



**SHARE HONORS**—Light and airy shares honors with crisp and classic in the spring texture news, as these coats illustrate. At left is a softly feminine coat, with back fullness, in textured British mohair. Coat at

right is designed in a new crisp-surface worsted, with black grosgrain braiding etched on collar and front. Coat at left by David Kidd for Arthur Jablow; coat at right from Country Tweeds.

### Bridal Gowns In Empire Style Are Flattering

Wedding bells are ringing in a spring of romantic brides. Fashion has captured all the romance of the day in gowns that radiate youthful elegance.

Spring's most romantic wedding gowns are inspired by fashion's fondness for higher waistlines.

The following grace of Empire-styling, which by-passes the natural waist or cinches it with a cummerbund for a raised effect, makes it especially flattering for any bride.

In addition to the Empire style, fashion romances the spring bride with slim princess silhouettes, bell-shapes, A-lines and classically simple styles.

**Necklines**  
Delicate and feminine, any one of the new gowns will make the most important member of the wedding feel and look younger than spring-time.

With elevated waistlines drawing attention upward, bridal fashions focus on a flattering array of portrait, "V," and bateau necklines.

Many of spring's most fashionable wedding gowns create back interest with cathedral and chapel trains, bustles, panels, garlands and sashes. The Watteau back, with train cascading from almost shoulder level, is often used with Empire styling.

More and more brides are choosing formal weddings, perhaps because today's floor-length formal gowns often have detachable trains and take-off jackets permitting them to be worn again after the wedding.

**Romantic**  
Spring bridal fashions are as romantic in fabric as they are in line. Among the loveliest are silk organzas, peau de soies, organzas over taffeta and laces tucked and tiered.

The traditional bride will want a white or ivory gown, but others may prefer spring's pretty pale pink, blue or champagne shades.

**COLORFUL HOUSEWARES**  
White is still the leading color preference of homemakers when they choose housewares, but blue is coming up strong, according to a recent nationwide survey. Yellow, turquoise, pink, beige, green and brown are other popular choices.



**LEATHER SUIT**—Fashion predicts fair leather ahead. Smooth leather spring suit has Chanel-type jacket, in white with taupe, and taupe A-line, lightly gored skirt. Brimmed leather hat complements the costume, completes just one of many leather fashion ideas of the season. Suit from Highlander; hat by Jack McConnell; photo by Leather Industries of America.

### Gloves Will Vary In Style, Length

Short, bloused shirt sleeves; long, tapered sleeves; wide, flaring sleeves and no sleeves at all are some of the fashions spring gloves must be prepared to handle.

Result is a variety of glove lengths and, even more important, a variety of styles. Often the character of the glove, rather than the length, determines what glove should be worn.

Generally, six and four-button lengths appear with cuffed and tapered sleeves, eight- and ten-button types with short and no-sleeve styles. But newer and even more fashionable are such ideas as the wrist-length shorties with the sleeveless or short-sleeved fashion.

Refreshing accompaniment for the short, tight sleeve is a wide-cuffed, long glove, pulled on over the sleeve.

Understated colors, including a number of neutrals, glove the hand for spring. Amber to bisque tones, rich browns, subtle off-greens and pinks make news. In any case, hues are at hand to compliment each and every costume.

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### Rocking Chair Designs Varied

"Old rocking chair's got me" is, figuratively at least, the theme song more and more people are singing this season. With rocking recommended as a healthful form of mild exercise and relaxation, the rocking chair continues its strong comeback in fashion and comfort.

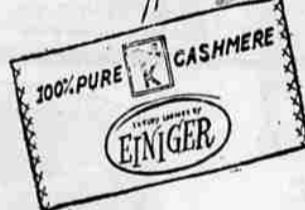
News for spring is a wide array of mechanically equipped styles that provide not only smooth, silent rocking action but free and easy swiveling, thanks to sturdy metal swivels combined in one fixture with resilient metal springs.

The "Rock-or-Swivel" mechanism is now incorporated in chair styles that blend with every type of room, in a choice of platform, high-leg and low-leg rockers.

**JUMPERS FOR SPRING**  
New jumper looks for spring feature the wrap style and the ya-ya, with low hip slash.



**BATISTE**—Violets bloom all over a batiste peignoir, smocked with nylon lace. By Barbizon. And to pamper complexions, an after-bath Sardolette.



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