

# THE NEW FAD OF HALF HOSE FOR CHILDREN



**H**AS infanticide come to be fashionable? So say the doctors. They are raising a tremendous buzz over the matter. They say the time was when it was bad form to kill babies. Then Dame Fashion took a hand in the matter and tried to thin out the population.

They have not had time as yet to carry out the statistics necessary to prove conclusively that she is succeeding in her purpose, but they are sure of what the statistics will prove in the end.

The short socks must go.

The doctors have spoken. How can any one expect, they ask, that a youngster of I can stand a climate like this unless he is warmly clad? And who can call him warmly clad when he has less than two inches of socks above his boots and half a dozen or more inches of bare leg?

A sneeze is the first result. A sneeze may be a very small thing in itself, but it is significant.

One sneeze.

Another.

A troop of them.

Then follows the whole army. Tonsillitis and croup, bronchitis and pneumonia, they march down upon the poor innocent baby, who wasn't to blame for having bare legs in the first place. In fact, he would rather not have had them any of the time. He was very happy in his own good stockings that covered his blessed legs all the way up and he did not care for what Fashion had to say about the matter.

Nowadays he and his small sister are required to parade our streets with their legs bare all the way from the place where their kilts and ruffles end down to the place where the tops of the dainty little white socks begin. Oh, yes, dainty they are, and no doubt about it; they are very snowy and tiny and cunning and irresistible on the plump little feet; they are the sort of things that auntie darling goes into ecstasies over and that all the grown-up members of the family and the strangers within their gates want to play with and cuddle. They are summery, they are baby-like, they are adorable.

But this is not a summery climate. In the midst of July we have winds that sweep hats along the pavements and fogs that leave you in doubt whether they are

not real rains after all. And in the midst of July and in colder months as well we see the infants in short socks.

As for their being babylike—they are in looks, but neither you nor I are husky enough to stand bare knees. It is very English, but it is very chilly.

They are adorable—yes. But you, mother of a bare-legged youth, might as well wear organdies the year round because they are becoming.

The custom started out by being Scotch. It was the style of the Highland laddie about town. They are giving their dolls a constitutional, perhaps, or playing horse to some red-wheeled cart, or romping with a big dog, or doing one of the thousand things that young America can think of to do. In the excitement of it the inch or two of visible sock slips all the way to the small boot top, and there is just that much more of exposure. The wind is blowing and the air is so sharp that the infant's mother buttons her jacket and tightens her feather. She is extremely grateful to the providence who dispenses styles that she is permitted to wear hosiery above her knees.

In the beginning the style bore some relation to Scotch kilts, but that time is long passed. Now the socks are worn by either a boy or a girl, and they are worn with any kind of a costume that happens to be in favor. So there is nothing appropriate about them, although they are very charming.

They are usually white, sometimes black, and they are worn with white topped boots. The plump little leg shows delightfully above them for a little distance. The knee is not so pretty a thing—knees never are. This, however, is not enough to spoil the charm of the fashion.

But what the doctors have to say—that's another matter.

They don't look upon style as the first consideration.

You must choose between their verdict and Fashion. And if your mothers don't settle the matter one way or the other there is likely to be a merry war between the medicos and the obstinate dame.

rounds affords a reasonable expectation of exhausting the adverse hands at once.

**King**—The king is led only from suits exactly of four and is always accompanied when so led by ace or queen, or both. The king is followed by the lowest of the head sequence which contains it. If the suit consists of ace, king and two others, not including the queen, the ace should be the second lead. In trumps the king leads as the same as in plain suits, with the exception that when the king is accompanied by one honor only the suit is opened with the lowest, or fourth best card.

**Queen**—When led from ace, king, queen or king, queen and others, the queen denotes the presence of the king and five at least in the suit. In the first case more precise information is afforded by the following: In suits of five exactly, the continuation is with the ace; with more than five, the king is led on the second round. If the queen, being played from king, queen and others, wins, the ace is marked with partner, and the fourth best should be led to enable him to make it and clear the suit.

**Jack**—The jack is led from suit of five or more which embrace the great major or tierce to king. In the first case, with exactly five, the jack is followed by ace; with six, by king, and with a greater number by queen. The play in trumps is the same as in plain suit. The ten is now led from queen, jack, ten.

From all combinations other than those mentioned the fourth best card of the suit is the proper opening, the continuation being regulated by the fall to the first trick.

North.  
S.—Q, 8, 3.  
H.—J, 7, 4.  
C.—8, 8, 5.  
D.—K, J, 7, 5.

West.  
S.—A, K, J, 2.  
H.—A, K, 2.  
C.—5, 4.  
D.—5, 4, 3, 2.

East.  
S.—9, 5.  
H.—Q, 10, 6, 5.  
C.—K, Q, 7.  
D.—Q, 10, 9, 8.

South.  
S.—10, 7, 6, 4.  
H.—9, 8, 3.  
C.—A, K, 10, 3, 2.  
D.—A.

**King of hearts trumps, north to lead.**

Tks.	N.	E.	S.	W.
1.	5d	6d	*Ad	2d
2.	8c	*Qc	3c	4c
3.	4h	5h	2h	*Kh
4.	7h	6h	8h	*Kh
5.	3s	5s	4s	*Ks
6.	Jh	*Qh	9h	2h
7.	*Qa	8a	6a	Ja
8.	9c	7c	*10c	3c
9.	5c	Kc	*Ac	3d
10.	8s	*10h	Jc	2s
11.	*Jd	9d	2c	4d
12.	*Kd	10d	7a	5d
13.	7d	*Qd	10s	As

East and West 6, North and South 7.

Trick 1.—West observes that North has led from a four-card suit and that only

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**AN INVITATION TO 'CROUP'**

from a greater number. With ace, queen, jack, ten and no other, the ace led, followed by ten, proclaims the exact holding.

Ace is also led from any suit of five or more, which does not contain both king and queen (for the reason that such length in one hand creates a probability that the suit will not go round twice) and is followed by the fourth best, including the ace, unless accompanied by king, in which case the rule for playing the master card to the second trick prevails. In trumps, the ace is led from all four, five, or six-card combinations, which do not include the quart or tierce major or queen, jack, etc., the latter conforming to the plain suit rules. From suits of seven or more, the ace is led, as such a long holding justifies the hope of catching one of the honor suits in an opponent's hand, and by securing two consecutive

**SHIVERING IN THE COLD**

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**COLD WEATHER CANT HURT ME**

**DR. J. C. STINSON.**

It is absolutely foolhardy to dress children in the short socks.

The bare-legged babies that appear on our streets every day are enough to make any sensible person shudder.

I never see a little bare-legged tot out walking on one of our chilly days but I think, "I wish I could dress its mother that way for once, long enough to let her know how it feels." She couldn't stand it. Neither could you nor I. And yet a poor little child is expected to meet our cold climate under such conditions as would certainly be too much for a grown person.

Perhaps some exceptionally rugged children could go dressed in this way without being in danger. But the rugged children don't seem to be the ones who are dressed so. I see the frailest little folks going in short socks, children who live under all restrictions of fashionable city life and have not the vigor to undergo such a condition.

It is a dangerous fashion and I believe all physicians must agree on this point.

**AN EASY LESSON IN WHIST.**

By Mrs. E. P. Schell.

**A**CE—this card is led from ace, queen, jack and any one or more, except the king, and is followed by one of the honors to force the king if adverse and clear the suit. In the follow number is indicated by playing the queen with four exactly; the jack

**DR. CHARLOTTE BROWN.**

Children ought not to wear the short socks that leave the little knees exposed when they are out of doors in this San Francisco climate.

The custom may perhaps be safe for house wear. But we all know it is not confined to that. We see children on our streets every day dressed in this manner. We have a climate of winds and fogs and there is great risk of throat trouble run by this practice of dressing.

I believe that it is a thing to be abolished.

**DR. GEORGE CHISMORE.**

I certainly think that for a delicate child the custom of leaving the legs exposed is a dangerous one.

It is safe for some children. One should be very sure, though, that the child can stand heavy tests before risking such a style of dress.