

# Colored Laces Are Combined

By JULIA BOTTOMLEY



Lace of one color combined with lace of another, is fashion's latest interpretation of the beautiful. The featuring of color contrast is an oft recurring theme this season in the fabric realm, however, applied to lace, the idea takes on a "something different" aspect.

In depicting the lovely gown in the picture the designer allies lustrous old rose allover rayon lace with lace in a dress-of-wine shade. The model would be equally as attractive in black and white or in two tones of the same color, such as navy with a lighter blue, dark gray with pale gray, beige with eggshell tint, or many other equally effective combinations.

Many clever things are being done with lace by those who have an eye for the artistic. Insets of lace or of chiffon in contrasting color are extremely decorative and inspire the designer to accomplish interesting trimming effects.

Another elaboration of the lace theme is that of hand-painting it. Sometimes the idea is carried out by tinting in the background, thus accenting the floral patterning or motif of whatever type. It's really worth while to try this, if not for an entire dress at least for a lace capelet to be worn with sleeveless frocks. These are liquid fast-color paints which can

be obtained at any art store, and which can be used successfully on chiffon and laces.

Sometimes instead of painting in a background, the reverse process is employed. That is certain flowers or

motifs are selected and these are touched up with color with charming results.

Many of the french laces are interworked with fine tulle backgrounds. That is, these laces come that way, and are not the result of individual workmanship.

It seems as if the world of fashion cannot get enough of lace this season. Not only lace evening gowns and wraps crowd the picture but the ensemble entirely of lace is outstanding for formal afternoon wear. In fact, the sleeveless lace dress with a matching coat serves for both daytime and evening, for the wrap need not be worn at all times. An economical plan is to have made a pair of detachable sleeves which can be snapped into the gown in readiness should occasion arise.

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## How to Clean Silver

To remove tarnish from silver, place three teaspoonfuls of salt, three teaspoonfuls of soda and three quarts of water in a bright aluminum pan with the silver. The solution must cover the silver. Boil three minutes. Remove the silver, rinse in hot water and dry. An old aluminum pan may be kept for this purpose but it should not be used for cooking. A bright piece of aluminum may be used with the solution in an enamel-ware pan, provided each piece of silver touches the metal direct or through another piece.

This method of cleaning is satisfactory with solid or plated silver. It is not successful with German silver, or metal alloys.

# Combination Outfit Liked

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Jane is going to wear one of her sun suits almost all day long while she visits a little friend who has a wonderful back yard with a sand pile in

matching dress has been designed, made as simply as possible, with the lower part of the sun suit serving as panties. By undoing one button and pulling the dress over her head, Jane is ready for play, and equally quickly, all dressed again to go home.

Little combination outfits like this will appeal to mothers who are obliged to take their children in public conveyances before reaching the beach or park where sun baths are possible, or those who for any other reason wish to be prepared for a quick change in the child's costume. The bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture has been much interested in designing practical, attractive clothes for little children,



With the Dress on the Sun Suit Serves for Underwear and Bloomers.

It, and swings and all sorts of other interesting things to play with. However, the automobile ride comes first, and Jane's mother feels that the sun suit, with its open top, is not quite enough protection from the breezes during the ride, even if Jane herself does not in the least mind appearing in public in her sun suit. So a little



The Sun Suit.

with special attention to easy laundering features and simple construction. Soft cotton prints make charming outfits of this kind.

# Community Building

## Metropolis in War on

### Dirt and Unsightliness

For years Kansas City has had its spring clean-up campaigns. Agitation and organization have proceeded for a few weeks, with intensive efforts at actually improving the city's appearance lasting for a shorter period. Something worth while has been accomplished each year, but its effects soon have been lost. Work that should be continuous has been restricted to a small fraction of the year. A clean and attractive city cannot be had that way. A condition of order and cleanliness that is indispensable to the individual home or place of business and its premises applies to the city as a whole. It is constant vigilance, keeping an eye out for dirt and unsightliness and shaping an assault against both wherever and whenever they appear.

In the city-wide beautification movement started by the real estate board and now well advanced, there is promise that this condition of attractiveness and cleanliness will be met. The movement has enlisted the support of various civic and other organizations about town. No doubt it will carry a strong appeal to others. The aim is to allot definite portions of the work to those agencies that are specially equipped to deal with them, to divide the city into districts, to fix responsibility in each of them and to wage incessant warfare against dumps, against unsightly conditions with respect to dwellings and surroundings.

The plan is not untried and it is not lacking in practicability. It has already demonstrated its value in attractive, restricted areas of this city and of other centers. It is the only method that can be relied upon to get results. It ought to have official as well as general public support.—Kansas City Times.

## Good Citizen One Who

### Gives Grass a Chance

Smith college, famous institution for girls, has appointed "grass cops," who are certain girls named to whistle at the students when they cut across the corners of the lawns and wear down the beautiful grass. Most cities and towns need some "grass cops," who shall cure people of the wretched habit of cutting across places reserved for turf.

There is a hasty impatience about people that leads many of them to cut across the corners of their own lawns and those of their neighbors, and to wear down the ends and corners of grassy park spaces. Which has a tendency to spoil the beauty of any town.

It scarcely takes a second longer to follow the walks and streets and allow the grass to grow wherever it belongs. A community where people are careful of their grass spaces looks like one that holds itself up to a high standard in all respects.—Newcastle (Ind.) Courier.

## Rules for Planting Vines

If you want decorative vines on your house and in your garden, watch the plants to see that they behave themselves with your property, advises the American Home. And be careful where you place them.

Never plant a vine that clings by stem roots near a wooden wall.

Never plant a twining vine where it can ascend a sapling.

Always watch a tendril climber to make sure it doesn't strangle some other part of itself by encircling it with a tendril.

Never plant a rank vine where it can bury shrubbery or other plants with its dense foliage.

## Care of Small Garden

Size does not limit a garden's beauty. However small the space or unfavorable the location at the disposal of an earnest gardener, something can be grown there which will give pleasure.

The small garden often calls for a greater effort to produce an artistic and attractive result, just as in the furnishing and decoration of a small room in the house, we take more care in each detail of the effect. When successful we are repaid by the small garden, as by the little room, with an intimacy and association not always felt in more spacious surroundings.

## Serving One's Home Town.

A man's worth to a community is measured by what he contributes to its welfare. This is an age of service rendered, not received. There can be no higher ambition than to so serve that fellow citizens shall "rise up and call us blessed."—Western (Ore.) Clackamas Review.

## Why Not School Gardens?

"Gardening is taught in primary and elementary schools in France; and ought to be taught here," wrote Wilmer Atkinson in the Farm Journal for May, 1910. Fifty years have passed, and so far as the great majority of our schools are concerned, it still "ought to be."

## Call of Duty

Join campaign against dirt and unsightliness; see that your property is brightened up.

# Fairy Tale for Children

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

"I have it, I have it," shouted the Fairy Queen. And all the fairies from far and near came rushing to her, saying:

"Beautiful Fairy Queen, what have you?"

"I know why Mr. Sun is looking so gorgeously this late afternoon," she said.

All the fairies looked at Mr. Sun and then the Fairy Queen ran in and out of the groups of fairies whispering something to each and all of them.

"Now!" she exclaimed, "Ready, set, go!"

"They're going to have a race," said Mr. Sun when he heard the Fairy Queen say "Ready!"

His face had been a little sad. He was afraid they had forgotten. A tiny cloud had passed over it, but it had lasted only a second, for after the Fairy Queen had said "Go!" every little fairy shouted with might and main: "Many happy returns of the day, Mr. Sun. Many happy returns of the day. Many, many, many, many, many, many happy returns of the day!"

How Mr. Sun smiled! And the sun fairies all came out and danced and played games up in the sky.

"Ah, you remember," said Mr. Sun. "Yes, you remember, to be sure, that when I wear my beautiful red robe as I start for bed it means that it is my birthday."

"And you have so many birthdays," said the fairies, laughing merrily.

"To be sure, to be sure," said Mr. Sun. "An old fellow such as I am must have lots of birthdays so as to keep himself young."

"Well, well, well," said the Fairy Queen, "you will have to explain that speech."

"How can you keep young having so many birthdays? Each birthday

makes you a bit older, isn't that so?"

"I'll tell you, Fairy Queen, and little fairies," said Mr. Sun. "That is true when it comes to the birthdays of the earth people—boys and girls and grownups, but not when it comes to the birthdays of the sun."

"You see, I am so very, very, very old that it doesn't really make much difference how old I am."

"But I like to have birthdays often, and to celebrate them by wearing my



"Many Happy Returns of the Day."

beautiful red robe, because it keeps me young—like a boy or girl.

"Boys and girls have good sense to like birthdays and to celebrate them with candles and cakes and ice cream and maybe creamed chicken—though perhaps I should have named those foods in the opposite order from the way I did."

All the fairies laughed when they heard old Mr. Sun suggesting creamed chicken as a part of a birthday party.

"You see," he said, as he saw that they were laughing at that idea of his, "I know they sometimes have creamed chicken, for I have looked

down upon birthday celebrations where they have had supper in the garden.

"But you see it keeps me young, like boys and girls, to celebrate my birthday often, and I do it by wearing my bright red robe as you know."

"The earth people always speak of the gorgeous sunset, on my birthday, but they don't know the reason for it."

"We do," shouted the fairies.

"Yes, and I don't mind if you tell some other friends," Mr. Sun said.

"You might tell boys and girls or any nice people."

"We will if we get the chance," said the fairies.

So Mr. Sun went to bed, wearing his birthday robe of red, while everyone admired the brilliant sunset, and while the sun fairies and twilight fairies said good-night to each other, for the sun fairies had gone to bed, too!

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# The Cozy Screened Porch



Outside View of Back Yard as Seen From Screened Porch, Maryland Farm Home.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

What do you see from your kitchen as you work? And have you a restful corner near or in your kitchen where you can relax occasionally? There are times almost every day when you may have a few minutes free, not enough to go all the way to another part of the house, but well worth using, if possible, for sitting down and in the homely phrase, "taking the best off one's feet."

Here is a glimpse of a screened porch attached to a farm kitchen near New Market, Md. Following suggestions made by the county home demonstration agent, the porch was arranged with a divan and an easy chair where the intervals between the more active kitchen tasks could be passed restfully. During six months of the year at least, and in Maryland some-

times more, the homemaker can sit out here when preparing the vegetables, or chatting with a morning caller, or pick up her darning ball, or otherwise spend the odd minutes that count up in the course of a day. The outlook into the yard is made attractive by shrubs and flowering plants. It can be seen from the kitchen, too.

Home beautification is one of the home-making activities being carried on by a great many farm women under the stimulus of extension workers of the United States Department of Agriculture and the various states. Suggestions are made for improving the existing surroundings, both out of doors and inside, by simple means such as this porch. They may usually be accomplished by the housewife herself with very little assistance or expense.

# Some Good Things to Eat

By NELLIE MAXWELL

During hot weather frozen salads and frozen dressing for well chilled salads make a strong appeal.

There is no limit to the way this idea may be developed. A tart lemon sherbet with a tablespoonful of peanut butter added makes a delicious dressing for a bayana or a shredded cabbage salad.

With the salad well chilled and the dressing placed on it just at the time of serving, the result will be satisfactory. The flavors are better blended if the salad is moistened with a little mayonnaise or cream dressing and topped with the icy one.

**Frozen Cream Mayonnaise.**—Fold one cupful of mayonnaise flavored with lemon juice into a cupful of whipped cream sweetened with one tablespoonful of powdered sugar. Pour into a mold, seal and pack in ice and salt and let set an hour before using.

**Simple Fruit Salad.**—Use a combi-

nation of pineapple, firm, good flavored apple, a bit of fresh or canned pear, a half dozen or more of minced marshmallows, cover with whipped cream to which a tablespoonful of any good mayonnaise dressing has been added in the proportion of one tablespoonful to a cupful of the whipped cream. Serve all well chilled.

The banana when well ripened is a deep yellow flecked with brown and no sign of green at the tips. Do not be afraid to buy bananas that are quite brown, if firm, for they are best when very ripe. Nuts and bananas supply carbohydrates and proteins; pineapple has a digestive element, apples have always been known to keep the doctor away, so with this combination one may be sure to have a healthful dish. Serve with the following dressing: Take two egg yolks, one-half cupful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of mustard, two tablespoonfuls each of butter, lemon juice, vinegar, one of olive oil, one teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of paprika and three-fourths of a cupful of whipped cream. Cook egg yolks, beaten with sugar, butter and other ingredients over water, stirring con-

stantly. Cool, add the cream and pour over the salad.

Summer for the homemaker in many homes means just more work and worry. Try to make this summer one long vacation, with the children home from school, with planning each to do his share. The mother, too, may have some of the joy of the good old summertime.

Salads, sandwiches, cold drinks may take the place of hearty meals during the warm weather, with the family feeling better for the simple foods. Today every boy and girl is called upon occasionally to prepare a dish for supper on Sunday night, or camping trips and they, if well practiced at home, are happy to share in such entertainment.

To be able to mix a tasty salad, or prepare a rarebit well is an accomplishment of which to be proud. Everybody likes a fruit salad and they are simplest of all to prepare.

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