

## OUR FASHION LETTER.

Pretty Folded Kid Belts and Dainty Hand Bags.

### HANDSOME SEPARATE WAISTS.

Blouses Are Scarce, but Very Elaborate - Buckings Instead of Fur Trimmings For Early Spring. Small Hats Are Becoming Popular.

The hat made entirely of ermine is the most fashionable and smart a woman can have, and its chief beauty is that it goes with everything.

Wide kid belts are perhaps the smartest feature of fashion for street wear. They are carefully fitted and are laid in folds to give the appearance of silk or cloth. They come in all tints to match the costume.

The little hand bag to match the costume has taken the place of the ordi-



COFFEE COLORED CLOTH DRESS.

nary pocketbook. These little bags have come to be a necessity since women no longer have pockets. The bag should be as small as possible, however, just large enough to hold a handkerchief and a powder puff together with the requisite change. The prettiest come in pearl gray and in lavender kid mounted in gold, with little stones set in the fastenings. Curious flat gold purses combining cardcases with the name traced in colored stones are carried in Paris.

The illustration shows a coffee colored cloth gown with facings of brown velvet decorated with tiny gilt braids and buttons.

### ELABORATE BLOUSES.

The very fancy stock has been relegated to the ranks of forgotten neckwear. Instead we have the rather severe cravat with the street tailor made and the soft tie of lace or of chiffon to wear with the dressy visiting costume.

Little stocks of white taffeta or chiffon have rounded ends, and these are embroidered with French knots in black or white silk. This is about as elaborate a piece of neckwear as the smart woman cares to wear.

The clasps on some of the fur stoles are very handsome, being of gold or silver, richly jeweled. This is especially the case with the stoles of ermine and fine sable, where the price of the clasp is often a serious item. Occasionally muff buckles are seen to match, the



DOTTED CHIFFON EVENING GOWN.

fective worn with a white cloth skirt made very full and trimmed with applications of the same lace as the vest.

Ruchings will take the place of fur trimmings in the early spring, and they are very fashionable as it is on the lighter gowns, such as crepe de chine, velvets, etc.

Gowns of brown chiffon voile are considered very smart for restaurant dining and theater wear. They are trimmed with Persian chiffon.

Hats in pale shades of beaver are very smart and require but little trimming, a few flowers or a knot of ribbon, to render them complete. The great thing is to find a smart and becoming shape in a good quality.

One of the most effective hats is of black beaver trimmed with two beau-

tifully shaded roses attached to the underside of the brim, while the upper part of the hat is simply trimmed with a big satin or velvet bow.

The illustration shows a dotted chiffon evening gown trimmed with rockings of silk and diamond shaped medallions of lace.

### LOUIS XI. HATS.

In contrast to the exaggerated shapes some very small hats are being worn. These are copied from old paintings and medieval prints, and one sees the quaint Louis XI. shapes and the furred bonnets of the middle ages converted into bewitching headgear for the modern woman.

Shaded effects are much used just now on hats and gowns, but especially on the former. The favorite combination is a deep tone of purple combined



TAILOR MADE HAT.

with ox blood red, shading into bright cerise. When carefully managed this is most effective, and an easy way is to trim a deep purple French sailor shape with a wreath of these shaded roses.

Bird of paradise plumes are again in vogue, and so are feather tips and aigrets, now that millinery is less flat than formerly. Cocks' plumes are perhaps the leading millinery ornament, but their downfall is soon predicted, because they are all too popular. They come in every shade conceivable from the palest heliotrope and pale gray to brilliant red and are placed on the hat in such a manner that they droop on the hair, forming a pretty contrast.

In the illustration is shown a tailor made hat of white felt trimmed with knotted velvet ribbon and a shaded wing under the brim.

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BROWN CLOTH GOWN.

fullness of the top of the muff being drawn up through one of these jeweled affairs.

Coats of moleskin are made with the skins vandyked into little points, and this gives a very handsome effect. Such coats are three-quarters in length and loose, the full sleeves being held in with cuffs of embroidery or lace and the coat being faced for some distance back with the same trimming.

The French are trying to inaugurate a theater headdress not unlike the Dutch cap, only much tinner. It is composed of a band of lace embroidered in silk or gold and having a gold or a silver rose on each side of it. This is fastened directly back of the pompadour and gives a very jaunty effect when worn by the right person.

Gold and silver flowers are the latest, by the way, in hair decorations. The illustration shows a gown of brown cloth trimmed with bias bands of chiffon velvet.

JUDIO CHOLLET.

### An Animal Story For Little Folks

#### The Trapper's Bad Bargain

The polar bears heard that there was a party of trappers near their home, and they decided to go down and meet them and see if they could not make a bargain for the exchange of some furs for little household articles.

The bears gathered all the skins and furs they had and marched down to



"YOU FELLOWS WANT TOO MUCH FOR YOUR FURS," SAID THE MAN.

meet the trapper. There they met a man who had several big chests filled with trinkets that he desired to give in exchange.

"What will you give me for this fur?" asked the first bear, holding up a beautiful otter skin that would have made a handsome collar for some pretty lady.

"Three glass beads," answered the man.

"Oh, no," replied the bear. "That is too cheap. You ought to give a quart of beads."

"What will you give for this?" asked the second bear, holding up a valuable fur.

"A fine comb," answered the man.

"That's too cheap," replied the bear. "You ought to give a comb and brush."

"What will you give for this?" asked the third bear, holding up a pretty skin.

"A box of toothpicks," answered the man.

"That's too cheap," replied the bear. "You ought to give the toothpicks and a toothbrush."

"You fellows want too much for your furs," said the man. "You had better talk this matter over between you and see if you will not accept my offers."

Then the bears put their heads together and had a little talk.

"Well, what have you decided?" asked the man.

"We have decided," said the bears, "that you are altogether too cheap to live, and we are going to eat you and then take all these pretty things for ourselves."

The bears made a rush at the man and the man made a dash at top speed across the snow.

Then the bears seized the chests and divided the nice things between them and took them home to make their wives and children Christmas gifts of them.

Moral.—Don't always try to get the best of the bargain.—Chicago Tribune.

### An Animal Story For Little Folks

#### The Lazy Goat

There was once a goat whose name was Fritz and who was not at all fond of work, and the members of his family sent for the doctor and said:

"What shall we do, doctor, to restore our little goat to health?"

The doctor looked him over and then replied, "He merely needs exercise and plenty of it."

The next day the doctor came back to see how his patient was getting



ONRY AS IF HIS HEART WOULD BREAK. along. He was surprised to find Fritz crying as if his heart would break.

"What is the matter?" asked the doctor.

"Well, sir," replied Fritz, "you told me to exercise, and I am crying for the exercise that it furnishes me. Do you think that I'll soon be well, sir?"

"No," answered the doctor, "nor will any one else who tries such a plan as that. You are so lazy that nothing will cure you except a good, sound thrashing."

And the same day his father gave him one, and he began to grow better at once.—Detroit Journal.

### An Animal Story For Little Folks

#### The Little Bear's Idea

"Oh, how unhappy we are!" exclaimed Mr. Bear, making a very long face. "We had better be dead," agreed Mrs. Bear.

But the little bear took a much more sensible view of things, and he was convinced that his papa and mamma were wrong for once.

"See here," he cried, "why don't you try to make yourselves happy? Why don't you forget your troubles and look at the bright side of things?"

"How can we do it?" wailed Mr. and Mrs. Bear together.

"Why, simply shake off the ugly feeling you have and make up your minds to enjoy life," replied the little bear.

"Tell us how to do it," they cried.

"Suppose you begin with a dance and a song."

The old bears did not think very much of that, but they agreed to try



it. Up they got on their hind legs and began to dance around and sing, while the little bear whistled a tune that he had learned at school.

And the first thing they knew they were flying around light footed and light hearted and feeling ten years younger. They laughed and forgot their troubles and were as happy as a bride and groom. Of course the little bear was very much pleased with the success of his plan.

"This life is not so dreary, after all," exclaimed Mr. Bear.

"Indeed, it is not," agreed Mrs. Bear.

Moral.—You can be happy if you try to be.—Detroit Journal.

### An Animal Story For Little Folks

#### The Bears' Good Fortune

The bears had a nice house which they rented from Mr. Camel, and they wished to remain there the rest of their days, for they were getting along in years and did not relish the idea of moving.

But you know we are not always able to have everything our own way in this world, and so it proved to be with the bears. One day Mr. Camel decided that he would like to live in



BIG TEARS STREAMED OUT OF THEIR EYES. that house himself, and he sent word to the bears that they would have to move out.

Mr. and Mrs. Bear were almost broken hearted. They did not know what to do, for, look as hard as they could, they were unable to find another house into which to move.

When the day came for the bears to get out they did not know where to go. But go they had to, and go they did. Down the road they marched side by side, while great big tears streamed out of their eyes.

When they reached the top of a hill about a mile from the house they had just left they turned to take a farewell look at it. And what do you think? The house had disappeared! They had no more than got out of it, when a big gust of wind came along and blew it down in a mass of planks and boards upon the ground. Not one piece remained attached to another.

"What a lucky thing for us!" exclaimed Mr. Bear joyfully. "If we had not got out when we did we would have been crushed to pieces."

And, indeed, they would have been. They were certainly fortunate, for a little farther on down the road they found the tiger family moving out of a real nice house, and the bears secured that one and lived there until the end of their days.—Chicago Tribune.

## BE PLEASANT AND

### TO EVERY BODY

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