an Incroyable coat of the same fabric, falling over the back of the skirt, which portion is cut in one with the bodice. This coat-bodice, unlike the usual style, is cut low at the neck, in a rounded form, showing a white chemisette beneath, set in a wide upstanding band of embroidery.

The coat fastens with one button only, flying open in the front to show this full under-vest, confined to the waist by a broad sash-band. There are two large ornamental buttons on each front, and the sleeves—which come barely beneath the elbow—are bordered with pleating, slashed on the outside of the arm; the slashing is filled in with puffings of muslin.

Baby fashions do not alter very much; but just now pelisses and frocks for infants are embroidered all over with sprigs, and two or three capes are not considered too much. Where expense is no object, thin embroidered silk is the material used; but it is far too fragile for such wear.

I rarely discover anything very new in under-linen. There is nothing wears so well as the embroidery wrought on the garment itself—work which is carried out in the Vosges mountains, and has a ready sale here; but they are more useful than beautiful. A prettier class of under-garments is liberally trimmed with Valenciennes and clear muslin, and any insertion of any width through which ribbon can be run (a rather tiresome process for washing garments). Matinées and breakfast-jackets are made with wide sailor collars and very deep trimmings of lace. Printed muslins are worn a great deal, not only for dresses, but for all this class of raimen* and they are fairly serviceable.



