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Sleeves Play a Dramatic Role In Styling of Spring Fashions

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**



EACH year one feels quite sure that the new print fashions for spring are prettier and more eye-thrilling than they have ever been before. Spring 1946 is no exception to the rule. Dainty flowery frocks and chic two-piece suit-dresses styled of intriguing prints to be worn under fur coats now are setting a new fashion pace for spring and summer that seems to out-glamour all that has gone before in way of charm and novelty.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature about the new season's print costumes is that they have definitely and most dramatically put sleeves on the map again. Certain it is that the new print fashions have a way of making you more sleeve-conscious than you've been for many a spring and summer past. Ideal for immediate wear under the fur coat are the new spring prints in the illustration. Each model in this trio of gowns, presented in advance showings by Fashion Industries of Chicago, brings a message of new sleeve and shoulder treatment. It will be spring from now on in the heart of the wearer of the charming smartly sleeved pastel print gown to the left. The print in itself is most interesting in that tiny black frogs designfully hop, skip and jump all over a pastel background. However, it's the new modified bishop sleeves that hold the spotlight, with their extra fullness and their deep, smoothly fitted cuff given finesse with little pearl buttons up the side.

The motif for the candle-light, candle-bright print centered in the group is exactly that—little candles printed all over a dark background. This is an attractive practical print

that is right to wear now under the coat and on into spring. Its wide-armhole sleeves herald a smart spring.

There is much being done in way of designful shoulder treatments too, this season. See to the right a most attractive shoulder effect artfully worked out in print with plaid for a beautifully styled afternoon gown. The print? Why morning glories, if you please, rambling over a dark background in colors so lovely they almost outrival nature's own.

No matter how long or how short the new sleeve may be it is sure to feature more fullness in some way or other. You see this in the shorter types, some of which are animated puffs gathered in very full at the armhole. There's the flutter of pleated cape-like short sleeves, or circular flares about the shoulders in the short sleeve types and there is wide use of self fabric ruffles, too, and fine pleatings galore. A pleasing gesture in the styling of this season's prettier-than-ever print frocks is that of short pleated sleeves with pleated peplum to match.

Speaking of pleatings, they will be everywhere in the new print fashions. They will be used in tiers, for all-around finely pleated skirts, for pleums and the new cape sleeves. Fashion is certainly saying it in pleats this year, which all goes to show that there is a bright future for pretty-pretty dresses.

The two-piece suits in print is in line for a tremendous vogue when the spring season gets in full swing. They look strikingly "new" with their full gathered-in-at-the-top sleeves, many of which taper down to bracelet length. The new silhouette defines a small waistline, accents hips with a peplum flare and the skirt is softly styled with front fullness.

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Rainy Day Glamor



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Two Distinct Trends In New Spring Suits

It is very interesting and style significant that the newer suits have longer jackets. Just as interesting and style-correct are the newer suits that are playing up shorter jackets. Which goes to show that there are two distinct trends in the new suits for spring. Suits in general are looking ever so smart in their new longer-length jackets and the inch or so added to the skirt. Take note of this when you make your suit selection.

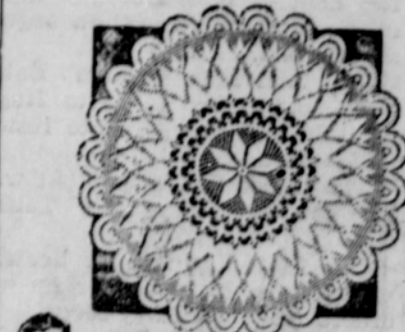
However, the longer jacket tells only one side of the suit story. The other side has to do with a new and fascinating suit type introduced this season which makes a dramatic display of the little jacket as it is called. These brief affairs cut off at the waist or a little below. It is the basque jacket that is making conversation in the fashion world today. It makes an instantaneous hit with the teen-age and college girl with its saucy little waist depth jacket, buttoned neatly up to the neck, its skirt with fullness in the front, the entire tailored of the smartest wools of the season.

New Styles Feature Lace, Embroidery, Bright Prints

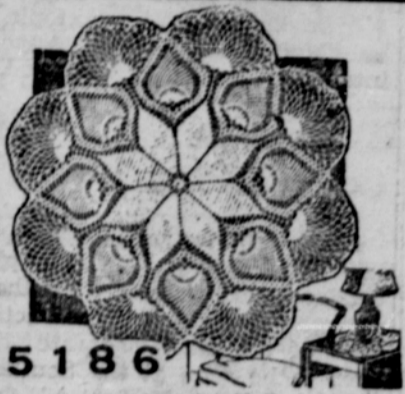
Lace and embroidered organdy appears again to frost both gray and navy spring outfits with that usual springtime charm. Boleros take over with a new contour emphasis. Belts are going around everything. Prints are big, bright colored and conversation starters.

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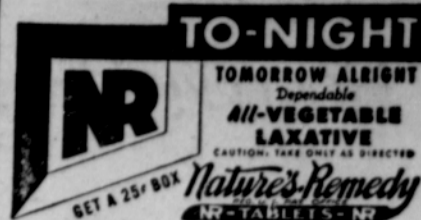
On a train going from one cotton picking job to another a couple of colored boys were talking politics. Rastus, who wanted to see one of the local incumbents re-elected, was giving his friend, Sam, a red hot sales talk on his favorite candidate.

"Well," Sam agreed after listening for some time, "ah guess he's all right — but ah sho don't like his platform."

"Platfo'm!" snorted Rastus. "Platfo'm! Say, don't you know dat a political platfo'm is jes like a platfo'm on one of dese yere railroad cahs—hit ain't meant to git in on."

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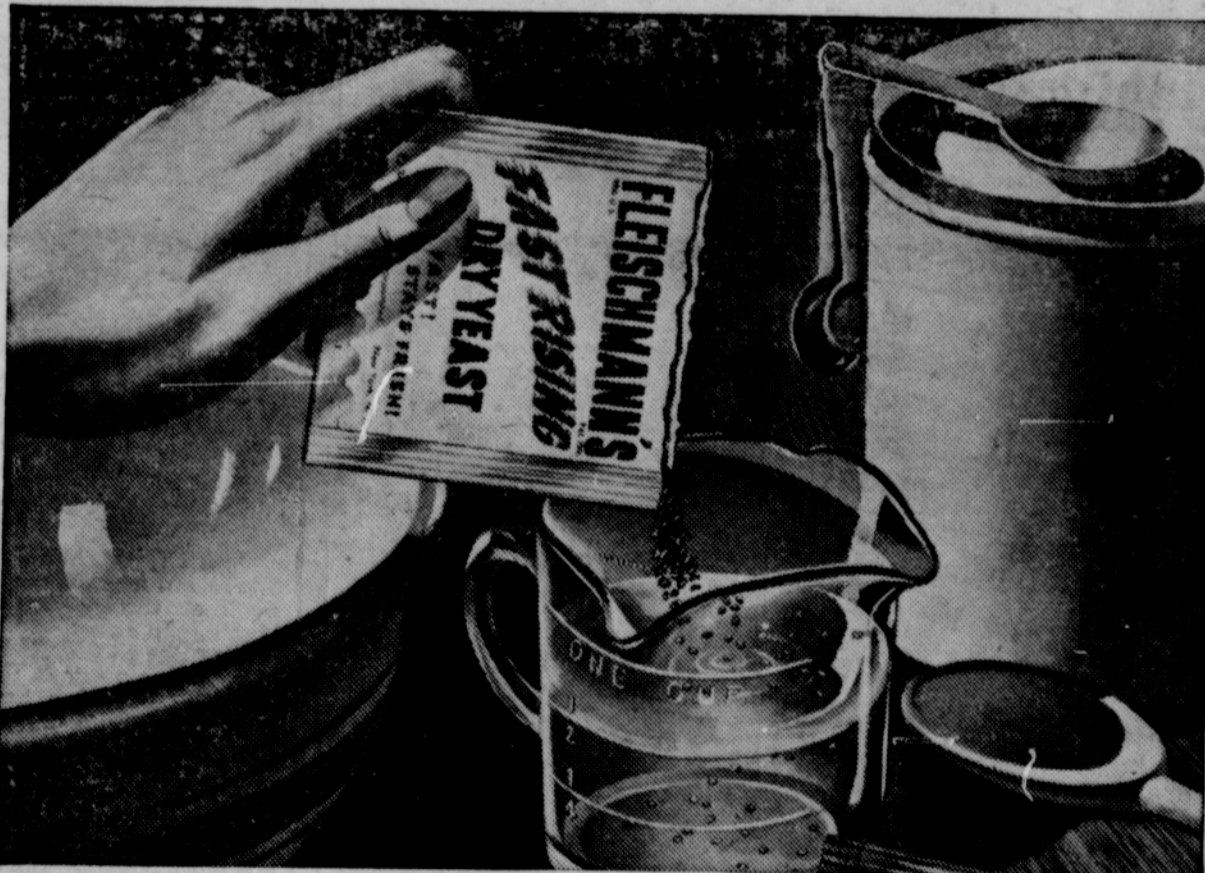
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