

# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

When all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even a mouse;



## Modes for Mother Vs. Daughter

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



**B**BETTER look to your laurels, daughter, for mother is about to outmode you in the matter of chic and swank in dress. At least it can be truly said that fashion is seeing to it that older women keep in the first step with those younger in the style parade.

The current modes all go to show that the same fashion influences are important for both mother and daughter, their difference being only in their interpretation which tunes to a nicety to type and to years or less years.

With all the world wearing metallics this season, mother follows suit in afternoon or dinner gowns which have discreet touches of metal for trimming. Sometimes insets of metallic silks are set down the middle of full sleeves. Then again bands of gold or silver silk lame border necklines and accent deep graceful armholes or are draped to soften the bustline. Notice this treatment in the handsome gown worn by the smart and attractive matron centered in the illustration. Here is a restrained, at the same time most effective, use of gold silk lame on a gown of black velvety silk sheer, with a group of tucks molding the gown at the hipline.

As a rule mother does well to avoid entire gowns of metallic silk, leaving the joy to gleam from head to toes in glamorous silver or gold to the young girl. The debutant age wears dinner gowns of scintillating silver silk lames, with shirtwaist bodice softened by bishop sleeves slit underneath, as you see in the model pictured to the right in the group. Crinkled silver silk lame is used for this dinner gown, the bishop sleeves of which are

split from the shoulder to the wrist. Youthful, too, are the cocktail suits fashioned of heavy silk lames. These have contrasting blouses of silk satin or silk velvet. Lame jackets are also worn over harmonizing silk crepe frocks. Formal evening gowns are made of soft silk lames which seem like liquid gold, silver or bronze—often with finely pleated skirts in the Grecian manner. Stiff silk metalized brocades or moires are also quite the "last word" for gowns with slim lines that gradually flare into billowy skirts.

The draped mode interpreted in soft, supple silk in a variety of interesting weaves, is a favorite theme for both mother and daughter. The more mature woman usually prefers modified draped treatments.

Soft fullness in the bodice is also favored for the older woman, and is much in vogue, achieved through shirring, soft folds and unpressed pleats. Cowl treatments, shoulders with softly draped armholes, inverted tucks at the waistline which release their fullness gracefully in the bodice section, as illustrated in the model to the left in the picture, are all modern treatments which are flattering to older women. In the softly draped gown referred to, which, by the way, is of a handsome American beauty silk sheer, unpressed pleats give the new front fullness to the skirt, also developing into a flattering soft neckline that achieves a conservative décolletage for the older woman.

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### STURDY SUEDE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



By all means if you are interested in voguish leather fashions you must have a sturdy suede jacket. These jackets, in rich stunning colors, are leading the field for winter sports. The model at the top has gridiron checks patterned via embossing, on the mosaic rust suede leather. Virginia Reid wears this new vogue which originated in Hollywood. The jacket below, also checked in gridiron fashion, has triangular shaped pocket flaps which button with an all-around belt and a trick collar that can be worn up or down.

### BEAUTY IS HELPED BY STYLE OF HAIR

The girl who wants to make the most of her best features and to draw attention away from not-so-good ones should study her face carefully and experiment with hair styles and cosmetics.

The right coiffure can make a too-long nose seem shorter, or an extremely thin face appear plumper.

If your nose is long and pointed, never part your hair in the middle. If it is short, by all means do wear your hair with the part in the center.

If you have a long thin face, a coiffure that fluffs out slightly at the sides will be most flattering. Girls with short plump faces can very well go in for sleeked-back hair styles, perhaps even the types that show both ears.

Pert curls that fly across the forehead and in front of ears generally are best for youthful, rather small, piquant faces.

#### Treat Furs Roughly

If you are lucky enough to get a silver fox wrap, for goodness sake learn to care for it correctly. The fur never should be stroked with the hands or touched with a brush. Instead, when you want to fluff it up and remove dust, shake it vigorously. Don't treat furs gently. On fox ranches where the little creatures are bred and reared to enhance feminine beauty and in large fur houses, fox pelts are beaten with a stick to make them fluffier and more luxurious looking.

#### Short Veils, Long Trains

The bride who marches to an altar bedecked with chrysanthemums and gladioli will wear white satin, velvet or moire. Her train will be long, her veil quite short and her bouquet decorations will furnish the color for the scene. It is possible, of course, to order exquisite bridal dresses in any shade under the sun from the deep Renaissance blues to rich marigold yellows.

### His First Christmas

by Earle Hooker Eaton

**R**ING up the Pole and telephone Without a moment's pause, Or by the wireless make it known To dear old Santa Claus, That Papa's Boy and Mama's Joy, And Sister's Precious Mite, While glad bells clang will gaily hang His stocking up tonight!

"Ting-ling! Ting-ling! Hello, hello! Is that you Santa, 'ear?" Be sure your reindeer hear your 'Whoa!"

When you are passing here, What's that? You'll come and bring a drum. A jumping-jack and ball, And other toys for little boys? Dear Saint, you're best of all!"

'Tis Christmas morn, and to his shop Old Santa hither flies; 'Tis five o'clock, but open pop The baby's roguish eyes. We're dead for sleep, but oh we creep, And dress at once to get What Santa kind, has left behind For Toddlekins, our pet.

From Pole to Pole there's surely not A babe more pleased than he, And how he crows, the happy tot, And gurgles in his glee. The jumping-jack, the ducks that quack, The drum, the horns, the ball, The chicks that peep, the horse, the sheep. He tries to eat them all!

On this his first glad Christmas lark, The toys with blocks he pelts, He makes old Noah wish the Ark Had landed somewhere else! A soldier blue he breaks in two, A puncture gives the drum, He fills the air with legs and hair, And then—he sucks his thumb!

The Sand-Man's surely come to town, And sister's maver's lap; Clear up the wreck and struggle down, 'Tis time to take a nap. Then rock-a-bye, close each blue eye, Rest, my darling, rest! (He's fast asleep, with baby sheep Hugged tight against his breast!) © Western Newspaper Union.

Uncle's bald head, or sister's fur?" After the program Horton and Louise watched every means of exit for their guests, then hurried home, arriving at five o'clock. At sight of the left-over dinner, Louise sobbed:

"Never saw such a frost. What on Adam's earth could have happened? What have we—have I done to deserve such snubs?" She was almost suspicious that Horton had something to do with the absence of their guests. She leaped to the jangling of the telephone. Anything was better than silence—or was it?

"Ye—yes—yes—we'll be there—at once!" The receiver clicked. "Horton, hurry. Someone needs you—at Herald's Corners. Hal called. No, Hal and sister are not hurt, but some one else. You run on and I'll stay to prepare beds."

Horton, Hal, and Louise's sister soon arrived with a man, woman and small child who had been buried under an automobile after being struck by a fit-and-run driver. When Hal found them, hours before, they were unconscious.

While administering to the injured one in the spotless beds Louise provided, Uncle Jim and Aunt

Jen arrived with Betty and Clyde, son and daughter-in-law, at exactly six o'clock!

"We were determined to be on time for dinner," Aunt Jen called innocently.

"Yes, you are in time—to help nurse these injured strangers," Louise announced, trying not to look discomfited.

"Jim had too bad a cold to go to the program at Baxter. So Clyde said he would drive our car and we would all come together. Clyde could not get away from the store until noon. We thought you would probably go to the program if we were not here to hinder during the afternoon. And we'd get here in time for your six o'clock dinner. Let us help make these injured ones comfortable. Or, we'll get the dinner on the table while you attend them," Aunt Jen rattled on.

"The date of the dinner's coldness seemed not to matter. One thing I've learned, that a cold dinner is no less palatable after eight hours, than for two hours' wait. It's all because of two times—two dates for dinner—12 o'clock—and six o'clock! Two things learned today!" Louise recited to herself the text of the letter sent to her guests, and as nearly as she could remember it was worded:



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"Dinner at six—fo, six late guests. But it all turned out right. The poor people were rescued by Hal's coming in the afternoon. Hal said that since he had the afternoon for driving he would leisurely drive by way of Herald's Corners to see the new viaduct just completed. You and I, dear, attended the program together. Uncle Jim needed a driver. Next time I'll make it plain which dinner hour to expect my guests—at one o'clock or at six o'clock on Christmas!" Louise smiled the next day after the injured strangers were on their way, and the guests had returned to their homes.

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**Mistletoe, a Tree Parasite** Despite its popularity as a Christmas green, there is little worry about conserving the country's supply of mistletoe. For this attractive plant, with its shiny, dark leaves and waxy white berries grows as a parasite high on the branches of trees and does considerable damage to its host trees. Science has revealed that the mistletoe seeds are carried from tree to tree by birds.

## BRISBANE

THIS WEEK

Alas, One Rich Man Only! Gasoline Is King All the Ships She Wants Senator Borah's View

Only one solitary American citizen had a net income of above \$5,000,000 last year, and they were 59-cent dollars. The man did not realize it, perhaps, but he will realize it later as inflation, which is now a fact, becomes known to all.



Arthur Brisbane

Who the last, one some, remote, unfriendly, melancholy, five-million-dollar-a-year-man is may not be told. The law forbids publishing income tax names, but the government tells you there is one and only one. That "last rose" of depression's summer must look around him, sad-eyed, mourning over his old companions, withered and strewn.

What is important today may be nothing tomorrow; what was nothing yesterday may become all important now. Once man was helpless without his horse, camel, ox, yak, ass, mule, reindeer, dog sled or tame elephant. Now, in civilization, they mean little, while Lloyd George tells you, "Oil is the decisive factor in the Abyssinian campaign." Of all the great powers whose attitude is being canvassed, that of King Gasoline is most important. Without oil, Mussolini cannot win his war; with oil, victory is certain.

Japan at the naval conference will consider nothing less than a battle fleet as big as any the United States may build; no 5-5-3 ratio.

No American should object to that, if Japan can afford it. It is not the size of the fleet that counts. Unfortunate Spanish grandees in charge of the great Armada could testify to that, after they met Elizabeth's small fleet and big sea captains.

Also, there is the fact that if real war started, above the clouds and under water, every fighting nation would hide its battleship targets out of airplane sight, in safe harbors; many battleships or few would make no difference.

Senator Borah tells over the microphone what the country needs: Support of the Constitution; a fight against those who would undermine it.

The destruction of monopoly without necessarily enacting new legislation.

An end of crop restriction. Senator Borah says restriction has always failed in depression ever since the days of Roman emperors.

The scientific news, gruesome but important, tells you that the eyes of the dead can supply transparent tissue from the cornea useful in curing blindness in the living. Tissue from dead eyes has been successfully transplanted to living eyes, and there is hope of thus curing certain types of blindness.

England has always acted like one "walking on eggs" in dealing with Japan, but she does say that Japan's proposed seizure of Chinese territory "harms the prestige of Japan and hampers the development of friendly future relations between Japan and her friends."

Walter C. Teagle, head of Standard Oil of New Jersey, did not make a deal to supply Mussolini with all his oil for thirty years, casually arranging to finance the Italian oil market up to \$300,000,000. Mr. Teagle says so, and it is so. But when the wise John D. Rockefeller once said, "I want to see my managers, their desks cleared and their feet on the desks studying how to make money for Standard Oil," he had men like Walter Teagle in mind.

In Georgetown, British Guiana, a kindly clergyman sprinkled a tiny negro baby just born, naming him "Roosevelt Selassie Caleb." The boy's parents, descendants of slaves, say the name was chosen to honor "the greatest man in the world, President Roosevelt."

The little baby may wonder later why his parents dragged in Halle Selassie, in whose empire slavery still exists as a major industry.

An official representative of Russia said to this writer not long since: "We have nothing to fear from Japan. They waited three years too long." While Japan was waiting, Russia established a great submarine and air base at Vladivostok, within short striking distance of everything Japanese.

Since then Japan and Russia have got along peacefully. This country may suddenly wake up to find problems more important than any theory on how to make everybody happy on short notice.

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## Household Questions

Soot water is excellent for plants. Put soot taken from chimneys, furnaces and stoves into a bag and suspend bag in a pail of water. Let stand for a week before using.

To prevent shoulder straps slipping off, cut a piece of tape long enough to hold straps. Sew one end of tape to inside of dress on shoulder seam. Then sew one-half of snap fastener onto shoulder seam and the other on the loose end of the tape.

Custard pies should be baked in a hot oven for the first ten minutes. The crust will then be set and filling will not soak through crust. Reduce heat after first ten minutes so that filling will not boil.

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