

Borrow From Victorian Era For Quaint Summer Frocks

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"LITTLE WOMEN" of today are borrowing from the Victorian era for their summertime frocks. The new silk taffetas are being shown in neat little checks such as were worn by the fashionable miss of the polite and decorous yester-years. These taffetas vie with taffetas, gaily sprigged with flowers in a coy and cunning manner. Also to be seen this season are many supple silk crepes in both plain versions and in printed stylized florals and geometrics.

With these naive silks go winsome leghorn bonnets, velvet bound and with a nosegay on top, the quaintness added unto with petticoat ruffles peeping from beneath full, graceful and animated skirts. Guimpes and fitted bodices do much toward transforming the modern school girl, in appearance at least, into her Nineteenth century counterpart who was "seen and not heard" in the presence of her elders.

Speaking of present day styling details, necklines go high or low, sleeves more often than not are puffed, and bodices are softly filled with shirrings and smockings or else are quaintly basquelike. Interest continues in the skating silhouette rejuvenated by lingerie touches and petticoat ruffles.

The basque bodice, full skirted silhouette so important these days in the style picture, gives youthful charm to a neat silk print as shown to the left in the picture. The print is in the new golden beige coloring which together with its neat small motifs introduced in its silk crepon fabric, dates this dress unmistakably of 1939 vintage. Thrilling news from Paris cited a revival of the lingerie fichu worn with silk prints. The crisp white organdy fichu and pearl-encircled cameo mounted on black velvet dangling from a cunningly devised organdy "necklace" are flattering accents to this pretty

gown for a young lady of "teen" age.

Polka dots flourish in the print realm this season both for adults and the younger generation. The dirndl influence in the skirt, the square neckline, the yoke treatment are details that combine to make the dress of polka-dot silk crepe centered in the picture, a very smart affair for the growing girl. Very practical too, for the silk washes perfectly.

Interest continues in the skating silhouette in skirts rejuvenated by spic and span lingerie touches and petticoat ruffles. For the pretty little-girl frock to the right in the picture the designer selects a china blue silk crepe with a stylized floral print. Fine eyelet batiste makes its petticoat ruffle and it also edges the square scalloped neckline. The Victorian bonnet that tops this quaint dress is a newly accepted fashion this season for young girls.

Now a word in regard to party dresses for sweet sixteen and thereafter. For dancing daughters, the graduate girl, birthday party or little flower girls who grace the wedding scene, silk sheers take the limelight. There are silk georgettes, mousseline de soie, silk marquisette and both plain and printed starched silk chiffon, and if not selecting a sheer then let classic silk chiffon in ankle or short length versions be your choice. These are in such pastel shades as peach, pink, aqua, delphinium blue and of course white.

Skirts are always full whether through smocking or ruffles of preschool simplicity or through flares and circular cuts for older girls. Necklines ape those of their elders with many heart-shaped and square types being favored. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

PATTERN DEPARTMENT



AS YOU see from the diagram, the pretty daytime dress (1754) consists of just two pieces to sew together. Then make the easy darts at the neckline and waistline, so that your dress will be slim and softly full over the bosom, edge the sleeves and neckline with lace or ruching—and there you are! Anybody can do it, and it's so attractive and comfortable. Linen, gingham, batiste and lawn are nice materials for this.

Cool, Comely Jacket Frock. If you're looking for an extremely smart and pleasantly youthful jacket ensemble in women's sizes, 1761 is the pattern for you. Gathers make the bodice just full enough, and the paneled skirt, cut

to a high waistline, is beautifully slenderizing. The smart jacket is the most flattering length—certain to make your hips look slim. Chiffon, georgette, linen or pure dye silk print are plant fabrics in which this design looks particularly well.

No. 1754 is designed for sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46. Size 34 requires 3 yards of 35-inch fabric and 2 3/4 yards of lace or ruching.

No. 1761 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 requires 6 1/2 yards of 39-inch fabric with nap for the ensemble and short-sleeved dress. With long-sleeved dress 7 1/4 yards.

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A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What is the Bastille?
2. Where is the International Date line?
3. What famous diarist wrote in code?
4. Why does a dog stick its tongue out when it pants?
5. What do the letters H. M. S. on a ship of the British navy mean?
6. Which is correct, cold slaw, or cole slaw?
7. What is the longest term of office of any government official?
8. Where was the first large public display of incandescent lighting?
9. After Australia, what is the world's biggest island?
10. Did former President Hoover coin the term "rugged individualism"?

The Answers

1. A famous French fortress, later converted into a prison.
2. The 180th meridian passing near the center of the Pacific ocean.
3. Samuel Pepys.
4. To increase the evaporating surface of the body.

5. His Majesty's Ship.
6. Cole slaw is correct. Cole means cabbage. Slaw is from the Danish slaa, meaning salad.
7. The comptroller general of the United States holds office for 15 years.
8. The Westinghouse lighting of the World's Columbian exposition in 1893 was the first large-scale display of incandescent lighting.
9. Greenland — 827,275 square miles.
10. In "The Challenge to Liberty" Mr. Hoover says: "While I can make no claim for having introduced the term 'rugged individualism,' I should be proud to have invented it. It has been used by American leaders for over a half century in eulogy of those God-fearing men and women of honesty whose stamina and character and fearless assertion of rights led them to make their own way in life."

Favorite Recipe of the Week

KOOL-AID CREAM SHERBET

(Made in Mechanical Refrigerator)
1 package Kool-Aid, 2 cups milk
any flavor 1 cup heavy cream
1 cup sugar

- 1—Dissolve Kool-Aid and sugar in milk; turn into freezing tray and freeze 3/4 to 1 hour (until slushy).
- 2—Whip cream (well chilled) until stiff.
- 3—Add partly frozen Kool-Aid mixture to whipped cream and whip just enough to mix well, but keep cold as possible.
- 4—Return quickly to freezing tray and freeze at coldest point. Requires no more stirring. When frozen, set control back to normal. Makes over one quart. If desired lighter, beat 2 egg whites fluffy with 2 tablespoons sugar and fold into above mixture before final freezing.—Adv.

AROUND the HOUSE



Items of Interest to the Housewife

Garnished Platters.—Cold meat platters have twice the appeal when garnished attractively.

Grease on Marble.—A paste of Fuller's earth and water spread on the grease spots on marble and allowed to stand for a few days will entirely remove them. Wash off and polish.

Laundering Tip.—Sorting and stain removal are preliminaries to the actual washing. The back-saving way is to sort from hamper or clothes bin (placed at non-stooping height) onto a large table.

Cleaning Bronze.—Don't wash bronze ornaments with soap and water. Dust thoroughly, using a fairly stiff brush for the crevices. Any very obstinate spots or stains can generally be removed by rubbing with a piece of cut lemon dipped in salt. Polish with a chamois leather.

Quick Polish.—Dip knives in boiling water, dry and polish immediately for a quick polish.

For Turnback Cuffs.—When making turnback cuffs for a man's shirt, sew the smallest sized snap on the cuff about one inch from the edge and at the proper place on the sleeve, and you will find this quite a time saver. The cuff will not have to be tacked after each laundering.

Jelly Glasses.—Glasses used in making jellies should not be too tall. Shorter glasses, such as the regular commercial half-pint size are very satisfactory. Molds of jelly removed from them are not as likely to break as those removed from taller glasses.

Wit and Wisdom

"SWIMMING gives girls a good color," says a writer. So does diving—into their handbags.

A motorist's defense was that the pedestrian flatly refused to get out of the way. The question, however, is whether he was flat before he refused.

"The bobbed-haired girl is going out," says a well-known hairdressing expert. Yes; every night.

"Intoxicating" was the description in a newspaper report of the scenes at a recent first night. We trust this does not mean that the audience gave way to boos.

QUICK QUOTES



THE CORNERSTONE
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A Paradox

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Uncle Phil Says:

Man Is Gregarious
A delight in solitude is an acquired taste—and usually compulsory.

When love takes flight from a window, it is usually from the dining room window.

Sometimes an ounce of hint is worth a pound of advice.

There's Competition
Sin loves company, too, and finds it quite as readily as misery does.

Two-thirds of all trouble is worry. But worry is something that's constitutional.

The hardest thing to remember—and the most useful—is that it's none of your business.

The Faculty of Weighing
There's no use of being logical with those who haven't logic.

Between two cowards, he has the advantage who first detects the other.

Many are skeptical because of their credulity.

The man who settles down is more likely to "settle up."

Dressy Ideas Are Given New Shoes

Time was when a shoe was just a shoe, but with every year they become a more important part of your wardrobe, and this season they adopt details which once belonged only to dresses. Some of them have tiny jutting wings, suggesting collars, posed just above the toe, and inlays and applications through the body of the shoe take the shape of brief boleros. Folded down collars around the tops of shoes suggest revers on coats, and military button details through the vamp evidently are inspired by the same treatment on dress and coat fronts.

Splurge of Color



Cotton Is Leader In Summer Styles

High fashion summer wardrobes this year are in color and of cotton. Cotton daytime dresses for town are especially designed for defying the heat. Country clothes shrieking with bright color are made for tennis and golf. Garden frocks are really picturesque affairs and so are party clothes for country club dances.

Office togs of cotton are the direct answer to the prayer of appreciative career girls, being neat, slim twosomes, usually a smart dark, short-sleeved dress combined with a bright print jacket and a dark top for alternate use.

Gypsy Time Is Here
With no end of gay colors, bright scarves and long full skirts with ruffles, one can let the gypsy in her soul have free rein this season.

Gray for Travel, Too
Aside from being one of the season's more important shades, gray is a splendid traveling color.

Slacks Popular
Slacks this year are women's slacks. Predictions are made that 10 will be seen this summer to one pair last summer.

Jerry on the Job!



Hitch Hiking De Luxe!



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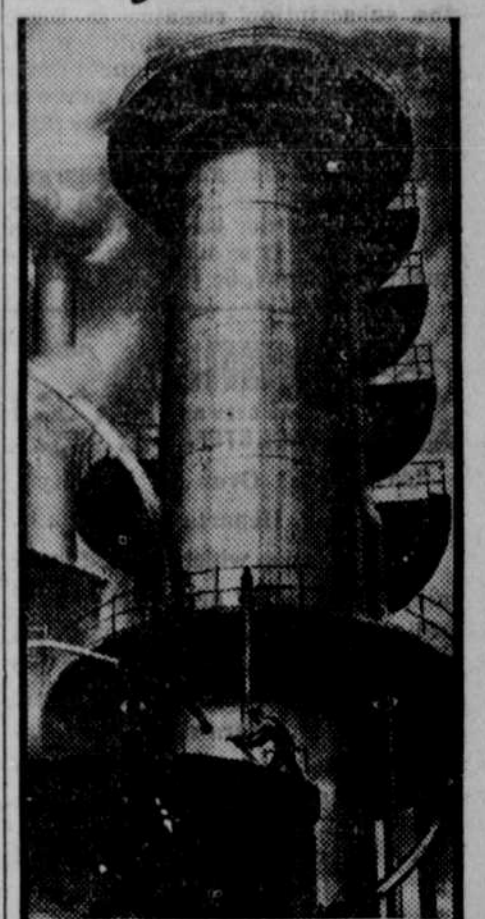


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