

# American Fashions

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There is so much diversity shown in the fashioning of ordinary lines is quite lifted out of the commonplace through virtue of contrast. Every conceivable twist is given to cut and every possible trimming scheme, it seems, is being tried out in an effort to effect novelty until the simple suggestion of the sketch may be offered without any apologies.

The model is suitable either for a rough worsted or more formal velvet or fully and for daytime or evening wear. The original is in off-blood ruffine with black fox collar, cuffs and buttons, and a handsome silk braid ornament to fasten it. Just to show the contrast that exists, some of the most recent models in long coats exploit a voluminous drapery and have drooping shoulder lines, while others even hint of bouffancy just below the hip line. It must be explained in this connection that such models, while appropriate for the all round garment, are generally fashioned of rich materials, such as those of the character of the one illustrated.

An excellent idea of the newest of draped effects may be gained through a description of a coat that is being designed at one of the fashionable establishments. Its material is wine and gold embroidered pique, which, though rich, is not all aggressive as some of the brocades and plushes are, having only the most subdued lustre, with the gold threads which are very fine, introduced in such a way as to form an all over design of exceeding delicacy.

Another model that is finding much favor has a sort of yoke section introduced between the shoulders and waistline, the lower edge of which is gracefully arched to fall in line with the sleeves. Then the neck is outlined with fur, as also the sleeves, the tops of which have been cut in one piece with the back panel.

Always, fronts are modified and re-adjusted in endless ways and are, perhaps, more popular than the straight edges, although a happy compromise has the point of intersection very low.

## THE GLAD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

### How It Will Be Shared by Everyone

## USEFUL AND OTHER GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Orders for shoes, stockings and underwear, dolls for the girls and baseball mitts and baseballs for the boys, with plenty of candy, nuts and fruit will be the good things presented to children who attend the Christmas tree festivities to be given Christmas night by the Volunteers of America. The celebration will be held at the organization's hall at 267 Ankeny street, beginning at 7:30.

Last year 400 youngsters were made happy by gifts from the Volunteers, and plans are being made to care for approximately the same number this year.

The same kind of present will be made each child, for the reason that Adjutant Jessie Starke believes different kinds of presents stir up envy and dissatisfaction among the youngsters.

"Last year," she said today, "we gave wearing apparel and shoes to 162 children that needed them. This year we expect to make useful presents to something over 100. Children will receive orders on a local store for either shoes and stockings or two changes of underwear dependent on which they stand most in need of."

The day before Christmas basket dinners will be given away to all poor persons who are known to be in straightened circumstances. For some time investigators of the organization have been searching them out and giving to each a ticket calling for a Christmas basket which is filled with all manner of good things calculated to inspire the inner man with real Yuletide cheer.

## Y. W. C. A. CLUBS FIND PLEASURE IN GIVING

The Biblical admonition to "feed the hungry and clothe the poor" is being literally obeyed by many members of the Y. W. C. A., who through their clubs are seeking out some of the sick and needy of the city to whom they will carry gifts and good cheer on Christmas day. The association clubs are made up of busy working girls, but already they are busying themselves with preparations for providing food and clothing, together with candy and gifts for some families in whom they are especially interested. One sick mother with four small children entirely dependent upon her support will be helped over the holidays by one club. Others will provide dinners for needy families. A well known local family much interested in the Y. W. C. A. has secured through the association the names of 30 poor children, who would otherwise probably not have any Christmas. On Christmas afternoon these little waifs will be sent for in the family automobile and carried to the beautiful home where Christmas cheer will be offered in every possible form. A Santa Claus will distribute gifts and candy from a big tree, and there will be a general frolic and good time. For many of the children this will be their first automobile ride, and it is safe to say that that feature of the day's pleasure will be a long to be remembered one.

The Y. W. C. A. is making no plans for any celebration outside of that of helping others.

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The yoke is reappearing as another interesting feature of wraps, oftentimes taking the form of a deep shoulder cape, to which the body part is gathered, producing the effect of considerable volume, unless draped with a view of counteracting this appearance.

## TO GIVE, AND NOT TO RECEIVE, SELECTED AS YULETIDE WATCHWORD

### Members of Sunday School of First M. E. Church Will Give to the Poor.

To give and not to receive is the Christmas motto of the members of the Sunday school of the First Methodist church, and with this in view they are to hold a special "Giving Entertainment" at 8 o'clock Monday night in the auditorium of the church. At this time, those who attend the entertainment are to bring with them all suitable articles, such as clothing, food-stuffs, wood and coal, furniture and other things, and these will be distributed among the needy poor of the city on Tuesday.

The program of the evening is to be arranged in a cantata, the title being "Mrs. Santa Claus With the Christmas Doll," under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. H. F. McCutchan, Mrs. Charles A. Rice and Mrs. J. N. Fisher. Miss Jean Jacobs will be the accompanist. The tiny tots of the primary department, including over forty children, are the only ones who are to have a part in this big affair.

Two special Christmas songs are to be rendered by the entire Sunday school of which James D. Ogden is superintendent. Miss Edna Bertsch will give a recitation entitled "A Soft Spot in B-66." This recitation tells of a man locked within a prison cell and was written by Annie Hamilton Darrell. The Rev. Benjamin Young will give a short Christmas prayer.

## ONE, AT LEAST, WILL GET GIFT SHE WANTS

A popular Portland business girl in giving herself a Christmas present for which she long has longed.

"I have reached the conclusion," said she, "that the best way in which to make certain that you'll get a Christmas gift will be one to suit it to buy it yourself. I have always skimmed and saved and have spent all my money in buying things for others, while they were buying for me, and quite likely none of us were pleased—and last year we turned over a new leaf. We decided to each buy our own gifts."

Someone argued that this was not a practical plan, for in most cases no gifts would be bought; but she explained that they had a plan in their family—an immutable rule—that if anyone was caught going without Christmas gifts, as many and as costly as the purse would allow, he or she should be fined to the limit, and the family, in joint convulsion, should buy the gift.

"It works perfectly," said she, "and we are all happy."

It seems that she is giving to herself this Christmas a piano. She has a talent for music and has taken lessons, but has for sometime been without a piano, so now she has decided to give herself this most wished-for gift.

"It is rather large for my stocking," she admitted, "both literally and figuratively, but I am purchasing it upon the installment plan, so I shall have the pleasure not only of using it but of paying for it throughout the year."

Again a skeptical one decried her as to the wisdom of the plan, but she soon convinced her that it was the best way.

"If I were to wait until I had the entire amount to pay, I probably would go without the instrument all my life," said she. "But in this way, I scarcely miss the amount paid each month, and I am perfecting my musical education—using all my spare time to this end."

Christmas Notes

Christmas services will be conducted at St. James' Lutheran church, West Park and Jefferson streets, on Christmas morning at 7 o'clock. There will be special music by the choir and a sermon by the pastor. The Christmas tree services by the Sunday school will take place on Christmas evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Sunday school of the Sunnyside Congregational church will hold its special Christmas exercises Monday night, when "The Bird's Christmas Carol" will be given. A number of musical selections and special recitations are also to be given.

The Sabbath school entertainment at the Centenary church, East Ninth and Pine streets will be given Monday night in the church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The main feature of the program will be the showing of a number of stereopticon views, of the life of Christ. The views as they are thrown on the screen will be explained by scripture verse, solos, stories and songs by the members of the school. The usual Christmas offering for the needy, to be distributed by the deaconsess of the church, will be given by the class.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Norwegian Danish Methodist Episcopal church, Vancouver avenue and Skidmore streets, Wednesday night, when the Sunday school will have charge of the program. There will be a Christmas tree.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Alton Memorial church, given under the auspices of the Sunday school, was held last night in the church and was attended by a large number. All of the children of the various grades took part. A play entitled "Robert Henry's Christmas Tree" was delightfully rendered, under the direction of Mrs. E. Palmer. Santa Claus made his appearance before the close of the entertainment and gave each of the children a small gift.

The Sunday school of the United Evangelical church will hold a Christmas entertainment at Oakley Green Tuesday night. The program, which will be given consists of music given by the children and the members of the choir besides speaking and recitations by the younger members of the school.

A cantata, "Santa Claus' Advice," will be given by the members of the East Side Baptist church next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the church auditorium at East Twentieth and Ankeny streets.

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## Billie Burke Loves Comedy, the West and Plum Pudding



Billie Burke, now playing in New York in "Mind-the-Paint-Girl."

Written for The Journal, By Graham Smith.

New York, Dec. 21.—No one who is the recipient of a personal greeting from the delightful little actress, Billie Burke, can help but succumb to the witchery of her radiance, for apart from her "crowning glory" real talent and a rare charm are combined to add luster to this "star" of the first magnitude.

The writer had the good fortune to be received in "Milady's" boudoir after a matinee performance, and watched with interest and curiosity the obliteration of stage illusion while discussing the play and the character of "Mind-the-Paint-Girl."

But that irresistible smile did not vanish.

"I enjoy my work in this play more than any other in which I have ap-

peared," said the actress, "because it gives me a wider scope for the interpretation of emotions. Few realize how much more difficult it is to play comedy than tragedy, and yet the papers have commented most surprisingly upon the favorable impression I created in newly developed powers along serious lines."

There is still another surprise in this play. Miss Burke does a "song and dance" in fact, many dances, for she is usually compelled to respond to five and six encores.

"At first it was decided I should only sing the song, but at one of the rehearsals I accompanied it with a dance which I improvised, and the idea has proved quite popular. Of course, no one must accuse me of having grand opera aspirations, but I hope some day to produce a play of my own."

"Yes, it will be a comedy with a touch of pathos and a happy ending, for it is best to leave gladness in the hearts of people as a finale."

Now that your New York engagement has been extended, do you intend visiting the far west this season?" was asked.

In Love With the West.

"Oh, dear me, yes! The audiences of 'the coast' are like old friends and I am always warmly received there. I believe it is the glorious climate that keeps everyone so youthful and when my first wrinkle appears I am going to buy a place and make my headquarters in 'The Land of the Golden West.'"

Then the "Billie Burke beam" came into evidence and visions of a very far-off time for the western headquarters gave the interviewer no immediate cause for the contemplation of desertion by the fair charmer.

During her stay in New York Miss Burke divides her time between her town apartment—a quaint little domicile of Dutch architectural design opposite the new library—and her country estate on the Hudson, which she has recently purchased and is making one of the show places in America; for this daughter of Erin is gifted, with good taste and decorative ability in no small measure.

And who knows? Perhaps there may be plans for a theatre of her own soon. And why not?

But Miss Burke was noncommittal. "Recreations? Oh, I dress dolls for bazaars, approve saleable wares which bear my name, and write recommendations for toilet requisites." This was said with a merry twinkle. "And much of the time I motor, for I am an ardent 'fresh air' enthusiast," a fact clearly demonstrated in the abundance of good health and spirits.

Not many know that it was through the interest Ellen Terry manifested in bringing Miss Burke to the notice of Mr. Frohman that her career was first fresh air enthusiast, a fact clearly demonstrated in the abundance of good health and spirits.

But I have had to devote long hours to hard work, for, after all, success is just the result of 'keeping-at-it-ness,' isn't it?" and more radiance was shed, as Miss Burke bade her visitor adieu with: "Now, don't forget to say I'm a born American with an Irish love for comedy and an English love for plum pudding."

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## YOUNG PEOPLE WILL PRESENT CANTATA AS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### First Presbyterian Church to Have Very Elaborate Musical Entertainment.

Probably the most pretentious Christmas program to be essayed in any of the churches next week will be the entertainment by the young people of the First Presbyterian church Monday night. A cantata entitled "General Santa Claus," "The Merry Christmas War," will be the main event on the program. It is under the direction of O. J. Bowman, assistant pastor of the church. Mrs. Ada Fay Bowman will act as accompanist.

Those taking part in the affair are: George F. Mackenzie, T. C. Lewis, H. F. Forman, Edith Ellis, C. H. Schiel, Douglas Johnson, C. M. Barbee, Lindsay W. Ross, Pearl Shrader, Blanche Edmiston, May Burdick, E. T. Richards, Elphie Smith, Ella Van Leuwen, Estie McClure, Louise Boyd, M. F. Daniels, R. C. Ferguson, W. P. Forman, F. T. Richards, Charles Piggott, E. O. Morse, Margaret Holt, Ruth Riley, Elizabeth Boyd, Mabel Watkins, Marion Goss, Gladra Watkins, Katherine Bald Edna Burton, Olive Colpitta, Beatrice Tait, Esther Merrill, Helen Brigham, Ellen Anderson, Irene Johnson, Frances Henry, Virginia Mackenzie, Robert Coffey, Arthur Robinson, Holt Slaughter, Henry Hall, Howard Wilson, Wendell Shore, Edward Locke, Leo Bruce Menefee, Virginia Wilson, Helen Simmons, Mary Fraley, Dorothea Drake, Estelle Bradley, Ann Lawrence, Virginia Richardson, Nettie Elice, Florence Johnson, Anna Kucera, Bertha Meinhoff, Margaret Brehaut, Frieda Keller, Ethel Wakeman, Eva L. Johnson, Julia Palmer, Alice Loree, Mrs. M. F. Daniels, Mrs. J. C. Cumming, Mrs. R. F. Niblock, R. F. Niblock, J. H. Miner, Marcella Carllock, Owena Wolcott, Elvira Staben, Marie Downing Elice, Florence, Sarah Lamberson, Lois Horn, Kathryn Donald, Bessie Atkinson, Helen Scott, Edna Goudey, Helen Ball, Virginia Lewis, Margaret Ewing, Violet Harris, Margaret Slauson, Adelaide Richardson, Hylah Fraley, Leota and Lorena Burt, Irene Welcome, Edna Bowen, Esther Enslin, Dorothy Booth, Winnie and Eliza MacLaren, Grace Matthews, Alberta Cornwell, Louise Smith, Pauline Titus, Masters Maxwell Gilliland, Robert McKibbin, William O'Neill, Willie and Harry James, Roy Hill, Harold Henry, Bruce Kinne, Raymond Whitcomb, Fenton Spencer.

The members of the Sunday school of the Trinity Methodist church, Ladd's addition, will have their Christmas exercises at 7:30 Monday night in the church. A number of recitations by members of the kindergarten and musical selections by the choir are to be the features.



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