

THE WORLD OF FASHION

The FURS that Santa Claus Selects



Broadtail
Conforms
Well to the
New Cossack Lines



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Ermine and Monkey Fur a Favorite
Combination of Santa's This Year



For the Debutante Spotless Ermine and
Feathery White Fox seem Most Appropriate



A Polo Set of Seal with Cap, Muff and Scarf
Ornamented with Silk Embroidery

Gay and Dashing this
Ripple Wrap of Mole
with Seal Collar

Saucy Polo Furs Include Hat, Ball-Muff and Mallet-Scarf—Rose and Blue Fox the Exclusive and Costly Furs This Year—Coats of Conspicuously Marked Hamster for the Automobile.

WHAT furs are the ever-popular Christmas gift is attested this year once again by the great preparations made for holiday selling in every shop where furs are specialized, and in all the big department stores where furs are carried. In shop windows are all varieties of pelts from costly ermine and distinguished seal down to sets of glossy black fox—so called, but which one more than suspects is dyed rabbit or even ordinary pussy cat and equally glossy pony of such luster one can almost see one's face reflected in it.

No Christmas gift that Santa brings a more welcome to womanhood than furs—for woman has adored furs from the days when the first cave woman along a huge animal skin across her shoulders and bestowed her smiles on the mighty hunter who could bring in from the chase the richest pelts for her adornment. This year furs seem very plentiful in spite of all the dire prognostications of early autumn that the war in Europe would affect the fur business seriously; but it should be remembered that the furs of this winter were bought long before the trouble in Europe was thought of—in most people's minds, and by mid-August all the pelts were here and furriers were busily making up garments in the new styles. The scarcity of furs—says a well-known furrier on Fifth avenue, will come next year, not this for, should the war continue through next summer it will be well-nigh impossible to secure some of the most wanted skins, such as the German fitch, French dyed seal and mole, Russian kolinsky, German mink and other furs which come from the countries where the conflict is raging. Those who realize this are supplying their fur needs this winter, while plenty of wanted furs are to be had and while prices are still not much above the ordinary.

Monkey Joins the Christmas Fur Ranks.
Many of the furs that Santa Claus still bestow this season are trimmed with monkey, which is enormously fashionable just now; but monkey is a dangerous fur to buy unless one may cast it aside regardless of expense when its fad-time has passed. In itself monkey is not a beautiful fur and though it has a certain vogue at the moment, it is too pronounced and too harsh to endure long in fashion. The woman who relies on her Christmas furs for two or three seasons

wear should pick out a pelt of some stability—as far as style is concerned. Skunk is such a fur, so is pointed fox, which never goes out of fashion because of its beauty and great becomingness. Mink is also a safe fur to buy, provided one secures a handsome quality, for cheap mink fades badly and soon loses its artificial darkness and richness of texture.

The set of ermine and monkey pictured is a good example of a faddish fur style of this season—a very smart and attractive fur style for the woman who can afford to indulge in passing whims of fashion, but an unsafe style for the woman who is buying now for next winter as well as this. The ermine and monkey set combines a much-draped muff with a ruffe at one end and a huge bow of the spotless ermine at the other. The neckpiece has also a big bow, with one end standing up over the ear in this season's dashing style. This set is elaborately trimmed with monkey and is intended for afternoon wear with formal costumes.

Ermine Not Worn Before Lunch.
Ermine is essentially a formal fur and is not worn by well-dressed women in the morning, save in the shape of a tiny cravat attached to a seal coat or some such dainty trimming. In the evening ermine is ideally lovely, but this year it is seldom used by itself, some other fur being combined with it in the fashion of the moment which demands variety. Ermine and blue fox is a favored combination and a very effective one and a scarf and muff set of these furs, for theatre wear, may easily touch the five hundred dollar mark. There are two kinds of blue fox: the genuine and the blue-dyed fox. The latter is white fox treated to a dyeing process which gives it the soft, indescribable tone of the blue fox. Seen apart from the genuine pelt, this blue-dyed fox is so much like the higher priced genuine blue fox that only an expert could detect the imitation; but put the two furs together and you will see in the genuine pelt its name. For mark you, blue fox is no more blue than "hunting-pink" is pink. The fur has a rosy smoke color and as has been said, only in the highest priced blue

fox skins does one detect the bluish tinge.

Polo Furs This Year's Fad.
The very smartest thing in "small furs"—as furriers term a neckwear and muff combination—is the polo set; and every young woman not already provided with one of these saucy polo sets is hoping that Santa Claus will have one for her on Christmas morning. The muff in a polo set is as round as a muff can possibly be and is supposed to represent the polo ball. The long scarf suggests the mallet and sometimes a crosspiece of the fur is attached to make the mallet suggestion even stronger. Of course a polo cap of fur accompanies the polo set and the whole set is charmingly becoming to a pretty young girl. Pictured is a polo set of Hudson seal and on cap, scarf and muff are applied embroidered motifs done with old blue and dull rose silk.

Gold tinsel ornaments are also

Christmas Gifts for Him

THE burning question for most women, at Christmas time, is what to select for the particular man. He may be a husband, or lover, or merely a friend who possesses interesting possibilities of becoming either of the other two. Perhaps he is only a brother. He may be a son. At any rate he is the important man who must be provided with an appropriate and acceptable Christmas gift, and the problem is what to select—within one's means.

There are so many thousands of things one may give to women, from a sachet for the corsage to a diamond pendant; but one may not load up man with little belongings that will clutter his room and be a burden to his

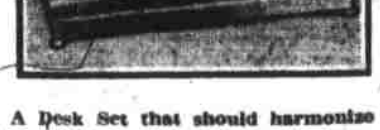
soul. He will never think of packing them away in their tissue wrappings, as woman not infrequently does, to pass along to some one else another Christmas season. He will tear his hair—figuratively—over the problem of "what on earth to do with the blamed thing," if it does not immediately appeal to his fancy as fulfilling some long unsatisfied need—and the real needs of men are so discouragingly few, it seems to the woman bent on sending him exactly the Christmas gift desirable.

Then again, attractive gifts for men cost so much money. One may not buy brass smoking sets, fitted leather dressing cases, blanket bathgowns or sets of books for a song, and the day of home-made Christmas gifts for men is rapidly speeding by. Hand-embroidered slippers, knitted mufflers and pin-cushions arouse terror and not gratitude in the average male of modern times and gloves and collar boxes of silk and ribbon drive him into a fine frenzy unless the fingers that fashioned them are very dear indeed. One may buy a dollar chemise for a woman friend and wrap it in a dainty package, sure of its welcome on Christmas morning among other gift packages; but imagine sending a man a three-fourths wool union suit similarly tricked out with holly paper and red ribbon! Alas for the days of the mustache cup which was always acceptable and always managed to get broken before another Christmas came around!

Several modern gifts for men are suggested herein, and there is not a man living—who smokes—who would not wax enthusiastic over the convenient smoking and reading lamp. The lamp is really an electrolite—the electric light wire may pass up through the standard or be attached from overhead so that the contrivance

may be moved about from easy chair to piano, or even carried into the bedroom when his lordship desires to read in bed. Nothing is forgotten in this excellent device for making man contented at home on an evening.

Equally practical are desk fittings—usually appreciated by the man not already supplied with such belong-



A Desk Set that should harmonize with masculine surroundings.

ings. Illustrated are a Brass Ink and calendar set of admirably compact size. The woman who presents her husband with a desk calendar which marks each day separately must take upon herself the duty of changing the date every morning for her spouse will never, never attend to it and much as he may entreat her to do so on Christmas morning, she will probably note when dusting in August that the cheerful January 1st still smiles from the calendar.

Mufflers for wear with evening clothes are among the practical gifts for men. Three new styles are pictured in the new knitted silk mufflers which are now much the fashion. Bought in the shops, these handsome mufflers cost from five to fifteen dollars each, but the woman who knits can make one for about four dollars—the cost of the silk. Hand-embroidered linen handkerchiefs are always prized by men, especially if they

loved feminine fingers have done the knitting or the embroidered full name in the corner—the accepted mode. But since this work requires great skill—and is ruinous to the eyesight—most women have the embroidery done for five or six cents a letter in the shops where fine handkerchiefs are sold—and let it go at that. For the man who owns a yacht or even a small sailboat or motorboat, a set of six napkins and small tablecloth embroidered with his club burgee will be a delightful gift.

Notepaper stamped with the house address is also a nice gift for a man who unless he is very fastidious about personal belongings seldom owns correct stationery of his own but writes on his wife's paper at home, and on business paper in the office. Notepaper for the man should be of heavy, cream laid linen with sheets and envelopes of rather large size. Crests and monograms are barred by good taste, but the address may be stamped at the top in neat lettering.

JET AND PEARL BEADS NOW THE FAD

THE strings of jet and pearl beads worn with winter frocks and blouses are exceedingly smart and are in better taste than strings of cut jet which is really correct only for formal wear. The black and white beads form a very soft, pleasing combination and they are effective with either black or white gowns. These strings come in various lengths in the shops but they are rather high priced and the average woman will prefer to buy her jet and pearl beads by the gross and string them herself. In stringing beads for a necklace always use two strands, so that if one happens to give way the other will hold the beads until you are able to restring them. Strong embroidery floss is the best thing to string large beads on and the ends of the floss should be run back through two or three beads, after being passed through the clasp, and knotted firmly. A knot tied at the clasp is very apt to work loose in the course of time.