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**THE FAIR SEX.**

**FINITE VARIETY IN DETAIL**  
**THE SEASON IN VANITY FAIR.**

Sleeves and Widely Flaring  
Suits Familiar Manifestations of  
the Mode--Ribbons of All Colors,  
Widths and Designs an Import-  
ant Part in Decorations.

Huge sleeves and widely flaring  
skirts are familiar manifestations of  
the mode, so this panorama of  
fashion which opens the spring  
season in Vanity Fair must be dis-  
tinguished chiefly for its infinite



variety in detail rather than novelty  
in general outline.

Ribbons of all widths, colors and  
designs play an important part in  
dress decorations, and especially new  
are the wide satin ribbons plaited on  
the edges in the weaving, so that as  
the plaits open another shade or a  
different stripe is seen. Other nov-  
elties in wide ribbons are woven,  
narrow ribbon on one side, con-  
nected only by a feathery edge with  
wide edges and stripes, and glass  
ribbons are made double, entirely  
separated except on the edges, where  
they are woven together. Reversi-  
ble colored ribbons have black edges,  
with Valenciennes lace on the edge  
and with goffered stripes like the  
silk and crepons.

Square collars are made of wide  
ribbon to fit across the shoulders,



and point out into the sleeves be-  
low a band of ecru linen embroidery  
arranged to form a square yoke effect,  
and ribbons, both plain and striped,  
are in great demand for the small  
standing collars and cuffs of the  
best gowns. Striped blue and white  
or black and white is very effective  
on dark blue, brown, and black  
gowns, and changeable taffeta rib-  
bons are especially pretty on dark  
colored crepons. Ruffles of ribbon  
two inches wide are set in on the  
upper edge of a plain standing col-  
lar, so that it will turn over but not  
quite meet in front. Ribbon is  
sewed on the inside and at the bot-  
tom of the new circular dress skirt  
to give it a little stiffness, and, in-  
stead, ribbon is an indispensable ad-  
dition to most of the new gowns.

Chiffons are still well to the front  
on all matters of dress, but the latest  
decorations are figured in dainty flower  
patterns or striped with silk on the  
edges, making it very pretty and use-  
ful for frills and ruffles. Grass lawn,  
either embroidered in an open work  
pattern or applique with handsome  
designs, is a distinctive feature of dress  
trimmings, and, like lace, it is used  
on the plain dark-woolen gowns as  
well as on light silks and the thiner  
summer dresses.

**FASHION NOTES.**

Although fashionable for a long  
time, mohair does not seem to gain  
in favor.

Black Henrietta cloth and English  
wool are combined in a dress in-  
tended for first mourning wear.

A strong effort is being made to  
run the shoulder seams of dresses  
down over the arms, but this is so  
inconvenient and uncomfortable that  
it is a very doubtful experiment.  
Many women profess themselves en-  
tirely unwilling to submit themselves  
to such discomfort, and the fashion  
is not likely to become general.

Taffeta ruchings are used as trim-  
mings for capes of cloth or velvet.  
One exceedingly stylish model is of  
black satin, the outside having three  
ruchings of the pinked taffeta, and  
the inside at lower edge having a  
rose ruching of taffeta matching the  
lining, which is changeable silk, rose  
pink and gold.

Sleeves are enormously full; in-  
deed, some of them take more cloth  
than ever before, but they are looped  
and shirred, caught up with rosettes  
and held in with bows until they are  
beginning to suggest lambrequins  
and upholstery. This is a serious de-  
parture from good taste and cannot  
last.



Fine tucks are used in almost all  
thin fabrics. A new collar is made of  
silk muslin laid in fine tucks, hand  
run, the tucks running around the  
neck. The rosettes are made of the  
tucked material, which is gathered  
in and is very effective.

Round turbans of mat braid are  
very much liked. They have round,  
bell shaped crowns, and a sort of  
coronet brim. Windmill bows are  
set at the sides, and bristling aigrets  
and nodding plumes make up the  
trimming.

New hats and bonnets are made  
with windmill sides of the braid.  
This is convenient, as these pieces  
support the trimming and make the  
fitting up of the headgear a much  
easier undertaking.

A house waist is made with fitted  
sides and back, a very wide box plait  
down the front, and narrow ruffles  
over the shoulders. These ruffles  
are made of pinked taffeta and are  
very full.

A waist for street wear without a  
cape is made of black velvet with  
full sleeves and a straight vest of  
tucked crepon. A velvet belt with  
ends and a velvet collar are the  
finish.

Garcon jackets with pointed fronts  
and sailor collar will be in vogue for  
midsummer costumes. Sleeves will  
remain large, but will droop more  
from the shoulders.

Buttons are coming in again, both  
for coats, vests, fancy waists and for  
fastening the sides or front breadths  
of gored skirts, redingotes and cycle  
costumes.

Colored laces of many kinds are  
shown as intended to trim summer  
dresses.

An old wool frock may be rendered  
contemporaneous by adding sleeves  
of plaid silk.



Crepon grenadine is by all odds the  
handsomest and the most expensive  
material offered.

A large number of the new jackets  
and coats display bishop sleeves and  
very large revers.

A suitable wrap to wear with  
mourning costume is a short, full  
cape in dull black corded silk.

There are indications that the  
Louis XV style of dress will exceed  
the First Empire in fashionable favor.

**The Smelling Salts Vice.**

According to a physician there are  
many women addicted to the smelling  
salts vice who would be surprised to  
know how strong a hold the habit  
has upon them and what a harm it  
is doing, says the Milwaukee (Wis.)  
Journal. "Women," says the physi-  
cian, "who would shrink with hor-  
ror from any charge of over-indul-  
gence in alcoholic liquors, become  
actually intoxicated through the  
very strong smelling salts that they  
are constantly using, and I may  
tell you at once that some fash-  
ionable chemists put certain con-  
stituents into these very so-  
called 'extra strong' salts which do  
actually produce the effects of neo-  
trot or drugs. I have marked women  
quite unsteady in their gait and  
semi-hysterical in their laughter  
through this habit. That which as  
an occasional reviver actually does  
good is resorted to at frequent inter-  
vals, day and night; and the person  
who so indulges becomes a veritable  
smelling salts slave, just as we have  
drink and drug slaves. The hus-  
bands of these ladies seldom take a  
sniff at these salts; but those I have  
instructed to do so have been as-  
tonished at the results—at the heavy,  
dazed and intoxicating effect that  
supervenes. I do actually know lots  
of women whom it is impossible to  
wean from the smelling salts vice."

**The Other Kind.**

Not long ago a well-dressed woman  
entered the savings-bank in a Western  
town and told the clerk that she wished  
to deposit some money to the credit of  
George Sampson.

Recognizing her as the wife of a  
man by that name, who already had an  
account open, the clerk rightly guessed  
that the money in question was to start  
an account for one of her children.

"Is he a minor?" he inquired.

"Well, I guess not!" responded the  
depositor, indignantly. "That's some-  
thing we've never had in our family  
yet! And if George shows any lean-  
ing toward it when he gets old enough  
he ain't but 10 now—I reckon his pa-  
can tell him yarns about mines explo-  
ding and shafts fallin' on top of folks,  
that'll settle him quicker'n a wink!"

**THE SECOND LIFE.**

**PURGATORY AND PARADISE COM-  
PARED BY A MAN WHO  
HAS SEEN BOTH.**

A Miracle Worked in the Rural Recession  
of Borodino Creates a Sensation.  
(From the Evening News, Syracuse, N. Y.)

Albert Applebee was a very sick man. He  
had been ailing for months and had been  
compelled to remain home, unable to attend  
to his business. His friends stood or sat  
about the few small stores in the village of  
Borodino and discussed his sad condition.  
Applebee was a carpenter, and a good one  
too, but since his strange malady overtook  
him he had not shown any disposition to do  
any work. Life had lost its charms for him,  
he became a misanthrope and loiter in every-  
thing. His friends advised him and the lo-  
cal doctors tried their skill on him but it was  
of no avail. Although they no doubt diag-  
nosed his case correctly, he grew worse  
despite their efforts.

But he recovered and it has made such a  
stir in the small town that a News reporter  
was sent out to Borodino to investigate. He  
drove over and found Mr. Applebee hard at  
work on the roof of a house he was building.

"Well, it was just this way," began the  
carpenter, who is a good-looking man of  
about fifty summers. "In the fall of 1890 I  
had a siege of grip. It was a pretty rough  
time for me as I was very sick and never  
expected to get up except for lies in a  
coffin. But I recovered after a long sickness  
but was left with an ailment which was quite  
as dangerous and infinitely more painful. I  
had scrofula in my head for two years and a  
half or over and there was a sickening dis-  
charge from my right ear. I took about  
every medicine known to the medical fran-  
chise but could get no benefit.

"I was also troubled with a severe pain in  
the stomach and indigestion, which made me  
feel that life was not worth living. Last fall  
I began taking a medicine known as Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which  
was recommended by a friend whose wife  
had had of them in some of the country  
papers. But I gave it a trial and was sur-  
prised to find that it benefited me. I tried  
more and persevered and at last, thank God,  
I was cured. My ear has discontinued dis-  
charging and for the past three months I  
have been perfectly well. I make these state-  
ments merely out of regard for the world  
which should be acquainted with this remarkable  
remedy."

Several of Mr. Applebee's neighbors were  
seen by the reporter and they in turn ex-  
pressed their confidence in Dr. Williams'  
Pink Pills after seeing the wonderful change  
they had wrought in him. One said the cure  
was simply wonderful as the man was a total  
wreck.

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elements necessary to give new life and  
richness to the blood and restore shattered  
nerves. They are for sale by all druggists,  
or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams'  
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50c. per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

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headaches and other forms of sickness. For  
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tion, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc. in a  
minute.

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**Getting Rid of the Color.**

Mr. Healey, the artist, was a man  
of excellent tact, as shown by the  
following incident: A young woman  
once came to his studio with her face  
so covered with paint and powder  
that every characteristic line was  
obliterated. He was, of course, in a  
dilemma. He could not order the  
girl to go and wash her face; he  
would lose his commission, and he  
was too polite a gentleman. He could  
not lag the same paint on canvas  
that there was on her face; it would  
not be satisfactory to the family.  
When the sketch was lined in he  
rose from his seat, sat down beside  
his subject, and kindly asked her if  
she was feeling as well as usual.  
Surprised, of course, she replied that  
she was.

"But, Miss J., you walked from  
your hotel, did you not?"

"Yes."

"And you came hurriedly upstairs  
without stopping to rest?"

"Why, yes, of course."

"Ah, yes, Miss J.; but, you see,  
though you may not be feverish, you  
have exerted yourself so severely  
that there is so much color in your  
face that I fear it would mislead me.  
Now, to-morrow, if you would be so  
good, please bathe your cheeks in  
cool water the last thing, come in  
a close carriage, and stop and rest  
yourself upon the sofa you will find  
on each landing. If you do that, I  
am sure we shall have no more  
trouble."

The faint flush on her cheek when  
she came the next day was perfectly  
natural, and did not at all retard the  
picture.

**An Excellent Plan.**

In a certain New England factory  
the fire pails are all hung on spring  
hooks, each hook powerful enough to  
lift the pail when nearly empty, but be-  
ing depressed by a full pail. If the  
water in the buckets becomes evaporat-  
ed (as water in buckets of the kind has  
an ugly habit of repeatedly doing), or  
if any one of the pails is removed, the  
hook rises, closes a circuit, and rings  
a bell in the foreman's office.

**On Water.**

Aluminum launches are to be tried  
in the French navy on a large scale.  
An order for 42,000 kilograms of the  
metal has been given to the Aluminum  
Company at Neuhausen, Switzerland,  
which is at present the largest manu-  
facturer of the metal in the world,  
though the Pittsburg company is rapid-  
ly catching up with it.

Consumption kills more people than rifle  
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ly than any of the  
much dreaded  
epidemics. It is a steal-  
thy, gradual, slow  
disease. It penetrates  
the whole body. It  
is in every drop of  
blood. It seems to  
work only at the  
lungs, but the ter-  
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go on all over the  
body. To cure con-  
sumption, work on  
the blood, make it  
pure, rich and whole-  
some, build up the  
wasting tissues, put  
the body into condi-  
tion for a fight with  
the dread disease.

Dr. Pierce's Golden  
Medical Discovery fights in the right way.  
It will cure 98 per cent. of all cases if taken  
during the early stages of the disease. Its  
first action is to put the stomach, bowels,  
liver and kidneys into good working order.  
That makes digestion good and assimilation  
quick and thorough. It makes sound, healthy  
flesh. That is half the battle. That makes  
the "discovery" good for those who have not  
consumption, but who are lighter and less  
robust than they ought to be.

**President Cleveland** is having his  
portrait painted without sitting for  
it. The artist, Percy Ives, of Det-  
roit, has a room opening into the  
President's private office, and catches  
him at his desk when he can.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is a liquid and is taken  
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and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for  
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ence and Commitments solicited. Standard furnished  
References: Dun's or Bradstreet's Commercial Re-  
ports, to be found at any bank.

**CONFIDENCES.**

Yes, Jennie, I have noticed it.  
I would not speak of it at all  
Were it not for the fact  
That I know a remedy.

I had the same experience.  
Every now and then,  
And always at a time  
Most inopportune,  
One of those little pimple-like blotches  
Would appear on my face  
And annoy me  
Beyond expression.

I haven't had one for six months now,  
I have a tallman  
That protects me.  
I get it at the drug store.

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I am pretty sure.

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