

Linen Assumes Important Role As Fabric for Summer Wardrobes

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IN ASSEMBLING the new summer wardrobe, don't overlook the importance of linen for all-occasion wear. There really is no material that more faithfully holds its own than handsome Irish linen. With women of discriminating taste, fine linen is a tradition, and now, because of scientific processing, the new linens are rendered practically non-wrinklable.

Aside from the practical view, which ranks linen high because of its complete washability, crease-resistance and adaptability to any type of wearing apparel, style experts are suggesting linen because of the beautiful colors in which it may now be purchased.

A trend this season is the combining of linen with another fabric. You'll see many linen dresses with wool coats, lined and collared to match the dress. Linen also may be combined with silk or rayon prints very effectively. Often a monotone linen coat is lined with the print of a matching frock. In these instances, the linen used is one of the heavier, sturdier weaves, either plain or with self-plaid woven into the fabric.

A fashion highlight this season is the newly styled longer jackets of solid colored linen, worn over bright gingham checks or printed cottons. The attractive ensemble centered in the photograph illustrates the idea. The jacket, of deep green linen, is cut as expertly and fits as suavely as any painstakingly tailored wool. It tops a black, white and green checked dress which follows carefully the lines of a classic shirtwaist frock.

The use of linen in two-toned combinations is a this-season theme that stresses the popular contrast-color

vogue. Two shades of Irish linen, a rich tan and a deep green, combine to dramatize the South American influence shown in the simulated bolero of this good-looking dress. This is a fashion designed by Schiaparelli for gay young folk.

It's "three cheers for the red-white-and-blue" when the classic shirtwaist dress shown to the left in the group marches along in the fashion parade. The dress is of blue wrinkle-resistant Irish linen. The double blue-and-white collar and cuffs are edged with red rickrack, and the chic crocheted belt also combines the three colors.

A fashion that women will welcome is the redingote that is styled of linen in handsome dark monotones. This is worn over print frocks very effectively and over linen dresses of a contrasting shade. A practical as well as smart item in any wardrobe is the linen suit that is fashioned with the longer jacket. In navy or dark green or toast brown it invites many uses, for the jacket may be worn over casual frocks when not worn with its matching skirt.

The young set glories this season in the new line middy blouse fashions. As summer advances, dance floors will boast linen dinner dresses. On beaches, dressmaker bathing suits in linen will take to the water and many play suits and beach dresses of Irish linen will be worn by vacationers.

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LUKE AND ELMER ON SACRIFICE

Luke—I suppose you've heard the President's warnings on the sacrifices every American man and woman will have to meet now that the all-out aid program is in full swing.

Elmer—Yes, and no truer word was ever spoken. But I doubt that more than one American in a thousand appreciates it.

Luke—I hope it don't come to a point where I have to stay home week-ends.

Elmer—There you go! You're a typical case. You are one of the great army of Americans who don't mind sacrificing as long as it don't make 'em lay up the big car, shorten up the pleasure trips or cut down on the night club parties.

Luke—Ain't a guy got a right to his own idea of what a sacrifice means?

Elmer—Not up to the point where he thinks it's strictly a baseball term.

Luke—You don't expect people to go around demanding a chance to sacrifice, do you?

Elmer—Not yet, but I think it will be strictly a routine impulse before the year is over. Mr. Roosevelt gave a plain warning in strong language, but the people still need to be stirred up to a full appreciation of what it all really means. This country has been in an atmosphere of marathon waltzing, express speedways, de luxe settings, special upholstery and bottle feeding for so many years that too many people still think it's a sacrifice to get up the first time the alarm goes off instead of waiting for the repeat.

Luke—I guess maybe you're right. I know some fellers who would think they was making the sacrifice of a lifetime if they had to work twenty minutes overtime in even a soft job like judging a Miss America contest.

Elmer—And I could point out a lot of 'em who could applaud every word the President said on sacrifice and then set up a yelp if on their way downtown in an imperial limousine they got held up three minutes by a defense parade.

Luke—I read where some guy made a squawk the other day because a new defense aviation base was so close to his golf course that it made him nervous while putting.

Elmer—You can find plenty of people who think a major sacrifice is involved if the government gives priority to the shipment of bombers as against pool tables and electric music boxes.

THE PENCIL SHARPENER

You'll find this odd utensil in every office joint: It sharpens up your pencil—And then breaks off the point!

—Merrill Chilcote.

Can You Remember—

Away back when cigarettes were said to stunt growth?

We understand Harold Ickes hadn't been at sea on the President's yacht an hour before he was advocating federal censorship of the waves.

Hitler is the kind of man who not only celebrates spring by shooting the first robin but justifies it on the ground it was planning to attack him.

John Kieran's new tome, "Nature Notes," has reached this department. John says that the dragon fly or "darning needle" does not sew up your ears as we were taught in childhood, but is harmless, and, in fact, beneficial. If your ear has been sewn up a dragon fly is so kind and gentle it will take the stitches out, we take it.

YOU'RE A ROOKIE DRAFTEE WHEN—

1—You take reprimands from corporals seriously.

2—You're a low private but you have the idea it is necessary to yell at others when given a detail to direct.

3—You demand three helpings of chow but write home that the food is lousy.

4—You always let the sergeant know you finished a job quicker than anybody else, thinking it gets you ahead.

—A. B. Watac.

OUT OF THE RED

The New York board of education has made membership in any Communist, Fascist or Nazi group sufficient grounds for dismissal of any teacher in a city college. It got around at last to the belief that the big red professor should never supersede the little red schoolhouse.

A WIFE'S WORST FAULT

All my protests do not faze her—She cuts cloth still with my razor.

—Merrill Chilcote.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To keep the inside of a gas range in good condition, remove rust that may have accumulated with coarse sandpaper, then rub over entire surface with olive oil.

When rooms are to be painted, coat windows with a cleaning powder. If paint splatters on the glass it comes off easily when the powder is wiped away.

A teaspoonful of vinegar added to any boiled frosting before spreading will keep it from becoming brittle or breaking when it is cut.

Shrinkage in woollens is usually due to over-washing. In ordinary circumstances, three minutes is long enough for them.

To give shingles the appearance of being stained, use a paint with low gloss, or a flat paint.

Many kitchens have a bare, unused wall space that could be usefully and attractively transformed into recessed shelves.

Before baking potatoes, let them stand in hot water for 15 minutes. Then rub with butter or lard and put in oven. They will bake in half the time and will not shrink.

If sugar is added to water when making flavored ice cubes, the cubes will not freeze clear or solidly.

Two tablespoons chile sauce or catsup poured over top meat loaf when half-baked gives a good flavor and rather crusty covering.

If kerosene is added to the water with which linoleum is washed it will loosen dirt and make washing much easier.

Unlikely Sentiments

I distrust those sentiments that are too far removed from nature, and whose sublimity is blended with ridicule; which two are as near one another as extreme wisdom and folly.—Deslaudes.

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TIPS to Gardeners

GARDENS OF QUALITY

THERE have been changes in recent years in garden practices that are worth reporting. Gardeners formerly allowed vegetables to grow as large as possible. This procedure gave a higher yield in pounds, but very often it lowered the quality of vegetables.

Some vegetables, of course, like tomato, must be mature to be palatable; but carrots, cucumbers, beets, summer squash, turnips, radishes, and others are more tender and tasty when not much more than half grown.

Gardeners are finding that it is wise to plant oftener than once or twice a year, to maintain a regular supply of proper-sized vegetables. Gardens prove more enjoyable, and more profitable when successive plantings of favorite crops are made every two or three weeks, providing garden-fresh vegetables for the table over a long season.

It is also true that few gardeners today save flower seeds. Fine flowers growing in the home garden often are cross-pollinated by others of the same species, making flowers grown from their seed inferior, and untrue.

Laws Gravitare

Laws and institutions are constantly tending to gravitate. Like clocks, they must be occasionally cleansed, and wound up, and set to true time.—H. W. Beecher.

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Dramatic Bags



Dramatic bags, with swank shoes of shiny perforated leather to match, are smart as can be. In the under-arm bag designed by Jenny which the young modern pictured is carrying, shiny black patent leather is cleverly used to form wings of ruffled and perforated patent. This bag is roomy but compact and is styled with all the "last word" improvements. You will find it the perfect complement for your new tailleur and particularly chic carried with the now-so-voguish black faille jacket suits. By the way, the topknot that surmounts the pretty head of the young lady here posing is a very new-fashion chapeau.

Newest wrist watches are square, made of pink gold, set with diamonds and rubies and fastened with a maroon wrist cord.

White-Ground Prints New

In Summer Fashion Picture

It is the white-ground prints that have the coveted "n.c." look. The black-on-white combination is especially smart. Wear with these black-and-whites one of the very voguish large Milan hats, carry a patent bag matched with pumps, splash a dash of red or yellow in gloves and your boutonniere—the sum total will be "style."

Blue on white is also new and the prints that pattern red or yellow on white are exceedingly chic.

Handknit Apparel Enjoys

Increase in Popularity

There is a large demand for handknit apparel. Even the machine knits have been brought to such a point of perfection that they have the handknit look. Dresses are so expertly fashioned that they do not miss any of the styling details that give distinction to fabric treatments.

Sweaters and cardigans abound in unique trimmings, such as wool yarn fringe, dangling tassels, embroideries and knitted skirts are now made with pleats or gores.

Low-Cut Necklines Call

For Bra to Match Dress

Necklines are on their way down and down, almost to the waistline. With this type of dress, comes a bra to match. You can fasten the open point high or low, as you wish. The latest blouses have open-throat colored necklines that may be adjusted at will.

Brim Large, Small

It's a far cry from the tiny little flower topknot milliners are pleased to call hats to the wide, wider, widest brims that are forecasted for wear with summer frocks. A properly equipped wardrobe of headgear should include both. The cunning flower hats have captured women's fancy to the extent that they will continue in the picture for a long time to come, but from now on they must share honors with the stunning big pompadour brims, Mexican gaucho felts and the face-framing "covered wagon" types.

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

- ### The Questions
1. What is a solecism?
 2. Where is the measurement parsec used?
 3. What is the lee side of a ship?
 4. May one sound be produced so as to neutralize another sound, the result being silence?
 5. Who was the Spanish conqueror of Mexico?
 6. In the famous poem, named after the hero, what "boy stood on the burning deck"?
 7. What country is noted for its consanguineous marriages?
 8. How fast do the stalks of the yucca flower grow?

- ### The Answers
1. A grammatical error.
 2. In astronomy (used for measuring space between the stars).
 3. The side opposite to that from which the wind is blowing.
 4. Scientists say that two sounds may be produced in such a manner that they neutralize each other and the result is silence.
 5. Cortez.
 6. Casabianca.
 7. Egypt. Consanguineous marriages are those between half-brothers and half-sisters.
 8. Yucca flower stalks in California grow from 7 to 11 inches in 24 hours.

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