

Hats Run Gamut of Shapes and Sizes

All the gaiety and glamor of springtime, the fresh look and the refreshing young spirit of the season is expressed in the new hat fashions for spring, 1963.

The chaste good taste of so many of the new clothes makes this spring a holiday for hat-lovers. Delightfully expressing the inherent charm of the truly feminine, the range of styles goes from crisp straw sailors and swaggers to misty flowers pressed in malines and clouds of filmy chiffon.

Maculane dash and daring appeals to the feminine heart and makes a deep impression

on spring fashions with the release of the spectacular film about "Lawrence of Arabia." The mystery of the ever-changing desert and the flowing grace of the Bedouin garb brings a "Chic Sheik" look to the feminine costume for spring.

Araby Trend

Many of the trend-setting creators take their inspiration from Araby, bringing onto the fashion scene a dazzling array of richly draped turbans, flamboyant fezzes and chiffon-swathed "pith helmets."

Completing the saucy charm of the new spring suits,

which achieve high fashion status by combining traditional haberdasher detail with contemporary freedom of silhouette and look more like sweaters, like dresses or like costumes than like any of their rigidly disciplined forebears, there are many charming new suit hats with an appealing blend of his-and-hers detail.

Straw Derby

Derby and fedora crowns, snap and swagger brims reach new heights of feminine flattery in fine straws and fragile colors tailored to a tomboy's taste. What could be younger in heart or hat?

Hats that whisper, rather than shout, speak eloquently of the ageless appeal of flowers and fancies. There is a young, unstudied look to these most feminine spring styles. Blossoms are dreamlike in form or color, rather than realistic as a modern plastic bouquet. Sometimes flower forms are mistily printed on sheerest silk. Sometimes their fragile colors and shapes are suggested by meringues of mesh and ribbony straw. But whether worn above a willowly crepe or a softly-shaped coat, they always assure the look and feel of spring, 1963 at its loveliest.

Gay Guises

Favorite spring hat shapes appear in gay new guises. For one who's always won by a sailor, there are sleek, Spanish sailors with silver brims and perky smaller sailors of textured straws with a fresh "open air" look. Others are soft and slouchy, like the hat of a South American gaucho or a Confederate soldier. Still more shapes freely borrowed from the boys include high, rounded derbies, pleated fedoras and the tilted fez, as well as the exotic Peruvian swagger.

Bonnets and cloches win hearts with sweetly curving brims and airy crowns. Caps, coifs, kepis and sun helmets provide starting points for many of the springs' enchanting young hybrids. But above all is the wealth of turbans and turban-like draperies and artful twistings and turnings of airy spring hat-makings that create the utmost flattery in hats for every type and occasion. Never has that old saying been truer—a lady is known by her hat!

Colors Vary

The Arabian influence is also evident in the colors of spring hats. The purest white of the snow-capped mountain passes and the desert dazzle of sunlit sand are reflected in straws, chiffons and feather-weight felts.

Blues range from pale turquoise of distant Sahara horizons to the mysteriously purple shadows of black rocky wastelands.

Sand dune and camel browns, desert yellows from banana to burnished gold and copper, desert pinks of quartz to flamboyant corise, sunset peach to oasis orange hues, touches of vibrant Arabian red and flame, to deep palm greens and polished Bedouin black complete the romantic palette.



VAMP SLIP-ON—Suitable for wear with either a suit or casual attire is this handsome vamp slip-on in dark brown smooth leather. Photo by Leather Industries.



WHIMSICAL—Dash of amusement for spring-important pins is provided by whimsical animal shapes, studded with glowing stones. Fox, chick and rooster shapes are shown here, with coordinated earrings. Jewelry by Richelieu.

Luxury Fabrics In New Rainwear

Simple, pared-down lines, luxury fabrics and styling for both rain and shine highlight new rainwear.

The smartest "raincoats" look like any spring, evening or travel coat, but they have the plus of water-repellency.

Fabrics make important rain-shine news, with silk appearing prominently—silk lin-

en, silk ribbed ottoman, silk worsted, silk pongee, silk surah and nubby silk tweed. Other fabrics include wool jersey, cotton velveteen, waffle-weave pique, moir, poplin.

Short-jacketed suits, a pretty minority this spring, take on seasonal freshness with fluid lines and new pale hues.

Many New Styles Being Offered In Men's Hats

When it is said that men's hats are "shaping up" for spring, it is more than a mere figure of speech. There will be more smart shapes in both blocks and brims than have ever been offered before.

The new crowns are offered in several variations. The most popular is the crown with the plain center crease, in both full and tapered shapes.

There is also a strong trend to the pinched front crowns, the newest of which have rather elongated side dents extending from the front to a point close to the rear of the bow.

The new silhouette blocks with the convex tops are going great guns in sport hats, particularly in those made of fabric.



ROSES BLOOM—Roses bloom for spring luncheons, not only in a centerpiece of individual nosegays which can be given to guests, but in glassware, silverplate, too. Libbey's "Rose Bouquet" stemware; Community's "Morning Rose."

lighter and more supple than the rest. These are the rollable, foldable, packable travel hats. Similar types are growing in popularity in straw hats, too. Some of those soft bodied straws can even be shaped to the wearer's taste. There is also a trend toward natural color straw in both the soft and conventional bodies.

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