

THE HOSE IN STYLE.

Something About the Dainty Footgear Selected for Smoky City Belles.

Hose, like other wearing apparel, has its changes every season, though some favorites, like Balbriggans, last, with few changes, a lifetime. This spring brings new and elegant kinds. Women who desire beautiful and perfect feet should be careful in their selection of hosiery and shoes. If a stocking fits perfectly and the shoe is not too large or too small, there is little fear of corns or bunions.

The hose most popular at this time of year when woolen is too warm and lisle too cool is the medium weight cotton. A beautiful, nice-fitting stocking, coming in black, navy blue, brown, slate, mode shades and all the garnet shades ranges from 25 cents to \$2 75. Cotton stockings known as the "cut" can be bought for 10 cents up. The styles referred to above are not "cheap," though the price is low. They are seamless and the best thing of the kind on the market. Smythe's Balbriggans, with their nice, soft, dainty thread and delicate clock-worked sides, are rated by some better than the best silk. These wear splendidly. The American make, which is of course not the best quality, range in price from 25 cents to \$4. The "real," that is, the ones imported from Balbriggan, Ireland, can be bought from \$1 50 to \$6 00.

Spun silk hose come in all colors, with white or lilac feet and tops, from \$1 00 up to \$3 25. The Victoria is the best, and those purchasing cotton or spun silk hose can rely on this style for perfect shape. The pure spun silks are very desirable and really the cheapest in the end, for not only do they wear well, but wash without fading or changing color.

Lisle thread is ever cool and comfortable, and can be had at trifling cost, compared to the comfort they undoubtedly insure. They can be had in any color—black, gold, cardinal, maroon, sky-blue, &c., striped or solid colors, with fancy fronts, and range from \$1 50 to \$3 00. The unbleached lisle, plain, can be had from 50 cents to \$1 50. A plain thin summer lisle in any color ranges from 55 cents to \$1 00.

The fancy silk stockings just out will make Minnie Palmer, with her 265 pairs, weep with envy. They are dainty enough to be used as scarfs. These are "just the thing" for the dear girls contemplating matrimony or the seashore. The Harlequin is of the newest. The half-and-half colors are divided perpendicularly, and come in white and black, pink and black, lilac and black, or any color desired. They are very pretty, and those with vertical and horizontal lines alternating with black are simply elegant. The Grafted is another of the latest. Its beauty can hardly be told. The feet and a trifle above the boot tops are of one color, such as blue, red, yellow, olive, etc., with tops of black grafted to the stocking proper in points, hand-worked with dainty stitches. The Harlequin can be bought from \$5 to \$6 50.

The shape of the Richelieu, Grafted and Harlequin is absolutely perfect from toe to top. The regularity of weaving and fastness of colors, combined with their daintiness, makes them the most desirable in the market.

Hose suitable for summer costumes come in all shades, either plain or fronts of woven work, after the style of lace, finished off with hand embroidery. These dainty foot coverings can be bought here for half their cost in New York. Ten dollars is the average selling price in Smoky City stores.

The Richelieu, ribbed, comes in any color. It has a peculiar, yet handsome, look, being woven in alternate wide and narrow stripes, giving the narrow piece between the effect of velvet ribbon stripes. The price is \$5.

Neat silk stockings can be had as low as \$2 00; black colors, \$3 00 to \$4 00, pure all silk.

Socks and three-quarter length hose, for babes of 6 months to 4 years, in pure spun silk, with silk clocking of same color, can be had at \$1 00 to \$2 50. Cotton, lises and cashmere styles, which are worn on babes of all years, come in every variety of color. The best quality can be had for from 35 to 50 cents.

Among the novelties in hose are those which have toes like a glove has fingers. They are not destined to be popular because of the bulk they cause, and even with a neat-fitting shoe they will hurt and ruin the feet.

Black takes the lead in any colored hose, followed by navy blue. More cardinal is worn this spring than has been for many seasons. Black or navy blue stockings are worn with dresses of any color by small girls and misses.

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