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Not so very many years ago, Paris was supposed to be the only city for feminine fashion --- but in recent years practically every nation has joined in the competition. So --- Japan. And here we have a display of feminine fripperies as seen by the Japanese school. It takes place --- in San Francisco.

To remind us that we are looking upon an Oriental way of life, there is sometimes a suggestion of the harem. Alternatively there's a number in brocade ~~showing the influence of the harem~~ But --- east or west --- we all have the same ideas about what to look for on the beach. The costume's nice, too.

Here is a sheathlike ~~ax~~ gown for evening wear, made out of metallic cloth --- which, like a tube of toothpaste, if squeezed in the middle is liable to come out <sup>at</sup> ~~of~~ both ends. But what ~~makes~~ makes the show so different from those we know, is that the models of Japan are taught to bow politely to the customers. In London, Paris and New York they give you a haughty sneer.