

Nylon Can Cut Out Pressing Worries on Trips

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MR. AND MRS. AMERICA and all the little Americans may enjoy their vacations this year free from worries over laundry, cleaning and pressing.

Mom, Pop and the youngsters may be outfitted from the skin out in nylon, that wonder product of the chemical age, which preceded the atom bomb but caused almost as big a blast of preconceived ideas of fabrics.

It seemed remarkable to Mom when the first nylon stockings appeared on the market that she could wash them out and have them dry in half an hour. Now the same speed technique can apply to the entire family's wardrobe.

Newest sensation on the men's wear horizon is the nylon worsted suit, a mixture of nylon and wool which looks like conventional tropical worsted or light-weight flannel, but resists wrinkles, keeps its press almost indefinitely and can be cleaned easily by home methods. All-nylon slacks and wind-breakers also are available which can be tossed in with the wash.

Nylon shirts have solved the laundry problem for many men, and more are discovering this convenience while traveling. Nylon shirts can be washed out at night along with Mom's undies and stockings, and be ready to wear again the next morning, with no ironing necessary. The same is true of men's nylon shorts, undershirts, socks and ties, all now generally available. Sports shirts come in spun nylon that looks like wool.

Mom's vacation wardrobe also can be entirely nylon, if she desires. Lingerie, nightgowns

and negligees of nylon have been on the market long enough to be familiar to most of the buying public. Nylon blouses, in both sheer and opaque fabrics, are top sellers throughout the country. And now comes the nylon suit, dress and even raincoat. Nylon taffeta in a crinkle weave is a natural for vacation travel wear.

New and attractive styles are being shown, in both suits and dresses, with a variety of nylon blouses in many textures. The nylon raincoat, processed for water repellancy, is new this year, and has proved both practical and decorative. It is so light-weight that it takes up little packing space, yet serves as a smart and useful all-purpose coat.

In the children's field the choice of nylon garments is more limited. But there are dainty little party dresses of nylon-marguerite trimmed in nylon lace that look like the most fragile organdie, but also can be dunked in the wash basin, dried in a jiffy and worn without ironing. Undergarments, nightgowns and pajamas of nylon are available for the small fry, as are bathing suits. Junior can have a nylon shirt like Dad's also, and it is expected that suits of nylon worsted soon will be on the market for boys as well as men.

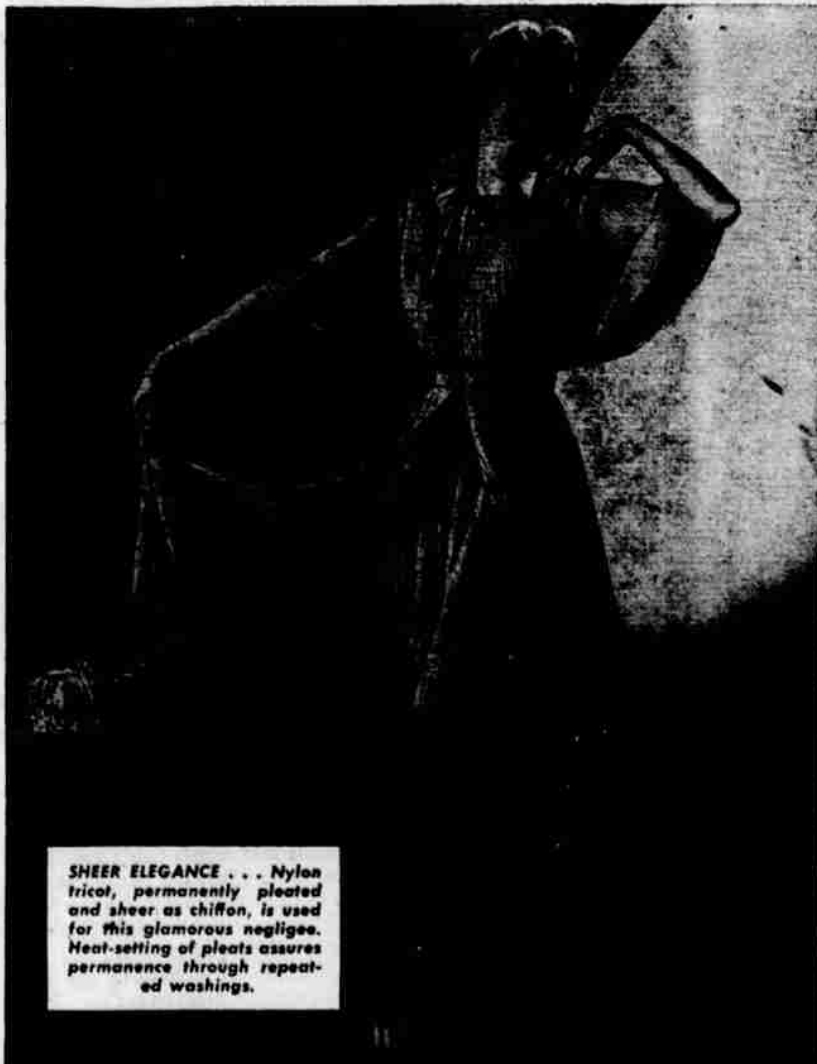
Bathing suits for the whole family may be of nylon this year, erasing that problem of packing wet, soggy swim wear, since these will be dry a few minutes after the family comes out of the water.

With the advent of the nylon vacation wardrobe, luggage can be kept at a minimum, and even the small fry may be kept spic, and span with only one or two changes of clothing.

It's a wonderful age we live in, says Mom.



PRACTICAL FROU-FRO . . . Sheer nylon tricot with permanent pleating now is available in gowns, negligees and slips such as this, which requires no ironing.



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