

**FASHIONS OF THE DAY.**  
 Fresh Paragraphs on Themes Pleasing to the Fair Sex.

Long wraps are made of various sorts of cloth suitings and camels hair fabrics. They have loop or dolman sleeves and coat sleeves in those that are close fitting. An inside belt holds them in place and ribbons tie them at the throat. A very stylish new long wrap is made of camels hair in a dark shade of bronze with full length vest and gray out and frieze plush in block pattern. The collars and the cuffs of the dolman sleeve are of the plush, rich braid, cord and ball ornaments are across the front, and epaulets to match. Plain plush wraps will be popular; they will be trimmed with flat trimming and have epaulets of fine beads with long drooping chains of bead strands. Brocaded velvet wraps are also in favor, of beaded fringes there is any variety of shapes on wraps, and many are made of faille elaborately trimmed with lace.

A very beautiful gown imported was made of pearl-gray vogue and striped velours, had a plain skirt of the stripe full and very elaborate, three-part drapery of the gray, with stitched plaits at the top of the back, and a waist of gray with an application of the stripe on the right side about the shape of the old-time breast-plate. This was held in place by big silver buttons set slanting, and, though to our minds it was rather bizarre, still it was considered stylish. Cashmeres are the goods for this time of the year.

High waists of cashmere with long sleeves and a straight, full gathered skirt are most useful dresses, as they do not require a gump. The front of the waist is slightly pointed; the back is round, reaching just to the waist line, and is buttoned up closely with small velvet-covered button-molds. The collar is a high band of velvet, and the long sleeves have a slight puff of velvet at the top and velvet cuffs. The edge of the pointed waist is covered with velvet. To make this frock more dressy the waist is given a quaint old-fashioned look by being shirred on the shoulders, the fullness drawn thence in three folds down each side along the chest, graduated to meet in the middle four inches above the point, where it is held in eight or ten cross-rows of shirring. In making this waist it is well to place the middle fold of the cashmere down the middle of the front of the silesia lining from the neck to the point, and thence spread on the fan-shaped fullness as described above, leaving a perfectly plain space just below the throat. The sleeves are coat-shape, with a round cuff of velvet, and a very small velvet puff that extends only across the top, not around the entire arm-hole. The skirt may also be made more dressy by having a second skirt or overskirt half the length of the lower skirt, bordered with two or three tucks an inch deep above a wider hem; in some cases this overskirt is open in front, beginning next the shirring in the pointed waist; the tucks then continue up each side of the front. This dress is prettily made of white cashmere, with green velvet collar and cuffs, or of old rose camel's hair, with deeper rose velvet striped with pale rose satin, or else Suede cashmere with golden brown velvet. The darker navy and Gobel blue cashmere dresses have sometimes rows of picot velvet ribbon added above the hem of the skirt. Large plaids of red and blue wool, or of brown with blue, or stripes of these two contrasting colors are made up for every-day dresses with the plain, high pointed waist and gathered skirt. — *Buffalo (N. Y.) Times.*

**From His Point of View.**  
 A fragment of conversation between two strangers on a railroad train:  
 First stranger—The number of railroad accidents seems to be increasing every year.  
 Second stranger—So it seems.  
 First stranger—Perhaps we shall ourselves be dead before another ten minutes.  
 Second stranger—Perhaps, so, indeed.  
 First stranger—Well, men can die only once, any way.  
 Second stranger—Only once, unfortunately.  
 First stranger—Unfortunately! Do you mean that?  
 Second stranger—Certainly. I am an undertaker. — *Youth's Companion.*

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**Nothing Phenomenal.**  
 A young woman who was compelled to walk through a dusty street around a building in course of erection, smiled sweetly when her escort expressed regret that her shoes should be covered with dust.  
 "Oh, that's nothing," she said gaily: "just step here for a moment."  
 A halt was made, the young woman touched her gloved hand to her escort's shoulder, a convulsive movement in the direction of her skirts was noticed and then—"see there," she said, showing two polished patent leather tips.  
 The escort wondered much but said nothing. In the evening after supper he drew his fond mother to one side and narrating the occurrence asked for an explanation.  
 "Why, there's nothing phenomenal about it," said the old lady, laughing heartily, "she wiped her shoes on her stockings, that's all."

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