

## Elsie Wins a Grandpa

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Bright as a dollar, Elsie Danvers had a great idea in her busy little head. She was only nine years old, but she knew more than most children of twelve, and thought more deeply and more to a purpose than some people of twenty.

Under her arm she carried a small cardboard box, neatly done up in wrapping paper and carefully tied. To her way of thinking it was a very important belonging. When she came to the neat little cottage known as the Hyde home, she found its spinster occupant, Miss Susan, resting on a rustic bench after her exertions in training the rose bushes.

Miss Hyde liked the Danvers people greatly, and little Elsie particularly well.

Miss Hyde received her little visitor

with a genuine smile. She at once noticed the serious face, usually so sunny. She made room for Elsie on the garden seat.

"Miss Hyde," spoke Elsie at once, "I heard some people telling about the parcels post."

"Have you something you wish to send, Elsie?" asked Miss Hyde.

"Yes, ma'am, I have," said Elsie in a prompt, business-like way. "I heard mamma crying the other day while she was telling the minister's wife about my grandfather. I never knew I had one before. He hasn't been very good to mamma, but maybe he doesn't know how she loves him, and how she puts some flowers on his picture whenever his birthday comes around. On my birthday two friends gave me the same present—those little speaking dolls, you know. Well, I'm sending one of them as a present to grandpa in this box, and I've written him a little note in it telling him about poor papa and all of us, and I want you to direct it—I've got his name and everything: Mr. John Marsh, Rushville—and send it for me through the parcels post."



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Convincing. Elsie Danvers. "Now, my friends, when you vote you don't want to vote for a pig in a poke; you want to vote for me and get the genuine article!"—London Tit-Bits.

West Africa and the Dictionary. The "obscure" West Africa is a new find in the history of the dictionary. As to obscure, it is a word which quick ideas he has, hard to find in the dictionary, but he finds it in the dictionary with precision to do his business. A Manchester man who collects these spirals has just received one which sticks up with "trusting you are to the same home-grown cuttagey, goes equally, T. E. Atkins."—Manchester Guardian.

China Regulates Its Flappers. Chinese "flappers" must not let their hair or bind their feet, and must not marry without their parents' consent, according to regulations issued by the Chinese ministry of education.

New Aquatic Sport. A new aquatic sport is afforded by a hose in which a person is kept perfectly dry, his legs encased in trousers on which are fins with which to propel himself through water.

## Toned Up by Novel Stitchery



ALL furnished up with new ideas in styles and trimmings, our favorite suitings return to us this fall, as interesting as they ever were. They are as welcome as our favorite actresses are when they come back to the footlights with a new play and a new wardrobe. There are few novelties among the fabrics used for suits and frocks, but this is of no consequence. We know the merits of those we have tried and they are here again—in styles that are charming and in decorations that are beautiful and more or less unfamiliar.

Tricot and pique will show how interesting they may become in such dresses as those pictured here and embroidery takes on a new aspect when it appears in such unusual designs.

Many new ideas are embodied in the dress of pique twill at the left of the two shown. First, its underskirt is wider, but not much longer than underskirts have been. Over it there is a garment which appears to be a union of the redingote and tunic with pippings in a contrasting color along its seams and embroidery in the

colors of both dress and piping. Plaitings give a flare to the skirt of the over garment and finish the elbow sleeves. The sash of folded satin ribbon begins at the sides, under silk ornaments, and is finished with silk tassels.

The handsome dress of tricotine at the right is a plainer redingote model, also approving a wider and somewhat flaring underskirt. It has three-quarter length sleeves, that just suggest the bell shape and are split up the outside seam. The plain body of this overgarment opens down the front revealing a satin vestee and it stands by the vogue for narrow, strap belts made of the material. Neck, sleeves and bottom of the overdress are finished with silk embroidery—in a new and rich design. Part of this embroidery turns on to be a silk braid, but most of it is stitchery. Both dresses are much toned up by their decorations.

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## To Meet Fall Weather Half Way



HERE are two coats that will meet fall weather on its own terms. Both of them are cozy, but one of them hints of winter and the other recalls summer, just as the days of autumn do, and one of them is a new model which expects to meet the snows of winter, while the other will undertake to last out the fall and perhaps migrate to snowless climes.

The dark coat pictured is of suede velours and has a large collar of beaver fur. It is a trim, youthful model and incorporates several of the season's new style points, along lines that will appeal to young women. The college girl will like it. It has a narrow giraffe made of the velours, hanging in long ends that are weighted with silk ornaments. This model follows the lines of the figure closely, and has three plaits on each side running from the shoulder to the line of the bust. The sleeves are flaring, but smit—as coat sleeves go—so that the

arms are free in them. Two very large buttons fasten the coat, and the collar may be brought up about the throat and fastened there. The cuffs and bottom of the coat are trimmed with silk stitching. Coats of this character are made in the usual colors, the dark blues, browns, grays and tans that never grow tiresome.

The coat at the right of rough wool in a light tan has a border of angora enlivened with dots of blue in two shades. It is a loose, enveloping wrap that needs the help of an efficient giraffe and this is provided, made of the material of the coat. A wrap of this kind is a very comforting possession, especially to the traveler whose journeying brings unlooked for changes in temperature.

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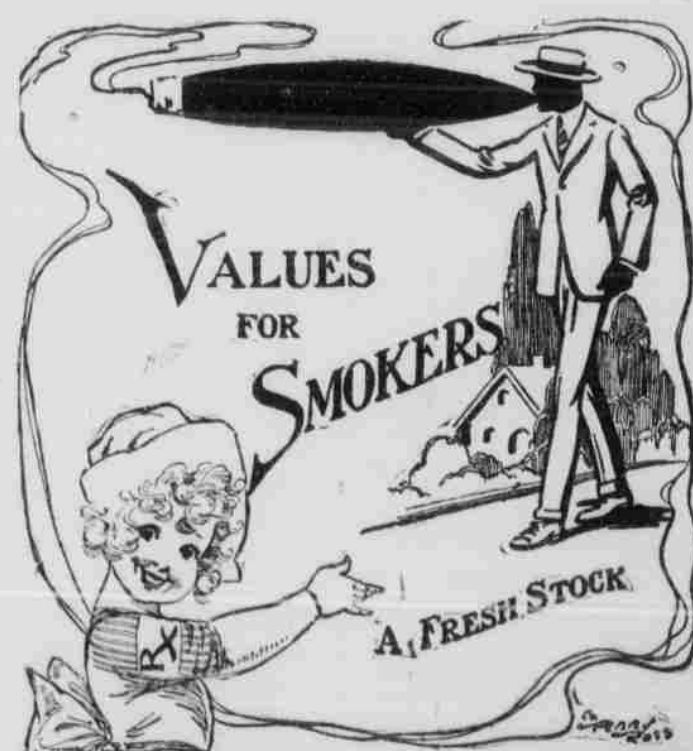
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