

Beautifully Styled New Prints Bespeak That 'Lovely Lady' Look

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



ALWAYS fascinating, the print story is more so than ever this summer. The current showings of prints seem to have eclipsed all that has gone before.

There's a new elegance being expressed in print frocks that you can tell at a glance are intended for smart dress-up occasions rather than for casual daytime wear. In styling these "lovely lady" prints, designers gave them an important look of sophisticated simplicity. The new slender silhouette deftly achieves a dress-up look through animated little peplums, flaring over narrow skirts. The bustle-bow back, flattering neckline treatments, and other subtle style gestures also impart outstanding distinction.

Often a print is that dramatic and stunning within itself that it is made up as simply as possible so as to give all the glory to the fabric. The gown centered in the illustration is just such. The dramatic butterfly print "makes" this dress and the fact of its utterly simple styling shows supreme artistry on the part of the designer. The wide cap sleeves serve to accentuate the small waist, made smaller by a drawstring at the back. The print is hand-screened and the butterfly motifs are simply gorgeous in their coloring. The material is a spun rayon and cotton woven to look like crash. A cutout wired butterfly of the fabric is poised at one side of the high neckline.

A flair for dark prints is seen in the wide call for black backgrounds with bright florals or other richly colorful patterning. These modish prints include both huge dramatic widely spaced florals and the more conservative small patterned types, the latter making special appeal in

that they are so new, "his-year looking."

Ideal for dressy afternoon wear and exquisitely refined in its lady-like styling is the youthful frock shown to the right. It is made of one of the now-so-voguish black background prints, highlighted with multi-colored motifs. It is expertly styled to accentuate a slender silhouette. A pert little peplum adds intrigue to this most flattering little dress-up frock.

Even if one's wardrobe is not extensive, it is a wise plan to keep at least one dressy outfit on hand so as to avoid that frantic last-minute "what to wear" problem, when one is unprepared for an unexpected dress-up date. For summertime charm a cool dark print styled for flattery as pictured to the left will prove an ideal and treasured possession. A dress of this type will be welcome as an addition to any wardrobe because of its chic and charm.

One of the grand things about this dress is that you know it will give good service for the handsome black-with-color sheer print fabric has passed a laboratory test for good wear qualities. Because of the guarantee label in the dress you may be sure that its colorings will retain their original shades and that there will be no seam slippings after repeated cleaning and wearing. Tafeta bows at each side of the dramatic low-cut square neckline add a convincing note of chic. The charming large black hat which milady holds in her hand shows that this beautifully gowned modern knows her fashions, for the wider the brim, the smarter the hat this summer. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Sun and Play Dress



In this charming two-piece play-suit neck and midriff are bared to sun and air. The fabric is a soap-and-water waffle pique, the gaily colorful print design carried out in a gorgeous butterfly motif. There's joy and satisfaction in a print like this for you can depend upon it being fast color. The butterfly with its gorgeous coloring and designfulness is a featured theme that is bringing new beauty into the realm of prints this season.

Summer Wash Frocks Intriguingly Styled

Seldom a season, if ever, when wash frocks have been so intriguingly styled as now. In making up cottons that are lovelier than ever this summer designers are playing up imagination to the nth degree. They have succeeded so admirably that a seersucker dress or a gingham goes places as proudly as a silken print or modish crepe. There's all sorts of fetching trimming accents appearing on this season's wash apparel, such as self-fabric bows, embroidered pockets, and most of all just "oodles" of eyelet embroidery in yokes or contrast sleeves or frills that finish off edges in a most flattering way. The theory that two lovely cottons are better than one is seen in perfectly charming gingham or pastel chambray two-piece dress. The skirt of gingham has a jacket of beloved eyelet. The jacket is finished off with a bias binding of the gingham. For final glamour little bows of self-ingham travel all the way the front of the jacket.

Popular Little Sailors

Have Flattering Ways

No wonder the new little sailor hats are so popular. Their aim seems to be to flatter you and that's exactly what they do. The charm about the newer types is that they are so expertly designed they can be worn straight, back or forward tilt, no matter your age or your hairdo. A favorite straw sailor brought out this season has a telescoped crown, a tiny roll brim which takes on a beguiling veil that ties in the back. It comes in all colors but it is particularly attractive in all white.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Many Wives Aid the Enemy

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

THINGS have just been running down at home since Ted and Larry went away to war," whined a woman to me in the market the other day. "You see," she went on, "Larry was making good money and he helped out a lot, and by this time I suppose Ted would have been a wage-earner, too. Now with just Betty and Dad at home, we are the most dismal group you can imagine, and the money trouble doesn't help to console us! I can't wait to have the boys get back, when we can get all straightened out, pay our debts and start over."

I looked at this woman in amazement. She loves her sons; she will grieve bitterly if either is taken by war. And yet she could stand there and tell me, with a sort of melancholy pride, that the welcome provided for the boys of the family is going to be complaints, debts, anxieties, responsibilities—no heartening assurance of the family's solvency and security, no encouraging plans for rest and recuperation—just the old tedious complaining and protesting against the general injustices of fate.

Another woman wrote to her son that she and his grandmother, who have been living together, have had so serious a disagreement that they are going to law about it. She asks him to answer several questions by return mail: Does he remember his grandmother saying that his mother had been mixed up in an unsavory love affair before her marriage; will he testify that his grandmother often called his mother ugly names, and so on.

The lonely son, wasting the best years of his life in the bleak Aleutians, must sit down and handle the quarrels of the two undisciplined women.

Runs Down His Wife.

Another woman writes her son disparaging letters about his wife. Mollie, she says, is a perfectly good girl, but she has friends at the house all the time who are laughing and making candy and going to afternoon movies, and the mother-in-law thinks it is a shame to have Bob's money wasted that way.

And again a homesick man must open letters that fill his heart with bitterness and despair.

As for the "dear John" letters—these have become a recognized aid to the enemy! The "dear John" letter is a missile that opens with the shattering phrase, "I have been thinking of us and our married life, and I believe we would both be happier if we were to obtain a divorce and make a fresh start with other mates."

Don't smile at this and dismiss it as only an occasional thing. It is a very real and desperate menace to the morale and peace of mind of our fighting boys. Hundreds and hundreds of these cruel notes go forth daily, and the effect they have on a man whose nerves are shaken already by danger, by the loss of comrades, by homesickness, mosquitoes and strangeness may be imagined.

The woman he loves doesn't want to see him any more. The little children who cried when daddy went away won't be his children when he comes back. The home and securi-



Already shaken by danger, homesickness...

MORALE WRECKERS

It is every woman's duty to try to preserve the morale of the men of her family who are fighting. She should do everything she can to preserve and, when possible, to improve the situation at home. When there are difficulties that she cannot cope with, she should tell her soldier little or nothing about them. Perhaps they will clear up—in any case they can wait. Seldom can the poor fellow in a distant camp do anything about them, anyway. He has enough to contend with, struggling against the enemy, and enduring discomforts of all sorts. Letters disparaging his wife, telling of family quarrels and financial problems, do serious damage to the spirit of the front-line fighters.

ty for which he is fighting aren't either home or secure. The devastating breath of war is not only blighting his life now, at the terrible battle front, but it has destroyed everything else, too.

Grim, Vital Days Ahead.

I would like to remind these letter-writing women that we are going into grim and vital postwar days. Every woman in America will be a help or a burden to the building of the new world then—there will be no half-way. Thousands of helpless, selfish, discontented women will find themselves left out of the running, their children rebellious at the change that gives them a strange home and a new father, their new mates not inclined to be particularly considerate of the women who coldbloodedly could drop old mates during the crisis of war.

But thank God there will be other women, millions of them—women who have written nothing but encouraging and loving letters during this time; women who have planned practically for the homecoming, are saving money, are out of debt and are full of ideas for Tom's future; women who know that more than our pilgrim or pioneer mothers needed them, we need now courage, self-control, economy and foresight. It is the woman who is strong, faithful to her mate, concerned with his welfare and that of the children and able to live on her income, no matter how small, who is going to be the inspiration, the essential creator, of the new America.

Shifting Curtains Around

Makes Them Last Longer

Curtains hung at windows exposed to bright light or sunshine will give out first. Sunlight causes the fabric to lose its strength. It is a good plan to make top and bottom hems of the same width and then reverse them each time they are washed or cleaned. Curtains from sunny windows can be shifted occasionally to the shady side of the house. Sheets usually wear thin first in the upper center, so reverse them from head to foot occasionally. Mend all snags promptly. Stitch together the outside edges of sheets worn thin in the middle, split them down the center and hem the edges.

More Cloth Coming Soon

The supply of yard goods for home-sewing in small towns and rural areas will soon be increased. Preference ratings will be given to merchants in these areas for the distribution of about 150,000,000 yards of cotton fabrics, including pongee, voile, sheeting 42 inches and wider, print cloths, outing flannel and gingham. This decision follows a similar order, issued during the first quarter of this year, which was aimed to correct unequal distribution of piece goods.

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Railroad Magnate E. H. Harriman expected his employees to work hard. That's why it almost gave one of his assistants heart failure when the multimillionaire, without warning, walked into his office and found the man sitting idle. The culprit had been sprawling comfortably in his chair, his feet on the desk and a fat cigar in his face. At the sight of Harriman the employe briskly jumped to his feet, at the same time mentally shedding plenty of tears over his lost job.

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Tattooed Women, Imposing Burial Vaults in Okinawa

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One hand is tattooed before marriage to remind the women of the sorrows of marital life; the other is tattooed after the wedding to help her, it is said, "endure the agonies of married life."

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