

Wear a Glamorous Belt to Accent Your Chic Midwinter Black Frock

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they look worth a king's ransom. It accents drama to wear this gorgeous belt sans other jewelry save perhaps a handsome bracelet.

BELTS are playing a most spectacular role in the midwinter, fashion picture. Not only is the idea of dramatizing a simple costume with a resplendent belt going over big in current fashions, but advance spring styles herald the importance of intriguing belts worn with skirt and bodice or blouse costumes.

At the immediate moment fashion-wise women are wearing chic black frocks of sophisticated simplicity to which daring and dramatic emphasis is being given via gorgeous belts after the manner shown in the illustration. To the left four exquisite narrow gold belts worn as a wide girdle give a dazzling note to a modish full-skirted black frock. The slender midriff effect here achieved highlights many of the newest silhouettes this season.

The stunning dress to the right goes winged and wide above the waistline, keeping the midriff whittled down with a glamorous corset belt. The artful curves of this belt achieve a willowy waistline reminiscent of the laced corset era. The belt by Criterion is of black suede, stylized with a design of floral motif in gold and silver.

To browse around among the belt displays is as exciting as an Alice-in-Wonderland adventure. One of the outstanding numbers in a noted collection is an eye-thrilling belt done in colorful felt, embellished with artfully worked gold braid and glittering sequins. It's a beauty to include in your wardrobe of belts. You will find that it never fails to bring the simplest frock up to a new high in glamour.

Some of the dress-up belts are that richly bejeweled and embroidered

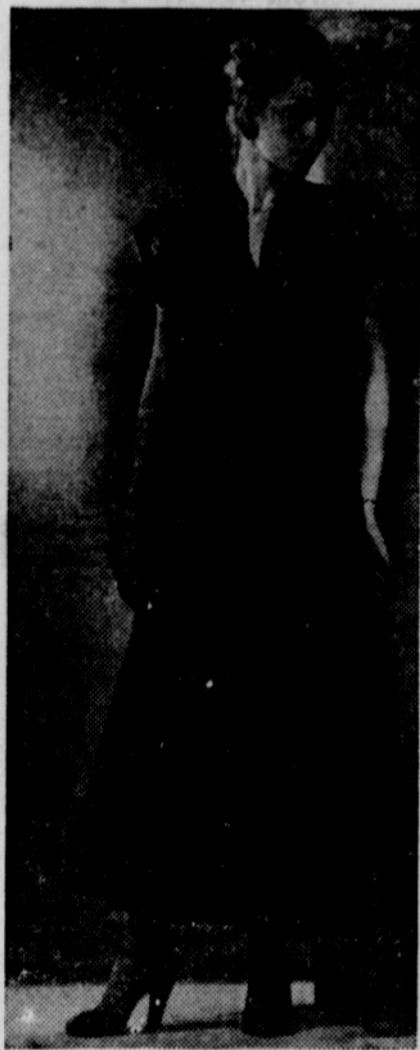
The existing craze for beautiful and versatile belts that are hand-worked should be an inspiration to those who have a knack of making pretty costume accents for themselves to perform a little belt magic of their own. In designing your belt, keep in mind that the trend is toward wider types that savor of fitted corset or midriff effects. You can fashion a smart belt of material matching the dress with which it is worn, or you can buy a wide ribbon or suede belt and embroider it yourself with sequins and jewels. A triangle or leaf design at each side of the belt buckle would be very effective. Very lovely too is the belt of dress fabric or suede or ribbon, if you prefer, that is applied with handmade flowers made of silk or multi-colored ribbons.

One is tempted to acquire a collection of belts this season since they are smartly worn with every type costume, from play outfits and chic sportswear to the most formal evening clothes. Start your wardrobe of belts with a sporty leather number that is attractively studded with metal nailheads and perhaps a few colorful stones. A series of plastic-coated yarn have just been brought out that may be washed. These come in several designs, one of which is hand-knotted so as to form scallops about the edge. It has a drawstring fastening.

Hand-crocheted belts are shown in wide-band effect with interesting applique of tiny flowers and leaves, also hand-crocheted of bright colored yarns. It's worthwhile including a gypsy tie-girdle or scarf of black or colorful satin, the wide ends of which are embroidered with sequins.

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New Ballet Length



Most beautiful cotton laces are being designed and manufactured that are as fragile and sheer as the best of fine laces. This charming dance dress is made of exquisitely filmy black cotton lace over pink marquisette. Note its new ballet length which is gaining importance in the evening mode. The low criss-cross of black crepe on the bodice and cap shoulders is a most eye-appealing and sophisticated touch. Quantities of these lovely fine and sheer cotton laces will be seen this summer made up in enchanting dance frocks. New lines, too, will add delicate charm to these filmy creations. You will look captivating in your lovely lace, as you prouette under the stars.

Classic Jackets Are Longer for Spring

The big snews about the spring suits is that their jackets are longer. That is, speaking of the classic types. However, in direct contrast to the long effects are the very brief bolero and basque jackets which are being designed for the young element. Checks, bright wools and newiest of all, wool jersey, are leading materials for the spring suit. As to coats, the topper it is triumphing anew in the fashion picture. The three-quarter length tunic coat is also a topflight fashion. Very new looking is the full length great coat that is fashioned after the manner of the officer coat. It's news that metal buttons are seen on some of the newer coat styles. Smart resort shops have wide call for toppers in pastel wools that are enriched either with deep cuffs in light furs or they are bordered with fur in a light-some mood. Ornamental buttons are lavishly used on both coats and suits this season.

Preview of Beach Wear From Winter Resorts

News from the southland resorts brings a foreword of what you will be wearing on the beach this summer.

Most of the bathing suits, for instance, are two-piece affairs with bare midriffs.

There is a charming model in bright yellow with a white braid trim and another in white pique with huge stylized red and blue pansies. Cream-colored jersey forms an artfully draped suit with black binding and flattering shirring on trunks and bra top.

To top the suits you'll like the new beach robes, such as the one in deep turquoise cotton with an unusual cape top and a gracefully flared skirt.

There's quite a choice of good-looking play clothes, too, many of them of the two-piece variety, like the full little midriff skirt and top of gray, blue, green or tan. Or the sunback dress with matching bolero in luscious pastel colors. It looks like you will have an easy time getting a tan this summer.

Veterans' SERVICE BUREAU

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Freezing Army Points

This office has received many letters asking whether or not once men get overseas their accumulation of discharge points stops. The answer from the war department invariably has been that men continue to earn discharge points so long as they are in service.

This question was brought to a head recently when Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson was surprised when informed by the army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, that point scoring stopped September 2.

The war department now declares that both are right. Men in service do continue to earn discharge points for their record for use when and if a new freezing date is established. They point out that the first freeze date was May 12 when the total for discharge was 85 points. A new freeze date was established for September 2 when the discharge point total was 70. However, since September 2, the war department has reduced the point score to 50, or 20 points down, which is more than the veteran would accumulate in the four-month period. In other words, while the veteran total is figured at the number of points he had accumulated up to September 2, 1945, his point total had been lowered since that date from 70 to 50, making all who had 50 points on September 2 eligible for discharge. Further lowering of the total points necessary for discharge are promised.

Questions and Answers

Q. Here's a question I've never seen or heard of being directly answered. Are there answers, or just evasive replies? Can the boys in service in Japan take up correspondence work or study in the U.S.A.F.I. if they have the time or ability? Our son is stationed in Osaka with a medical company. He wants to get started in a veterinarian course. Will be watching closely for an answer.—Mrs. A. J. W., Neligh, Neb.

A. Yes, men in Japan can take certain courses of study with the U.S.A.F.I. However, it is doubtful if such a specialized course as veterinary could be taken by correspondence. Would suggest that your son take the matter up with his company commander.

Q. Is the widow of a World War I veteran, now receiving a pension, entitled to any additional benefits above her pension for doctor's care if she is an invalid?—Mrs. G. H., Eureka Springs, Ark.

A. No, the veterans' administration says that only in some instances of advanced age are widows of World War I veterans entitled to increase in pension.

Q. My husband enlisted in the air corps in August, 1944, for the duration and six months. He is now overseas. Will he be discharged when his enlistment period is up or must he wait until he has enough points?—Mrs. R. S., Sunbury, Pa.

A. The war is not yet over and will not be until so proclaimed by the President or congress. He will remain in the service until he earns sufficient points.

Q. My husband has been in service since August 2, 1945. I am in very bad health. We have two small children and expecting another soon. Do you think I stand a chance of getting him out?—Mrs. J. R. B., Flat Lick, Ky.

A. I am afraid you stand little chance at the moment. When the third child is born, he will be eligible to make application for discharge.

Q. I was inducted into the army August 20, 1942. I received my honorable discharge May 10, 1943. Am I entitled to the \$200 mustering-out pay? All my service has been in the U. S. A. How do I go about getting it?—A. W., Scotland, S. D.

A. Yes. The war department advises that you write to the Chief of Finance, Enlisted Personnel, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Q. I have a friend in the navy. He has been in service since July, 1944, and overseas since last October, 1944. He is single and 29 years old. How many points does he have?—Miss B. C., Section, Ala.

A. As of January 1 he has 27 points. Thirty-six are necessary for discharge, 35 on February 1.

Q. I have a son who has been in service since December 18, 1944. He has six dependents, his mother, three brothers, two sisters. Is he eligible for discharge?—Mrs. G. E. P., Scottsville, Va.

A. Only minor children of the veteran are regarded as dependents in earning discharge points. It is possible for him, however, to file application for a discharge if he can make out a hardship case. He will lose his mustering-out pay, however. About his bonds, write to War Bond division, U. S. Army, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis 20, Mo.

Farm Topics

Hormone Treatment Of Potatoes Advised

Storage Application Retards Sprout Growth

The plant hormone, methyl ester of alpha-naphthalenetic acid, was found by Thomas and Riker, University of Wisconsin, to be effective in keeping potatoes from sprouting in storage, even at ordinary room temperatures.

The chemical can be employed successfully in liquids, dusts or shredded paper distributed among

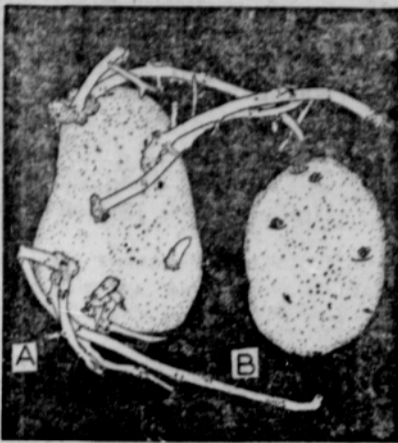


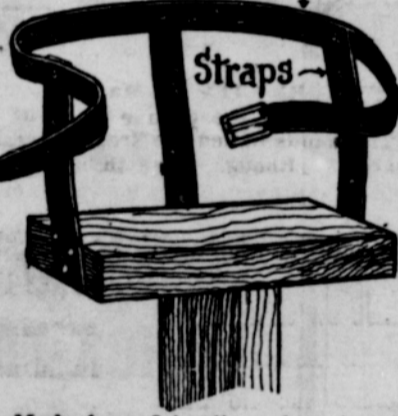
Figure A shows untreated potato, Figure B, potato treated with plant hormone.

the tubers. The dust and shredded methods gave the best results.

Treatment should be made in the spring shortly before the advent of warm weather, before the tubers break dormancy and begin to sprout. This retarding of the sprouts will extend the local selling season of potatoes, even after the spring weather has warmed the storage bins.

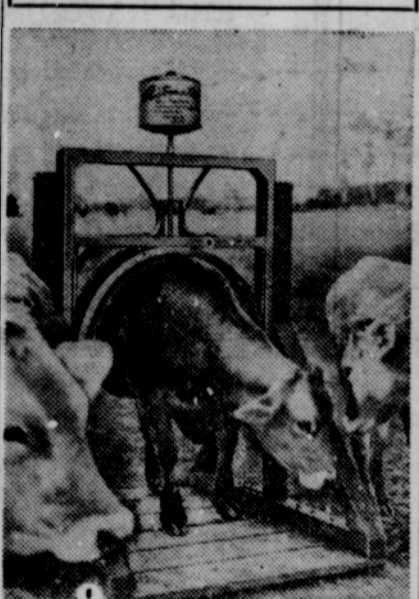
Potatoes free from late blight, soft rot, fusaria and other types of rot organisms only should be selected for hormone treatment. The amount of the chemical to be used should be approximately 1.35 grams of the methyl ester of alpha-naphthalenetic acid per bushel of tubers.

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Household Hints

Roll crocheted and knitted wearing apparel about discarded mailing tubes. This method keeps garments in better condition for wearing than folding.

Use kitchen shears for chopping parsley and chives.

Put ground allspice, cloves, mace and nutmeg in shakers on the table and let the folks choose their own spices on their desserts.

Place a piece of wax paper directly beneath the dresser scarf. Then should you spill perfume—nothing serious.

If pickles are to be used as a garnish for meats or salads, try this way of cutting? Slice in fine strips lengthwise down to the stem, and then spread like a fan.

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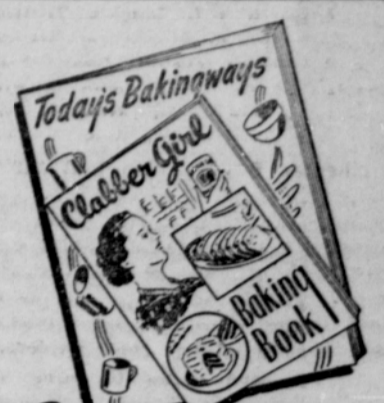
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