

## FURS IN MILLINERY

Styles Are Prettier and More Varied Than Ever.

Ermine-Trimmed Toques a Present Fancy—Heavy and Filmy Materials Used in Combination—Handsome Fur Sets.

**N**EW YORK—Never in the history of fashion have the small fur trimmed neck muffs and hat sets been so varied and so bewitching as they are this season. The materials in vogue lend themselves delightfully to such purposes and furs are to be had of so many kinds and at such a wide range of prices that the fur trimmed set seems to be within almost any clever woman's reach. The smart little imported sets showing decidedly clever and original features are priced so high that they are but little less expensive, if at all, than handsome all fur neck and muff sets.

At the same price the latter are of course the more practical investment. They are sure of at least a few seasons' modishness, while the combination sets, owing their vogue to the whim of fashion, rather than to intrinsic value, are likely to lose their smartness with the passing season; but if a woman can make up a pretty and effective set herself—and a surprising number of women can do that sort of thing—or can have one made by some little furrier or milliner under her own careful directions, then the combination set is altogether desirable and will give cachet to a simple costume.

Among the conventional neck and muff furs the fox sets hold their popularity. They are not of necessity extravagantly priced, though if one wants to spend money one can dispose of a very large sum in the buying of silver fox. Even the cheaper varieties of fox when imported in fancy and beautiful sets bring high prices; but one can buy a very good looking muff and neckpiece of pointed fox or white fox or dyed brown fox or even good cross fox for a price by no means extravagant, as prices of good furs go, and black fox is distinctly reasonable.

### Fox Fur With Velvet.

For the younger contingent there is nothing in the line of furs more suitable and more practical than fox and with the omnipresent velvet and velveteen frocks and suits of this winter white fox will be enormously worn. Ermine is smart for the youthful wearer and effective with velvet; but it is hardly so becoming or youthful as the fox, and when real, is more expensive. "When real," one says; and the reservation is necessary, for an unbelievable number of rabbits and cats and other humble creatures perish nowadays in order that ermine may be worn.

Some of the imitations are not bad, are, in fact, quite effective and pretty enough to use for little touches of trimming; but one must be sure to pay the price of imitation; and unfortunately one does not always find honesty in this regard. The reputable furriers are reliable in matters of this kind, but importing milliners, dressmakers, etc., are not invariably so, and only within the last week a woman who purchased a velvet and ermine set from a certain Fifth avenue shop noted for chic models and paid the price of real ermine was told by a furrier to whom she happened to go wearing the set that her ermine was only an imitation. And the moral of that is to recognize your cat or rabbit; but, as has been said, a great deal of the imitation fur is attractive.

One of the most pleasing details of the fur fad this fall is the clever use of fur in millinery and the piquant harmonizing of hat and muff or of hat, neckpiece and muff. The idea, to be sure, is now new. There have been fur hats and fur trimmed hats before; but not within the memory of this generation has the thing been so well done or done with such infinite variety.

**All Materials Utilized.**  
No material is so filmy or too rich to be combined with fur, and the milliners, going upon that theory, have produced sets for morning, afternoon and evening, for sports and for smart social functions, for the woman who does not care what she pays and for the woman who, like Mrs. Boffin of blessed memory, is "a high flier after fashion" but has little money to spend on dress.

Among the girlish sets adapted for winter sport, but quite as suitable for street wear is a handsome white fox set whose muff and neckpiece are conventional enough but whose hat takes the piquant form of a little pointed crown cap of black plush trimmed round the face with a band of the white fox. Simple? Of course, but eminently girlish and becoming.

There are many of the close cap-like fur hats for girls and for women, some of the prettiest draped a little and trimmed only with a single cluster or blossom of dull gold or silver or color; and there are still more of the small draped toques and hats made of velvet or plush or silk and fur trimmed. And then there are the small hats of two furs in combination. It seems useless to attempt description, so varied and so numerous are the models, but citing a few may give some idea of the general tendency.

Among the close small toques, for example, there was in one well known and exclusive millinery establishment a low, bowl crowned shape of ermine,

the pure white ermine which has almost pushed the white and black ermine out of sight. The closely rolled brim of this hat was of mole and the trimming was in the form of two opposing feathers crossing each other and posed at the two sides near the back of the hat. Next to this model was another which was all of ermine, a little higher than the last, though still closer and draped just a trifle. A single line of large brilliants ran around the crown, half hidden in the fur, and the trimming was a single ostrich feather at the back. A charming evening hat, this.

### Mole and Ermine.

Mole and ermine are much used together by the milliners, but one sees less black and white fur in the new millinery than one did last year. Hats with draped crowns of rich moire, corded silk, velvet or brocade and with brims of fur are popular, and many of them are exceedingly likable. The Rembrandt tam is easily and successfully developed in this combination, and there are countless other shapes, small and large, that are as adaptable.

The big hat whose crown is entirely of fur while the brim is of chiffon or lace fur trimmed is considered exceedingly chic and is often very lovely. Sometimes the crown of the big hat is of white and silver brocade or of brocade in some darker coloring, and the wide brim is of chiffon, its flat layers edged with narrow lines of fur, and often the whole large shape is of velvet or satin or brocade and the fur is used merely in a scarf or band around the crown or perhaps in a scarf and as a border to the brim.

Whole muffs and draped hats of stunning brocade, with very slight trimming of fur, are among the imported sets, and some of them are very good looking, though others are rather conspicuous for anything save evening wear. Velvet and plush are used in the same way, and any one who has even a few scraps of good old fur can easily find use for them in these sets.

### Long Scarfs Much Admired.

The very wide long scarfs of fur in which the whole body may be swathed have their counterparts in similar scarfs of chiffon, lace, silk, etc., fur trimmed, with big hats en suite, and some of these sets are wonderfully lovely, though not every woman can wear such a scarf gracefully. A set



that attracted much attention in one shop, though, as one woman put it, "It would be dirty in a moment and it is a sort of imitation which I despise and yet it is pretty," consisted of a hat, muff and enormous scarf of white plush, the very handsome silk deep pile plush which, as every woman who has priced it knows, is not exactly cheap. The trimming was of ermine or of imitation ermine tails—who shall say which?—set on the plush scarf and muff to make deep bordering bands and holding the drapery of the toque.

An evening set in better taste, though the plush set did have a certain charm, was made of white satin embossed in velvet in a floral pattern of many soft rich hues. The big draped muff was shirred into a narrow band of white fox at one side and drooped lower at the other side to disappear under a whole white fox felt. The neckpiece was a capelike shoulder drapery of the brocade on one side bordered narrowly with fox to be held by a whole fox skin that went over the right shoulder, the head being brought around to meet the brocade drapery in front and the tall hanging straight from the shoulder in the back.

### New Brocaded Coat.

The coat illustrated in the crocheted velvet on silk, with satin under-dress and skunk fur trimming. It is an up-to-date visiting gown design. The hat is of white velours faced with black velvet, and trimmed with a fancy plume.

## TO DETERMINE NORMAL CHILD

Some Points Which Scientists Declare Will Settle Question of Interest to Parents.

If a child of three years knows his name and can thrust a chubby finger to his nose, mouth and eyes, when asked about those organs, he's a normal kid. If he can't, then it's time papa and mamma got busy with Petty's little think tank, or he'll grow up to be a boob.

This, in plain Boweryese, is the translation of the formula given in scientific terms by the medical savants of the Mental Hygiene Conference and Exhibit, who are holding "tests of children" in the hall of the city college.

"A child of 4," continues the scientific formula, "is expected to know its sex and to be able to recognize such objects as a key, knife or a penny, and to tell the comparative length of lines."

"At 5 a boy or girl should be able to draw a square and to repeat sentences. When a child is 6 we ask for definitions. I might ask: 'What is a fork.' If a boy answered: 'I eat with a fork,' it would be sufficient for that age, but if he inserted the word 'something' in his definition, as 'A fork is something to eat with,' it would place him in the 8-year class. If he said: 'A piece of tableware,' he would be in the 12-year class."

A child of 10 is asked what he would do if he missed a train. Here the answers vary. Any reply that is an answer is accepted. One child said: "Wait for another." Another said he would "run and catch it." While a boy from the Bronx said he would go home for the day.

What to do if struck by a playmate was the most puzzling of all questions. Boys invariably looked at their mothers when the question was put. "Forgive him," was the answer only a few times.

The best examination passed so far was by 7-year-old Donald Grant of 507 West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, who passed the examination for the child of 10.—New York Journal.

### Crystals of Vitality Save Lives.

About ten years ago a Japanese researcher, Takamine, in the laboratory of Columbia university, made the discovery that a certain substance, secreted by a gland of the ox or sheep, when injected into the blood of other animals, had the power of greatly increasing their blood pressure and consequently their vitality. He called this substance adrenalin and succeeded in refining it to light yellow crystals. When the suprarenal glands which secrete this substance were removed by an operation from the living animals, they invariably died, showing that it was necessary to the life of the animals. However, only small quantities are needed by the animal, and hence but little is secreted by the glands, and then only in very weak condition, being mixed with other substances. The crystals are pure and have extremely great power. One part of the adrenalin dissolved in 100,000 parts of water is strong and capable of performing miracles. In fact, one-half thimbleful, or about that much, has been used in hospitals all over the country, time and time again, to enable a man to pass a crisis when his natural strength would have failed him. Hundreds of men and women can thank adrenalin for their lives.

### Makes for Smooth Existence.

There is a good deal said about the loss of individuality, a loss when real which we all deplore, but a man is more likely to keep his individuality, with his life, if he follows in his motor the formulated lines of traffic rather than meet another man in his motor on the wrong side of the road. If both men happened to be in a civic parade there would be no loss of individuality to the man who kept his place behind instead of driving out from his place in order to get farther ahead of the man behind him, or in order to slip in ahead of the one ahead of him. Keeping in line means a simple thing often, but it is one of the trifles that make for a perfectly smooth existence.

There are seeming restrictions in life that hamper, but there are a great many others that forward. It is easy to understand the gains when compliance of a purely mechanical sort—but very necessary—has been made. By reasoning from their analogy we may find out to our advantage that there are many others less tangible, a compliance with which would do wonders in making the world go round, and in making ourselves the happiest and most successful people.

### Stolen Turkey.

Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, in an interview during the Little Falls strike, said of a very religious and very notorious child-labor millionaire:

"This man reminds me of Uncle Calhoun Clay."

"Uncle Cal was accused of stealing a turkey, and the Sunday after the accusation being communion Sunday, the old fellow was one of the first communicants at the little white church."

"His pastor, Rev. Washington White, said to him reproachfully, after the service: 'Calhoun Clay, I'm ashamed of you. The idea of your coming to communion after stealing a turkey!'"

"'Lands-a-massy, parson,' said old Uncle Cal, 'do you think I'd let a skinned old turkey, hardly worth ten cents a pound, stand betwixt me and the Lord's table?'"

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### Law of the Harvest.

The law of the harvest is to reap more than you sow. Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap destiny.—George D. Boardman.

### Has Its Advantages.

"Nations are not fed, clothed and housed by legislation," says a sapient contemporary. Certainly not. But it sometimes pays well to be a member of a legislature, just the same.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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### One of His Worst.

The Doctor—Did you hear about that Methodist preacher's daughter down south who turned sleuth, hunted up the pickpocket who had robbed her of her purse, and finally landed him in the penitentiary? The Professor—Good for her! She was an M. E. sis, with a vengeance.—Chicago Tribune.

### Indexing Extraordinary.

Indexers have been responsible for many errors, but possibly the strangest example of curious indexing occurs in a law book. Turning over its index, a correspondent of the London Chronicle noted the entry: "Best, Mr. Justice, His Great Mind," and reference to the page brought this: "Mr. Justice Best said he had a great mind to commit the witness for contempt of court."

### Had to Know the Time.

"I understand," said the judge, "that you stole the watch of the doctor who had just written a prescription for you at the free dispensary. What have you to say to this charge?" "Well, your honor," said the prisoner, "it is true, but I found myself in a hole. His prescription said a spoonful every hour, and I had no watch."

### Andrew Lang's Handicap.

The London Spectator says that Andrew Lang always had poor health, and most of his work was done when he was tired and sick. This being the case, it is easy to understand and forgive his frequent crankiness.

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### Hadn't Done So Badly.

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### For a New Umbrella.

Before using a new umbrella inject a small quantity of vaseline into the hinge portions of the frame. Vaseline will not spread like oil and spoil the covering, and is a sure preventive against rust. Wet umbrellas should be stood on their handles to dry; this allows the water to run out of them, instead of into the part where the silk and ribs meet, thus causing the metal to rust and the silk to rot.

### Uncle Pennywise Says:

Things political are moving so fast that some of the old wheelhorses are having hard work to keep from being run over.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

### Obliging Clerk.

An out-of-town man walked into a Fort Scott store and asked if the "boss" was in. A clerk who sat lazily gazing into space blinked several times, muttered his lips, and lapsed back into his former stage. "I say, is the boss in?" inquired the man in not a very mild tone. "No, he's gone out," returned the clerk, without taking his eyes off the space. "Will he be back after dinner?" inquired the man. "Nope," yawned the clerk, "that's what he went out for."—Kansas City Star.

### Destiny of America.

A nation is not a conglomeration of voters, to be represented by hungry politicians empowered to partition the spoils of office, but a people animated by a common impulse and seeking to work out a common destiny. The destiny of America is mutual service; labor is the corner stone of our nationality, the labor of each for all.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

### His Best.

"He's a brute." "How so?" "When she promised to be his wife he said he would do everything in his power to make her happy." "Well?" "He spends all of his time at the club!" "Well, if he is really a brute that ought to help some."

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### What He Called It.

"Are you troubled with insomnia—sleeplessness?" "I should say I am. Some nights I don't sleep three hours." "That so? I've got it awfully bad. I've been afflicted now about two years. The doctor calls it neuritis insomniis paralytica." "I've had it about eighteen months and we call it Ethel."—Ocean View Vidette.

### Sliding Scale.

"I'm a taxpayer," gibbered the citizen, "and I demand consideration." "Lemme see your tax certificate," responded the city official calmly, "and then I'll know just how much consideration you are entitled to."—Kansas City Journal.

### London Largely Built on Marsh.

Abundant evidence as to the marshy nature of the ground upon which the large part of the city of London was originally built is still to be discovered in its such names as Fenchurch street, Finbury and Moorfields.

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"I tell you what," said Gotham, entertaining his western cousin, "everything's so high here it's almost impossible to keep a house going." "Well," replied the Kansan, "the winds are so high out our way it's almost impossible to keep a house from going."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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### Just Like Other Men.

Most surgeons simply go way up in the air when one of the world's great ones is stricken. When Sir Frederic Treves was called to operate on King Edward he split him open as nonchalantly as if the king had been an apple or a watermelon.—New York Press.

### Wise Precaution.

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