

For Very Young Children.

Very young children are wearing picturesque pelisses made of soft silk or woolen fabric, falling in full folds from a yoke. These cloaks are lined with flannel.



PELISSE WITH CAPE.

nelette. The big puffs of the sleeves end at the elbow, and the closely shaped lower part is bordered at the wrist with silk beaver. The neck is finished with a shaped tippet, edged with the beaver. Dull artistic shades of color are used for these garments.

Equally pretty are the pelisses made in a fleecy woolen material known as fancy fleecy, and buttoned down the front with pearl buttons. Many of these pelisses are made with a cape bordered with fur. The little hood is in the same motive as the pelisse, and also bordered with fur. Tiny muffs of the same fur are provided.

The First Meerschaum.

A shoemaker, Kavol Kowates, who, in 1823, lived at Pesh, the capital of Hungary, smoked the first meerschaum pipe. Besides being a shoemaker, however, he was one of nature's handicraftsmen, being gifted with an intuitive genius for carving in wood and other material. This brought him in contact with Count Andrassy, with whom he became a great favorite. The count, on his return from a mission to Turkey, brought with him a piece of whitish clay, which had been presented to him as a curiosity on account of its extraordinarily light specific gravity. It struck the shoemaker that, being porous, it must be well adapted for pipes, as it would absorb the nicotine. The experiment was tried and Kavol cut a pipe for the count and one for himself. The first meerschaum pipe, made and smoked by Kavol Kowates, has been preserved in the museum at Pesh.

Useful Parrots.

Parrots have been taught to amuse by their imitation of the human voice, and now their powers in this respect have been made use of for a practical purpose. At almost every station on a German railway the station master has a parrot or a starling so trained that whenever a train draws up at the platform it commences calling out the name of the station most distinctly, and not only this, but it continues doing so while the train remains there. This has been found an excellent mode of informing the passengers where they are.

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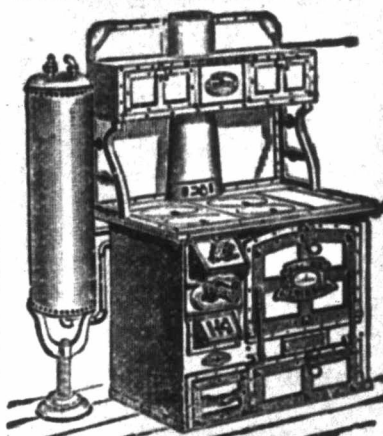
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