

WOMAN'S WORLD

Add Glamour to Wardrobe by Sewing Own Accessories

By Ertta Haley

Whether you're clothes budget conscious or simply want to put your own ingenuity to work, your wardrobe can undoubtedly benefit by accessories of your own making.

The woman who can afford only a few items basic to the wardrobe can expand it almost indefinitely by making attractive accessories for it. On the other hand, even though they can afford to go out and buy gloves, purses, scarves and other such items, many women prefer to make their own because they feel they can get something original and different.

You don't have to be an expert on sewing to add these clever and attractive touches to the wardrobe. Neither do you have to expend a lot

Circular Skirt Style



Among the most popular of current fashions is the full sweeping circular skirt shown here with an encircling mule train design inspired by a California fashion expert. With their flopping ears and flirtatious eyes, the mules are set against a stippled background. The simple puffed sleeved blouse is of solid colored cotton broadcloth.



Pep your wardrobe with a skirt

of time and energy making them. The rewards, however, are far greater than you would dream: the pleasures of creating, the interesting effects for the wardrobe and your friends' praise of your ingenuity.

Take, for example, the case of the girl who could afford only an inexpensive sun dress. It fitted her nicely and looked attractive but since she had to wear it all season long, she took steps to get three different dresses out of it.

Her first step was to make a cape jacket for it so the dress could be appropriately worn for going shopping as well as calling instead of just a sports' tog. This took less than a yard of material in a contrasting color and about two hours to make. It gives her an "extra dress."

Her next step consisted of buying still another piece of contrasting material. This was used for making a scalloped cuff which snapped around the top of the bodice. This gave her still another change for the original dress.

Make Old Hats Do Extra Duty

If you feel that summery hats are a poor investment, then you probably haven't used them to their fullest wearability. Of course you can refresh veiling and change flowers or remove one or both, but even that doesn't always give you enough wear to make them worth buying.

Just in case you have one or two

old sailor hats knocking about in the back of the closet, here are some good ideas for them. When you get through remodeling them, you won't be able to recognize the old hats.

Sailor hats, because of their regularity, are easy to cover with new material. This might be some material from a dress you've just made or a small piece of fabric picked up at the remnant counter



or a renovated hat.

which will give just the contrasting note you need with some summer clothes.

Fabric, felt or straw may be covered in this way since you need only to cut the material to fit. It's easy to tack on with small stitches. You might make a belt or purse cover with the same material if there's enough left, and thus give yourself matched accessories. If the old sailor hat does not look as snappy as you would have it,

you might try trimming off some of the brim since most of the new hats in this style have rather narrow brims. Change the angle at which you've been wearing it, too, if that's a help.

Picture brimmed hats need not be new. Cleaned and refreshed, they, too, can take on a new look. One of the easiest ways to bring them back into circulation is to cut off some brim and to sew some stiff veiling or ribbon around the outermost edge. Add a hat band to match or contrast your dress, and possibly a bow, and see what these will do.

Remodeling Helps Stretch Slender Wardrobes Easily

It's a truth of long standing that your wardrobe is what you make it, rather than what your present budget happens to offer. If, in previous seasons you purchased wisely, you'll bless those days now for many of these clothes can be used. Even though clothes are worn thin in spots, a few remodeling tricks can give them the magic that yields another season or two of satisfactory wear.

Long, full sleeves on blouses which have worn out at the armholes, for instance, can be cut off entirely to give you a sleeveless blouse which is so popular right now. If you don't have a skirt, get right into fashion by making a brightly printed, circular type. There you have a costume that is strictly fashion-right.

Tailored blouses particularly yield themselves to having their

sleeves cut off entirely. Simply bind the sleeve edge, and you may wear the blouse with not only the skirt just mentioned, but also with suits which always can use an extra blouse.

Collar and cuff fashions lend themselves to many provocative changes on clothing. One of the newest is the stand-up collar that can be made for any good basic dress. If you like, add some interesting large cuffs to a short or long sleeved dress or blouse. Use some of the new fabrics with interesting textures to give the dress the desired lift.

Old boleros take on a great deal of interest if they're lined with a bright new print. Add a bow of this same print to your hat, and you have a brand new outfit.

Long rows of buttons may be added to bodices or slender skirts for a decorative touch that is both new and novel.

Purses and Gloves Yield Themselves to Treatment

Unless gloves are so worn as to be cast out, then take them aside for renovating. The efforts to give them a lift are so little yet so rewarding in results.

With the interest in decorative cuffs on gloves you can see what an easy matter it is to change an old pair into something that looks like it came out of a fashion window. Ruffles of nylon, gathers of fine lace or embroidery work are all good techniques to apply to old gloves.

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Don't Look for the Dull Facet

"ISN'T THERE any guidebook for wives, isn't there any school course that they ought to take?" demands a husband from Trenton, N. J. "I've got the darndest sweet wife any man ever had," his letter goes on, "and I love her. But Rhody has about as much idea of system, order, management, budgeting, as a white bunny, and if I talk about such things her eyes go vague, and she looks rather distressed, and in five minutes she's forgotten all about it."

"We have six children, two girls who are mine by my first wife, who died when they were mere babies; four boys, now 8, 6, 3 and one year old, born to Rhoda and me. When we were first married, 10 years ago, my mother lived with us, and managed everything, as Rhody was still teaching. After this, Mother was invalided for two years by a stroke, and the babies began to arrive, and Rhody stayed home. "I know that though she was devoted to Rhoda, Mother must have suffered through the disorder and the slipshod ways of our household, baby garments everywhere, no regular hours for naps or meals, and Rhoda as apt to give us a bread pudding for breakfast and oatmeal and bacon for dinner if the fancy struck her, or pick up the children and telephone me to meet them on some distant beach or mountain road for a picnic supper.

Feels Disloyal
"Writing this much," the husband continues, "I feel disloyal for as I began by saying, I have a darned sweet wife, and Rhody is a fine cook as well. She never wastes anything and she can make a good meal out of an ice box full of scraps that look like nothing plus, to me. My little girls have never had to realize their own mother's loss, for Rhoda was their kinder-

parent teacher when my first wife died, and they adored her then and they do now. "I honestly have nothing to complain of, but although I hear other fellows at the office talking of insurance and buying bonds, and see other women's houses neat and well-organized, I come home to racket and confusion, find Rhody and the children digging vegetable gardens at six in the evening, and the baby with them in his disreputable basket. And sometimes I wonder if there mightn't be a school, or a course in girls' schools, that would teach them something about just the simplest sort of housekeeping. It must be simple, because so many women do keep reasonably orderly homes.

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wrong. Rhody reads every word you write, and if you could jock her up a little on these things, it would make my life a little simpler."

Priceless Diamond

Chester, my dear, you are not wrong; there is no question of right or wrong here. But you are a man who holds a priceless diamond in his hand and turns and twists it to see if one of the facets is not a little out of line. The brilliance of your diamond ought to blind you to any such defect, and I believe that if you could truly appreciate the woman you have in Rhody, it would.

Here is a girl who makes babies love her in school, and when their mother died, carried that love right into their lives as a new mother. She gallantly went on teaching for awhile, presumably to help you out financially, and stopped when the care of the elderly invalid, a home, a man, and an increasing number of babies interrupted her own career, or rather, replaced it with a higher career.

She has given you four sons; she nursed your mother in the last hard months of an illness. She handles a job that would put some women into a psychopathic ward, and evidently she enjoys every moment of it. Six small children, and your Rhoda has spirit enough to get up picnics, to plant vegetables, to drag even the baby off to distant lovely places to enjoy an outdoor meal!

As for the bread pudding for breakfast, has it ever occurred to you that when you eat two pieces of raisin-bread toast, coffee with cream, two boiled eggs, butter and sugar for your breakfast, you've eaten a bread pudding?

Beat Fatigue With Oxygen

Few Whiffs of Ozone Perk Up Mind, Body

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Tired housewives, fainting women and overworked businessmen have been offered new hope through experiments conducted by two local basketball teams.

The experiments seemed to indicate that a few whiffs of pure oxygen from a portable container will stop that breathless feeling and perk up both mind and muscle. The basketball teams, threatened with "slumps" from overwork, bought oxygen dispensers, used them during games and walked off with just about all the honors in western Pennsylvania.

Homestead high, trailing the Altoona (Pa.) team 15 to 8 in the first quarter, hauled its first stringers out of the game and made them take a few pulls at the machine. At the half, Homestead led, 27 to 19, and the "oxygen eaters" won the game going away, 60 to 44.

In another case a woman slipped on a freshly waxed floor and cracked her head against a wall. A few whiffs of oxygen revived her faster than smelling salts could have and she felt no headache from the concussion—only a sore spot on her scalp where her head hit the wall.

During the war the air force discovered that oxygen had almost magical powers. Although the practice wasn't authorized by higher-ups, fliers inhaled pure oxygen to cure "hangovers."

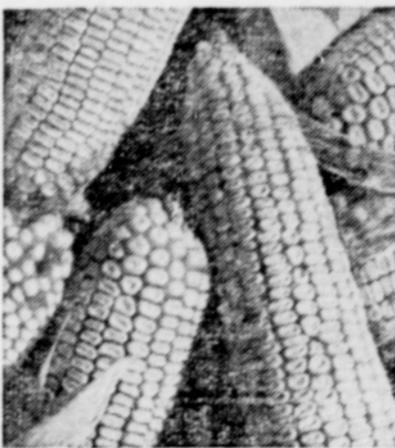


Farm Commodities Pose Big Problem Government Limited In Selling of Stocks

At the moment the government owns approximately \$1,836,365,438 worth of farm commodities, purchased through the years to support farm prices, agricultural department officials report.

Products stored in government bins include 3.5 million bales of cotton, 145 million bushels of corn, 167 million bushels of wheat, 422 million pounds of linseed oil, 294 million pounds of dried milk, 79 million pounds of dried eggs, and quantities of various other items. What's become of it all?

It may be disposed of in various ways, but not dumped upon the



The government today has 167 million bushels of America's finest corn stored under the price support plan. The question is, what to do with it?

open market to compete with commodities now in private ownership. To do so would flood the market and depress the commodities offered far below support prices. The government would then find itself buying the commodities placed upon the market.

These commodities, however, can be sold should the market prices strengthen considerably above support levels.

The government has two methods at present of moving commodities. They are:

(1) Persuading the consumer to increase their purchases through normal purchasing channels, thus reducing the supply and raising the price to where government stocks can be put on the market. Also, reducing supplies to a point where support prices would become unnecessary.

(2) Many of the commodities in government stockpiles are being distributed to school lunchrooms, charitable institutions, Indian affairs, and needy groups.

New Corn Spray

Until recently, the corn earworm has prevented profitable sweet corn growing, especially in the South. Sometimes every ear in a crop is infested. Such corn cannot be sold.

Now the department of agriculture has developed a spray containing DDT, mineral oil, and



The new spray, when applied at the right times, will eliminate earworm and pay in growth of healthy corn on the American farm.

water that may be applied to silks and husks of developing ears. When applied at right times it kills worms before they attack and ruin the corn.

R. A. Blanchard, bureau entomologist, developed the method. He tested it in the field during three growing seasons in Texas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois. Earworms were controlled in ever instance, he reports.

January Exports Pass \$224 Million Mark

January agricultural exports totaled \$224,300,000, the agricultural department reports. Cotton topped the total with \$83,500,000.

Wheat and wheat flour were second to cotton, valued at \$47,300,000, while corn was in third place with \$14,700,000. Imports during the month were valued at \$290,700,000, or approximately 60 million more than exports.



Truman Dinner

SOME TIME before leaving on his whistle-stop trip, President Truman held a hush-hush dinner with one of his most vigorous political enemies—Senator Brewster of Maine.

The dinner was held not in the White House, but at the Carlton hotel. And it was the President who inspired the meeting. He and Brewster had worked together on the old Truman committee, once had been warm friends.

Chief result of the Carlton dinner was a challenge to test out the Fair Deal. Brewster is chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign committee, and has the job of electing as many GOP senators as possible next November.

Knowing this, Truman challenged: "I'll lay my program out and you lay your program out, and we'll have a showdown."

Brewster agreed. Though they didn't actually plan it that way, part of the showdown is coming right now. Truman is now putting his policies before the public, while Brewster has been busy lining up speakers to refute him. He has already lined up Taft for a speech in Chicago, Wherry in Nebraska, Hickenlooper in Iowa, Morse in Oregon, and congressman Keeffe in Wisconsin.

Brewster says the battle, hatched over the dinner table at the Carlton hotel, will continue until November.

Acheson's Big Problem

Before Secretary of State Acheson left for the big three conference, he had a report from the Orient indicating that French Indo-China was the most vital area in preventing the spread of communism.

The report came from Ed Dickinson, ace trouble-shooter for ECA administrator Paul Hoffman. State department officials concur with Dickinson's views.

They believe that if communism once takes over Indo-China, then Burma, the Malays, Siam, India and Indonesia will also fall, making all of the orient a Russian sphere of influence.

Furthermore, it is believed that this is Moscow's chief goal. For the Red army today lacks oil, gasoline, tin and rubber. All these things are to be obtained in the wealthy area lying south of French Indo-China.

That is why Indo-China is one of the toughest jobs facing Acheson and also why he met it head-on following his arrival in Paris. Here are some of the factors he still has to contend with:

1. THE U.S. SENATE IS HOT AND BOTHERED ABOUT CHINA, but not Indo-China. This may be because of the well-heeled Kuomintang lobby which has spent thousands in Washington influencing congress. Whatever the cause, when Acheson publicly proposed aid to Indo-China, he was rebuked next day by Senator George of Georgia who wanted to know who was going to vote the money.

2. THE FRENCH ARE A HAND-ICAP. French administration of Indo-China in the past has been inefficient, corrupt, imperialistic. The natives don't like them, shoot down French troops at night if they stray a mile or so outside of towns.

3. INDO-CHINA IS SPLIT AMONG VARIOUS FACTIONS. There is no love for Emperor Bao Dal, one-time Paris playboy, whom the French have set up as ruler. There is also bitter hatred for guerrilla leader Ho Chi Minh and his scorched-earth policy.

Possibly the United States could handle the situation better without the French. But that would eliminate one of our oldest allies. Thus Acheson has the senate to buck on one hand, the French on the other and the Communists all around them.

John L. Lewis Purge

John L. Lewis, Republican, has been busy backstage trying to purge a Democrat, Rep Anthony Cavalcante of Pennsylvania. Lewis is sore because Cavalcante demanded that district four of the United Mine Workers have local autonomy and the right to elect their own officers. Cavalcante used to be a member of this local, has an excellent record in congress, and will be supported by many rank-and-file miners. However, Lewis' strong-arm men are doing their best to elect Edward Dumbault, Cavalcante's opponent.

New England Slump

The President's council of economic advisers, while pleased with the recent unemployment drop, are still deeply concerned over the situation in the New England area. Throughout the nation unemployment now averages 5-1/2 per cent, but in New England it averages around 12 per cent. As a result, the council will soon set up a task force of prominent businessmen and economists with instructions to make a thorough and intensive study of the causes and cures.

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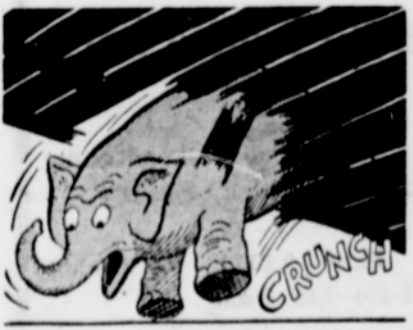
THE READER'S COURTROOM

Make Bridges Safe for Elephants

By Will Bernard, LL.B.

If an Elephant Falls Through a Bridge, Is the City Liable?

Every spring a travelling circus stopped in a certain small town to put on its show. The day before the opening, the company would stage a parade—headed by a five-ton elephant. The parade route, which was approved by city officials, led over an old wooden bridge. One spring day, during the parade, everything went along fine until



the animals came to the bridge. The elephant took a few steps into the structure, when all of a sudden it cracked beneath its weight. The huge beast dropped through the hole to a road below, and rolled over—dead. The owner of the circus later sued the town for the value of the elephant. The local officials insisted that anybody who puts an elephant on a bridge does so at his own risk, but the court disagreed. Holding the town liable, the judge said that a public bridge should be kept safe for any proper and lawful use thereof.

A wealthy manufacturer gave his church a gift—a huge iron bell. Grateful church officials began using the bell not only for services but, also to toll the hours. From early morning to late at night, the mighty chimes rolled out over the neighborhood. Some of the neighbors found this very annoying, and finally one home owner took the matter to court. He complained that the chimes woke his children, drowned out conversation, and even shook his house. The court ordered its clamor stilled.

Are the Parents to Blame If a Child Runs into the Street?

A mother told her five-year-old son to play in his room until she finished cooking dinner. After a few minutes, the boy became bored. He slipped out of the house and ran into the street—right in front of a speeding car. The youngster was killed, and his parents later sued the driver for recklessness. The man tried to shift the blame onto the boy's mother, saying it was her own fault for letting the child run into the street. However, the court felt otherwise and held that parents can't be expected to keep their children under lock and key—or watch them every single instant. His Honor commented: "Parents are not required to do the impossible!"

Should a Policeman Ride On Your Running Board To Guide You to the Hospital?

A woman stopped her sedan alongside a traffic officer and said: "I'm taking my aunt to the hospital. Could you tell me how to get there?" The policeman jumped onto the running board and cried: "Straight ahead!" After driving a



few blocks, the woman made a sharp stop at a corner and the policeman tumbled off—breaking his leg. Later he sued the woman for damages, but the court turned down his claim. The judge said that even a policeman shouldn't risk riding on the running board, and it would be just as easy for him to get inside!



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