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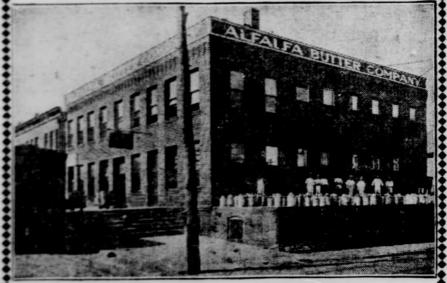
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"We must have a sleighride party," said the Brownies.

"Oh, yes," agreed the Gnomes. "We haven't had one this winter, and it will be such fun." "Let's have it tonight," said the

Brownies. "It will be nicer to have it in the evening when Mr. Moon can follow "That's right," said the Gnomes,

"And the little Stars can look down at us and smile. Their smiles are the loveliest in the world, we think," "Yes," said the Brownies, "Their

"If you get up the sleighride," said the Gnomes, "why can't we arrange

smiles are wonderful. They are so

the supper? "All right," said the Brownies, "that will be splendid, and it's awfully good of you to think of it. To be sure, after a sleighride we will be ever so hungry and we'll enjoy a good supper."

"How do you know it will be good?" asked the Gnomes. "We said we'd get a supper ready. We didn't say a good supper, you know." And the Gnomes

"But." said the Brownies, "if you get it up it's sure to be good."

"You're very kind," said the Gnomes. "Well, we hope it will be good!"

And so as soon as the Moon was up, the Brownies, dressed in warm winter woolen clothes, and the Gnomes in little fur suits, started off.

As they went along the smooth road, and the bells on their horses fingled and merrily sang, the Brownies and Gnomes told stories and laughed and They rode ever and ever so far, and

all along the trip Mr. Moon went with Until late they rode, and the horses

seemed to go faster and faster all the "It's almost time for supper," said

"Where shall we drive for supper?"

asked the Brownies. "Ah," said the Gnomes, "we can have

supper anywhere." "What?" asked the Brownies in sur-

"Certainly," said the Gnomes, "Hidden under these seats are baskets, and they are filled with all the goodies we could think of. There are hot soups, and hot chocolate to drink in bottles can think of. We tried to bring a



Mr. Moon Went With Them.

good supper, when you were so kind as to tell us you were sare it would

"Well," said the Brownies. "To think that our supper was with us all the time and we didn't know it." "But you didn't want it before, did

you?" asked the Gnomes. "Oh, no," said the Brownies. "We are just good and hungry now." "Well, let's start right in."

So they all sat on the long sleigh where they had been all the evening. and they curled up their feet under them as they sat.

The supper was certainly marvelous, and the Brownies said they had known the Gnomes could not have anything but a fine one. The Gnomes were so pleased with the Brownies' praise.

The horses turned their heads around when the Gnomes and Brownies were eating, and the Gnomes hopped off the sleigh and gave the horses some nice hay and lumps of sugar they had brought along. For of course when the horses had given them such a wonderful ride they could not be forgotten in the supper.

And Mr. Moon was still overhead in the sky and watched all the fun. "I sha'n't leave," he said, "until you do. Miss such fun as this? Never in the wide, wide world."

And the little stars kept smiling and twinkling and said:

"Up in the sky
"We are so high.
"But down below,
"Over the snow.
"We've watched the ride,
"And have helped as light and guide."

So the sleighing party was a great success, and before it was over the

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Among the wonderfully varied show- lak them wearable. The surface of ings of pretty frocks for afternoon this silk, like that of crepe de chine, wear, there is to be discovered this is as soft and velvety as a rose petal, spring, a line of plain silk dresses of and added to this is its sheerness. very simple design. They are of taf- Even pumpkin and orange color are feta or satin or crepe, as unpretentious delicate in it, with sulphur vellow and as to trimming as a cotton house dress. the most brilliant rose shades at their Mostly neat effects appear in such leveliest.

adornment as is allowed them, as Very small beads and silk embroidtucks or folds in the goods and plain, ery, rather sparingly used, set off the hemstitched collars of organdie or latest arrivals in waists, with ornacrepe georgette. They are made in mentation in a contrasting color. In gray, sand color. Joffre and other the picture a waist in sulphur color is



SIMPLEST OF SILK FROCKS.

ous checks and stripes.

the everyday average woman likes to broidery in coral pink. The tiny butown, to slip on for dinner at home and tons used are usually satin covered to wear for all sorts of informal dress, and of the same color as the embroid-A very quiet model is shown in the ery. plain with diagonal opening at the ing collar. Seams are hemstitched,

blues and in crossbars and inconspicu- embroidered and beaded with silk in Joffre blue. The same model, shown These dresses are just the sort that in sand color, is brightened with em-

picture of gray taffeta, with sleeves of Sleeves continue long; collars open georgette crepe and hemstitched col- at the throat and have more or less lar of white georgette. The sleeves of a cape at the back. Some of them have deep cuffs of the taffeta and are convertible and there are models when satin or the softer silks are used, specially designed for thin women the entire sleeve is made of the same with satin vest fronts extended into a material as the dress. The bodice is narrow panel at the front of a stand-



GEORGETTE UNRIVALED IN SPRING BLOUSES.

front, and the girdle is merely a bias Hemstitching, long sleeves and collars length of the silk, hemmed at the similar to that shown in the picture edges and draped about the waist. It are common to all sorts of blouses, fastens at one side.

The skirt is an excellent pattern for for all-round wear. panel set on to a yoke. The panel the dozens on them. overlaps the full side pieces that are tucked near the top and shirred to the yoke. There is a plaited panel at the back also and the skirt fastens at the

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