

Military Influence Predominant In Juvenile Clothes for Spring

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WHAT'S new in children's fashions? To tell the story would require endless recital, for designers of juvenile modes have found at command so many contributing sources of ideas that they have been inspired to do and to dare this season.

Perhaps most exciting of all is the rush of patriotic themes prevalent in all the apparel for the younger generation. Emblazoned stars, eagles with wide-spread wings, flags unfurled, ships, anchors and other nautical insignia, braidings, epaulettes, sailor collars, officers' capes and brass-buttoned coats, colors red, white and blue in the true American way hold endless fascination for youngsters, especially when they adorn their very own coats and dresses and stylish cape outfits as they do this season.

What could be more attractive, we ask, in the way of new spring ensembles for school-faring sisters than the cunning two-sister cape models shown in the illustration herewith? To fully sense the charm of these clever cape outfits, one must visualize them in their own original bright colorings (matching red wool capes, hats, and skirts with navy jackets) as displayed at a preview of American-designed fashions presented in connection with a series of breakfast style clinics held in the great Merchandise Mart of Chicago. Pace-making fashion events are these clinics which thousands of merchants and buyers attend each season in search of dependable authoritative forecasts which these style shows present.

The two coats in the picture shared applause with the cape suits. Their message is buttons. Rows and rows of 'em! Bright metal ones a la militaire are favorites.

Children adore buttons, and three rows of them as used on the new aqua Shetland wool coat pictured to the right is enough to triple any little girl's joy. The pretty eyelet embroidered collar helps make this coat an important spring fashion, for white collared coats are featured for both adults and little folks.

The nautical influence can be seen in the coat pictured in the inset. Navy Shetland with a red and white trimmed sailor collar and two rows of glittering silver buttons is the formula adopted by the designer of this smart and attractive model.

The pendulum has swung back to sailor dresses. Both children and grown-ups will wear huge white lingerie sailor collars with their new spring frocks. The top color for spring is navy in coats, dresses and capes.

Amusing it is to see the way children's fashions this year copy those of their elders. An adult fashion that repeats in miniature for little daughters of the household is the print-with-plain costume. Cunning versions for tots are pleated-skirt print dresses tipped with capes (navy or pastel wools) lined throughout with the print of the dress.

Influences other than the navy or the army that make for versatility in styling are South American trends that bring vivid color into play. Dude ranch fashions also delight tots. There are lariat ties, cowboy fringe trims and studded leather belts.

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Smart Hats



If you are fashion-alert and have a yen for exploiting "the latest," you will choose to wear with your spring suit or ensemble a coolie hat as pictured above, for Chinese influence is noted throughout costume design this season. This baku coolie is in bachelor blue, a color slated for spring success. In this instance there is a side cluster of tiny gros-grain bows and an under-chin loop.

Colors as varied as a kaleidoscope give to the other hat a definite this-season aspect, for current fashion fairly shouts color, color, color! This dashing beret is made of black, pale and deep rose, purple, green and yellow grosgrain ribbon stitched together in a pinwheel treatment.

Footwear Features Colors, Low Heels

Glamorized by style designers, low heeled shoes will lead the fashion parade this spring. Newest models have been given flippant touches to make them more attractive.

The great emphasis on color is perhaps their most outstanding feature: the more color the merrier. Sandals or step-in oxfords in a glowing tan, pale blond or smart wine red shade will enliven even the soberest black or navy blue suit.

Tan tones are slightly favored over other colors. They range from the grayed twig tans, soft cocoa and tortoise, to khaki. This last color is especially smart in combination with black patent leather, with khaki gabardine used through the center of the shoe.

Wedges are renamed "lifts" and are recommended for country and sports wear.

Soft cocoa-colored suede is used for one of the dressier shoe styles known as a Capri sandal.

Something a little different is even done to the navy blue oxford. Here the navy influence is definitely making itself felt. One oxford of navy blue calf and gabardine has three narrow folds of white calf across the toe. Similar bands of white cross the back of the heel. For the final touch, the shoelaces have flat leather ends with a small white star design in the center.

Hand-Crocheted Hats Inexpensive to Make

Sailors, turbans, brimmed hats all done in hand crochet—here's news that is news. Ask your milliner to show you some of the new crochets. If hats are not all-crochet, then the crochet idea is interpreted through trimming, such as crochet applique, yarn pompons, and huge twists of bright wool yarn.



PRIVATE PURKEY WRITES AGAIN

Dear Ma— Well when I first got called in the draft I was told no soldiers wud be sent to Europe and that I was just going to get a year's training just in case but everything I here on the radio sounds like I am not up here just for fizzical kulshur. I see the lease-lend bill is all but past and all I am still wondering is if I go with the lease.

Nobody in my divishun seems to no what the lease-lend bill is all about except that it is for all aid to England short of war and the boys say you can be a midget in this army and not be too short for war, so I gess if war comes there is no way out for me, mom.

I am still getting a lot of hstruckshuns in how to saloot and from all the emphasiss put on salooting I gess there are some people who are so old-fashened they think this war is going to be as polite as the last one. I am gradually getting used to going around with a gun. At first this felt very funny as all my life I was brung up to avoid weapons.

The life here is pretty confining as I see before and how I wud like a week end auto trip to no place special! It wud also be a big kick to be able to talk back to people whenever I wanted to like in civilian life. Up here if you talk back to anybuddy you wind up in the gard house.

I got reprimmandid for smoking cigarettes while marching. The captin was very sore and sed it wuz against the rules and he sed it was bad for my lungs also. What made him sore was when I asked him not to worry about my lungs but start worrying about my feet.

Well, mom, now I know why they went over my teeth so carefully in the draft test. I could not understand why the doctors made so much fuss about my teeth but it is all clere now since I got some of the beef the army uses in beef stew. The cows they get it from must be half elephant, ma. I wish Mr. Nuddson of the defense bored wud do something about getting sharper knives for soldiers.

If this army life dont do nothing else for me, mom, it will make me appreciate good coffee. I gess they use tobacco leaves for coffee in the army. The boys say the cook dont know how to make coffee which I gess has ben true all through the history of armies and navies and I dont see why the U. S. dont have a secretary of coffee just like a secretary of war so a cup of java will taste like a cup of java and not like a hot brake smells.

I still got that chance to join a tank corps like I wrote you but dont worry as they are still using ice wagons for tanks and I wud look pretty going to war in an ice wagon, wudn't I, ma?

Well this is all for now so I close with love. Oscar.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

Between the dark and the daylight, When the night is beginning to lower, Comes a pause in the day's occupation That is known as the Children's Hour.

I see there beside the loudspeaker The innocent, sweet little dears While stories of gangsters and bump-offs Are brought to their infantile ears.

From four until seven they sit there— Enslaved by the programs' appeal, And hear of the gats and the gun molls

And terrible mobsters who squeal. Cowboys and horses and rustlers, Love and the wages of sin, Kidnapers, death and destruction, Maniacs, arson and gin.

The serial, ah, how it grips 'em! Enveloping all in its power; If the kids ain't in jail when they're fifteen

Then no thanks to the air "Children's Hour." —Mary Holland Gordon.

Probably whenever anything goes wrong with Hitler he exclaims, "It must be something I hate!"

We take no stock in Fiorello LaGuardia's statement that he will not run for mayor of New York again. His auto siren is in too good shape and his fire helmet isn't nearly worn out.

Add smiles: he looked as battered as if he had been protected by the Nazis.

TIPS to Gardeners

NEW SWEET PEAS

A NEW, more vigorous, longer-blooming, heat-resistant sweet pea family has been introduced to the gardening world. It is the spring flowering sweet pea.

Because of their newness, spring flowering sweet peas are as yet available in only seven colors. Three All-American prize-winners were introduced last year: Rose pink, blue, and lavender. The new ones this year are white, clear pink, light lavender, and mauve.

The new sweet peas are grown just like other types now in general use. They may be planted outdoors as soon as the soil can be worked. For best results the soil should be spaded to a depth of 18 inches, and the lower 12 inches mixed with fertilizer, preferably well-rotted manure. The trench should then be filled with the soil-fertilizer mixture to within six inches of the top, and the seed planted one inch deep in this shallow trench.

After vines are well established they should be watered thoroughly once every five to seven days, and the flowers picked regularly.

Leather From the Sea

Today there is a source of leather supply formerly unknown. It is the sea. The casing or lining of a whale's stomach provides a thousand square feet or more of strong leather which tans well. The skins of young sharks make a leather excellent for women's shoes because it takes dye perfectly. The hide of the manatee, or sea cow, is another source of leather suitable for footwear, while porpoise hide (which is actually the skin of the beluga or white whale) is naturally waterproof.

Rays of different kinds, very common in tropical seas, provide a fine and flexible leather and many other fish are being experimented upon. The difficulty is that in the case of most fish the skin is very thin and hard to remove without damage, while the tanning is also a matter requiring much care.

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



afternoon. The skirt is slim and paneled. The bodice is made with smooth shoulder yokes and just enough gathers to ensure correct bust fit. And the neckline of this dress (design No. 8877) is unusually good.

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There's the Rub—Pete Had Lived Within That Distance

A traveler was wandering across the Rockies in search of a man to whom he had been given a letter of introduction.

After a long and tedious journey he hailed a wild-looking fellow who was smoking outside a shack.

"Does Hard Pete live near here?" asked the traveler.

"No," said the man.

"Then can you tell me where I can find his friend and neighbor, Rough-House Joe?"

"I'm Rough-House Joe!"

"Well, they told me Hard Pete lived within gunshot of you."

"He did."



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Short-Lived Joy The joy that isn't shared with another dies young.

ASK ME ANOTHER

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

- 1. How far back has the existence of cheese been traced?
2. What animal in that kingdom has the largest brain in proportion to its size?
3. Who is known as the father and liberator of six countries?
4. What two major religions absolutely forbid the use of wine or other intoxicating liquors?
5. What language was spoken by Jesus?
6. What is the Quirinal in Rome?
7. How old is the Dominion of Canada?
8. A person having strabismus is afflicted with what?

- 9. The recent presidential inauguration was the forty-fifth, yet only 152 years have passed since the first, in 1789. Inaugurations occurring every four years, why is it the forty-fifth, instead of the thirty-eighth?
10. Will a warm, dry wind evaporate more moisture than the heat of the sun?

The Answers

- 1. To the year 2000 B. C.
2. The ant.
3. Bolivar (known as the father and liberator of Panama, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia.
4. Mohammedanism and Buddhism, whose adherents constitute one-fourth of the human race.
5. Aramaic.
6. The royal palace (also the name of the hill upon which the palace is situated).
7. In 1763 the Treaty of Paris ceded French Canada to England; on July 1, 1867, the British North America act created the Dominion of Canada.
8. Crossed eyes or walleys.
9. The inaugurations of vice presidents succeeding to the presidency are included.
10. A dry, warm wind will not only evaporate more moisture from the surface of a lake than the heat of the sun, but it will also melt snow many times faster than the hottest sunshine.

A Bit Mixed

Cross marriages between two families produce some queer mix-ups, but the situation created by an American takes some beating. He married the daughter of his own daughter's husband by another wife, thus making him the son-in-law of his son-in-law.

His daughter, therefore, became his stepmother-in-law and his bride her own stepmother. His wife has just given birth to a daughter. She is her step-grandmother's sister, her own mother's step-aunt, and her father's step-sister-in-law. Phew!

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