

she offered her the same protection. "No, thanks, Evelyn," was the reply to her solicitous words. "But, my dear girl, you will ruin your frock." "I don't pay for my own clothes, you know," said the visitor, with a laugh. "Mother will have to buy me another if this is spoilt."

The girl who has all her things provided for her does not experience the same desire to plan and make her clothes herself. She may not know how far the maternal mind may coincide with her own in the purchase of laces and chiffons, but, there being no fixed limit to her expenditure, she does not feel it all incumbent upon her to learn to cut out, to pick up millinery wrinkles, or to be careful about her veils and gloves.

All girls like to have a little money in hand and not feel obliged to apply to parental beneficence for every penny, should some unexpected invitation come in her way, or some sudden fashionable hobby take her fancy. As one girl remarked, "It is so humiliating to ask for every cent."

The throwing off of due respect is by no means advocated, but it is apparent that a certain amount of responsibility on the daughter's part eases the parent, trains as well as interests the embryo woman, and prevents those big and little jars that so often arise out of questions of domestic finance. If a girl has a definite sum given her for pin-money, she is able to lay by a little to help others in need when appeals are made to her, though it will probably mean the sacrifice of those little delights that are so dear to the girlish heart in the beautiful flower time of life.

A good deal has to be taken into consideration before determining the amount of the allowance.

Should the mother fear that her daughter, unaccustomed to the use of so much money, may involve herself in wild extravagance, she should, at any rate for the first year, insist on the expenditure being submitted to her approval, letting her daughter use her own judgment in the purchases as far as possible.

The first taste of power is usually very sweet and slightly intoxicating, consequently if disagreements arise they often end in reserve on the daughter's part. As a remarkably pretty girl said some time ago, "I used to have an allowance, but spent so much and there were so many bills," with a smile, "that I don't have one now."

Some girls start with excellent theoretical ideas about the spending of a diminutive allowance, but practically they are quite useless, the result often being that they manage to make the sum "do," but never appear well dressed. Simple, smart dressing takes more money than the ordinary masculine mind can imagine.

Before finally deciding upon the amount to be given a parent should make out a rough estimate of the girl's probable expenditure. With this as a guide it ought not to be a difficult matter to arrive at a fair and just allowance, which should be willingly bestowed and accepted with gratitude.

purple velvet (as generally supposed), forms the cap, and a very narrow edging of ermine peeps from beneath the lowest band of diamonds round the head.

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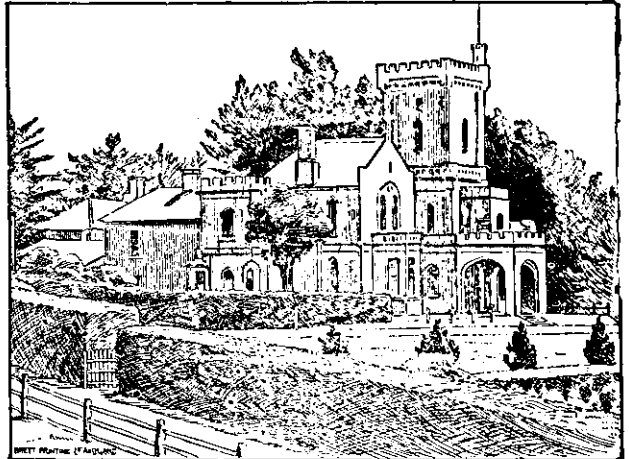
Fifty years or so ago Dame Fashion decreed that waistbands must be placed beneath the armpits. To-day, the girl who would be truly smart winds her belt

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