the gymkhana is the proper type of blouse to patronize. It is the shirt waist cut conventionally in the back, laid in three short narrow box plaits on the shoulder and borrowing all its splendor from its embroidered ornamentation. In the spring the leading duck wsist was white, spotted in small squares or disks worked in pink, or blue or lilac silk. Now we have the newest waists from London of white coton corduroy with three heavy bandsof embroidery in a bright color running lengthwise of the bosom. Added to these are shirts of French flannel with the embroidered bands at the back as well as in the front, and every band two inches wide. It may be added that a yoke at the back of a shirt waist of pique or fishmel is considered out of style. A series of small tucks converging to a close group at the waist line gives the back sufficient rein_ forcement, and all the silk and flannel waits for autumn will have small round cuffs, fastened with two small stud buttons instead of links.

ished like a rider's crop.

The American woman's foot, along with her waist and her intellect, is steadsly enlarging. Any shoemaker will bear out this assertion and give a string of good reasons for the phenomenon. Golf seems to be at the bottom of it, although a remarkably handsome, comfortable tie is made for use on the tair green. This season brown shoes have been in the lead, and in place of rubber soles a skin of waterproof silk is introduced under the lining of the shoe and prevents any dampness from reaching the foot. For dancing the women have given all their patronage to the slippers with half French heels, toes somewhat rounded and the whole foot covering held quite firm with straps across the instep. Sometimes as many as six very narrow besided bands are clasped upon the top of the foot by means of six very small bright jewelled buckles and after long use of the leather slipper the fashionable women have gone back to an advocacy of black satin. A black sa'in dancing shoe with a chrysanthemum in the finest jet beads on the toe, the interior of the shoe lined with white or mauve silk on which the owner's name is enbroidered and with five straps fistened with buttons of brilliants a ching over the instep most luxurious thing in slippers we have had over from Paris this year. In place of the patent leather pumps that were at once so ornamental and so comfortable, the patent leather dancing shoe now sppears with a high heel and high buckled flap over the instep. The style of it is colonial, though its official title is the gipsy shoe, and many woman have silver plates attached to their tail slipper heels, so that an appropriate click clack is heard at every step across a bare floor.

Stockings with incrustations of lace have

had their day and now have given way to

dancing hose of black spun silk, either

studies, with the automobile costume he is delicately openworked on the instep or still in the throes of creation. Never for split up the outside of the ankle for a space any length of time nor in public will the of about five inches. The long slit is clos-American wear red. With her instinctive ed by a lacing of bebe ribbon in cherry, good taste she feels that it does not chime | canary yellow, or ciel blue, or with cords well with her coloring, and it is a fact, made of slightly twisted tinted floss is tied strange but true, that no woman's figure in a saucy bow. Such a stocking is not ever appears anything but short waisted | certainly to be recommended to a golfer, and dumpy in a red gown. Deprive of but with a gypsy dancing slipper it is not any chance to evolve interesting studies in | likely to pass unnoticed or unadmired in a

What the very smart woman wears of an afternoon with her crisp muslin driving dress is a strapped slipper that cannot help but show off her slim round ankles clad in cobalt blue spun silk powdered with dots of crimson or white that are not embroidered on, but each one of which is a downy puff of silk not larger than a sugar-coated pill and tacked to the stocking. Golfers with their green gowns have rather a liking for clear poppy red stockings speckled with black; or green hosiery is adopted of a tone that matches the shirt waist and is similarly spotted.

The price at which the silk blouse keeps the feminine public ever true to its charm is unflagging variety of color and decoration. Now that tucked silk and satin bodices have lost some of their pristine freshness of idea, the designers have introduced the blouse of tinted taffeta overspread with a sheath of embroidered muslin. Right through the remainder of the warm season these will be extensively worn, and some of the transparent embroidered veils of white over rose, blue or green linings are marvels of fair needlework. It is possible to pay as high as \$150 for a set of three pieces for laying over a silk foundation. Where such a price is asked the needlework is all done by hand in a French convent on the thinnest handkerchief batiste.

When the autumn begins to create a change in the mementous affair of dress important as it is is to dwell on the merits simply wonderful, and I often found it the blouse waist will appear under the of the white satin skirt, just so important more convenient to attend to little errands guise of black and white musline or chiffon is it to caution every woman against its myself than to wait for his explanations. webs richly embroidered and laid over black satin fellow. That garment is an One day a neighbor wanted to send a note tinted silk linings. They can be worn i with any sort of silk, satin or fine cloth day. skirt, and those women who invariably duty. torce every season have been appearing in beautiful handworked bodices at smart country houses morning entertainments.

In heavier and more durable goods the novelty blouses are already making a show and a new silk called peau de suede is what they are built of. A peau de suede sur face, tinted in pale tan, displays interwoven spots of brown velvet of graduated sizes, technically termed the mushroom pattern, and to find a blouse of more interesting and modish goods than this a woman will be obliged to search far and

It seems almost essential to mention here in connection with blouses that any maid or matron who is obliged to conduct at once with skill and economy the destinies of her wardrobe for the approaching fall will do herself a good turn by investing in a white satin skirt. It is to be the basis, in fact it has been the basis all summer, of every variety of blouse. No woman who knows the law of clothesland mounts her blouses, be they grave or gay of aspect, on a black satin skirt. She buys instead the richest ivory white satin she can find, gives it to good dressmaker, who will cut on handsome lines, but decorate with nothing more than a narrow thick fold of satin at the foot, or with three wide tucks. It is amazing what rough steady usage such a skirt can endure, and how with a few blouses, it will answer as the toilets, dinner dresses, at home costumes.

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Some Practical Pessimisms.

Joseph Downey, one of the wealthiest contractors in Chicago, takes a pessimistic view of every business venture. He says that he is always expecting the worst to happen, and is agreeably surprised when the reverse occurs. To his intimate friends he often gives these terse bits of advice:

Never figure what your profits are going

Calculate what your possible losses will

Figure what the lowest return will be in a business proposition with all things unfavorable. It matters turn out favorably you can stand the prosperity that follows. Buy all the property that you can, but never built to suit yourself. Construct buildings to please others and they will

His Price.

Andrew Carnegie, whose intention of returning his millions to the public has recently been announced, has the reputation of being a good story-teller, and he enjoys giving the history of his early life before he became a millionaire. The New York Herald prints the fellowing:

When last in New York Mr. Carnegie had a bitter experience with a messenger boy, whose tardiness in delivering a business message came near upsetting a deal of great importance. Referring to this incident, while at dinner with friends that evening, Mr. Carnegie told of an office very backbone and cornerstone of theatre | boy who worked for him many years ago. James, said Mr. Carnegie, was a willing

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The trip was a long one, and James was gone quite three hours. When he returned, I asked him] how much he had charged for his services.

'Fi-fi-fi fi fi-fi-fiteen cents !' was the gasp-

·Wby didn't you make it a quarter?' I asked.

'I c-c-c-couldn't s-s-s-say it,' he replied, with tears as well as hyphens in his voice

Right then, concluded Mr. Carnegie, I made up my mind never to give any one my services without first making sure that I could resite my price without stuttering. and I never have.

AMERICAN MARKS MANSHIP.

It has Been Fully Demonstrated in Time of

It was said during the late war with Spain that America's success was due to the fact that her sailors could shoot straight. Skill of that kind is no new thing for Americans. As far sback as 1775 it was found that [the marksmen of this land could stand a test specially designed to throw out all but the most ex-

Harper's Magazine reminds its readers of the June of that year, when Congress a resolution creating a corps of sharpshooters. Couriers on relays of swift horses carried the news to the various county committees on the frontier. In less than sixty days from the date of the resolution, fourteen hundred and thirty, instead of the eight hundred and ten men required, had been raised, and had joined the army, marching from four to seven hundred miles over difficult roads, and all without costing the Continental Treasury a farthing.

Volunteers had poured into the little recruiting-stations in such numbers as to embarrass the officers, who would gladly have been spared the duty of discriminating. One of these officers, beset by m ny applicants than his instructions permitted them to enroll, hit upon a clever expedient. Taking a piece of chalk, he drew upon a blackened board the figure of a man's nose, and placing this at such a distance that none but experts could hit it with a bullet, he declared that he would enlist only those who shot nearest to the mark. More than sixty men hit the nose. So much for American marksmanship in Revolutionary times.

Letting it out.

If inquisitive persons cannot learn to 'mind their own business,' they should try at least to control their tongues. The Sydney Journal this illustrative anecdote on the authority of a woman whose servant

was given to curosity: 'Did the postman leave any letters, Mary?' the mistress asked, on returning rom a visit one atternoon.

'Nothing but a post-card, ma'am.'
'Who is it from, Mary?' 'And do you think I'd read it, ma'am ?" asked the girl with an injured air. 'Perhaps not. But any one who sends

me a message on a post-card is either stupid

or impertinent.' 'You'll excuse me ma'am,' returned the girl, loftily, 'but that's a nice way to be alking about your own mother!'



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