

OUR FASHION LETTER.

The Up to Date Woman Has a Fur Suit.

WHOLE COSTUMES OF LIGHT SKINS

Quantities of Lace and Embroidery Necessary For the Newest Evening Frocks—Fur Garments For the Little Folks.

Furs were never more beautiful than they are this year, and women are not content with fur wraps only, but must have suits of fur.

Moleskin has more or less taken the place of sealskin, and it lends itself admirably to almost any shape. As a matter of fact moleskin is not heavy, and is therefore one of the best skins to use for blouses and skirts. The prettiest way of treating these skirts is to let in on the hips some stitched cloth of the same shade, fitting the skirt tightly



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to the knees, where some strappings of cloth may be arranged at the top of a shaped flounce. There must be a certain amount of fullness in these plain skirts, and the flounce should just clear the ground. The bolero or short blouse to correspond can be finished with a cloth or stitched silk band, thereby avoiding necessary bulk at the waist.

Fur as well as cloth coats are usually lined with cream satin with inner frills of lace when an extra elaborate effect is desired at the neck and sleeves.

Enamel or paste buttons are also added, and these sometimes figure as ornaments on the large fur toques which go with these suits. A large moleskin toque relieved with white chiffon and white ostrich feathers is very smart.

In the picture is shown an elaborate evening coat.

The Coffee Coat. The coffee coat and the petticoat to match have to a large extent taken the place of the negligee. These fascinating little coats are generally made barely reaching the waist line in the back, but having long tabs in front, reaching almost to the knees. They are trimmed with fine lace, embroidery and every dainty touch known to the dressmaker's art.

One of these recently seen was of pale blue taffeta. The lower edge of the jacket was cut in toothed effect, and lines of white insertion covered the body, imitating the pointed outline.



A DAINY BLOUSE

The collar was of all over lace run through with tiny baby ribbons. The skirt was of the same taffeta, with the pointed insertings and a wide flounce headed by a beading run through with velvet ribbon. Equally pretty effects are to be gain-

ed with spotted net trimmed with bands of heavy lace and sometimes tiny edgings of fur and lace.

Negligees and coffee coats offer a fine opportunity for combining artistically several short remnants.

In the illustration is shown a dainty evening blouse of chiffon, ribbon and lace.

Elaborate Dresses.

At one period lace coatees were only worn at bedtime. Now we use them as additions to evening frocks and even day blouses.

One thing is certain—we cannot dress well without a good amount of lace and chiffon. Never was the latter more popular, and some of the most acceptable gifts for birthdays are those of real lace. The woman who has to con-



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tent herself with imitation lace, however, need not despair, for the reproductions of the old patterns are delightful and in exactly the right shade.

Lace of a coarse make will be a prominent feature on spring millinery. Some lovely Paris picture hats are of white moire with a regular curtain of fine chantilly lace falling over a brim consisting of endless tuckings of cream chiffon and further adorned with one thick black ostrich plume.

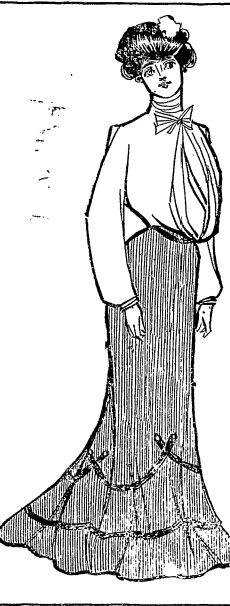
The empire style, with its long, straight lines, gives height to the wearer, but should never be selected when there is any tendency to embonpoint or if the figure is overfull or round.

A particularly handsome evening dress of spotted net and silk applique is the subject of the sketch.

Clothes For Children.

Squirrel makes a charming coat for a small girl, the turndown collar and cuffs being hemmed with ermine. More costly coats for the little ones are made of ermine, with little caps to match trimmed with white osprey and tiny replicas of the fashionable flat muffs.

For the child of moderate means, however, the most serviceable and smart material for a coat is fawn or blue broadcloth with a wide collar of lace or velvet and a wide furry hat to match. This hat can easily be trimmed



CLOTH SKIRT.

at home, but the coat should know the touch of skilled hands and should be made loose and comfortable so that it can be worn another season.

Pretty children's dresses are made of that old fashioned material corded mull. These are made with a deep yoke and roomy bishop sleeves, the skirt displaying a hem surmounted by a cluster of tiny tucks.

Many of the large floppy beaver hats are tied under the child's chin by means of wide satin ribbons. Two huge feather pompons often serve as the entire trimming.

One of the latest skirts is shown in the cut. It is pretty made up in cloth or wool velvelling.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

The New Pythias.

"Is he a friend of yours?" "Oh, yes! He never takes advantage of me except to benefit himself."—Town Topics.

GEORGE ELIOT.

A Story of the Author and the Manuscript of "Daniel Deronda."

George Eliot was conspicuous as a person who was kindly and sympathetic in a high degree. She was "ever ready to be amused and interested in all that concerned her friends." She had also a keen sense of humor and sometimes made her friends laugh as well as wept with them. She was solicitous about her manuscripts and was afraid she should lose them. Blackwood had occasion to send her the manuscript of "Daniel Deronda." She would not have it intrusted to the mail, and Mr. Blackwood said he would send it by his footman the next day.

"Oh, don't," the author said. "He might stop at a public house and forget it!" Mr. Blackwood explained that this footman was a perfectly sober man of high character and went on to praise the man's virtues, but this did not reassure her at all. "If he is the sort of chivalrous Bayard that you describe," she said, "he is just the kind that would stop and help at a fire!"

This was a contingency that Mr. Blackwood could not bear to consider. He promised that some member of his family would bring the manuscript, and next day, in fact, Mr. Blackwood drove over with it.

How Lightning Kills.

The cause of death by lightning is the sudden absorption of the electric current. When a thundercloud which is highly charged with positive electricity hangs over any certain place, the earth beneath it becomes abnormally charged with the negative electric current, and a man, animal or other object standing or lying directly beneath also partakes of the last mentioned influence. If, while the man, animal or other object is in this condition, a discharge takes place from the cloud above, the restoration of the equilibrium will be sudden and violent, or, in language that we can all understand, the negative current from the earth will rush up to join the positive cloud current, and in passing through the object which separates the two currents, if it be an animate thing, will do so with such force as to almost invariably produce instant death.

According to the above, which seems a tenable hypothesis, to say the least, a person is really "struck" by the ground current and not by the forked fury from above at all.

Kant's Relaxations.

The only relaxation Kant, the celebrated German philosopher, allowed himself was a walk, which he invariably took during his life at Konigsberg at about the same hour every afternoon. His usual stroll was along the banks of the Pregel toward the Friedrich's fort, and in these walks he was always a careful observer of the phenomena of nature. He told his friends one day how, as he passed a certain building in his daily walk, he had noticed several young swallows lying dead upon the ground.

On looking up he discovered, as he fancied, that the old birds were actually throwing their young ones out of the nests. It was a season remarkable for the scarcity of insects, and the birds were apparently sacrificing some of their progeny to save the rest. "At this," added Kant, "my intellect was hushed. The only thing to do here was to fall down and worship."—Chambers' Journal.

Repairing a Crown.

What curious old records one comes across sometimes in unexpected ways! Here is one which rather calls to mind certain fairy tales beginning "Once upon a time" and going on to recount extraordinary proceedings quite as if they were the most natural and common things in the world. It has reference to Edward III. and Philippa of Hainault and is kept with other documents at Harwich, their majesties having had at the time a palace at Felixstowe. It runs thus, "For repairing ye queen's crown which ye king threw into ye fire, item 3s. 6d." The points which strike one in this memorandum are the violence of the king's temper and the cheapness of the mending process.

A Doctor With Experience.

One day, while mending the roof of his house, Chodja lost his balance and, falling to the ground, broke a rib. A friend of his went hurriedly for a hakim (doctor).

"Hakim, have you ever fallen from a roof and broken a rib?" was the first question Chodja asked the doctor.

"Thank God, no!" replied the hakim. "Then go away at once, please," cried Chodja. "I want a doctor who has fallen from a roof and knows what it is!"

The Migratory Crab.

The West Indian migratory crab is the only creature that is born in the sea, matures in fresh waters and passes its adult life on land. One year these creatures migrate in thousands from the uplands of Jamaica, deposit their ova in the sea, then migrate to the rivers and streams, pass through a fresh water stage, after which they follow their parents to land until the time comes for them to return to the sea to lay their eggs in turn.

Same Old Story.

Steen Father—Why are uncertainly hour that fellow stops till every night, Dora? What does your mother say about it?

Daughter—She says men haven't altered a bit since she was young, pa.

A Factor In Progress.

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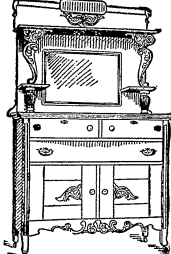
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