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SMART LITTLE COATS

VELVET ADMIRABLY ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN'S WEAR.

Material Gives the Effect of Simple Elegance. So Appropriate in the Costume of the Maiden Small—Simplicity the Watchword.

Children's coats, as well as coats for grownups, are particularly attractive this year, and as the season progresses pretty new models appear day after day. The simplicity and elegance which are essentials of success in garments for small folk impose limitations, and the eccentric and fantastic are almost out of place in children's clothes. So are the over-elaborate and the frilly; but there is such a thing as simple elegance, and this comes within the confines of good taste in children's dress, though many mothers, even mothers with great fortunes at their disposal, prefer the simplicity without the elegance when it is a matter of planning their children's outfit.

The rich and beautiful velvets of the season offer ample opportunity for that elegant simplicity already mentioned, for velvet simply and understandingly handled is odd enough, admirably adapted to childish dresses and coats. When one takes even the small amount of costly velvet needed for a child's coat, uses it in a warm light brown or leather tone, and perhaps adds just a few touches of hand braiding or hand embroidery one has a little garment whose price is likely to be astonishingly high, but whose beauty is beyond question.

There are many such models in this season's showing. Velvet in all the dark and medium tones of blue, black, in browns and seal and beige, in warm dark greens and in many beautiful shades of red is used for smart little coats, almost invariably fur trimmed, and in some cases velvet is combined with silk.

The last idea has appealed to the designers and occasionally one finds a very successful coat of this type, though in the models for very small girls dark boys the one material coat is usually more effective because it is less liable to eccentricity, more sure of striking the simplicity note.

One good looking little coat made of the two materials looked exceedingly well on the child who wore it. The upper part of the coat was of soft, fleecy cloth in diagonal weave and in a warm light brown or leather tone. The bottom of the coat was in black velvet and a band of dark fur separated the two materials and ran up the coat front. The collar and cuffs were of fur.

Less practical but really delightful for dressy wear was a coat designed for an older child, for a little girl of seven, let us say. There again the lower part of the full-length coat was of black velvet, but the upper part was of light blue broadcloth, the lovely shade that the French call blue ciel. This upper part or section rounded down into the velvet in the back and curved up almost to the waist line in front and was bordered by a narrow line of dark fur, under which the plain velvet lower-section joined the cloth.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Roses made of fur are one of the trimming novelties.
Scotch plaids are the newest things in blanket bathrobes.
Jeweled belts are very much worn with evening gowns.
Striped ribbon is claiming attention for jaunty street hats.
The pale leaf design is the newest thing in rich beaded bags.
Astrachan fur seems likely to figure on many gowns this season.
A few felt toques, trimmed with wool flowers are to be seen.
Deep indigo velvet and skunk fur are a delightful combination.
Draperies are more beautiful and lines more clinging than ever.

THE "PHYLLIS" STYLE



Dainty White Ratine Bonnet, trimmed plain and fancy colored ribbon "Bow" which can also be arranged as "strings."

Draped Gowns.
The smart new evening gowns are almost without exception draped in some way and almost always there is chiffon or lace in combination with the satin, chamois or brocade. Lace and chiffon wings and the revived angel's sleeves are coming more into vidence every day for dinner gowns and for the opera; and we no longer associate them with tea gowns alone.—Harper's Bazar.

COUSIN FANNIE'S HAT

By SUSAN LYNCH.

When Aunt Rachel came to see us one day last week I noticed the most odd hat she stepped out of her automobile that she had a millinery box with her.

I ran to the door to let her in, and as I offered to relieve her of the package she said in a manner that was snippy, to say the least: "Not for you Lucile. Once in a while some one else must be remembered."

There are times when I find Aunt Rachel very trying, but one has to make allowances for the peculiarities of the rich relatives, and I always feel it my duty to overlook my disagreeable remarks also makes.

The hat she brought was a perfect dream. She said her milliner had persuaded her to buy it against her better judgment, and when she tried it on before her own mirror she felt more than ever that the long, drooping white plume and huge pink roses were too young for her. So she decided to give it to Cousin Fannie.

It was almost pathetic to see poor Cousin Fannie in that hat. She has not the style or carriage to wear such romantic finery. So as soon as Aunt Rachel left the house I kindly offered to relieve her of it.

"I'll give you \$5 for that hat," I said, "and then you can buy herself a nice, sensible little turban that will be of some real use to you."

"Why, Lucile," interposed mother, "how can you offer \$5 for that hat when you must know that the plume alone must be worth at least \$25?" I said no more, for I was hurt that mother should receive so ungraciously my desire to help Cousin Fannie.

That afternoon, while she and Cousin Fannie were at a meeting of their church guild, I decided to make a few calls. I dressed in my pink and white marquisette and then, just for fun, tried on Cousin Fannie's new hat. It was so tremendously stunning with my frock that I simply had to leave it on, for it was most satisfying to my artistic taste. Everywhere I went that day I could see the hat created quite a sensation.

As I was going home late in the afternoon I happened to meet Canny Fuller, who is now living in a bachelor apartment near us.

"You are a symphony in pink and white," he said admiringly as he turned to walk my way. "Neapolitan ice cream couldn't begin to look as cool and refreshing as you do." "Ice cream?" I exclaimed. "Do you know, Canny, I've been making calls nearly all this hot afternoon, and in not one house have I been offered anything cold to eat or drink?" "You poor little thing!" laughed Canny. "If it weren't so near dinner time and if the clouds in the west didn't look so threatening I'd insist upon taking you over to Demosette's, the new place where really and truly French ices are served."

"Well I insist upon going," I returned gayly. "I'm sure it's got to be a treat."

But it did rain, and rain hard, as we were going home. Canny felt dreadfully about my wetting but I assured him that my gown was tubular, and that it didn't matter about the hat. I always said that nothing increases a girl's popularity with men friends more than the faculty of making light of little misadventures and accidents.

"You are simply drenched," cried mother as I ran into the house. "And as you've actually got on Fannie's hat! It's a perfect sight!" "I'm afraid, mother, that I've caught cold," I said. "I feel awfully shivery. Will you please have Tilly bring me some hot coffee?"

"Oh, Lucile, I hope it won't go to your lungs," said mother. "Don't worry, dear, for I'm sure I'll happen to observe in the glass for mother is always foolishly anxious if I have the least ailment."

After I had removed my wet garments and eaten the dinner that mother brought me on a tray I determined to repair the damage done to Cousin Fannie's hat. I took the feather off and carried it with a penknife over the gas jet as I had seen grandmother do for her bonnet tips when I was a little girl.

As I stood before my dressing case I was all right. I answered, nothing, the becoming disorder of my curls and it gave me an idea for a new coiffure. I was so much interested that for a moment I forgot the plume in my hand, and then I was startled by the odor of burning feathers. Of course the plume was ruined. Somehow whenever I try to be especially helpful or economical some mishap is sure to occur.

When mother told Aunt Rachel how sorry I was about the unfortunate accident all she said was that she should think mother would feel that she had lived in vain.

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ural manner at one side, beaght a cluster of pink roses. Forming a deep border to the tulle is an embroidery worked in silver and bugles, a further piece of this broderie fashioning the little coats of course, mounted over a transparency lace, round which there is carried, a band of pale pink satin ribbon that matches the swathed tulle. In lieu of having the broderie worked about the tulle itself, however, a broad trimming could be substituted and deftly applied upon the transparency.

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