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Alpaca Coming Into Favor Again-Black Satins in Great Demand-Bedices and Their Trimmings. The fashions, which are presuma-

NEW EFFECTS DEVISED IN POP

ULAR BLACK AND WHITE.

MR THE PAIR

bly the latest and most novel produc by the latest and most nover produc-tions are puzzling combinations of elegance, elaboration and expense. One or two inquiries as to the price of some coveted article of dress will of some coveted article of dress will leave no lingering doubts in the shop-per's mind, and she soon comes to the conclusion that there is nothing really inexpensive but the things she does not want.



Black and white effects are to be spopular as ever this season, and black and white striped silks will be well represented among the summer towns. But the stripes are narrow and closer together than they were last year. Black lace and black velvet ribbon are used to trim white muslin gowns, and one feature of this combination is an immense bow of black velvet ribbon on one side of the front of the bodice at the edge of the joke and quite close to the sleeve. Black satins are in great demand for both day and evening gowns, and the skirts are usually plain. If trimmed at all, according to Felix, they must have narrow lines of jet or bands of embroidery on the sams. To make this sort of trimmings effective they must be cut imbrella shape, with many gores, and very full at the bottom. Black and white effects are to be

While the-sleeves of the mouern pwn are, perhaps, its most cospicu-us figure, the bodice is the point here the trimmings flourish, and the variety of models with strikingly

wassual combinations which are brought out for inspection are sim-ply beyond enumeration.

The latest disposition of the per-sistent box plait, which so common-y adorns the bodice, places it on ther side of the front, instead of a the middle, and a chemisette of like or finely tucked muslin is bown between and the fullness is bown between, and the fullness is the more closely in at the waist, kaving very little, if any, of the mached effect in front. Very useful addressy waists are made of dotted Mack net over changeable silks, with fall puffed sleeves. They are striped thand down at intervals and have puffs with double ruffles of narrow with double rumes of narrow eam white Valenciennes, with a iny band of jet in the middle. The solar may be of black satin ribbon, like the belt, or of net over the color-d silk, with a little ruffle of the pam edge standing up around the ck. A wide box plait of black in, thickly embroidered with jet mining for the front of a waist.



Fashion has a wide reputation for ing fickle, but she has been loyal bugh to the fancy for accordion ed chiffon, which is still as popu-

the ever.

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taffeta silk. Glittering trimmings of miles silk kinds are a very important part and el ducin of the dressy gowns, tapes and hats.

There are no end of fashionable cussic There are no end of fashionable shapes among the spring jackets. They are cut both double and single breasted, with lapels very high, or very wide and low, skirts full and fluted, or with the fullness pressed down in plate like a man's coat, and one is just as good style as the other, providing the jacket is short. The first model is of biscuit colored cloth, made with odd wide revers of Ine trst model is of biscuit colored cloth, made with odd wide revers of white cloth, striped with jet and showing the latest novelty in sleeves. Another model, called the Carmen, is made of the same cloth, with revers or open work cloth over ivory white satin. white satin.

FASHION NOTES.

A new color which is much liked is the French poppy red. Blue denim makes pretty summer portieres for country houses.

Wide black and colored mohair braid is used for skirt bindings.

Skirts cut on the bias, that is, so that the stripe will run in diagonal fashion, are among the novelties.

Empire fans of the most delicate elegant designs are now made, vie with the old time ones in beauty.

English embroidered nainsooks in cream tints wrought with yellow or butter color, are especially pretty for thin drasses thin dresses.

Colored piques are now preferred to white, and the newest designs are in checks—a color alternating with cream or white.

Large hats are still growing in size and the fashionable bonnet appears as if undecided whether to remain on the head or not.

A very pretty organdie has a white ground with a raised stripe of white and is powdered with cunning little chrysanthemums.

A velvet ribbon edged with a tiny single row of cut jet spangles makes an effective and becoming flat garni-ture for silk or sheer wool goods.

A dress with low corsage has a ruching of chrysanthemum leaves the upper edge. These petals are taken from the artificial flowers and sewed on to a band. They make a very pretty and becoming trimming.

Striking and unique combinations of color and materials are a feature of the fashions—pale blue and purple, mauve and pink. olive with yellow and nary blue, are mixed up together regardless of the rules of harmony in volor.

In no accessory of the toilet has there been such a change this season as in the fan. The huge fan has had its day, and the new fan is a miciature affair copied directly from the dainty painted fans carried by the ladies of the court of Napoleon.

Black satin and moire skirts will worn with velvet waists as soon as the wrap can be discarded. One of the favorite waists is of black velvet with satin sleeves. Another is of dark blue velvet with velvet sleeves and a profusion of jet garniture.

Hats with high-pointed crowns, made of coarse straw, in mixed colors, are among the novelties in millinery, and plaited black lisse is to be much used for trimming. It is put on around the brim and made into bows and wings, or drawn together in the form of an aigrette.

White linen collars and cuffs are again in favor for ladies' wear. Some of the new shirt waists have adjustable collars and cuffs that may be laundered like those worn by men. This has advantages, as collars on the garment do not do up as easily as those that are detached.

A stylish dress of pale green cre the hem, and a trimming of velvet ribbon set in at the waist line and drawn down over the skirt about one-half the distance, where it meets very large bows with loops and ends. There are eight of these bands around the skirt, four on either side.

A dress of India mull with stripes of embroidery has a corselet belt made of five bands of ribbon. These are gathered into a series of loops at the back, and from this belt fall five ends of ribbon, spreading over the back of the skirt. The sleeves are finished with very large bows, and there is a ribbon collar with a bow at the back of the neck.

Electricity for Railroad Trains.

The announcement that the New York, New Haven and Hartford rail-road has made a contract with a prominent electrical company for the first part of its equipment with electrical motors has a significance which can hardly be overestimated. It means that the march of electricity on the domain of steam in railroading has reached a stage from which many of the vague generalities and apparently wild theories of electrical capthons are looming up into distinct and statiling passibilities. The complices of complete locomotives on silescent of the complete of the c

miles is now under consideration, and electrical experts are already reducing to the level of a business discussion the question of electrical traction of heavy trains. The ideal system has yet to be evolved; but the direct current, three wire system of not less than 1,000 volts on a side, using the rail as a balancing conductor, is freely advocated. For traffic requiring frequent stops, single cars, each equipped with its own motor, according to present practice, could be used. Professor Anthony is convinced that even now electrically propelled trains, deriving current from central stations equipped with the best high duty engines, can be run more economically than trains driven by steam iocomotives, and any improvement in the maintenance of high efficiency is now under consideration, caily than trains driven by steam tocomotives, and any improvement in
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The greater flexibility of the electric,
as compared with the steam service,
is always a great point in its favor.
Single cars running at frequent intervals accommodate the public far
better than long trains at long interyals. And, as Professor Anthony
shows, such frequent single cars are
possible from each car becoming its
own locomotive, the operating apown locomotive, the operating ap-pliances occupying no room available for passengers.

SKY SCRAPERS.

Thirty-Five Stories the Probable Limit in Tall Buildings.

"The height of a building is limited only by the convenience of its tenants," said the architect who design

ed only by the convenience of its tenants," said the architect who designed the skysoraper in course of erection at the corner of Broadway and Pine street, New York.

"This convenience is dependent more or less upon the speed of elevators. When the time comes that the journey from ground floor to top story becomes too long for comfort, then the distance will have to be lessened; that's all.

The strength of material has

lessened; that's all.

"The strength of material has nothing to do with the case. We could build a good part of the distance to the moon if we could get persons to rent the upper floors. Practically, though, under existing conditions, I imagine that thirty-four or thirty-five stories will be about This is only a guess on my part, however



"The steel construction so much used now in tall buildings is surprisingly simple and wonderfully strong. It is nothing, in fact, but plain truss work, like a bridge. The iron mills have helped us wonderfully, too. It is now possible to get steel beams for girders thirty-inches in diameter. The steel work is much prisidence.

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The steel work is much quicker and easier to put up and makes a more substantial building than masonry.

"My building at The street would. I am sure, stand an earthquake that would shatter a much lower stone structure. To make such a building fall it would have to be tipped over beyond its center of gravity. Then it would all fall together like a log and would not coumble until it struck the earth.

"If this building were of masonry its walle at the lass would have to be seven feet thick. They are now less than three. The steel construction lessens the cost of building very greatly and the time even more. As each story is supported on girders,

each story is supported on girders, and nothing on the walls, it is not necessary to wait for the cement to

"The elevator people are keeping up with us nobly. The newer elevators are very fast. There are more elevators now in New York than there are street cars."

Rebuked the Gusher

The gushing girl sometimes meets her match. Said one at 5 o'clock to the sensible girl who was "pouring." "May I have this levely pink

cup?"
"Certainly."
"Oh, thanks, awfully."
"Don't mention it," returned the
other, "you're dreadfully walkome."
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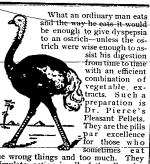
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ing agent.

A strange case of blindness cannot be fathomed by Easton (Penn.) doctors. Lizzie Schupp, a domestic at the residence of ex-Councilman Joseph S. Osterstock, in playing with the children, put on Mrs. Osterstock's eyeglasses. In some unexplained way she strained the optic nerves and rendered both eyes sightless. The lids are shut tightly and the eyeballs turned up. strange case of blindness cannot the eyeballs turned up.

A Cascade of Limestone.

A curious geological phenomenon is found along the the shores of the Mississippi river, between the towns of Keokuk and Burlington, in Southeastern lowa. It is a kind of cascade of limestone, which resembles a frozen waterfall, and it occurs where the lime rock overlays beds of soft shale. The limestone, under the action of water, overflows the shale, and forms a curtain of stalactites in the open air.



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An extraordinary creature is reported from Reach, Cambridgeshire, England. A French or Persian cat, the property of David Badcock, a publican residing in the village, has recently been found to possess two wings resembling those of a duckling. The phenomenon was not suspected owing to its long hair, until, being roughly handled, it spread out its wings. It is about 12 months old.

Berlin is to have an international matri-nonial newspaper.

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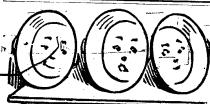
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