

DRESS

BY ANNE RITTENHOUSE

When the Woman of Today Wears Ermine She Leaves Off the Tails, Or at Least Most of Them.

If it hadn't been for his black tail he never would have taken the fancy of kings and their consorts and the little stout, though he did change his summer coat of dusky brown for one of snowy whiteness in winter, would have remained as lowly as all the rest of his weasel relatives. For when ermine was elevated to bedeck the state robes of royalty it was always made up with the tails, and this black-tailed white fur was so jealously cherished that there was a law in old England forbidding any one but members of the royal family from using it. It was the tail that did the trick and later when its use was extended to the use of judges of the higher court you could tell the rank of the wearer by the number of tails. Apparently there were not enough tails to go round, for sometimes black lamb's fur was skillfully made up into ermine-like tails to supply the demand.

What Becomes of the Tails. But now fashion feels less interest in these inky appendages, and if they are used at all it is sparingly. Almost one might say that now one's rank at least in a financial way, can be judged by the absence of tails. Don't you sometimes wonder what the furriers do with the extra tails? For hundreds of pelts are needed to make one garment of tailless ermine, and usually only a few of the tails go to deck it.

No need now for a sumptuary law against the use of ermine. The price—plus the luxury tax which mounts so high in so valuable a fur—is enough to keep it out of the reach of the man.

And surely no king, even the most headlessly extravagant, dreamed of wearing fur so lavishly as it needs must be worn when the woman of fashion and wealth sets her heart on an evening wrap made entirely of peltry. A generation ago a woman could have set the town talking over an ermine evening coat that



Evening Cape of Ermine, With Tails at Home.

would not have taken as many skins as are now needed to fashion the drapery of one sleeve, for there was this advantage at least in the narrow constricted forms so painfully achieved by our mothers and grandmothers. Fur wraps, like all other wraps, were made so as to show the slender lines beneath. The wrap draped lavishly at the cost of hundreds of pelts would have been taboo because it concealed what every woman regarded as one of her chief claims to charm.

Fur and Fabric Combined. But if these toga-like fur evening

wraps do cost a king's ransom when made entirely of fur they have something of an advantage for the woman who must count her pennies. For they lend themselves far better to the combination of fabric and fur than do coats built on a more form-fitting model. If you can afford a moiety of fur this can be combined with velvet or satin without producing the effect of skimpiness. If you cannot have an ermine wrap like the one sketched for you, you can perhaps have a wrap of the same graceful lines, fur being used merely for the collar or possibly for the edge of the front drapery. For the woman of wealth the present fur shortage and high cost have no real terrors. She may grumble, but you know that she is suffering not very deeply. And for the rest the very fact of the fur stringency in Paris has brought forth the display of much ingenuity on the part of dressmakers and mantua makers in the graceful and pleasing combination of furs and fabrics.

In the sketch there is an evening wrap showing a good combination of ermine and silver fox. Enough tails are used to trim the bottom of the coat. The fox forms the collar.

THE HOUSEHOLD

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In the Stationery Shops.

It is usually decorated with little colored prints at the top of each sheet. Some of it is in old English lettering, some of it is in script. The legend invites somebody to be present at somebody's house on some afternoon—and, of course, the blanks are filled in by the child or its mother. This paper is quite inexpensive and is suitable for the very small child's party. Some of it is made in double sheets, the second sheet joined to the first by a line of perforations. The second sheet is the form for acceptance or refusal and the recipient of the invitation is supposed to tear it off and return it properly filled out, to the youthful host or hostess.

Nursery rhymes and some of the more modern children's stories supply the ideas for the decorations on this paper.

There are some very attractive new place cards in the shops. Of course, just now there are many that have to do with the Christmas tide. And these are appropriate from now on through the holiday season. It is also possible to get New Year's place cards, which can be used from the middle of the week after Christmas until New Year's day is past.

Some of the pretty new place cards show girls in skating costume, skating over a frozen surface—a card on which the name is written. These are handpainted and are very pretty. The usual assortment of pretty handpainted cards showing girls dressed in real tulle or lace, Japanese and Dutch girls, brides and their attendants and a hundred other designs can be had.

When it is desirable to write the menu of a meal for the perusal of the guests it can be written on very pretty cards that are sold for the purpose. They cost about ten cents each and are decorated with a little printed scene at the top—sometimes a bit of landscape, sometimes flowers or figures. The word menu also appears.

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Montreat

MONTREAT, N. C., Jan. 4.—Mrs. J. M. Courtright, a sister of Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Annie Dugan, of Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Warner, of Buffalo, N. Y., spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Archer.

Misses Jeanette Archer and Ruth Warner have returned to Agnes Scott college, after spending the holidays here.

Montreat has been quite gay and festive this holiday season, and the visiting girls and boys, here for the Christmas vacation, have been the recipients of several informal parties. On last Friday afternoon Miss Bessie Hudson was hostess to a number of friends for the Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Mattison entertained a few young people in honor of Misses Jeanette and Cornelia Archer and Ruth Warner. Evening parties were also given by the Misses R. B. Alexander, who is a student at the A. & E. college in Raleigh, is spending Christmas at home.

The usual Christmas party at the chapel was held on Christmas eve, and was a great success. The children were made happy by a visit from Santa Claus, who bestowed gifts and good things on all. A supper was served to the grown-ups as well as the children. Mr. VerHulst has endeavored himself to the people and done much for the Sunday school since his coming here, and Mr. Lansing as superintendent for year's, and Mrs. Lansing as organist, have been always faithful. Appreciation of their efficiency was shown in the special gifts bestowed on these three at the Christmas party.

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Adrian Hardwick and Sam Belk have returned from a hunting trip to Hendersonville.

Mr. George Belk has returned to Clinton, S. C., where he is a student at the Presbyterian college. He spent the holidays here with his parents, Misses Belk and Mr. Blanton Belk have also been at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters, of Knoxville, Tenn., spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Belk. Last Tuesday evening a beautiful entertainment was held in the Sunday school room of Montreat. The Christmas tableaux, arranged under the direction of Rev. Anton VerHulst, were very beautiful. Scenes from the life of Christ, beginning with the shepherds on the plains of Judea. Each scene was preceded by the reading of the Scripture, describing the picture portrayed and Christmas carols were sung at intervals. After the tableaux Christmas songs were served to the children. It was announced that Miss Manie Barr's class was the banner bearer for the three months' contest.

The many friends of Mrs. Anton VerHulst will be happy to know that she is recovering from a recent operation and it is earnestly hoped that she will soon be at home and in her usual good health again.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bauman have returned to New Haven, Conn., where they spent the holidays at the home of Mr. Bauman.

Mr. C. C. Lord has returned from a two weeks' visit to his old home in New Haven, Conn.

The Montreat association has just issued an attractive booklet with an accompanying pamphlet of a beautiful picture of the valley and surrounding mountains. The booklet, "Montreat, Its Appeal to the Church and the Christian," appeals to Montreat for \$2,000.00. The general assembly in New Orleans in 1919 recommended endorsement of the campaign to raise this amount. Rev. Anton VerHulst, with office headquarters here, is director of the campaign. January 18th will be "Montreat Sunday," and the campaign will begin a work that means a great future for "greater Montreat." Rev. George W. Belk is the author of a beautiful sonnet to Montreat, which is on the cover of the booklet.

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Morganton

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Mrs. J. R. Clodfelter was hostess to the Embroidery club Thursday afternoon, the only guest in addition to the regular membership being Mrs. B. C. Montgomery, of Spartanburg, S. C.

The holidays were the occasion in Morganton of many happy homecomings and reunions and many homes had guests during the week. Home-comers and visitors include the following: Mrs. Jones, of Mr. Arty, with her son, E. A. Jones; D. W. Reid, of Asheville; Witherspoon Howard and J. T. Patterson, of Chicago; Cecil Dobson, of Akron, O.; W. B. Bell, of Charlotte; Mrs. Ben Martin and children of Marion; Willie Saunders, of Kings Mountain; Misses Ethel and Mary Wilson, of Charlotte; Miss Sarah Hughes, of Marion; Miss Laura Gilliam, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. O. B. Lackey and Miss Margaret Lackey, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. H. Hanks and children, of Lenoir; Guy Houk, of Washington; Miss Mary Bellmer, of Lexington; Miss Ethel Carter, of High Point; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ross, of Athens, Ga.; John McDowell, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; Miss Virginia Sparks, of Fayetteville; Dewey, Polaris, Walter Williams, Miss Bobbie Cobb, Miss Wilhelmina Williams, Miss Frances Hitchcock, of Winston-Salem; Misses Mildred Connelly and Goldie Shiffert, students at the Durham Conservatory of Music; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Clarence Bolick, Earl Spencer, Robert Ross, Frank Newton, Johnston Avery, Micah Jenkins, Frank Patton, Hugh Tate Erwin, from Washington, D. C.; Miss Virginia Clark, of Danvers, college; Leclair, Miss Eunice Evans, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Grover McGinnsey, Albemarle; Misses Eliza and Cameron Pearson, Washington; Misses Louise Coffey, of Chapel Hill, and Gladys Coffey, of Bailey; James Gordon and James Arnold, of Norfolk, Va.; Misses Mary Kincaid, Esie Glass, Laura Howard and Miriam Goodwin, students at the North Carolina College for Women; Miss Mary Hildebrand, of Gastonia; Miss Florence Hildebrand, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. D. E. Brendle and children, of Asheville; Mrs. Carl Carmichael and daughter, of Charlotte; Robert Pickens, of Emory and Henry college, Emory, Va.; Mrs. W. C. Pickens, of Greensboro; Maude McNeely, Greensboro College for Women; Iverson Bowman, Yatesville, Ga.; Mrs. Mattie Rudell, Gastonia; Edward McMahan and Miss Edna McMahan, of Marion; Mrs. Joe Simpson, of Asheville; Mrs. J. H. Mountain; Thompson Gillin, of Warren; Miss Stotler, of Durham; Katharine Taylor, in school in Philadelphia; Robert Ward, Post, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amos, Charleston, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Norfolk, Va.; James Amos, Ft. Hamblton, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pierce, of Hickory; Stanley Innes and Miss Florence Innes, of Market, Mich.; Miss Geneva Simmons, of Oxford; Mrs. Eck Abernethy and children, of Dover, Va.; Misses Eloise and Lillian, of Virginia Lenoir, of Lenoir; G. C. Kirksey, of Wallburg; Herman Kirksey, of Winston-Salem; Miss Jerome Hicks, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Musa Marbut, of Staunton, Va.; Miss Johnnie Ferree, of Albemarle; Mrs. Jessie Dickson, of Charlotte; Charles Ross, of Norfolk; Clifton Pearson, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Manly Whisenant, of Arden; Miss Pearl Teeter, of Greensboro; Miss Nabel Miller, of Cedar Springs, S. C.; Andrew Bell, of Blue Springs; Mrs. Vivian McCallard, of Raleigh; Mrs. Phillip Godell and children, of Mont Clair, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell and children, of Spartanburg; Mrs. McNeely DuBose, of Rock Hill; Mr. Pierre Amos, of John DuBose, of Sewanee university; Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. LeGates and children, of Tronton, N. J.; Charlie Walker, of Norfolk; Joe Horn, of Akron, O.; and Miss Nannie Horn, of Asheville; Mrs. W. H. Morris, of Gastonia; Mrs. Hal Brown, of Fairmont; Edwin Pearson, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. G. W. Nelson, of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Lilla Abee, of Spencer.

Mrs. A. C. Chaffee spent Christmas at their old home, Campenton, Pa.; Mrs. Ed Clark, of Greensboro, were in Newton; Mrs. J. T. Perkins visited in Norfolk; Mrs. A. G. Lyman and Miss Marlon Miller are visiting Mrs. Wyncoop in Florida; Mrs. E. L. Hemphill is in Laurinburg; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cox and their daughter spent Christmas in Lenoir; Mrs. W. H. Reddish is spending the week in Charlotte and Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ingold went to Hickory

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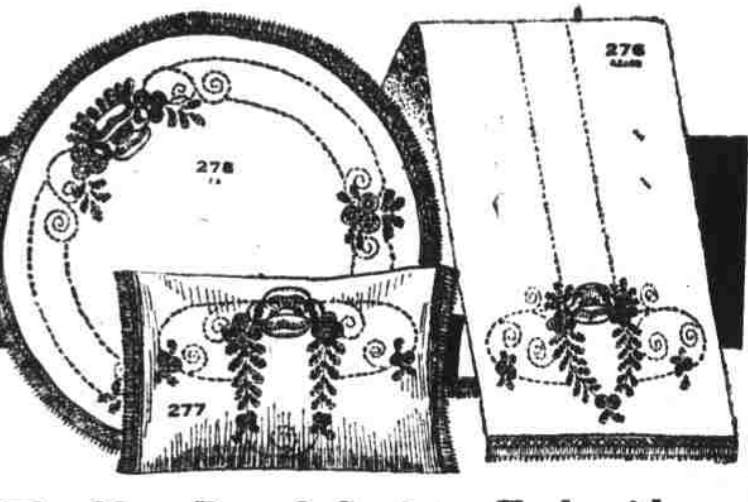
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