

Nylon Is News in Snow Suits; New Wools and Designs Shown

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This is a season when snow suits, those wonderful winter garments built for outdoor activity regardless of whether it's snow weather or climate, appear with many improvements. In fabrics and design, as well as styling. The variety is the widest ever, and there's practicality throughout.

One of the features introduced for older boys and girls is a new design - a two-piece snow suit with slacks instead of ski pants or leggings. These are made up in wools, with wind protectors hugging the ankles inside the slacks. The style and the fabrics give them a more dressed-up appearance than the familiar cottons and meltons.

Another new design idea that runs pretty much through all ages is separates. There are jackets galore. Leather in a smooth finish makes a strong bid for attention. So do tackle twill, the extra strong rayon in a satin weave, and nylon. Poplin and the more expensive tight woven cottons, and wools - meltons and plaids are among the familiar standbys. Many of these separate jackets have fur or fabric fur trim, very much in the style of a man's jacket. Of course, a separate jacket of this kind can be teamed with the regular winter wear when the weather is mild. They are styled for this use instead of looking like the top of a snow or ski suit.

By the same token, more separate ski pants also will be shown. These run in wools such as meltons. A new touch this year is stitched-on leggings of leather or simulated leather. These are a protection against splashing water and melting snow, although they may not have the same insulation value of the snug-fitting wool knitted anklets.

Even the familiar cotton snow suits have a different look this season. One is the sweater touch, which results from the introduction of knitted yokes, in addition to the usual wristlets, anklets, and helmets. Round yokes with designs knitted in are extremely popular. These knitted yokes are an improvement, if they are strong enough to take as much wear and tear as the rest of the garment. Their advantage is greater elasticity than a woven fabric. Among other new fashions is much use of polka dots, as well as pretty embroidered touches in bright colors.

The colors in the cottons are particularly lovely for children. There is a bright navy - almost a royal - which teams up beautifully with the popular clear red. There's even more color in reversible garments. Some red in the suit - and it is most often used in the jacket - is an excellent idea, for this color is so easy to see that it decreases traffic hazards for the small wearer. The better type wool suits are more subdued in their color effects. Many tweeds, in both the mixtures and the various herringbone weaves, are used. You'll find these suits touched up with

velvet, as well as wool fleece and some of the less expensive furs. When it comes to fabrics, nylon is going to come in for a lot of attention. This is a plain weave of weight heavy enough to be quite substantial, and lined to give it plenty of warmth. Some suits are nylon all the way through, with the wool-like spun nylon woven into a warmth-retaining lining. These nylon suits are handsome, and offer lightweight with easy washability - yes, they're completely washable. In cost they rank with the better grade wool suits.

Another new fabric being used in the coat-and-leggings outfits is velveteen. It's dressy looking yet fairly serviceable, though it should not be expected to stand up under a lot of active play.

Also bowing in this year is the camel's hair type of fabrics. Most of these are somewhat lighter than the well-known meltons, and ranking with the tweeds in price.

For the Very Small Fry

Wee boys and girls up to about the six-year-size now receive a great deal of attention in special designs. Everywhere the idea is ease of dressing - garments that are easy for mother to put on the baby and toddler, and others that are simple enough for runabouts to slip on and off by themselves.

Most designers turn to extra long slide fasteners as the best solution. You'll find baby suits with a zipper on the inside of the legs from ankle to ankle, and with trick seams that permit you to open the garment flap, then zip it up. In the 3 to 6-year size range there are ever so many slide fastener ideas, notably long front openings and also two side openings from ankle to belt line. There are more pants and overalls than usual for toddlers and runabouts. These are sold separately, thus leaving you with the opportunity of using sweaters, jackets and topcoats according to weather needs.

An excellent idea that is being used by a number of manufacturers of outfits up to six years or so is a sleeveless coverall with a top on the style of a weskit or jumper. A matching or contrasting jacket is slipped on over this when needed. In this garment, which is a development of the bib coverall idea, you have the needed extra protection for chest and back, yet active little arms are left free.

Snow suits and coat-and-leggings outfits are a little less expensive than a year ago, but they represent a very substantial investment. The question is - how to make them do two seasons. Here are some points to bear in mind when you buy.

Two-piece suits adapt themselves better to growing bodies

than the one-piece and also permit more flexibility in dressing for the day's weather. But for small children and the very active youngster, the one-piece may give more protection. Also, a one-piece suit on a small baby stays in place better.

In any case, look to seams that can be let out - hems in the new slacks suits should be ample so that they can be faced when more length is needed. The ski pants usually blouse over the ankles sufficiently to allow for growth.

Be sure that your fabric has a water repellent finish. If it is

short lived, it should be renewed with each dry cleaning. The tag will give you this information.

Look to your interlining and lining - read what the tag tells you about it. The fabrics that do not have insulating ability - cottons, rayons and nylon - must have a proportionately warmer fabric or fabrics within. Anklets and wristlets are great aids.

Helmets and hoods come with many suits. A type that can be detached gives more comfort, for it can be laid aside when not needed.

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Junior Club Plans Rush Party, Dance

Salem Junior Woman's club members are making plans for a rush party on October 24 at the clubhouse in honor of prospective members. Games will be in play with refreshments following. The autumn theme will be carried out in decorating.

Mrs. Charles LeRoy Mink heads the committee in charge and assisting are Mesdames Peery T. Buren, Tom Gabriel, Fred Gast, Marvin Holland, Harold Heiserman, Ted Jenny, William Judson, Cal-

vin Kent, George Sirois, Frank Ward and Donald Cannon.

The club's formal Halloween dance is slated for October 29 at the Salem armory and the committee will be Thursday night, October 20 at the home of Mrs. Donald E. Cooper, 740 Ben Lomand drive, to make final plans for the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver M. English of Salt Lake City arrived in the capital Friday night to visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler R. English. They came by way of Los Angeles and will also visit in Portland with their son-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Millican.

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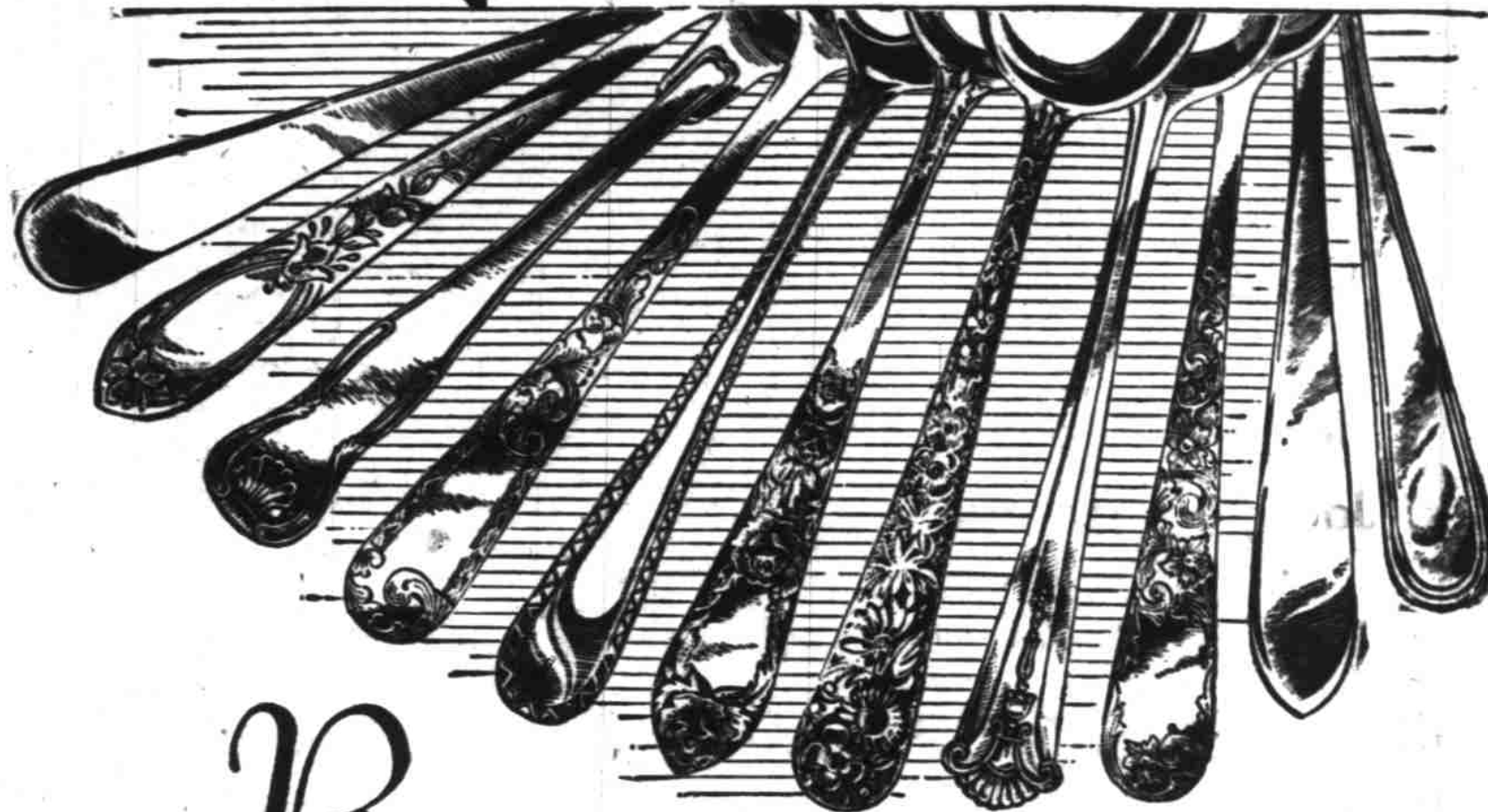
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