

Sturdy Wraps Defy Winter; Fur Coats for Midwinter

ABOUT all that stands between the up-to-date young girl and the wrap she wears. Exposed to sports wear, she looks with disfavor on heavy clothes and will have none of them, but she expects much in the way of protection from the cold...



HANDSOME COAT OF DARK VELOURS

stands foremost in the ranks of outer garments. Two sumptuous fur coats are illustrated here, at the left a full, straight coat of Siberian squirrel and at the right a beautiful model made of Hudson seal.



TWO SUMPTUOUS FUR COATS

are warm enough and coats of camel's hair, English Shetland or velours, often with a fur collar, are thoroughly practical.

Velvet and Satin. Velvet and satin are effectively combined in the winter materials. Stripes of velvet and satin are made up with a width of six or eight inches.

Jackets. Jackets for very elaborate wear are of white caracul, made like an Englishman's coat, with open sides and turned-back cuffs.

For Serges or Twills. Narrow fluted ribbon, usually of the black corded variety, is applied on the new serge dresses like braid, and is an effective trimming.

The Green Christmas

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IT WAS not a very cheerful boy that was looking out of the window at what little dirty ice the winter thaw had left upon the hill in front of the house.

It wasn't a very cheerful house, either. Mr. Bondage was a chainmaker, and when he came home from his iron works he always seemed to bring his business with him.

Besides all this, Ishmael had had no Christmas. Mr. Bondage did not believe in Christmas; to him Santa Claus was a foolish imagination and a hurtful superstition.

When Mr. Bondage went out to Sweetfield to visit his sister and to report upon Ishmael's progress, Aunt Sarah had her reward. "It is all your doing, Sarah," said he. "I needed someone to show me up to myself."

When December came blustering around again and brought Santa Claus and all his load of love and jollity, there was no place that more warmly welcomed him than Mount Freedom.

Ishmael had prospered enough in his studies to make a picture of Sweetfield. It hung over the mantel shelf in the living room and under it he had written, "The Home of the Green Christmas."

The other boys stopped calling him "Sissy" and no longer asked him if his mother knew he was out. Indeed, he up and thrashed a bullying boy who had knocked over one of his companions who was about half his size.

But Aunt Sarah also had a mind of her own. She had so much mind that she had concluded that winter to go and give Benjamin Bondage a piece of it.

When she considered Ishmael's state and situation and resolved to give his father a "good talking to." When she appeared Mr. Bondage felt that his time had probably come.

Mrs. Bondage, behind the door, expected her husband to object in loud and angry tones, but, to her astonishment, he was silent.

is the Better Part of Valor," profitably, and did not interfere, even when Aunt Sarah, flushed, but triumphant, carried Ishmael off.

There was some winter play left and to come at Sweetfield, but Aunt Sarah wasn't satisfied as easily as that, for she had made up the rest of her mind into an idea that Ishmael should have the Christmas that he hadn't had, after all.



"A Wonderful Pocketknife."

party, at least, was surprised when the wrapping was taken off and a wonderful pocketknife, beside a first-class football, conveyed merry wishes from Mr. Bondage to his son.

Another surprise awaited him, however, for, as he neared home and entered it, everything seemed changed. The house looked sunny and pleasant in its new colors, the fence had disappeared, the iron dog had been moved to the barn, and the mallet knight had gone down to the ironworks to be turned into plowshares.

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SANTA FOR ITALIAN KIDDIES Befana, Good Fairy, is Supposed to Fill Stockings With Toys on Twelfth Night.

THE character in Italian childhood lore corresponding to our Santa Claus is Befana, a good fairy who is supposed to fill the children's stockings with toys on Twelfth Night.

The legend concerning this lady is that the Magi, while on their way to Bethlehem, stopped at her home, but found her too busy with household affairs to entertain them.

STRANGER IN THEIR MIDST

Gap Johnson's Progeny Naturally Resented the Presence of Interloper in the Family.

"A short distance up the road," said a tourist who had halted his car in front of the residence of Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, "I met a small boy legging it for his life, with a howling mob of children of assorted sizes pursuing him and fairly raining stones, clubs and blistering epithets around him."

"Eh-yah!" replied Mr. Johnson. "The party of the first part was Gabe Giggery's boy and the mob was composed of some of my children, chasing him home. You see, their maw washed 'em all up a spell ago, and when they looked each other over they found that kid of Gabe's had been amongst 'em for nobody knows how long, eating, drinking and making merry, as it were."

HAD GOOD REASON TO WAIT

Traveler Surely Was in a Predicament That Afforded Cause for Mournfulness.

The conductor on the California Limited between Chicago and Los Angeles noticed that one of the passengers sat in his section hour after hour and sobbed. The first night out of Chicago the conductor was tempted to ask what the trouble was but having learned from previous experiences that one is better off minding one's own business he did not do so.

Every One Heard.

Six-year-old Helen's father was a fleshy man and, for comfort, wore his clothing quite loose. He took Helen one night to a circus which was showing in the town.

When the huge elephants were brought into the ring for their stunts, she was uneasy and doubtful. But when the last big elephant passed her seat in making his exit, during a lull in the applause, she exclaimed in a very audible voice: "Oh, papa, his pants fit him just like yours do you."

Kept Guessing. "You seem interested in free verse." "No, I'm not. But I read half a column of it before I discovered it was not going to rhyme."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Left Out. Don—Has your wife any pets? John—Yes, but I'm not one of them.

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