

WOMAN'S WORLD

Slim Silhouette Leads Spring Fashions

By Erta Haley

THERE'S LESS NEWS than you might think in the new hemlines, and you can chalk an end to the era of the moulded torso and the full skirt. That, briefly, is the fashion news for spring and summer clothes.

Silhouettes are slim, but even with the inspiration from the 1920's that clothes seem to borrow here and there, there's no indication of a return of the flour sack look of that period.

Though you'll be able to find plenty of full skirts for day and evening, slim skirts are really important fashion news. Then, too, you'll be fascinated with skirts that seem slender but act full when you move with the aid of hidden godets, folds and pleats of all widths. With today's fabrics, it seems no trick to pleat the skirt all around and still have it look slim.

The biggest innovations have come in the tops of dresses and gowns. You'll be seeing large col-



New fashions show collar interest...

lars, big sleeved jackets, roomy bloused backs or intricately pleated ones, deep armholes, short capes, flared boleros or bare tops with tiny straps.

Along with the interest designers have displayed on tops, the enormous sleeves being displayed are right in keeping with fashion trends. Some sleeves are high-lighted even more with cuffs in the sleeve itself or above the wrist where the sleeve tapers off.

Another interesting trend which has been some time in coming up is the bare top with sleeves. In these the bodice is well moulded and the short sleeves are good foil for bareness at top.

Look, too, for belted Russian blouses and cape jackets, both of them new extremes in the wide-topped outline.

Hiplines are Stressed; Waistlines Descending

Great interest is being displayed by designers in the hipline on the new fashions. These are stressed by many means, all of them stunning for the slender-hipped woman. Folds are popular, but cuffs and darts are widely used.

Slender, indented waistlines are far from forgotten, however, even though hiplines are important. Since the waistline itself is being lowered on the dresses, the natural waistline is being played up with in-

Strapped Ankles



A smart idea for a slim clothing budget would include these smart shoes that feature closed pump construction with ankle straps. The shoe gives the foot a slender appearance with its suave lines and sturdy construction in black suede. The moderate heels offer ease for daytime wear.

dentations and darts to make it figure-bugging.

The middie blouse and sweater top, coupled often with a pleated skirt, is the favorite daytime wool dress silhouette. In silk and cotton, the smart dresses come with a shirtwaist style in such fabric surprises as chiffon. They will feature big bishop sleeves, fan pleated skirts, plunging necklines and metallic touches or "diamond" buttons.

Other decorative features which loom big on the fashion horizon include fringed skirts, net flounces, long strings of pearls and handkerchief points.

Skirts are only slightly shorter



as well as slender silhouettes.

even though the trend is upward. Most designers favor them at 14 to 16 inches from the floor, or at midcalf. They warn the wearer to let her own legs be the guide as to proper length.

Suits Show Slender Lines With Hip Detailing

There is no evidence that suits will turn about and be masculine. If anything, the silhouette in suits is even more slender and feminine than for many seasons.

Descending waistlines are played up in suits even more than in dresses, apparently because their simplicity can show such details to perfection. Backs on the suits are gored and tapered. They nip neatly at the natural waistline and then go down to a cuff at the hips.

Another hip-accenting feature is the use of straps beginning at the side seams that criss cross directly in the middle back to be attached to two buttons. Here, too, the back is shaped to fit neatly by means of gores.

Skirts follow the silhouette in the trim lines and the favored midcalf lengths.

Exceptions to the trend described above include those suits which feature flaring boleros, bloused backs belted, pleated or both, as well as big sleeved jackets.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Seek Happiness Outside of Self

ONE OF THE SADDEST and hardest of the lessons that come to us in childhood is the discovery that Mother and Dad are not perfect. Mother is not really an angel; Dad is not a superman. They are mere human beings; they can make mistakes; they can fail us.

To some unlucky children this fact is apparent when they are very young. In their very nursery days they hear criticism and quarrelling between the arbiters and founders of their being, and not infrequently they grow into adolescence with an actual dislike for one or both parents.

It was the very dreary lot of a Salt Lake City woman—hardly out of girlhood even now, at 28, but already hardened and embittered by what she considers unfair treatment from babyhood on.

"They didn't want me, to begin with, and they never let me forget it," writes Andrea Sutcliffe. "Mother had three daughters by a first marriage, had divorced her husband, married my father, and when I was three she divorced my father and went back to her first husband. So that I really had no place in the picture."

"Everything in my life was confusing and hurtful. I remember once innocently calling my half-sisters' grandmother 'Grandma,' as they did, and her instant snub. Everyone laughed loudly as she said, 'Look here, now, Andy. You're nothing to me and I'm nothing to you. Get that through your poor little bald head.'

Never Been Pretty
"My head was almost bald until I was ill of scarlet fever, at 12. I had to wear an oil-silk cap. Psychiatrist's now have told me that my baldness was simply an evidence of nervous pressure. My hair came in thick and curly after the fever, but I have never been



"...asked me to marry him..." pretty. Everyone was surprised when an attractive man asked me to marry him; no one more surprised than I. I was then 24, he 10 years older. On our wedding night he told me that what had interested him in me was my prospective inheritance from my father's mother.

"The complete disillusionment, the agony and humiliation of those weeks I won't go into," the letter goes on. "We agreed—or rather he proposed and I agreed—that we keep the surface smooth. Before my grandmother died we moved to her big, dismal country home, and we live there now. Or rather, I do. Frank comes and goes as he pleases. I have an old Spanish housekeeper for my only companion, unless Frank brings out some of his friends for a Sunday lunch."

"There is a fine old garden and a library full of old books, but they don't satisfy me. I have been married 11 years, and I know that I don't grow wise, interesting, charming, anything. This life is simply dry rot, but while trustees hold my money, Frank won't quite push me to divorce. I don't want a divorce. I want normal living, a man's love, children, home fires and home life. What have I done that I should be cheated all along the line?"

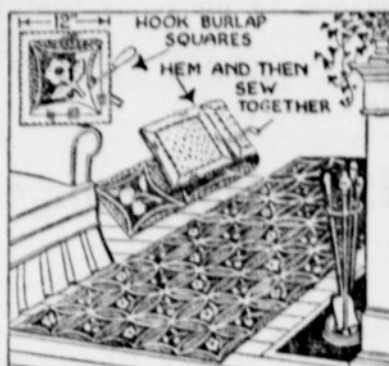
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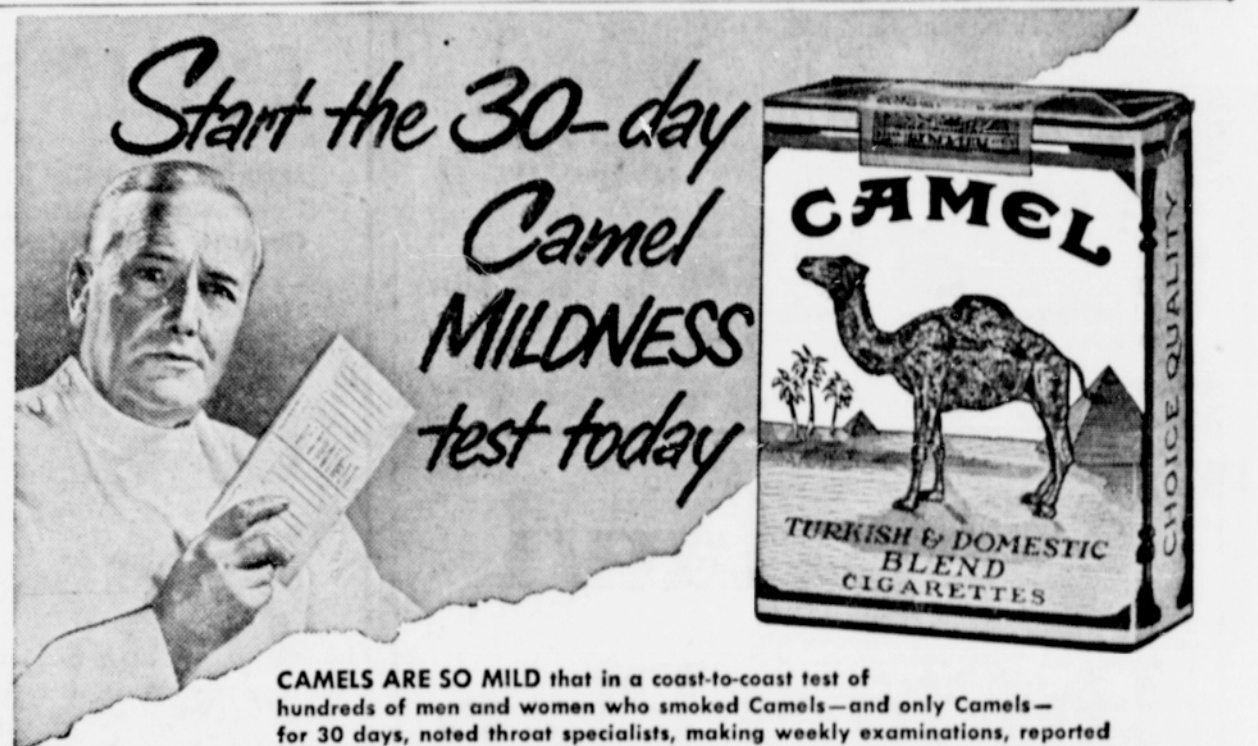
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'Silent' Liar Is Just as Guilty

By Will Bernard, LL.B.

May You Tell a Lie—Without Saying a Word?

A farmer's horse developed a disease that showed no external symptoms but was always fatal. Promptly the farmer decided to sell the animal for "whatever it would bring." Soon he found a likely buyer and gave him a rousing sales talk about the horse. He praised its appetite, its disposition, and its appearance—everything, in



fact, except its health! About that, he didn't say a word. The other man was duly impressed, and made the purchase. But a few weeks later the horse died. The buyer realized he had been "taken in," and sued the farmer for fraud. At the trial, the farmer argued that he couldn't be blamed for something he did not say. However, the court disagreed and held him liable. The judge said that, in a situation like this, the farmer's silence was really the same thing as an outright lie.

An elderly man came to a corner and, without looking right or left, started across the street. An oncoming motorist slammed on his brakes, but too late to avoid an accident. The man suffered severe injuries, and later sued the driver for damages. Asked to explain his own inattention, the pedestrian said: "I'm not as young as I used to be." But the court was not impressed by this explanation, and turned down the man's claim. The case for carelessness.

May a Clever Advertisement Be Copyrighted?

A circus owner hired a commercial artist to draw posters advertising some of the acts in his show. He liked the posters so well that he applied for a copyright on the drawings. A few months later, he was dismayed to see the very same pictures displayed by a rival circus! When he sued for infringe-



ment, the other company argued that mere poster drawings are "not artistic enough" to be copyrighted. But the court disagreed and ruled that this was indeed an infringement. The judge said that art which appeals to the common people is just as deserving of protection as art of the "highbrow" variety.

Is Eavesdropping a Crime?

A man came home late one night and parked his car in the garage. Returning to his apartment, he happened to walk right under his neighbors' bedroom window. Hearing them quarrelling, he stopped and "got an earful." Unfortunately, a passing policeman noticed what the man was doing and promptly placed him under arrest on a charge of eavesdropping. However, the court ruled that the man was not guilty. The judge said that eavesdropping may indeed be a crime—but only when it is done habitually, and when the eavesdropper repeats what he overhears!