

Neckwear Trend Is Toward Restraint

The trend in neckwear toward more restrained patterns becomes more pronounced for spring, reflecting the renewed interest in patterned fabrics for men's suits and shirts.

Many light ground colors will be shown in new neckwear and there will be more interest in whites and silvers.

Reps and foulards will remain favorites with Ivy League partisans. Some bolder patterns will be available to complement some of the new dark suits.

Bow ties will enjoy their usual warm weather revival. The narrow shape will continue to

Costumes Step Into Any Occasion This Spring

Costumes for the new season step smartly into any-hour occasion, and make dramatic entrances after five in long gowns excitingly enhanced with floor length evening coats.

Seen in the important coat silhouettes of the season are embroidery, sculptured effects and cutwork, giving the coatings a rich, three-dimensional interest.

lead the field with little or no indication of any widening.

Fabric interest will be in typical summer silks and cottons, and there should be more interest in blends of silk and cotton.

Men's Shoes to Shine From Leather Itself

Men's shoes this spring are going to shine—but with a soft glow that comes from the leather itself rather than from polish applied to it. The gleaming leathers will harmonize with the luster in suits of silk and man-made fibers.

Lightness and trim lines in shoes will be highlighted in tropical leathers. These leathers which cut the weight of shoes by a third, made their first appearance last spring and their popu-

larity reached landslide proportions by summer.

This year, since they fit in with the fashion trend by making possible a dressier, finer looking as well as more comfortable shoe, they are expected to be a practically unanimous choice in all types of men's shoes.

The gleam in the season's shoes will mean an emphasis on high-polished smooth leathers with a natural gloss accentuated by hand-rubbing. It doesn't mean, however, that textured leathers, which have won a deserved popularity, will now take a back seat. They'll be seen more than ever, both alone and in combination with smooth leathers, but they'll be soft-grained and will have a bright finish.

Tropical suedes, too, will continue in prominence. The suede and smooth leather combination for town may be rich and glossy or dull-finished for contrast.

All-suede casual and dress-casual shoes, on the contrary, will be rough-textured with a long plushy nap.

In shoes for town, leading colors will be black, medium tan, teal brown, London tan, cardeu and dark maple. The mid-low oxford of three-to-four eyelet height with a medium-broad toe will prevail.

Purples Bloom in Profusion in '57

From vivid peony pinks to delicate lilacs, spring fashion is a garden of color. Purples are blooming in profusion—not only lilac, but violet, iris, lavender, wisteria, mauve. New-leaved greens, geranium, larkspur, tiger lily, blues and pinks with a mauvy cast all add to fashion's flower-like look.

There are fruits in the fashion garden, too—luscious shades of melon, orange, peach, pear, lemon, apricot and lime ready for the picking. And, as in every garden, there are the hardy perennials—navy and black, both important this spring, both branching out in an important variety of ways.

Lighter-than-traditional navies are news, and so is navy that has a rich, almost royal-blue cast. Black, liked alone or touched with white, looks especially fresh in black-and-white patterns that give a gray effect.

Gray blossoms as the newest of neutrals, in pale, pearly shades that are a delight to the eye.

There's a good crop of off-white to brown tones.

Among the vivid colors, red reaps a lot of interest.

Prints continue the garden theme.

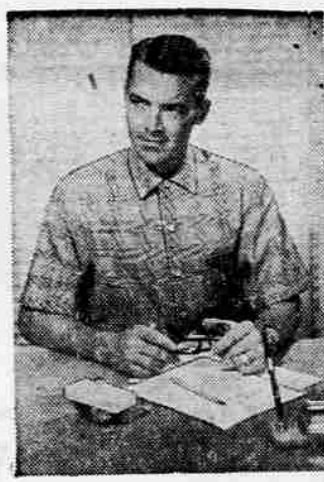
Wandering Waistline Haired by New Fashion

Again fashion hails the wandering waistline, and punctuates it smartest designs above the natural line, and slightly below that of '56 Empire theme.

Cummerbunds, tabs semi-belts and designers' details all help point up the short-waist line.

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GINGHAM COTTON—In line with today's trend toward greater informality in attire (even in the office) during the warm weather months, is this gingham cotton by Bartley.

Patterned Shirts To Get Big Push

Patterned shirts will enjoy a big push this Spring, according to the American Institute of Men's and Boy's Wear.

Included in this group that will help men to be dressed up and dressed right will be some stripes—many with a bold, bold look—and checks and neat printed patterns such as pin dots.

Interest in the more elegant shirts will be confined chiefly to evening wear, not so much in the pleated bosoms as in the ruffled variety.

Although white will keep its high standing, the heavy promotion of patterned shirts should give a lift to solid colors, primarily light blue.

There will be few new collar styles but there should be enough variety to satisfy any man or woman shopper in the short point spreads, button-downs, round pin types and several Continental ideas. A new collar idea is one with built-in stays.

Short-sleeved business shirts will account for neater and more comfortable men around conference tables during the warm weather months.

Teenage Feet Going Elegant This Spring

Teenage feet are going elegant for spring.

Flats and casuals, long favored as teen footwear, are newly shapely, and elegantly trimmed with all the fineness of an evening slipper.

Chief colors are the beige to brown range, with brilliant orange and green shades as well as black and white, alone or combined.

Softer leathers are featured, and leather linings are a part of the color effect. Often, the linings are brighter than the shoes.

Leathers range from punched pigskin, pebbly grained leather and suede for sportier types to glove-tanned leather, polished and slashed calf and patent—both smooth and newly textured.

Shiny black patent with white broadtail-grained leather looks particularly effective.

Toe shapes range from the slightly rounded to the longer "sharpened" toe to the squared-off one. There are flared demitongues, fringed kiltie tongues and finger-gored ones. Many flats have huge pilgrim buckles.

Wedges, too, have gone dressy, appearing in printed leather and white smooth or crushed leather with gold trim.

Sportswear Look More Feminine

Sportswear never looked prettier or more feminine than it does this spring.

"Borrowed from the boys" styling and the "rough and ready" look have been replaced with newly lady-like fashions that feature softer silhouettes, luxurious fabrics and a lovely color palette.

Slim lines are still the most favored, but with a new look of roundness and ease. Casual dresses are no longer starkly tailored. They have a gentle look achieved through front or back fullness, draped necklines, more pleats, sashes and bows, peg top effects and tapered lines.

The big popularity of silk has done much to soften sportswear. Linens look fresh and pretty in such new patterned effects as

lacy tapestry types, lattice designs and damask looks.

Cottons have a gentle silky look, and a lightweight cavalry twill cotton is newsworthy for separates. Those old favorites, white duck and sharkskin, are also making a big comeback.

Pale colors are the favorites, especially deepened pastel flower tones. Pink with a new mauve cast, grayish greens and blues, dull gold, vanilla and faint gray.

Dubonnet and wine colors look new and attractive with white, and white alone is favored for separates of doekin, sharkskin and flannel. Hot tropical shades of yellow, orange, coral and apricot round out the color picture.

Off-beat prints add interest to separates of every variety even

to classic blazer jackets. There are India-inspired curry and

black patterns, floral designs, staccato black and white combinations, racing flag prints, tweeds, stripes, blocks.

Embroidery appears on everything from dresses to silk or linen Bermuda shorts. There are many pretty jeweled buttons as well as gold or brass buttons for the "all-American" look.

The peasant influence shows up mainly in blouses decorated with embroidery and braid, on shirt backs and patio skirts.

Separates favor the one-piece look, with shirtwaist effects in both tailored and soft versions. Color matching coordinates all kinds of related and unrelated fabrics.

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DRESS UP—Brother and sister dress up for spring. Brother's suit features contrasting jacket, trousers, while sister wears a print dress and solid-color coat with high-placed back bow. Both of linen-weave Avisco rayon. Girl's ensemble, Joseph Love; boy's suit, Bobby Blair.

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