

Milady's Spring Fashions Present Parade of New Ideas

Slender Lines to Be Glorified; Changes Appear in Necklines, Shades; Prints Return to Favor

The shape of things to come in fashions is going to seem peculiar at first. Springtime will see glorification of the slim line—meaning a softened slenderness and a look that can be called "pretty," "lady-like" or "feminine."

Briefly, we're going to buy new necklines, new materials, pointed shoes, toque hats, "blousy" dresses in polka dots or print and we'll wear neutral, particularly gray, shades.

Collars are perhaps the newest of the new. They have been re-invented completely in some cases and doubled in others. The neckline however, is invariably wide on coats, suits or dresses.

Fabrics our grandparents used to enjoy are returning to favor now—the chiffons or crepes, georgette, de Chine, romaine, or Chainuse and gabardine. Even the old standbys like the wools and knits are coming out with a new face. They can be tissue thin or have an open, almost lace, weave.

This season, too, madam is going to be more fussy than in a long time. Prints are coming back into favor and she will see dots, checks and flowers blooming everywhere. Particularly the rose which will be in every imaginable color and size.

Hats Change Again

As far as hats are concerned, when hats don't change it'll be news. This year, as usual, there are a variety of shades but in the main we're going back to the large brimmed, flowery hats, or very small close fitting hats in organdy, net, straw or chiffon.

Brimms on the new hats are turned down and all quite wide, while the smaller hats are almost so tight they resemble turbans.

Shoes are going through their first metamorphosis this year since the rounded toe became popular quite awhile ago. Now the toe is pointed. Of course, there are all kinds of decorations, buttons and bows, but the shape is the same-pointed. And the heels are new too.

You can have your choice of the flattering high heel, tapered heel, or the French heel. And there will be all kinds of leathers, soft and hard, rough or smooth, from which to choose.

With coats, the changes will be drastic. In the first place, capes are coming back. You will see full coat-length capes and coats with cape collars. However, in complete contrast to the capes, courtiers are also showing coats, straight with collar, pushed up sleeves and rounded back. This is evolving into what will be known as the "cocoon" shape. And part of this new line will be the dropped shoulder.

Plain Blouse Out

Under that spring suit, the plain blouse is now out of fashion. Flowered or print blouses with long sleeves are the newest thing. Pleats and drapes in the skirt will add to this more feminine look. In place of the sheath lines.

Belts on coats and dresses have also achieved a newness. They are now to be casually knotted—like a sash. Cummerbunds or draping are also being used to mark the new waistline. This line will, as usual be both up and down. Some experts are claiming the "empire" style while others have lowered the line. But so far women still seem to prefer the natural line at the waist.

Crystals Due As Women's Fashion Item

Crystals beaded in a long rope will be fashionable this spring. This sparkling stuff, in shades of every color, can be wound in a thousand different ways around the throat or wrists. They are part of the newly popular styles for spring.

Gold Edwardian-type chain bracelets and neckwear with pendant balls of flowers will also be seen this season, along with sprays for flowers or stones, in earrings.

So we will have two distinct choices in decoration—light or bulky.

Pastel colors are an important part of the new delicate look. Mauve tints are popular, along with such flower shades as soft blue, pink, yellow and green.

Spring flowers inspire many new jewelry designs as well as colors even to the use of more green foliage effects.

Jet iris and aurora stones will be popular as will white and gold combinations.

Burnished gold and bead necklaces and center pendants with gold filigree will lead the field in the bulky class of jewelry.

You will also find enamel bracelets shaped like wide cuffs and coils of golden silver for a wristlet.

Rain Won't Hinder That Smart Look

Salem area women can have that really fashionable look while dodging spring showers this year. Practically every fabric from silk to worsted jersey has received the waterproof treatment this season. Colors for raincoats look new and fresh, too, especially in pretty pastel tones.

The very popular full-length cape styles are a natural for rainwear. Many have hoods for extra fashion plus extra protection.

Another favorite new style which looks just as good when the sun is shining, is a deep-pocketed town coat variation of the Chesterfield silhouette.

Simplicity In Teen Hats

Simplicity stars in teen hats for spring. Lightweight straws, felts and synthetics flatter young heads. Colors will lean to pastels, white or natural shades and hats are seldom trimmed with more than a grosgrain band ending in a bow or streamer. For dress-up, teen hats sometimes take a flower wreath or nosegay.

Pattern Push Shirt Trend

Patterned shirts will enjoy a big push this spring—including many with bold, bold stripes. Checks and neat printed patterns such as pin dots also will be popular with the male sex. Interest in the more elegant shirts will be confined chiefly to evening wear, not so much in the pleated bosoms as in the ruffled variety.

There will be few new collar styles. One new idea is a collar with built-in stays.

Modest Trend Noted in Feminine Footwear

We're going to be more modest in our footwear this season. No more of those brazenly exposed toes and heels. Our feet are going to go back into the shell. This will be called the "shoe sheath" and is supposed to be the most comfortable shoe in years.

Like the sheath dress the shoe is slim in silhouette and made of leather that will fit the foot as snugly as the dress with the soft, feminine styles that will characterize the spring apparel.

When you shop for spring shoes you will want to look closely at the fine details, the small but important differences which distinguish this season's pumps.

Note the straighter sidelines. See how often you find a higher riding look created by tongue or peak details on the vamp. Feel the toe of the shoe. Not only is it more pointed than you have been accustomed to, but it is also softer. And the trimmings have been placed to enhance the overall design of the shoe.

Textured Leathers Gain

This season textured leathers are making a strong entrance in fields dominated by either smooth or suede leathers.

Closed toe sandals—particularly mules—are now a year round favorite style with many women. You can find mules on medium heels as well as on the very high ones, and they are styled for street wear as well as after dark. Closed toes are an added feature

on the sling, another sandal style. Now women who like slings, but do not like open toes, can have their cake and eat it too.

Slings, whether with open or closed toe, have undergone a change in recent months. You will notice that the sidelines are dropped down toward the sole. Try on a pair of slings in one of the new leather colors and walk up to the mirror. You will see that the sides almost disappear, giving a very open look to the shoe.

If it is an open look you want, there are several other sandal silhouettes that will appeal to you. One is the T-shape and another is the instep strap. Both are executed in smooth or textured leather.

Cap Is Set for Season



The large brim, the high crown, the bunch of flowers, these are all part of the new look—the feminine, soft look that will be a popular part of this Spring. This bonnet is beige straw with a side-cluster of yellow silk violets.

More Colors In Stockings

Taking their cue from a spring fashion and color preferences, hosiery stylists have designed new stockings as costume accessories in soft, pale hues and color blends.

To harmonize with navy costumes, there are nylons in Wedgewood grays and smoky blue grays. The beige family will get plenty of play and nylons in gray tones have been color warmed.

Crowns Going Up, Brims Come Down in Ladies' Hat Creations

We're going to wear crowns this year—all of us. Styles in hats have gone both up and down. The crown has gone up and the brims been turned down. Made in the softest of materials and trimmed with great bunches of flowers—you have Spring's newest hat.

Softness of line and texture are the keynote of spring. Even the most symmetrically balanced hats often have a flattering lift above the brow, a softly cushioned edge or an uprolled brim. The toque shape, with its prominent crown is prettily rounded, tapered, dimpled or draped.

The profile hat, with a dashing tilt of crown or a deep side dip of brim recalls the glamorous styles of the 30's.

Fabrics include a feminine, milliner made look. Chiffon, georgettes, organdy and "souffle" straw are intricately tucked, pleated, puffed and draped to make both small and larger hats look light and lovely as clouds.

Fine felts, supple as fabric, vie with real and artificial silks. Straws have a spongy softness and transparency in designs that interweave floppy soufflé with yearn, ribbon, beads and braids.

Transparent hairbraids combined with straw has a frothy dept, while basketweave straws are often laced with light. Ballbuntals and linen-straws are intricately tucked and shirred, and even fine-sewn straw has a delicate three dimensional air.

Spring flowers of fine silk and sheers further the light and feminine look and the complexion smoothing softness of lace veiling often adds the finishing touch to flattering spring hats.

Trimmings are intricate, yet inconspicuous. Velvet ribbon, novelty ribbons striped with straw or satin, tiny tufts of feathers, touches of embroidery and jeweled motifs appear in matching or contrasting hues.

Flats and casuals, long favored by the younger set, are newly shapely and elegantly trimmed with all the finesse of an evening slipper.

Chief colors are the beige to brown range, with brilliant orange and green shades as well as black and white, alone or combined.

Shrinking Reduced
Scientists have now developed processes which permit woolen sweaters and sport shirts to be washed with a minimum of matting or shrinking. Just be sure to read washing directions carefully and never use boiling water.

AN 'EXTRA' HAT
For an "extra" hat, teens' spring favorite is a hat of printed silk, pique or organdy with a matching fabric scarf.

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