

HINTS FOR THE HOME DRESSMAKER.

When the Sandman Comes:

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Pajamas in Light Blue Outing Flannel



wear, these washable suits are quite warm enough for winter and are really not as productive of colds as suits made of heavier materials.

One of the favorite styles for little boys' wear is the sailor blouse suit, and nothing smarter or more practical has, with the exception of the Russian blouse suit, been devised. A double breasted modeling of the sailor blouse is a new feature this season. This serves to provide additional protection for the more delicate parts of the wearer's body. The garment is fitted at the shoulders and the under arm seams and adapts itself smoothly across the shoulders and chest, closing in front with buttons and buttonholes. At the lower edge it is finished with a casing, in which a tape or elastic is inserted, and by means of this is adjusted to the waist.

The neck edge is completed with a sailor collar of a modified form, wide at the back, where the shaping is square, and narrowed to a point at each front end. The open space at the neck of the blouse is filled in with a removable shield, which is finished with a standing collar and closed at the back. The sleeve is of the latest one-seam design, fitted into the armhole without fullness and plaited in cuff effect at the wrist edge. A pocket, without which the normal boy would be most unhappy, is inserted in the left front of the blouse.

The knickerbockers are of the newest and most approved shaping and may be made with or without a

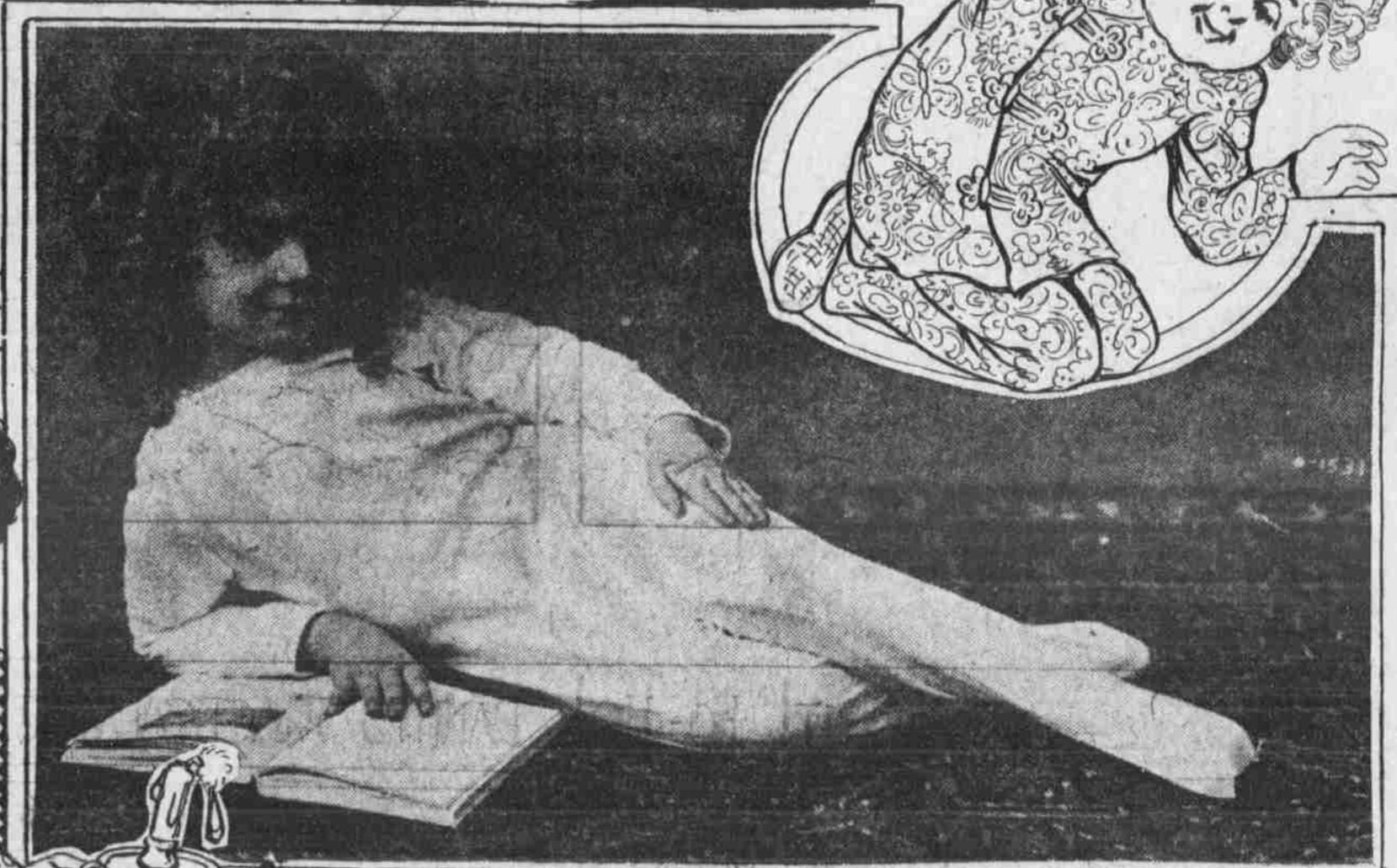
Of all the different varieties of sewing and the various articles that women enjoy making there is probably nothing in which the mother takes a deeper and a more tender interest than in the dainty, comfortable little garments for night wear for her children.

True, there are models of these garments without number in the shops, but so often the prices asked are out of all reason, and any one, even if she is not an expert needlewoman, can at least make the simple little night garments pictured on this page.

Generally speaking, all these garments are designed on a strictly common sense idea. With the mothers of today the health of their children is paramount, and they are careful to see that the children are comfortably dressed not only in daytime but at night as well.

The shops are showing the most cunning little night garments, with the most lifelike impressions of nursery favorites trailing leisurely across the hem of the sleeves, blouse, and the trouser legs of the wee pajamas. All Mother Goose's quaint family are represented, as well as the sauciest looking little hipopotamuses, who, you feel sure, could tell the most wonderful stories to good little boys and girls, to say nothing of Peter Rabbit and the little chipmunks.

This material comes in dainty colors as well as in the grays in both plain and striped colors as well as in flannel. The borders come in separate strips and are easily sewed around the edges of the garments. The pajamas illustrated on the page are also deco-



Sensible Garment for Cold Nights.

rated with these nursery borders and the models given are excellent for home making, for they embody all the most attractive qualities of the high grade models shown in the shops, including good style and correct cut. Their construction is simple enough to come in range of even the most amateurish of needleworkers. Most of the jackets of these suits are made in the double breasted style and may be closed either with buttons and buttonholes or with the cord frogs. The latter, however, will appeal especially to children. The fronts may be cut with square or rounded corners, while the necks may be finished with or without military notched. The use of the pocket, too, is optional, although its addition is to be commended, as much for convenience as for decoration. Nearly all these garments are made with one-seam sleeves and are adjusted at the shoulders without any fullness. In making the trousers care should be exercised to leave them roomy and comfortable enough, in order to do away with the unpleasant pulling at the seams which so often is found in the ready made pajamas.

In children's clothes, especially in the sleeping garments, there is no more important point than the finishing, and a flat finishing at that. Where simple hems can be used by all means use them, as in the leg of the night drawers, for instance, but on a curved edge a bias facing is better. To do this place the right side of the facing to the right side of the garment, stitch on the wrong side, turn over the facing and stitch the other side of the facing flat, having first turned in a hem.

In night garments of all kinds be sure that the collar and cuffs and armholes are ample in size, as they will not only be much more comfortable but also will wear much longer if not subjected to a strain. In making clothes for the little people it is well to bear in mind that the new fashions each season in women's clothes are more or less reflected in the clothes for children. The newest designs for school dresses for spring and early summer show decidedly fuller skirts—few plain gored skirts will be worn by school children. Klitted skirts and gathered skirts are by far the smartest.

ly, according to the age of the wearer. The lower edge may be finished with casing or bands and the customary number of pockets provided for the wearer's convenience.

At this season of the year the materials usually chosen for making these suits are of wool, although the tub fabrics are almost entirely worn by the small boys, who soil their clothes so quickly that laundering is an almost everyday necessity. Braid, either matching or contrasting with the materials, forms an appropriate trimming, or if this is not liked a simple machine stitching will be sufficient. For the shield and standing collar a contrasting material should be chosen. Embroidered emblems applied to the shield and to one sleeve give an attractive finish.

Many women are quite clever in utilizing old suits of their husbands' for these little suits—ripping them apart, cleaning, and pressing them. It is an inexpensive, practical way to provide the small boy with school and play suits. These little boy suits are really quite simple to make, much simpler, in a way, than the little girls' frocks, for the possibilities opened up by tucks, hand embroidery, and lace work on the latter can run away with an amazing lot of time, whereas boys' clothes represent a definite amount of labor.

Where new woolen materials are used in constructing these suits it is economy to sponge and press them carefully before using. This will render them proof against spots and shrinkage. When purchasing a pattern for these suits the size should correspond with the age of the boy, unless he is unusually large or small for his years, in which case it is much the best to get the pattern by his chest measure. Even so it may be necessary to alter the length of the blouse, sleeve, or knickerbockers, and it is always well to compare the child's measurements with those of the pattern before cutting into the materials.

Take the measure of his arm along the inside of the sleeve from the armhole to the wrist, from his waistband to the fork of his knickerbockers, the inside measure of the length of his leg, and the length from the armhole to the bottom of his blouse. Take these measurements carefully, writing them down on a slip of paper, since there are four of them, and one's memory is not infallible.

The length of the blouses on the sailor or the Russian suits is more or less optional, since some people like the sailor blouses to be quite a good deal and to have the Russian blouses quite long. On the Russian blouse suits the usual style is to expose about an inch and a half or two inches of the knickerbockers for a 4 year old boy. They are fastened at the knee and should blouse about an inch.



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