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Style Features of New Coats for Girls



The point that is mainly interesting about coats for girls and misses lies in their new style features, for they are developed in all of the soft, thin coatings that lend themselves to draping or smocking or shirring. Velours or duvety, and similar cloths with new names, make variety in the choice of coatings but do not provide a great amount of dissimilarity, so that it is design and style that must serve to distinguish them. Besides these handsome and dressy fabrics there are the dependable tweeds and homespuns in sturdy coats for school, that are presented in trim and comfortable models. Something new in design in coats for the "junior miss"—which is the new and dignified name by which the flapper now finds herself placed—is shown in the picture above. With it there is a pretty coat for a little girl, made of velours with bands of nutria fur about the sleeves. This attractive model is ornamented with triangular inserts made of the material, shirred in parallel rows and set in at each side, above the high waistline. Below it there are plain box plaits pressed in and reaching to the bottom of the coat at each side of the front. The small cape-collars are edged with nutria and the belt is made of the material in the coat.

The heart of the flapper is sure to rejoice when she finds herself in possession of a coat that looks so altogether grown up as the model shown here for a girl of fourteen or more. It is of duvety, with big draped sleeves and a skirt that narrows in toward the bottom. There is a long shawl-collar and deep flaring cuffs to finish this very dignified and graceful wrap. Large buttons are sparingly used and nicely placed for use and for ornament, two of them on the narrow belt, two on the overlapped seams below the sleeves, and down the straight front of the coat.

Julie B. Bostwick

SEE VALUE OF MOTOR TRUCK

French Business Men Realize That Their System of Freight Transportation is Obsolete.

That the war brought to France an object lesson in the utility of the motortruck as a means of freight transportation appears in plans now under way to develop a long haul system. It is hoped thereby to quicken the movement of goods and lessen the importance of various business interests with the slowness of railway and waterway traffic. The practicability of the motortruck as a freight carrier was a revelation to Frenchmen of business who had depended in normal times on other means.

or even an abnormally slow service. From Havre to Paris by boat means often a journey of at least three months, and at the quickest, which requires special arrangement with the government, takes about four weeks. Commencing on railroad transportation between Paris and the seaports, a Paris business man is reported as saying that from Havre one must expect a delay of one or two months, from Bordeaux a delay of two or three months, and that "when goods for Paris reach Marseilles they stay there." The humorous exaggeration illustrates the condition which is turning Frenchmen to the hopeful project of long hauls by motortrucks, a solution which will probably develop because the nation is already provided with excellent roads.

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THINK TERM IS EFFEMINATE

Some Tennis Players Object to Word "Love" as at Present Employed in Scoring System.

There is talk among the overlords of tennis of finding another word than "love" to mean "nothing" in the scoring system, for, although it may surprise many to hear it, the game is sometimes spoken of as effeminate, and this bit of terminology is held responsible. Nobody has ever explained why "love" means "nothing" in tennis, but there is a footnote in an old and rare book about card-playing which refers to an old Scottish word "luff," which meant "nothing," and this, perhaps, may have been somehow transferred into the game of tennis. Or, again, the term may be of far eastern origin, where a word sounding like "love" was used in the old form of tennis that was once popular in the orient. Whether or not the terminology undergoes change, the game is in no immediate danger of falling off in popularity, and the repeated shouting of these seeming endearments across the tennis net has occasioned much innocent perishment.—Christian Science Monitor.

Honor Cuban Generals

Cuba is to pay honor to the memory of General Maximo Gomez, the island republic's military hero, by erecting a costly monument. A first prize of \$25,000 was awarded recently to Aldo Gaba, an Italian sculptor, for a model of the memorial, which is to cost \$200,000. Second and third prizes went respectively to Huerfias Cabarrocas, a Spanish-Cuban, and Gutson Borglum, an American. General Gomez became popular as the leader of the Cuban forces in the war for independence from Spain, from 1895 to 1898. He also took a prominent part in the Ten Years' war, a revolt which began in 1868. On the day of his death, June 18, 1905, the general's family was presented with a gift of \$100,000 by the government of Cuba. At the conclusion of the Spanish-American war, General Gomez was honored at a public reception given by the American forces occupying Havana at that time.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Helium Gas Cheapened

Up to 1915 the total output of helium gas in all the world had probably been less than 100 cubic feet, and it was worth about \$1,700 a cubic foot. But just before the armistices was signed a shipment of 150,000 cubic feet of helium gas was sent to Europe, and it costs less than 10 cents a cubic foot.

Helium gas was first discovered on the sun, by spectroscopy. It is the best gas for use in balloons, because it is not inflammable. It is now extracted from the natural gas of Texas and Kansas.

The method is delicate and complex, but is based upon the fact that the principal constituents of natural gas liquefy when cooled to about minus 320 degrees F., but that helium remains a gas at that temperature, and hence is easily separated.

Surveyors Use Airplanes

Four airplanes are being used to survey the extensive forests of Labrador to determine the value of the wood pulp represented by the growing trees. Aerial photographs will be taken of many parts of the peninsula for use in compiling statistics. The surveying party, which left the United States recently for Nova Scotia, is composed of 40 persons and is headed by a man who served two years as a captain in the British air forces.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Rich Gift to Museum

Field museum, in Chicago, has just been given a rare treasure trove, consisting of a collection of gold ornaments excavated from the basin of the Nechi river in Colombia, South America, last June, consisting of breastplates, aprons, elaborate earrings, bells and necklaces, all in pure gold, forming the most valuable collection in the world of art of Colombia's ancient inhabitants.

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