

It's Good News That Irish Linen Is Coming Into Its Own Again

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CHEERIO! Hear the good news! Shipments of Irish linen are gradually being resumed. Irish linen, a strategic material, has been helping to win the European war. Now that it has come to a victorious end, more linens will be released for civilian wear.

The strength, lightness and dependability of linen have made it an indispensable war material. Paratroopers have drifted down from their chutes by the lightest and strongest linen harnesses made. Linen canvas which does not stretch when soaked with rain has protected precious supplies dumped on the beachheads of France. Miles of strong linen thread have sewed the thousands and thousands of shoes that went marching to Berlin. This war demand explains why no one store in the United States has been able to secure sufficient quantities of Irish linen yardage, handkerchiefs, table damasks, towels, sheets and so on to fill their customers' requirements.

One thing that is certain, however, is that notwithstanding this long period of watchful waiting, the American consumer has not lost her enthusiasm for Irish linens or her appreciation of their beauty and peerless durability. Among the most attractive costumes seen on the beach this summer is the sunback dress with its accompanying bolero, both made of Irish linen in the smart fashion shown to the left. Carried out in the sun's favorite yellow, the dress is distinguished by a V-halter neckline and a flattering cuff effect across the bustline. The brief matching bolero makes possible a double career for this smart sunshipper. Frocks tailored of pure white linen are also the last word in smart summer fashions.

When it comes to dazzling white accessories such as fashion decrees

for this summer, snowy linen plays its most thrilling role. Even the spotless white bag you will need to complete your collection of white accessories presents no difficulty. Just make a slipcover of washable white Irish linen for the dark bag you bought earlier in the season and the problem of keeping your bag immaculately clean and white looking is solved. The girl to the right in the picture did just that adding a touch that tells in way of a hand-embroidered initial.

Women who have a yen for exquisite frost-white lingerie accents have become intrigued this summer with the idea of "make it yourself" collars, jabots, gilets and other neck wear "lovelies" for which they use the daintiest and finest Irish linen handkerchiefs they can find. News dispatches from Ireland report that increasing quantities of linen handkerchiefs are being shipped to the United States this summer.

For a ladylike look that will add class to a career girl's simple daytime dress or suit, handkerchiefs with clip-cord borders and hand-rolled hems work up beautifully. You'll need only one hanky to make a saw-tooth collar to wear with a V-neck dress as pictured in the right inset. Just cut into quarters and lay the corners in overlapping points. Finish the cut edge that fits into the neckline with a narrow binding.

For softly feminine styles one should be very "choosy" in selecting handkerchiefs that have reached the ultimate in matter of exquisitely sheer Irish linen and choice needlework. You will take utmost pride in wearing a gilet made of two handkerchiefs as shown in the inset above to the center. One of the lovely Irish linen handkerchiefs is cut in half diagonally across. The bordered edges are joined together part of the way up to make the front of the gilet, being left free the rest of the way to open back into revers. The other handkerchief is used for a most flattering butterfly-wing jabot.

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THE OSCAR PURKEY BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE

To the Peacemakers:
This is a Blueprint for Peace which me and some of my buddies made up out of our own heads on account of we think if we have not got no right to have views on a peace who has?

A G.I. gets the creeps at the thought of an old style peace made from the 1919 pattern and enforced no better than "No Smoking" signs in subways, and nothing gives him the heebie-jeebies like the chance another peace will turn out to be just a rest period in a slaughter house.

Me and my buddies has done a lot of talking with others and found they all think the same way which is that the job of making a bright new world is not going to get nowhere without the following specifications:

1. The abolition of baloney, bunk, goose grease, applesauce and what is commonly called "the old malarkey" from all deliberations.
2. No double talk. (This means positively.)
3. Night and day illumination of the goal posts. (And no dimming of the lights to secretly move the posts.)
4. A realization of the fact this world cannot exist half man and half rat. (Even a 5 per cent rat quota is too high.)
5. The same courage by peacemakers that was expected of men in the fighting planes, mountain passes, jungles, split trenches and foxholes, and on all the oceans of the world.

6. The blitzing of any disposition to gamble the future of the world on a policy of expediency. No walking in our prewar sleep... and no sleeping on our postwar walks.

7. The creation of some organization to safeguard the peace by armed co-operation against international cut-throats. You can't keep out of no free-for-all brawl by pulling down the shades and humming "Hearts and Flowers."

8. The constant realization that such an organization must come in on a backbone and a wallop and not on a paper wing and a prayer. One more Geneva rabbit rhumba will make the alert signal the main dependence of civilized man.

9. An approach to all problems in the spirit of King David and never in the spirit of Mickey Mouse.

10. The creation of a League of Nations that never mistakes a double chin for muscle and don't think a backbone is something to be shown only by strip-teasers.

11. A pledge by the four great Powers to cement relations (but never confuse cement with bubble gum) and to stay in the lineup to the finish no matter who comes to bat.

12. No determination to force the American, British or Russian way of life on anybody else. (A way of life is not no nightshirt or no derby hat. A realization of the fact that any people's way of life looks screwy to the other fellow, regardless of the fact it may have more gadgets, subways, escalators and crooners.)

13. We must not let no war lord escape on the ground he didn't get the right vitamins.

14. We all got to keep our noses clean together or we will all go to the cleaners separately. The big question before the peace commissions is whether we get a happier world out of this war or just a slapphappier one.

15. All peacemakers should keep pasted in their hats the idea that if we ever have another war the question will not be "What'll we do now?" but "What hit us?" And they got to realize through things like the V-1, V-2 and V-3 bombs, that another global fracas will be a combination of Dante's "Inferno" and "The Last Days of Pompeii," with a gooseflesh radio scenario by Orson Welles chucked in for extra creeps.

OSCAR PURKEY, Pfc.

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President Truman may have gone on that fishing trip to get a little training in "holding the line." We still think him the most authentic fishing President since Cleveland. He looks to us like a fellow who would dig his own bait, rig up his own tackle, and think to bring a couple of cans of beer and some cheese sandwiches.

We think that most of those Jap suicide divers have been assured by their superiors that nets have been provided for them.

The governors of the New England States and seven other governors have concluded a conference in New York on the food crisis. And the governor of New Hampshire said to the governor of Vermont, "It's a long time between steaks."

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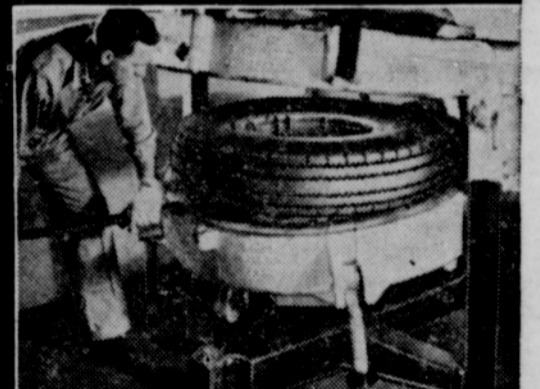


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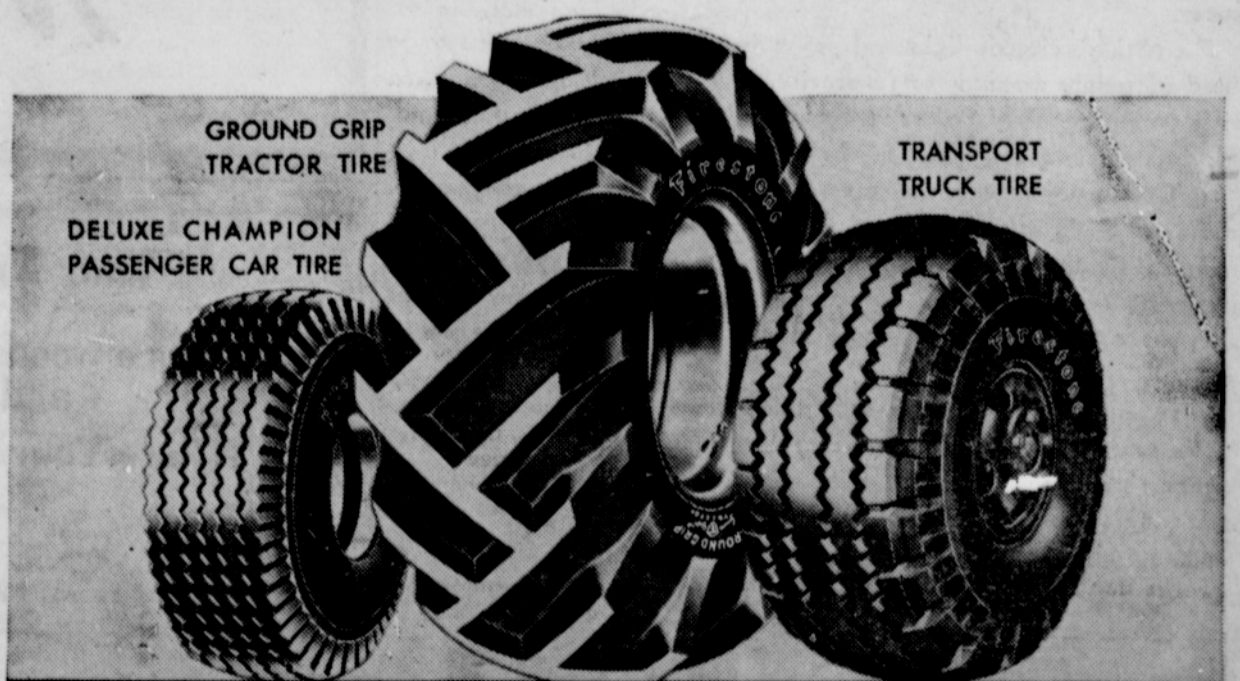
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Button Glamor



Buttons here, buttons there and buttons everywhere is a fashion gesture that persists in the summer mode. Attractive buttons impart drama to this charming coat dress made of a pastel spun rayon. These are two-tone buttons patterned as a shaggy flower with their petals tipped in lighter shade. These handsome button originals are feather-light in weight and come in all the new costume colors. For those who make their own clothes, these handsome buttons are just the thing to add a touch of distinction.

It's Clever to Have A Number of Boleros

One of the outstanding fashion highlights this summer is the cunning separate bolero that you can slip on at a moment's notice. A bolero of pink linen worn with your slender black or navy basic dress will look charming. A bolero is ever so easy to make. You can buy just a remnant of linen or gabardine or allover eyelet, and with a good pattern you can seam up a simple bolero in just a short time. Pretty, too, and ever so useful is a little bolero fashioned of black, navy or white eyelet. Finishing off with an inch-wide border or binding of plain material gives an expert dressmaker touch. It's nice to have a white pique bolero on hand either eyeleted or of the waffle type. This will go with most any of your summer dresses. You will find that you can stretch your wardrobe to do double if you have a collection of colorful boleros on hand. They are just the thing for vacation trips too, when you don't want to take too much.

Gabardine Separates

For Mixing and Matching

Sports separates made of gabardine in such delectable colors as seafoam, water rose, magnolia petal, olive green, black and navy are finding ready sale. You'll be wanting several of these beautiful separates to mix and match as you please. Items included in the group are, slacks, skirts, beach coats and tailored shorts.