

Black Bathing Suit.

The New York *Herald* has been offering, this season, prizes of \$50 each for original designs



for different costumes, the last one being for a bathing suit. The illustration shows the prize winner, the most surprising thing about it being its simplicity. Redfern the tailor, Reginald Cox the artist and Miss Bennett the swimming teacher, were the judges. This costume is all black, black tights, ribbed undervest and a Roman shirt of fine Henrietta cloth, made of two straight breadths of the cloth measuring from the shoulder to the knee

and fastened with a black silk belt. Weights are sewed, half a dozen of them, in the hem of the skirt and these, with the somewhat stiff nature of Henrietta cloth, makes the suit look as fresh and jaunty when coming out of the water as before it was wet, avoiding that horrible clinging effect that most bathing suits have. It is easily made. The lengths of the cloth are sloped up the sides, making them nine inches narrower at the top. Sew up the seams to within eleven inches of the top, hemming the rest of the way. Make a one inch hem on both the ends, having allowed four inches extra in the length for this purpose. Sew the upper corners firmly together for the shoulders. The head goes through the straight slit at the top and the arms through the narrow ones at the side.

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