

Decorative Feminine

EMPIRE COAT, IN MINK, by Jaeckel



Long and extremely full garment in dark mink. Fitted yoke making the garment appear in circular cut, the dark stripes of the mink forming a long and straight line. Circular flounce around the bottom of coat, the markings running in a horizontal line of the garment. Sleeve plain and of moderate size, with shallow upturned cuffs. Chasuble effect over shoulders, back and front, heightens the Empire effect.

Fashion Paragraphs From New York

The necessary touch in the color of the day is brown. Brown is worn with every color, and the very latest styles is to have a brown belt, gloves and veil shoes, with the skirt or traveling flounce around the bottom of coat, the markings running in a horizontal line of the garment. Sleeve plain and of moderate size, with shallow upturned cuffs. Chasuble effect over shoulders, back and front, heightens the Empire effect.

Brown being one of fashion's favorite colors this season, the winter will see a wide and varied use of brown furs. Brown ermine and pony skin will be seen to a great extent in the jaunty short coats collared with mink or martens, or trimmed with beautiful soft pliable beards in black for contrast. This use of hair on fur garments is new, the shoe merchants are bringing out cedar chest or moth-proof bags.

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High medical collar. This, however, is only found in those loose-fitted coats intended for evening or afternoon street wear, with semi-dressy toilettes. The collarless coat still holding exclusively for strictly evening wear.

One model of a beautifully-banded mink expressed in the Empire mode shows a deep yoke which stimulates a deep sailor collar back and front, and a high-collared collar of brown mink covered with baby Irish crocheted lace. The yoke is outlined with a two-inch band of the mink, and the corners of the yoke are joined by seemingly held to the body of the coat by shirred straps of brown velvet, connecting the front and the back beneath the arms. These are caught to the point by the yoke by ropes of velvet with jeweled centers. Another interesting feature of this same coat is the use of the mink on the cross of the belt in the form of a border in the coat, skirt and in the wide cuffs of the ample sleeves.

Sleeves of fur garments are both long and short. One maker shows a smart sleeve idea in his pony coat models which is, as the most novel seen this season. The sleeve is nearly full length and is so worn for general street wear, but the lower part is so constructed that it may be turned back to form a cuffed sleeve of three-quarters length. The fur being used in a lining between the wrist and the elbow. When worn long, cords and olive buttons the sleeve in form, and when reversed these have the effect of an ornamental trimming.

The girl who does not hesitate to say sharp, unkind things, is the one who feels most hurt when such things are said about herself.

Popularity will not come for nothing; you must earn it. And once earned you must work hard to keep it.

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The Young Wife and Her Allowance

SHE HAD a very definite settlement with him on the subject of an allowance before the eventful day, and during the honeymoon it seemed delightful to have so much "pin money." For of course, there were no clothes to buy, and it could all go on the little luxuries which are so infinitely precious to the woman of today. Oh, it was quite possible to have everything one cared for when one had a husband who realized that a "wife" was equal partner in the finances as well as the pleasures and woes of married life.

The dear, ignorant "Little Brides" regarded those wives who are obliged to exist without an allowance, and still more those who could not manage to dress on the sum which their indigent husbands gave them for that purpose, as very much to be pitied. The new wife dubbed them "poor managers," and thought complacently of how differently she could manage—this before the wedding frenzy had become a few bit dimes, come-brings, look of surprised wonder to her face. Of course, she had shopped before she was married, and purchased gowns which were much more extravagant as to price, but she had not been on her honor, as it were.

But the time is at hand when the June bride must go forth on her first real shopping expedition, with her allowance in a dainty, unreliable-looking little purse (one of her wedding presents) and innumerable theories and glowing ideas regarding her ability to make one dollar do the work of three, running through her.

The first day she intends to spend "looking" and deciding just what she wants. But temptation appears in the form of the lowest imaginable, and so becoming, and the eager little bride inquires the price in her most matronly manner. The price—which proves to be monthly—she looks at with a look of surprised wonder to her face. Of course, she had shopped before she was married, and purchased gowns which were much more extravagant as to price, but she had not been on her honor, as it were.

Some Cakes and Wafers

Devil's Food.—Wet a half cupful of grated chocolate with a gill of milk, and beat into the mixture a half cup of brown sugar. Turn into a saucepan and boil, stirring all the time to prevent scorching, until like thick cream. Set aside to cool.

Cream a half cup of butter and a cup of brown sugar, add two beaten eggs, two-thirds of a cup of sweet milk, and two small teaspoonfuls of vanilla. Blend thoroughly, then beat in the boiled preparation, and bake in a tin lined with paper or flour that has been sifted with a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake in layers.

When the cake is cold, turn out, and brush layers together with a boiled white icing, and cover the entire cake with the same.

Fig Wafers.—Half a cupful of butter, 1 cupful of sugar, 1 tablespoonful of milk, 2 eggs, 1 heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, 1 cupful of finely chopped figs, enough flour to roll out very thin. Prepare and mix the same as cookies and cut with a knife in oblong bars.

Bittersweet Wafers.—Beat 1 egg until light and add gradually, while beating constantly, half a cupful of sugar; then add two thirds of a tablespoonful of melted butter, two thirds of a cupful of rolled oats, one third of a cupful of shredded coconut, one third of a teaspoonful of salt and one fourth of a teaspoonful of vanilla. Drop the mixture by teaspoonfuls one inch apart on a thoroughly buttered tin sheet lined with parchment paper. Spread into circular shapes with a pastebrush first dipped in cold water. Bake in a moderate oven until delicately browned. Remove from the pan while warm, using a sharp knife. Arrange on a fancy plate, covered with a dolly.

One Fruit Cake.—One pound of granulated sugar, 1 pound of butter, 14 pounds of flour, 1 pound of currants, 3 pounds of raisins, 14 pound of citron, 1 pound of figs, and 1 egg; 1 tablespoonful of molasses (New Orleans is the best), 1 teaspoonful of soda in 1 cupful of sour milk, 1/2 of a cupful of brandy or wine, or, if preferred, fruit juice can be used; 1 teaspoonful of cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoonful of nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoonful of clove, 1/2 pound of English walnuts. Soak the spices over night in brandy or fruit juice. Mix the ingredients to make a cupful and when cold, pound to a paste, moistening with a little rosewater. Cream together a quarter pound of butter and a pound of powdered sugar and when very light beat in the well-beaten yolks of 8 eggs. Beat in gradually the almond paste and when this is well blended fold in the stiffened whites of the eggs alternately with 1 quart of sifted and siftered flour. Last of all, stir in 1/2 half teaspoonful of the essence of bitter almond. Bake in a loaf tin in a steady oven. Cover with a white icing flavored with almonds.

Chocolate Loaf Cake.—Cream 1/2 cup of butter with 2 cups of powdered sugar, add the beaten yolks of 8 eggs, stir in gradually a teaspoonful of cold water; then add 3 cups of flour sifted twice through a fine sieve, 1/2 cup of baking powder and a quarter teaspoonful of salt. Add more flour later if the batter seems too thin. Wet 5 tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate with a little milk and when rubbed to a smooth paste beat it into the batter, putting in a cupful of a teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Last of all, fold in the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Bake in a well-greased loaf tin. When cold, cover with chocolate icing.

Compensation.

By Grace MacGowan Cooke.

Some hearts are too happy for greatness.

Life works them a blissful wrong; Love kisses the lips into silence.

That is why your sin is thick and yellow and oily, the astringent qualities in the milk will correct that and render it white and free from oil, and like a glove for smoothness. If your skin is dry and scaly, the milk will correct that, and a strong wind will dry and crack, the buttermilk will here act as an emollient, making it soft and velvety, and at the same time impervious to the bad effects of sudden changes of temperature.

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The Buttermilk Bath.

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Preparing a Wardrobe for Miss Dolly

THIS is the time when grown-ups begin the task of preparing Miss Dolly for presentation on Christmas morning to some little lady of their acquaintance.

It is really a pleasure to dress the modern doll for her hands may be purchased in most correct sizes, and on her feet she may wear anything from a pair of patties to patent leather, or the hair of a baby doll, a tiny hair of wax, or hair of wool, and may be dressed accordingly, and may be dressed according to the latest mode, while her hair always follows the most approved fashion. The hair of the baby doll, however, is a dress, and it is secure and by no means Miss Dolly of today is a very up-to-date person indeed, and must have her different garments selected with as much care as a society woman. Of course, there are one or two doll dress-makers who will make complete outfits for a moderate sum, but that deprives one of the fun of making the tiny garments oneself, so first decide the style of the dress, and then select which My Lady Doll shall wear. It is obvious that the clothes prepared for a schoolgirl doll would not be at all appropriate for a young lady who intended to make a society woman.

The first article of ready-made clothing is "baby doll," so if you are undecided what sort to buy, and dress, you may safely invest in a doll with innocent blue eyes and golden hair, and remember that it is absolutely best to buy it. It should have the power to open and close its eyes, which when interpreted means that it should be dressed and undressed as often as possible.

Daintiness in the keyhole is success in dressing a baby doll, and of course you must make the clothes exaggeratedly long and have plenty of little pinstripes and a soft white shawl. Tiny garments edged with blue or pink silk will bring added joy to a motherly little heart and a real baby blanket is of more value than the most elaborate ball gown.

Doll's dress patterns may be purchased in any desired size, and it is really worth while to buy one of these ready-made, as it will save you many needless mistakes and enable you to make gowns which follow the very latest fashion.

Ornaments and her knitting needles are in demand when it comes to properly dress the baby doll, for they are needed for the little hoods she wears, knit a most comfortable and warm-looking sweater jacket, which will be such a necessity during the cold of the holiday season.

It is hard to say what not to make for the baby doll, as motor coats, rainy day outfits, furs, and spangled ball gowns are all needed if she is to keep up appearances.

The fashionable hat is invariably trimmed with feather tips, and is worn with a bow of ribbon, for they are supported just to the tip of My Lady's powdered nose.

Fur-trimmed garments are always a sign of great wealth, and are valued accordingly by the owners. "Swan-down" is especially popular for the baby doll. Net dresses are the most "stylish" for evening gowns, and a few spangles may be sewn on with stunning effect.

Tiny jewel cases may be purchased which contain jewels enough for a duchess, and of course they will help the looks of the party gown wonderfully.

Kings on Their Own Account

ALTHOUGH his majesty, King Edward VII, is the ruler of the British empire, several of his loyal subjects are kings on their own account and are as autocratic as the czar of Russia. These are the fortunate owners of the island of Lundy, in the Bristol Channel. As it is, for sale, every ambitious millionaire has an opportunity to become its ruler.

Devonshire folk call the island the kingdom of heaven, because its present owner is the Rev. Hudson G. Haven, overlord of 1,200 acres and some 60 souls. He resides at the villa, a grand built mansion, commencing a magnificent view of the bay and surrounded by the castle walls of the other day. The island is beautiful, though isolated—a fitting contrast to the Isle of Man, over which Mr. W. Cary, the son of Colonel Cary, the well-known American, ruled, and which he has just purchased. Lundy, chiefly celebrated for rabbits and rats and a remarkable echo, called into being by the stress of excursion steamers.

Lundy's staple industry is agriculture, and the island being a barren one, some of the best bullocks, sheep, goats and horses are raised. Granite was once quarried, but the works have long since fallen upon evil days, although the natural formation of the island is a fine one.

The manor farmhouse is close to St. Helen's church, a singularly fine structure for so small a kingdom, and the only place where a ship can anchor, and the island is a most interesting way in the neighborhood, owing to adverse winds and other circumstances; it is made to do service as a reading-room. The tower is a fine specimen of the twelfth century, and the stained glass windows are fit to grace any church. The present lord of Lundy succeeded to the sovereignty of the island on the death of his father, Sir Vere Hunt, Bart., in 1870. He had previously, plucked it up for a mere song, at a London auction, so the story goes, the auctioneer declaring that the island "never paid either tax or tithes," that it acknowledged neither king nor parliament, civil or ecclesiastical. Its proprietor is pope and emperor at once in his own scanty domain.

As a matter of fact, the Rev. Hudson G. Haven's title is a little more than a body can be married or buried without his consent. Tourists who wish to land cannot do so unless he gives consent, which, however, is seldom, if ever, refused.

Romance lingers about Lundy island. Some years ago the remains of a giant, eight feet two inches in height, were discovered, while a companion skeleton was only slightly smaller. Why the bones were buried, and whether they belonged to the state to transport convicts to Virginia for a price and then sent them to Lundy and there made them work to his advantage. Pirates and smugglers found the isolated spot good for their trade. It sheltered the would-be murderers of Henry III. and Edward II, and on more than one occasion it fell into the hands of marauders.

Today the shore affords an excellent anchorage for yachts, as many as 30 having been there at the same time, but a wreck off Lundy is not an unusual thing, more particularly in winter and early spring, the "wreck" being the name given to the "wreck" of the Bristol Channel.

The lighthouse is a conspicuous object and its revolving light, 60 feet above high water, can be seen 20 miles. There is no hourly delivery of letters, but once a week, a boat, there being a fortnight's dispatch of mails.

The Isle of Man comprises some 300 acres with a coast line of five miles. A former proprietor had to fight long and vainly for his diminutive kingdom owing to an attempt made to tax the inhabitants. Taking the matter to the house of commons, his rebellious ways were upheld and not a penny has since been collected by tax gatherers. The two lighthouses on the island are property of the owner, who claims all "wreckage."

King of the Scilly Islands.

The Scilly islands are made up of no fewer than six separate islands, and over Treaze, the most important of the group, Mr. T. A. Smith-Dorrien reigns supreme. It is not quite a quarter of a century ago that the Scillonians took to supplying their brothers and sisters on the mainland with daffodils and narcissus of which between 500 and 600 tons were exported during the first four months of the year. Sometimes as much as 30 tons a day are picked, packed and sent off when the season is at its height.

What wealth the inhabitants of the islands may possess is practically the product of the flower farms which more than rival in beauty and quality the blooms of the Dutch and Belgian growers. The flowers are raised in the open air, and are sold for profit. Scilly in the spring is a veritable twentieth century edition of the Garden of Eden. The islands have played their part in the making of history, for they are supposed to have been the Cassiterides of the Greeks and the Billineae of the Romans. During the seventeenth century they sheltered Prince Charles for a short time, and were captured by Admiral Blake.

Fisher's Defensive Armor.

Two fairly well defended creatures now before me serve to explain that fish are generally selected as prey from above, because nature invariably puts the armor where it is most needed. One of these is the horned shark, which has two defensive spines, each high up on a separate dorsal fin, and the other is the "trigrid" fish.

In both cases the bayonets are pointed for the enemy as when a battalion receives the order to prepare to receive cavalry. But the trigrid fish has a sort of body armor, which reaches up to its folds down into a groove which reaches along its back exactly as the blade of a penknife may be turned down when its use is not required.

The "trigrid" fish is a huge head propelled by a short, broad tail, with no intermediate body to speak of; and in this questionable shape he seems as unlike a true product of nature as the animal which he resembles. He received his name when muskets were of an ancient pattern, and when he is at full cock he is not to be trifled with.

That our American forests abound in plants which possess the most valuable medicinal virtues is abundantly attested by scores of the most eminent medical writers and teachers. Even the untutored Indians had discovered the usefulness of many native plants before the advent of the white race. This information, imparted freely to the whites, led the latter to continue investigations until to-day we have a rich assortment of most valuable American medicinal roots.

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