

DRESS

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Odd and Ornamental Pieces of Peltry Are Substituted for Coats on Many of the One-Piece Frocks That Do Duty in the Afternoon.

Women continue to wear thin gowns in hot houses. The outside weather has no effect upon the indoor clothes. This is a sensible view to take, a good action in apparel that promotes health.

Probably the most uncomfortable woman at a party is the one who wears a gown that is too warm for a hot house drawing room, or tries to keep her fur over her shoulders at an afternoon tea or a restaurant lunch.

The question of health is a big one, but it is outside the domain of fashion actually, if not theoretically. Women will wear furs, it seems, no matter what the temperature. The heat of August does not dismay them. Fur makes air does not deter them. They like the appearance of fur over the shoulders or under the chin. They consider it artistic.

Therefore, they have come to the conclusion that the upper part of a frock must be thinner and thinner in order to serve as a foundation for the hide of a beast. One can wear tulle inside you know, when the thermometer is zero, outside, if enough peltry is added to establish a balance. And this is practically what women do. There never have been so many frocks worn in mid-winter with bodies of net, chiffon and metallic lace.

That Omnipresent Fox

Now if a woman fixes her mind on the use of fur in the afternoon over a thin blouse, she will not be content to abide by a large fox swung about the shoulders.

This may be artistic to certain eyes and it is quite comfortable and convenient, no one denies, but it is commonplace. Everybody who has had any money to invest in a bit of peltry has bought a fox, or something that goes by that name. Cuts may have served the purpose, common garden, backyard cats; but we should not be too cynical when a thing looks well and meets the money in our purse.

However, the fox as a novelty has had its day. One may pay two thousand dollars for a rare breed or

twenty-five dollars for something that is merely a piece of hide with hair growing on it, but the effect is always that of an animal strung around the neck; paws, head and tail dangling around in a dead and helpless fashion.

If not the fox, then what? That is the question. Women have answered it in their own way. Much argument has been shown. Odds and ends of peltry have been taken to small furriers and combined with Chinese brocade, with pieces of metal cloth covered with apaiscent chiffon, and the result has been a shoulder drape that is out of the ordinary and has something of the allure of the east.

All of this is what we need—the stimulating of personal endeavor in apparel, individual ingenuity combined with thought and painstaking effort to get away from the obvious. When we achieve that work, we shall be far better dressed than today.

Victorian Capes Revived.

Now, among these bits of shoulder drapery that are worn with thin afternoon frocks in the house, are Victorian capes. The shape of them is not far removed from the shawls that the women of England and Ireland tie around their waists—drab shawls they are in Great Britain, but rather black in Ireland. The new bits of peltry are made in the same shape as these and have something of the colorful brilliancy of Slavic apparel.

The sketch shows one that is distinctly individual. It is of brilliant green and gold brocade made in scarf fashion, the ends tying at the back of the waist. It is edged with deep fur and is quite capable of keeping the upper part of the body as warm as a rabbit's nest.

There is a tam to go with it, made of brocade and fur, and the muff, which also matches, has many pockets inside to make it serve as a bag.

THE HOUSEHOLD

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AND STILL MORE SWEATERS.

Don't imagine that sweaters are done for.

Because they are not. In fact, as things look now sweaters will be an even more important detail of your wardrobe when spring draws near than ever before. And now that long evenings are coming it is a very good time to look forward to spring sweaters, that is if you are one of those women who have turned your trick of knitting socks for soldiers to account in other ways now that the demand for said socks is no more.

One thing remember—most of the really smart sweaters will be short-sleeved. The sleeves will terminate just above the elbow or in extremes will be even shorter. This is a happy compromise between the full-sleeved sweater and the sleeveless model. The effect is smart and entirely suitable in a season when short-sleeved blouses are to the fore.

As for colors, turquoise blue is still in very good repute, and so are some of the lighter shades of brown. Corn yellow is also good and gray is coming to the fore. But green—jade green—is the favorite, and sometimes this is used with tan worsted and sometimes combined with gray. Henna will enjoy some vogue, but for the most part will be the lighter, brighter shades that are used.

The type of sweater that is most in favor is the one that terminates eight or ten inches below the waistline with a waistline defined by three or four inches of purling—this coming very slightly below the normal waistline. The ripple sweater is practically a thing of the past and though one sees an occasional flit crocheted sweater they will not be in so great evidence as the knitted sort.

A very interesting sweater is made of silk and wool the silk being on the outside and the wool inside. The effect is charming as the wool gives an appearance of firmness to the sweater even when seen simply from the silk side. Besides it provides a sweater that really gives protection against the cold which at the same time appears like silk.



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Rutherfordton

RUTHERFORDTON, Dec. 21.—Invitations have been received in Rutherfordton as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cullenmuil request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Annie Mae, to Mr. Zebulon Clifton Gardner, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth of December, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Forestville Baptist church, near Wake Forest, North Carolina. At home after January 15, Shelby, North Carolina."

A Baptist paragonage last Friday afternoon Mr. D. Huss Cline, of Laidale, and Miss Vivian Arline Odum, of Woodland, were united in marriage. Rev. J. A. McVaughan, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

At the residence of the officiating minister at Caroleen on Thursday, December 11, Mr. W. L. McDaniel and Miss Lettie Hamrick, and Mr. G. W. Wilson and Miss Sadie Pannell, were united in marriage by Rev. S. M. Davis, of Caroleen, officiating.

Dr. Marion Scruggs, of Charlotte, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Scruggs here last Sunday.

Rev. J. A. McVaughan, who attended the state board of missions at Raleigh this week, has returned to Rutherfordton.

Mr. Arthur Harrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrill, who has been taking a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has returned home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Fred McDaniel and son, Fred Jr., of Caroleen, were recent visitors to Rutherfordton, the guest of Sheriff and Mrs. J. W. Beason.

Mrs. Turner Thompson, after a short visit to her parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. N. Clarke, has returned to her home at Monroe.

Mr. C. P. Tanner, of Polk county, formerly deputy clerk of the superior court of Rutherfordton county, was a business visitor here last week.

Mrs. W. C. Twitty and two children left Tuesday for Charlotte to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Willard Powers, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Powers, has returned to Washington, D. C.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter entertained a number of members of the men's choir of the Presbyterian church at the comfortable home on North Washington street. After many selections of vocal music, the guests were served with hot chocolate, sandwiches and waters.

Brevard

BREVARD, Dec. 20.—Brevard institute closed today for the holiday season. Many of the students have gone to their homes to spend Christmas, but quite a number will remain at the institute. The school buildings were filled to the full capacity during the entire fall session. A plan is under way for the erection of a third large building to meet the demands of the institution. Prof. C. H. Towbridge is principal and has a corps of competent teachers.

Practically all local churches are preparing Christmas programs. Ex-Sheriff Pickelsimer is preparing to erect a handsome brick business building on Broad street, opposite the Aethelwold hotel.

Many fine hockers have been slaughtered here within the past few days.

On Tuesday night the music department of Brevard institute gave a fine musical entertainment and on Wednesday night a Christmas entertainment was given and yesterday most of the pupils left for their homes to spend the holidays.

Black Mountain

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Dec. 20.—Miss Evelyn Graham, of the Passifera school faculty at Hendersonville, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Parker, in Black Mountain. She left Tuesday for Raleigh to spend the Christmas season with her father, Major Graham.

Miss Margaret Parkinson of Columbus, Ohio, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Robert Carrier, on Church street. She will remain through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McWilliams and family who spent the past 18 months here, left Thursday for their future home at Newport News.

Rev. Marion Huske, of the Presbyterian church, will spend the holiday season with home-folks at Fayetteville.

Misses Ethel and Mary Sutton will spend the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sutton, Ridgecrest road.

Prof. Geo. W. McKee and Mrs. McKee, of Chapel Hill, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson at their home on Vance avenue last Sunday evening. Prof. McKee and Mr. Anderson were former college mates.

Miss Laura Bornford, an English war nurse, who has returned from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Justice, gave a most interesting and helpful talk before the pupils at the High school auditorium last Monday morning.

Miss Bornford is a most entertaining speaker, her wide experience during the world war, given in her inimitable style, are of exceptional interest.

A mass meeting for the woman of Black Mountain community to hear Miss Bornford, is one of the promised holiday treat. The date to be announced later.

Miss Minnie Woodard, who is attending the Greensboro College for Women, came Saturday to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Woodard, on Church street.

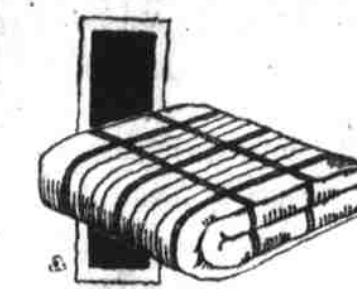
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burnett will occupy the home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams.

The venerable mother of Mr. J. P. Parker met with the misfortune to a fall resulting in a dislocated hip, also knee. Mrs. Parker, or "grandmother" as she is called, was in the yard at her son's home when the accident occurred. On account of her advanced age grave fears were felt for the outcome, but she is making a brave fight and is really doing wonderfully well. This remarkable lady is 87 years old, but she retains her faculties, and takes a lively interest in all church and community affairs.

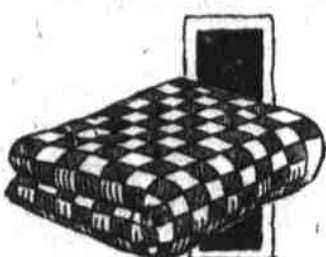
The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met in regular session on last Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. John McCraw on Church street. Important business was discussed and it was definitely decided to tender a reception of welcome to Mr. Huske early in January.

An interesting program was rendered after which a delightful social half hour was enjoyed. Mrs. McCraw serving her guests hot chocolate and dainty cake.

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