

Freakish Capes Seen on the Boulevards.

By Lady Duff-Gordon.

HEN capes made their appearance the fashion writers were frankly amazed. They predicted that these figure disguises would never, no never be accepted by the mondaines who have so long "displayed their wares" to public, gaze . But the creators of fashion realized that some change must be made, and made boldly. Therefore the cape, instead of being put forth, or at least developed gradually, sprang forth full armed, and the ladies of fashion went down before the one aught

Capes of a dash that show the cavalier influence, capes that fall

back from the shoulders, capes that' are held in place by cross strapsin fact, all manner of capes appeared over night, and now every mondaine has at least one in her wardrobe.

There are capes for the lean and lanky, the short and dumpy, the tall and broad. The old-time cape completely hid the figure. The cape of to-day actually displays the female form divine even more than the tightfitting gowns. " Odd? # But true.

Later I shall send you photographs of the many varieties. This week I am sending just one, the full-length Longchamps cape, which made its appearance at the races. It is ankle length and more than moderately full. And that it is made of the dark cape must match. Just as a contrast and just to show you that I really prefer the usual tallored costume. I send a picture of a costume I designed for a June Frankly I am sure you will agree with me in thinking that this Lucile" tailleur is far more to be desired than the cape costume. It is more youthful, more chic and it is more appropriate for all kinds of wear than the cape. The hat which can boast of a real brim, and not just a mere and brief apology for the original and genuine article is once more a pleasant possibility And that its return will be enthusiastically welcomed is, of course a foregone conclusion

The "Longchamps"

Costume of Gun Metal Serge, Showing the

Newest Three-Quarter

Length Coat and Flap Girdle.
("Lucile", Model.)

So far these latest and larger hats are of the sailor variety, and while nothing in the way of a bandeau is introduced, they are put on the head in such a way that they acquire a distinct and most attractively jaunty one-sided tilt. The vast majority of them are made in white tagal, the brims being lined with either black or palest pink charmense or crepe de chine, these softer fabrics having been found so much kinder to the complexion than the motre and taffetas, which were once used. Black veivet is, of course, "taboo" during the Summer months, in view of its

blue silk serge of which the gown is

This is imperative. Gown and

made needs not to be said.

As to trimming, flowers, fruit, wings or buds can be chosen with an equal certainty of being in the fashion. But if you want to be the observed of all observers you will by some means or the other acquire white straw hat whose - broad

dust-collecting propensities

brim is inwardly lined with black satin and outwardly adorned with e bird, which is perched on one foot, the other being rather pathetically upheld, while in its beak it bears the light burden of a sprig of rose-red berries.

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Wraps.

its own coloring is blue-an intense, exquisite blue—and it is all shimmering instead of soft, as you might have expected it to be, the whole plumage being thickly covered with metallic blue paint.

And really this fashionable unnaturainess just saves the situation, and prevents the poor bird from being too painful an object lesson on feminine vanity, and some might even say cruelty.

Another povelty is the poising on two tall ears of corn of two wee Java sparrows, the whole trimming as well as the straw being of purest white and only the faintest flush of color being introduced by the brim lining of delicate pink crepe de chine.

But if you don't want to carry about little—or large—dead birds on your head and your new hat (and that "bluebird" you must know was of the size of a thrush) you can make your headgear a cool delight to the eyes on the hottest of the dog days by having a double row of leaves encircling the crown of a white straw hat, one being of purest white and the other of freshest green, while in between comes a dividing and decorative trail of gardenia buds—any number of the dainty delicately white and green things, and never a full-blown flower among them all.

Add a brim lining of of black satin and you have the ideal Summer hat



His Frightful Afternoon

HE first thing that flashed into "Whee, fellers!" he yelled to the the appalled hope that Camella would never find out about it. If dance!" there is one thing above another "I'm going to lick you when I get wife's cruel judgment justified.

Camelia had looked so dublous "Yah-h-h!" responded six small

said, "and leave you here alone! If "I'll give you a quarter if you'll

ing her engagement. "A good sleep "Make it a dollar!" ing ner engagement he had in- "Til lick all of you," Van Riper sisted. "Til be all right"

get into mischieff Van Riper had with it five more boys and two men totally lost in her reminder that he always did when left to his own de- plumber. "He'll smash it sura." vices. And now he had done thist

The bedroom window looked but the safe passage of a baby elephant the gently sloping roof of the side Eight more boys, the Haffin's cook porch below. Van Riper always had and a policeman accompanied the wanted to rig up a sleeping apart- ladder. The side yard was filled with ment on it, but his wife had refused a vastly entertained growd which was ment on it, but his wife had recused constantly recruited from the front her consent. She said that he would street. Before this mob Van Riper her consent. She said that he would her consent. She said that he would cartainly roll off during the night it was a beautifully easy porch for a scent. The crowning insult was burglar to climb and Camelia had the window fitted with the sort had the window fitted with the sort it was for amoving picture film. "He's a hum actor," decided one critic. "Ain't he fat!"

eleeping porch it really would make. He was in respectable gray pajamas and the people next door were away. and the affair, otled and balanced to

porch roof in pajamas in broad day-porch roof in pajamas in broad day-and up the basement stairs. The door light with a locked window behind at the top was firmly locked from him. This was when he hoped Ca-the other side.

would never know! be no better off, because the cook back of her, vaguely thankful that was out and he could not get in she had not said, "I told you so!" through the door. He began to get Something seemed the matter with nervous. He was certain that any-body within one mile could tell they had not said, "I told you so!" Something seemed the matter with nervous. He was certain that any-body within one mile could tell they had not said. "I told you so!"

pajamas.

syl" he called as some one went laughing convulsively.

"You know," she told him finally.

Van Riper's startled mind was front street. "Come on'n see the fat man on the roof! He's goin' to

that a man hates it is having his my hands on you!" promised Van Riper in cold anger.

about leaving him that afternoon that boys who had seated themselves in he still writhed under the memory. a semicircle on the grass as though "I certainly am not going," she had prepared to see it out.

you're so sick that you have to come run around to the carpenter shop home and go to bed you need atten- and have them bring a ladder," wheedled Van Riper, who had re-Van Riper had insisted on her keep- membered a basement window.

assured them in deep wrath. He was "Something will happen," she had getting acutely conscious of his bare persisted. "I know I ought to stay!" feet in bedroom slippers. Then the "I guess you can trust me not to greecery boy appeared and promised get into mischief!" Van Riper had to get help. The ladder arrived and

"That ladder's no good," said one ices. And now he had done this! They took it away and brough The bedroom window looked out on back another that seemed built for away and brought

had the window of patent catch that prevented its off patent catch that patent catch that patent catch that patent catch that prevented its off patent catch that patent catch th and as recklessly tumbled through it. He landed up to his knees in the laundry tubs full of cold water and As he climbed out he ac-clothes soaking in preparation for the whacked the window sash and the affair, oiled and balanced to ears burned furiously. Never again a nicety, slid down and shut with a could be stride, condescending, dignidetermined little bang.

Therefore Van Riper was out on a cring he padded through the laundry

would never know!

Riper weighs close to 250 and Riper returned she unlocked the door van Riper weight of the porch pillars on his feeble call. In situace she lishich at that moment resembled tened to the details he was forced to othpicks, he decided not to climb give her. In stience she turned away all. Anyhow he would and Van Riper miserably slunk ale

GENERAL'S DIAMONDS---By Bradley St. Denni THE

took the greatest possible interest then."

been in the habit of wearing certain was good, he was feeling exceed lighted. In the privacy of the office, "Could I be of assistance, sir?" he on the tablecloth. Like a man lection. She did call from time to election. He passed rather a busy he handed to Pariby. in James's office. If there was any- him from the office.

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As a matter of fact, Mrs. Pariby did not go to the Tennis Club dance discretion on your part, Mr. Pariby." man to take a little note to my wife. "By the way," she said. was not quite so satisfied as her himself, but he heard all about the "You may absolutely rely upon Give me a sheet of paper." husband fondly imagined. In her extinguishing of Mrs. Mosen term my discretion, sir," he said. "I'll Without waiting for any response, for? I hope you haven't sell secret heart she rather looked down afterward. Mosenstein was no friend not mention to any one that you are General Goodrick sat down and James, as you distinctly pr upon James. It was very nice and of his, and the recital amused him. in London Is it anything private"— helped himself to a sheet of paper me" soothing to feel that she was one He was proud to see his wife with "Well, it is, Mr. Parlby," General from Parlby's case. He slipped his "What are you talking of the best dressed women in the stones about her neck. None of Goodrick said. "You know where maimed right hand out of the slids Parlby demanded. "What diss Streatham, and to feel that her his aristocratic customers could have I've been; you know the kind of and took the pen awkwardly be- "Why, the diamonds you me jewels were at once the envy and leoked better. Certainly Ethel would place where the trouble was. Hardly tween his bandaged fingers. As he lettetr for. It's on the mantis admiration of her friends. There cut a pretty figure at Covent Gar- worth the trouble of fighting for, did so, his features quivered with a letter in your own writing a was also satisfaction in the feeling den two nights later. From one or if it had not been for the minerals, pain and a spot or two of blood own paper, asking me to see that nobody in that select circle two rumors that he had heard, he I don't suppose we should have gone stained the white gauze. knew who Mr. Parlby was-or, at did not imagine that Mrs. Mosen- any further. But, unless I am greatly "I am afraid I can't manage it," he a car. The letter is signed "I least, so Mrs. Pariby deluded her- stein was likely to contest the lead- mistaken, there are diamonds you muttered. "Doctor told me that I as usual. As it is not the first

on the Friday morning feeling at over in your office?" For some years Mrs. Pariby had peace with all mankind. Business Mr. Pariby could only be too de red stains on the bandages.

thing to which she took a specal "A gentleman wishes to see you, why, you can judge for yourself that There was no address on the en- trap, but he had fastened it dets fancy she was allowed to wear it sir," he said. "General Goodrick." I haven't done badly by the Empire, velope; in fact, there was no time for terward. for a few days. There was a safe. The name was vaguely familiar to The while thing is a secret yet, but that, as a tail, military-looking man. "Tell me all about it, James." in the suburban house, and this sale Pariby. For a moment he could those first in the field are going strolled into the office and addressed Pariby demanded. was the property of Mrs. Parlby, not connect it with anything. The to make big fortunes." There were times when it was de- solution flashed on him presently. "No question about it, sir," he "Lucky to find you," he said enough. He had not even the cidedly worth looting. For instance, General Goodrick had lately distin- said. "These are really good stones "They can't go at once, Goodrick solution of being in a position is after the Tennis Club dance. guished himself to connection with I would give you a check for 500 This set are"- A muttered con- the blame on anybody else. There was just one fly in the court one of those little frontier "affairs," pounds for these at the moment and versation followed, in which Pariby Pariby listened with a white ment of Mrs. Pariby's pleasure, and which generally terminate in the chance it. It is just possible that caught the names of several great while the whole dreadful tale that consisted of Mrs. Mosenstein, expansion of the British Empire, you have other specimens even men in the world of politics. The told. More than once lately she had The General had been wounded and better."

myself. At Gibraliar my irlend Lord this. It was the kind of deal that possession of a wife of whom he was that dancing creature that a duchess infernal fuss, don't you know. I'll Street.

self. She always spoke of James ership of the district much longer. der. That is why I came to see you, should have to be careful. Seems as you have sent for stones, I as vaguely in connection with the Bank Mr. Parlby went off to business Hadn't we better talk the matter if he were right."

gems which did not, as a matter of ingly well and his party had just General Goodrick produced a hand- suggested.

there is an end to the matter-if so, chauffeur comes back."

moment Mr. Pariby could oblige. The so much better, sir. I expected"— that you might laugh at me. They in the course of an hour. obligation took the form of a spien. "Oh, that's all right," the General are at my wife's flat in Kensington. By 6 o'clock he had not put in an of gloomy prophecy. did single-stone diamond necklace cut him short. "Fact is, I don't want and she's got the key. If I've got appearance, He had either been de out to be ren which, to quote Parlby, "stood him anybody to know that I am in Lon- time, I'll look in again to-morrow, tained or he had changed his mind, of uncut stones. I'll have a

pounds" Ethel could have that for Furious, that reaches Southampton But this was not precisely what seeing that he had left a good \$500 quity certain that I am right."

R. JAMES PARLBY, sole rep- the night of the Tennis Club dance, to-morrow. Mayor and Corpora- Parlby required. He was not in the worth of his property behind resentative of the firm of but no longer, as Miss Cora Trerel- tion, address and all that. I least anxious to let remunerative Possibly, too, he had met his Strickland & Yates, the em- gar, of the Frivolity chorus, was hate the whole confounded business business slip through his fingers like senger and had secured to fortunate man. He had an exceed- "Let me keep ft till Monday," Mrs. Windlesham suggested I should come one dreams of. Possibly the General Pariby reached home in a pi ingly snug business, he had money Parlby pleaded. "I do want to wear back on his steamer, and I jumped would end up by calling at some frame of mind. Visions & of his own, and he rejoiced in the it on Saturday to the opera. Tell at the chance. Saves all sorts of other kindred establishment in Bould wealth loomed large before his

exceedingly proud. He lived in the has the necklace on approval. She'll get my business with the War Office "Couldn't you possibly send for the the air of a man who is rolust suburbs, and in his spare time he be all the more eager to get it settled, and I'll be down at my place stones, sir?" he suggested softly. joy himself. He sat amoking

in Dorsetshire before the newspaper "Well, I might. I've got a car out- cigar of peace, when his wife Mr. Pariby yfelded, as usual. He fellows know I've landed. A little side-hired for the week. I'll get the ly turned to him.

Pariby looked solicitously at the The cigar dropped from Pariby

fact, form any part of her own col- won a seat at an important bye ful of rough-looking stones which "Well, perhaps you might. Just a and took up the letter. As

line to say that the chauffeur is to pected, it was the note writ time at the Bond street establish- morning, and subsequently lunched "Now, I am a mere child in these have the stones out of the safe at him at the suggestion of the ment, where it gave her pleasure generously at the City Carlton Club. matters," he said. "These may or once. Very urgent. Sign it 'Jimmy,' General. Why, he had actually be actually the said. "These may or once." to examine certain magnificent gems About 3 o'clock a clerk summoned may not be diamonds. If not, then That will do. I'll wait here till the ered to write that letter!

the General by name.

jeweler discreetly slipped away with "There is only one of eclipsed Mrs. Pariby by the splendor was on his way home to recruit. "Well, as a matter of fact, I have," the note. The chauffeur would know she said, presently. "You se or her jewels. Something had to "Pleased to see you, sir," Pariby the General smiled. "I've got half exactly what to do with it. The hunbe done as regarded the Tennis Club murmured. "An honor to my es- a dozen stones so big that I was General departed presently with his make that much out of was dance. And fortunately just at that tablishment. Glad to see you are ashamed to bring 'em. I was afraid friend, saying that he would return thieves have left be

in to the tune of a cool 4,000 den. I'm supposed to come by the Keep these stones till then." Still, he would have to come again, look at them to-morrow, but

did you want the diamond no

the diamonds by a man who can

concluded that"nervous fingers and lay smo dream, he crossed to the fir

had he deliberately walked into

Pariby told the story