

Style-Conscious May Get Gift of New Cover-Ups

A wonderful gift for the style-conscious are the newest costume cover-ups, loose-fitting jackets artfully designed to overlook the waist, and snugged to a controlled stop at the hips.

In varied shapes, sizes, and colors, they are created to turn any outfit into a high-fashion costume.

Topping skirts, slipped over sheaths or used as mini-wraps over cocktail and evening outfits, these cover-ups are available in "everyday" or evening fabric from rich brocades to bright woollens and plushy mohairs.

Cocoon Style
The cocoon, bloused-back style is often seen in fake-fur fabric with an opulent look.

The trapeze style, flaring gently from a natural shoulder is often Empire-accented with a high set-in belt.

The newest casual jerkins are longer and unfitted, while the shortened jacket style is frequently self-belted at the hipline.

Knit toppings make fresh news in nubby-textured wools and straight-as-a-die, long-line orlons; coats-sweaters that turn casual separates into city-bound ensembles are favored, too.

In 1952 the U.S. National Park Service sent 40 cuttings from the cherry trees in Washington, D. C., back to Japan because so many Tokyo trees had been cut for firewood during the war.

Two-thirds of all clerical workers in the United States are women.

First Christmas Card Addressed 100 Years Ago

One hundred and fifteen years ago, on a cold December day in 1843, an English educator and art patron named Henry Cole, sat down at the desk in his library, and with a flourish of his pen, introduced a custom that has grown to encompass every country in the world.

He addressed to his friends, what were probably the first Christmas Cards ever printed. The cards depicted a typically Victorian family gathered at the "festive board," and bore the now-classic greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

Historic Move
Two months earlier in what was a historic move—Cole commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal Academy Artist, to design the card. He printed a thousand lithographed copies, which were then hand-tinted by a professional "colorer."

That December, early in the month Cole posted some of the cards to his friends, and offered the remainder for sale in a London stationers shop.

The appearance of Henry Cole's card in the London of the 1840's coincided, curiously, with a period of great

Washington—UPI—That old American favorite, fried chicken, has set a record.

The agriculture department reports that more than 9 out of 10 households in the United States serve broiler-fryer chickens or parts. Almost 90 per cent of homemakers in the northeast serve chicken. Nearly 1 1/2 billion young birds were produced in 1957, and this year production is even higher. Supplies are at record levels for this time of year, the department said.

interest in Christmas in England. Prince Albert, Victoria's consort, is reputed to have introduced the first decorated Christmas tree to England in this era, and Charles Dickens published his greatest Christmas story—"A Christmas Carol" in the same year.

Christmas cards appeared in America only shortly thereafter. Their early origin is uncertain, but one story gives credit for the first Yule greeting to a New York State dry goods merchant, R. J. Pease of Albany.

Pease designed, printed and mailed one of the first examples of American Christmas Cards as an advertisement for his goods.



GLOVES—Magic touch of elegance for Christmas giving is this ten-button bejeweled white Launderleather glove. An all-over design of embroidered crescent moons set with tiny flashing rhinestones add holiday sparkle!

Games Are Made For All Groups

It was once a standing family joke that Junior's model trains were really purchased for Dad! Today, with Christmas, '58 upon us, it becomes more and more apparent that the latest children's games are really designed for family fun!

The trend toward flexible rules makes it easier than ever for different groups to participate on equal terms. "Name That Tune," a form of musical game is the first to base the play on a phonograph record. Ten can play, and probably will.

Continuing in popularity is "Rack-O," a numbered card game played with racks. "Go to the Head of the Class," a

take-off on TV quiz shows, comes in a new edition that caters to the knowledge of three different age levels. A gay new game with a wide age span is "Monkey's Wild," which involves getting a zoo-ful of animals back into their cages. Games like "Candyland," based on matching colors are for the youngest.

Nixon Calls on Winston Churchill
London—UPI—Vice President Richard M. Nixon paid a courtesy call on Sir Winston Churchill Wednesday as a surprise climax to ceremonies in which Britons and their queen paid a solemn and moving tribute to the Americans who died here in World War II.

Guide to Gifts

For infants up to 1 year — select toys that are non-toxic, cleanable, too big to swallow, smooth-edged, light, easy to grasp.

For toddlers—1 to 2 years — select toys that aid muscular growth, are safe, cleanable, develop manipulative skill, allow imaginative play.

For pre-school age — 2 to 4 1/2 years — select toys that inspire creative play, aid physical growth, are fun outdoors, permit achievement.

For early childhood — 5 to 7 years — select toys that give physical exercise, require initiative, promote constructive interests, allow group play.

For intermediary childhood — 7 1/2 to 9 years — select toys that stir constructive interests, provide exercise, stimulate dramatic play, encourage group activity.

For advanced childhood — 10 years on — select toys that develop practical skills, encourage creative talent, arouse scientific interests, train in sports.

Contract Awarded By County Court

Industrial Air Products, Medford, was awarded a contract by the county court Wednesday for furnishing oxygen, acetylene and carbide to the county shops for a year. Bids were opened yesterday morning by the county court. Industrial Air Products and

Littrell Parts, Medford, were the only bidders.

Prices accepted were \$1.69 per 100 cubic feet for a 244 cubic foot cylinder of oxygen, \$1.79 per cubic feet for a 122 cubic foot cylinder of oxygen, \$3.98 per 100 cubic feet of acetylene and \$8.90 per 100 pounds for carbide.

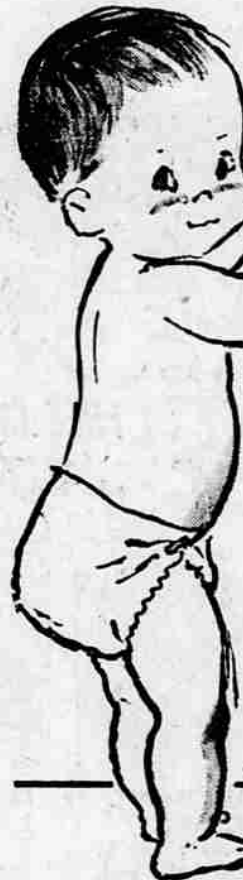


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