

Manufacturers Now Marketing Stretch Nylons

New York—(U.P.)—The hosiery industry is in for one of the biggest changes since nylons.

New and headed for big promotion at hosiery counters are "stretch" stockings, nylons which come in one size yet fit any foot and leg.

The term "stretch" isn't new to the clothing industry. For two years, men's socks made to fit any size foot have been on the market. Some manufacturers are making children's wear of a yarn which "grows" with the child. Two years ago, women's nylons with a stretch foot came to market in small quantities.

But now, several companies are promoting stretch hosiery. Dozens of ads have shown in trade papers. Chadbourn Hosiery mills of Charlotte, N.C., predicts women will make a major switch to this type of nylon in the current year.

To explain the term "stretch" a little further: It is a patented process, according to William Williamson, president of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers. The elasticity of the stockings comes from the method of twisting the nylon yarn, but it remains pure nylon. The manufacturers of the stretch hosiery claim it will fit better and is a blessing for the woman who has trouble finding proper fit in other nylons.

Williamson said the stretch nylons now cost more than the others. And although they are not yet being made as filmy as the traditional nylon, in appearance on the leg they look attractively sheer.

Leather Preview Shows New Styles In Color, Texture

New York—A preview of the leather look for spring by Leather Industries of America was provided at an informal showing of new styles and leathers in shoes, handbags, garments, belts, gloves and luggage held in New York City.

Leathers that are printed, woven, crushed, corked and glowing appear in shoes and handbags for the first time.

Woven leather, which is slated to supplant mesh in popularity this spring, was on view in both men's and women's shoes in solid and two-tone styles.

The soft construction in shoes was featured in a variety of casual and leisure flats and pumps, crafted of soft, glove-like leathers with interesting surface detail such as cork finish, pigskin, and ostrich.

Soft velvety suedes—many of the brand-new "dry-cleanable" leather—and smooth butter-soft capeskins were seen in jackets, suits and greatcoats; also in cardigans with knitted wool sleeves and leather bodies.

Handbags ranged from a six-inch flat envelope to suitcase-size squares, pouches and totes. Most of them carry no decoration—the glowing colors and textures of velvety suedes, lustrous and palest calfs, smooth kids, llama, elk, glove leathers, reptiles, are their own adornment.

Colors ranged from the palest pastel yellow to deep, flaming scarlet, including avocado, shell pink, sweetheart pink, pimento, lle de France blue, oriental yellow, and a whole family of browns, ranging from honey to whiskey.

Has your favorite nylon slip, petticoat or nightgown ripped a seam? Repair it permanently with a zig-zag stitch on your sewing machine. This stitch has the quality of elasticity. It will give with your motions and it will not break with strain.



Mother and daughter in sporting cottons is the newest fashion duo. White Stag creates blazers and pedal pushers for young and older fashionables in printed and color-coordinated sailcloth. A slight variation of styling gives daughter outside pockets in her blazer, a slit seam at the side of her pedal pushers.

Hobbies Occupy Wives in Washington; Oregon's Mrs. McKay Collects China

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Washington — (U.P.) — Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby doesn't have a hobby.

The secretary of health, education and welfare, like Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower and several other women in official Washington circles, says she is just "too busy" for any real outside interest. There just isn't enough leisure time.

Although President Eisenhower paints and plays golf when he can snatch the time, Mrs. Eisenhower doesn't have any special interest which could qualify as a bona fide hobby.

"She's too busy," said her secretary, Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffrey.

Mrs. Hobby once was an ardent horsewoman. But now her family and her job pretty much qualify as her "hobbies."

Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, treasurer of the United States, used to enjoy gardening. But she can't find any time for it now. She is out of town too often.

One Design

Mrs. Robert B. Anderson probably has the most hobbies to keep her occupied when official entertainment duties do not. The wife of the deputy secretary of defense makes her own hats, designs her own clothes, designs furniture, and turns out house floor plans and interiors on her own drawing board.

"When I just can't stand the house I live in, I go to the drawing board and do it all over," she said.

The sweeping changes—usually concerning closet space may never occur, but she feels better just for sketching them.

Many members of the capital's distaff side are amateur painters—some not so amateur. They include Mrs. Arthur E. Summerfield, wife of the postmaster general; Mrs. Estes Kefauver, wife of the senator from Tennessee; Mrs. Harold E. Stassen, wife of the foreign operations administration chief, and Mrs. Sherman Adams, wife of the presidential assistant.

Mrs. Douglas McKay, whose husband is secretary of interior, collects china, music boxes and is "quite a gardener." Garden-

ing is also the "real love" of Mrs. Herbert Brownell, wife of the attorney general.

Mrs. Alben Barkley and her husband, the "junior" senator from Kentucky, share a common interest in collecting antiques.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover Jr., also is interested in furniture—but the wife of the undersecretary of state makes it herself.

Many of the wives' attitude toward hobbies is expressed by Mrs. William P. Rogers, whose husband is deputy attorney general. She laughed, and said her children are her hobby "morn-ing, noon and night."

Mrs. Earl Warren, wife of the chief justice, and Mrs. Ezra T. Benson, wife of the secretary of agriculture—each with six children to Mrs. Rogers' four—were in hearty agreement.

Extension Unit Plans Workshop For Furniture

Medford Extension unit will hold the first of a series of five meetings in the Community building on Priddy street, Wednesday, March 23, starting at 10:30 a. m. The meetings are a Workshop on refinishing wood furniture.

At the first meeting each person is to take rubber gloves or leather work gloves, one pint non-flammable varnish remover containing no wax, one quart denatured alcohol, one quart turpentine, two empty coffee cans, four low tin cans (tuna size) to set legs in, several empty cans to clean brushes in, old cloth and scraps of burlap.

Colorful Vegetables

Pep Up Lenten Menu

New York — (U.P.) — Colorful vegetables can add eye appeal to Lenten menus featuring such bland foods as fish, eggs, and macaroni.

Such foods as beets, spinach, Brussels sprouts, green beans and tomatoes provide vivid accents as well as necessary vitamins. Carrots or peas also "perk up" a plate, while garnishes of green pepper, watercress, parsley and pimento contribute to the overall appeal of a Lenten meal.

The test kitchens of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers association suggest this color treatment: add a few drops of vegetable coloring to mashed pota-

toes or cream sauce. You'll undoubtedly create a lot of table talk the first time you serve bright green or dusty pink potatoes, but the experts say this may be just the artistic touch necessary to lift a "so-so" meal out of the doldrums.

Agriculture Department Predicts Coming Prices

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New York — (U.P.) — The American housewife will buy more for her dollar in 1955 and the grocery shelves should provide the biggest bargains.

"Record food supplies are in prospect for the coming year," the U. S. Department of Agriculture predicts. Prices of pork, butter, eggs, fish and some fruits will be less, on the average.

Beef prices are expected to remain steady. But tagged slightly higher will be fresh vegetables, potatoes and certain canned fruits.

All in all, the economists say, the housewife next year should find her dollar has boosted its buying power another two cents. She will spend more dollars, too.

"Consumer spending in 1955," says a leading banker, "is likely to expand, possibly by three per cent."

Financing a house will be easier, thanks to the more liberal credit terms of the new federal housing act. Down payments are lower and mortgages may be extended for a longer period.

Clothes About Same

The construction industry expects to start 1,300,000 new

Fashion Dictates Bright Colors For Sport Wear

This is the year for lots of color in sporting life cottons. Separate jackets, skirts, shorts, pants, camisoles and blouses favor brilliant hues in poplins, no-iron cottons, sailcloth and cotton sharkskin, reports the National Cotton council.

Hot pink, lime, violet and orange are featured in poplin play separate trimmed in black or white ribbon looping. For greater opulence and more color, one designer uses gold embroidery on bright plaid denim. A straight beach jacket and one-piece boy-shorts bathing suit, as well as separate shorts, skirts and sundresses feature this new "designing" touch on a classic cotton.

Printed cottons that look as if they had stepped out of the world of the painter into the world of fashion are shown in water-color effects—dazzling blues and greens used together, or oranges, reds and yellows fused to look like a painting.

Prints of this kind are used by sportswear designers for jackets, bathing suits, pants, blouses and skirts. Combined with a rough textured, plain colored cotton in bold colors, these cotton separates are outstanding.

Cotton sharkskin in turquoise is used for a short skirt and worn over a striped cotton knit shirt and shorts for bright color emphasis. White middies are combined with bright colored pants—an orange coverall in midday silhouette features rows of multi-colored stitching.

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Points To Watch In Shoe Buying

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Washington — (U.P.)—The government has warned parents about over-use of X-rays to determine the fit of their children's shoes.

According to a booklet issued by the Department of Health Education and Welfare, some doctors feel indiscriminate exposure to machine rays can harm the child's feet, and his body also.

The department also said children with foot trouble should not be fitted with "orthopedic" or "corrective" shoes without a doctor's prescription.

"Such shoes may have rigid arch supports or additions made to the heels. Rigid arches (and altered heels) in a child's shoes prevent the muscles from normal exercise when the foot is in use," it said.

The booklet gave the following pointers in shopping for children's shoes:

1—Don't guess about size. Take your child with you.

2—Measure both feet. There may be a difference in size between the two.

3—The back of the heel should fit snugly but not tightly.

4—The shoe arch should be firm but not rigid.

5—The widest part of the shoe should be flexible enough to allow toes to bend while walking.

6—The toe of the shoe should be well-rounded.

7—The shoe should be one-half to three-fourths of an inch longer than the end of the child's longest toe when he is standing.

8—A heel should be no higher than one-half inch until a child is 6.

9—Parents should avoid buying shoes with processed leather or material coated with plastic. This type is improperly ventilated.

10—Rubber heels help to prevent unnecessary jarring when walking.

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Color, Pattern and Texture Guideposts for Home Fabrics

By BEATRICE WEST

Written for United Press

New York — (U.P.)—To be expert at choosing fabrics this spring, start by becoming a stranger in your own home.

People often ask me where to start in re-decorating a room which has grown all too familiar in its current dress. I always tell them:

"Walk into the room as though you had never seen it before. Try to see it from a completely detached point of view, as a dramatic critic looks at a new play. After all, you are a different woman from the one who picked those fabrics the last time. You're wiser. You've seen more. Put this acquired knowledge to work."

To help select new fabrics, there are certain guideposts: color, pattern, texture, in that order. And the one that will do most for the room is color.

The size of the room, and the amount of sunlight, help to determine a change. Every room should have a sense of spaciousness. . . . one way to achieve it if the room is small, is to keep draperies and walls the same solid color.

If a room is flooded with sunlight all day, select from the cool range of color: the blues, greens, grays.

If it is dark, then go to the bright end of the color scale: the yellows, reds, oranges. . . . and today's special darling, pink.

Your key color will be at your windows, for in general, drapery fabric is the first to be chosen. Will it be a flowery pattern? Large in scale or a small patterned print? This will depend on the size of the room, and the other prints needed for the room.

Here, too, a guide is available: in any well-decorated room, this good, safe percentage will give restfulness without clashing patterns:

One patterned fabric should be about 30 per cent of the total amount of the fabric used. One or more plain fabrics, 55 per cent. One striped fabric, 10 per cent. One tone-on-tone fabric or a small print coordinated with the large floral, 5 per cent.

And now for the textures. Here is where you choose fabrics for sheer curtains, for slipcovers and upholstery, and for the brilliant flashes of accent color that are the room's crowning glory.

Here, the beautiful and the practical fabrics go hand-in-hand. Science has been good in providing beauty that washes, charm that is durable, and fragile appearance with an iron constitution.

It's the modern miracle of this particular springtime that a homemaker can choose test-tube artistry in fabrics of stamina, even to the glitter of their metallic threads. The newest of today's finish is silicone that helps

Paint is a gay deceiver that can work miracles in a tiny kitchen. A very light gray or off-white shade for the walls and woodwork in an unbroken line, from ceiling to floor, is suggested. Your gas range or refrigerator will blend right into this cool, light background and contribute to the total effect of more space.

make your fabric water-repellent, mildew-proof and sun-resistant, and milium, that insulates it against heat and cold. Look at the new fiberglass, fortisan, orlon, dacron and nylon, each contributing its own special advantages to the long life, the easy handling and the beauty of new spring fabrics.



BETTY LOU DOING FINE—Six years ago millions responded when Betty Lou Marbury asked the nation for prayers to save her hand. The Brownsville, Tenn. girl lost the hand through amputation but her life was saved. Now "sweet sixteen" Betty Lou presents this healthy, happy picture.

VFW Auxiliary Plans Dance at Camp White

Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, Department of Oregon, will sponsor a dance at Camp White Monday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in the camp theater.

A Camp White bus will leave the Trailway bus depot at 7:30 p.m. to provide transportation.

Mrs. Harry Birch, department hospital chairman, asks all members of the auxiliary and their friends to attend this event.

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