

The Bee's Home Magazine Page

Crinolines---1830---1914

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A real pussy-cat cloak—big and full and comfy—straight from the house of Drecol. Enveloped in its voluminous folds the wearer is almost lost. Only here eyes peep out from above the bushy black and white fox collar—the magic combination in furs being one of the new notes of the Drecol collection. Straight and, oh, so full, the mantle hangs from this furry collar almost to the bottom of the gown, and aways flaring. And as if to accentuate this spring at the bottom a wide band of the two furs is added. The tiny hands find their way out of two great cuffs—muff-like pieces of fur—which extend almost to the elbow of the big, baggy sleeves. An antique Russian silver ornament fastens a cloak which might have been fashioned for the ex-Empress Eugenie.

Since Russia and France have joined against the enemy, the French couturiers do not hesitate to glean their inspiration from the land of snow and beautiful women. From the tip of her turban to the toe of her boots this little lady is Russian. The material is a blue cloth, the military blue color, and the trimmings are black astrachan, the fur the Russian officers use to edge their capes. This fur forms the collar, high and flaring, but, open in the front, outlines either side of the front of the tight little jacket and edges the tiny flaring basque. But the newest feature of the jacket is the leg-o'-mutton sleeve—the real, old-time, full sleeve gathered full into the normal armhole. The skirt, full and trimmed with braid, displays the patent-leather Russian boots.

Ruffle upon ruffle, each rippling forth in billowy fineness, makes one believe that this quaint little skirt of coral pink taffeta must have been cherished all these years in the hidden recesses of a chest belonging to an 1830 belle. At least Weeks has copied almost to the last detail the skirt of that period. There are slight modifications in the corsage, though the flat shoulder effect is just as pronounced. And it is achieved by a sash of black and silver brocade ribbon which twines its way over one shoulder and across the hip. Two ruffles of the taffeta outlined in sable are laid flat over the other shoulder, the flare coming well below the top of the arm. A line of sash marks the bottom edge of the skirt, which is short enough to display the turn of the ankle.

Little Bobbie's Pa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

I see that Mister Roosevelt is coming back, sed pa. I am glad to hear that, because the country will feel safer when he is here to see after things. Of course, sed pa, he can't set in the White House chair, but I guess he doesn't care much as long as he has them bolts wich he got in South Ameriky. Of course, pa sed to ma, you never had any South American bolts, so you littel know the suffering wich is caused by them, but thay are a terrible thing.

Wen did you ever have them? sed ma.

Every time I ever went to South Ameriky, sed pa. I used to get them from swimmin' across the Amazon befor breakfast, sed pa. I was a grate swimmer in them days, & I used to go out every morning for a dip & a swim across the Amazon & back. Mister Roosevelt says in the palper that the nineteenth century was of North America, but the 20th century will be of the Amazons. I don't know wether he means the river of wen wimmen all thare righte, pa sed, but I he mans the river he is certingly right. I was one of the first Amerikans, pa sed, that realized the tremendous possibilities of South Ameriky, the grate weth the wonderful jewels & mineral mines & the crocodile skins down thare waiting to be made into purses.

You never told me that you were in South Ameriky, sed ma.

Dident I? sed pa. Well, that is singular, but I have been thare so much that perhaps I did forget to tell you all I know, & besides, I was reading the other day that thare are sum things a husband & wife shud keep from each other, & that is one of the few things I keep from you.

You are in a facesabus mood tonite, dearest, aren't you? sed ma. I often wonder, she sed, wen you are telling them yarns how much of them you think little Bobbie & I believe. I discount every one of them, don't you, Bobbie?

I don't know what you mean by discounting them, I told ma, but I believe everything my dear father says.

Thare, you see, sed pa, the littel man knows the truth wen he hears it & sees it. I am proud of my son & glad beekaus of his faith in me. Here, Bobbie, sed pa, here is two dollars. Go -- git that air rifle that you told me you wanted the other day. You are a sensible child, the son of a sensible father.

He is a wise child, the son of a wise mother, sed ma. He wanted that air rifle & now he is going to get it. But go on, dearest husband, & tell us moar of the awful perils you encountered in South Ameriky. You & Teddy will have a grate visit wen he gets back to New York, won't you? Why dont you ask him up to lunch & talk it oaver with him here, ware I can hear it, too? I jest luv adventure, ma, sed especially wen thare is snuff lies in it to make it thrilling. You

ident ever happen to drop in at the South Pole hunting for silver penguins, did you? sed ma. If you did, I shud like to hear about that also.

Evidently you think I stray from the truth, sed pa.

You dont stray from it, you gallop from it, sed ma. You get so far from it that Truth has to send out a rescue party to find you & bring you back.

I am glad Bobbie doesn't feel that way, sed pa.

Yes, sed ma, & I guess Bobbie is glad he got that two dollars.

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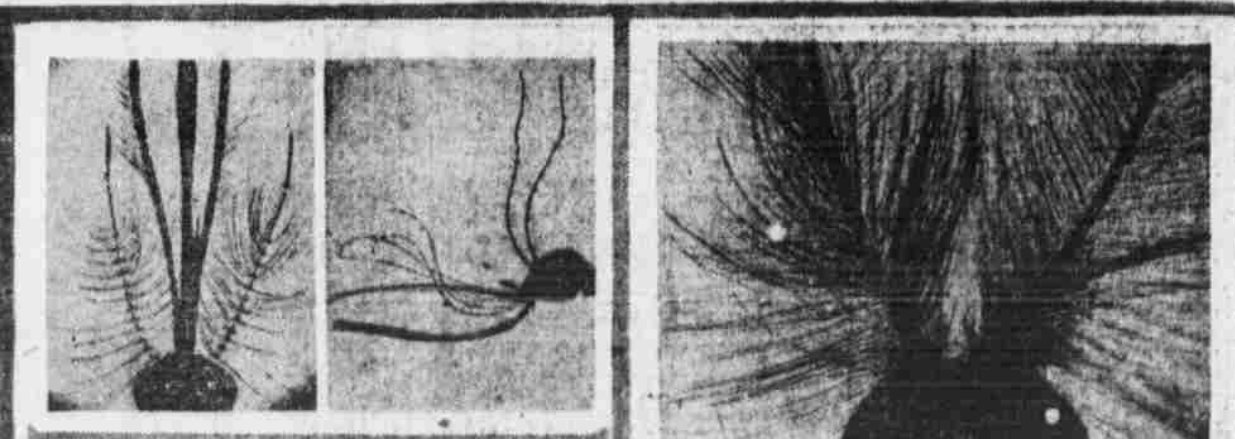
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ANTENNAE OF MALE AND FEMALE GNAT.

THE ANTENNAE OF THE PLUMED GNAT.

Advice to Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Your "Big Brother."

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl of 18 and for the last five years have known a young man two years my senior. This young man is a frequent visitor at our house, as he is also my brother's chum, and we grew up to regard him as one of the family. He in return calls me his little sister.

Now, after being with him so long, I find that I am not indifferent to him, but love him very much, of which he is not aware. I would not for all the world let him know that I love him.

Whenever I hear that he is coming up to the house I purposely go away to try to forget him, but find that it is impossible. He has been up several times, and after finding me out inquired of my mother where his sister was.

Now, Miss Fairfax, please advise me what to do. No one knows of my love for him. Every one in the house regards him as one of us.

HEARTBROKEN R. S. R.

Just go on in your friendship for your "big brother." Love frequently grows from a loyal and congenial friendship. Do not fear to show him the tender affection your assumed relationship implies. If sweetness and womanliness do not win his love, neither cold self-consciousness nor a forward declaration on your part would succeed.

Do You Trust Him?

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl 24 years of age, and have been courted by a man six years my senior. Now, this man tells me he loves me and has asked me several times to marry him, but I have refused him each time because he flirts with other girls and then denies it. My friends all tell me to give him up, and that I can do a great deal better, as I am of a very good family. But I like him very much, and it would break my heart to give him up. Kindly advise me what to do.

Do you trust this man? Or, after marriage, would you be ever nagging him and accusing him of flirtations with other women? Perhaps if you were to show your faith by becoming engaged and shutting your ears to malicious gossip you could break him of a foolish habit. But don't give your heart without faith and loyalty. You would spoil both your lives that way.

other than such as are clearly analogous to our senses. Watch an ant hill in the busy hours and observe how orderly and yet rapidly everything goes on. Even when an ant seems to be wandering and turning in a confused manner it is not at all certain that it is not perfectly guided by sense impressions in all its movements.

If the senses by which they are guided are all concentrated in the antennae then that organ must surely be regarded as one of the most marvelous that nature has bestowed upon the animal creation.



ANTENNAE OF A MAY BEETLE.



ANTENNAE OF EMPEROR MOTHS.

When we mention the five recognized human senses, or their principal organs, the eye, the ear, the nose, the palate and the skin, representing, respectively, sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch—we are apt to think that we have covered the field of sensation, and that other animals must rely upon similar means of communicating with the outer world.

But, in fact, it is doubtful whether we ourselves are aware of all the senses that we really possess, while it is certain that there are creatures which have perceptions and sense organs widely, and

perhaps fundamentally different from ours.

The class of animals called "arthropods" (jointed animals) possess an organ unknown to man, which sometimes seems to have almost magical powers. This is the "antenna" (from a Greek word meaning to stretch up). Everybody has become familiar with this word since its adoption to describe the aerial wire used to catch the signals for wireless telegraphy.

In the natural world we see the antenna (in the plural antennae) most commonly among insects. An insect deprived of its antennae, although it continues to live, seems to be like a man deprived of one of both sight and hearing, and perhaps even of the sense of touch, and it may be deprived, at the same time, of other senses of which we know nothing. In fact, the antenna, whether used as a means to capture invisible electric waves wandering through the ether, or employed by the insect to give it all sorts of information about its surroundings, is absolutely uncanny in its exhibition of strange properties. With the insect it is a wand of knowledge, and when you see some little six-legged creature waving its antennae about you may be sure that it is collecting news to guide it, in a way as wonderful as any that we have inherited or invented.

Indeed, it is impossible that when we fitted the word antenna to our aerial telegraph system we were, unawares, recording the fact that we had invaded

a region of sense perception peculiar to the insects and their relatives. Who knows but that insects both send and receive intelligence by means of their antennae? Who can say that nature did not endow them originally with a simple method of "wireless telegraphy," instead of furnishing them with eyes, ears, noses, etc., like those of larger animals?

With many insects the principal, if not the only, function of the antennae seems to be that of conveying a sense of touch. They go about visibly "feeling" their way with the slender, thread-like antennae projecting from their heads. But those organs must, in all cases, serve purposes

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