RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

1890

Fashion of the 1890's had a sense of exaggeration. The silhouette of the decade could be called the exaggerated hourglass. Shoulders were wide, waists were cinched in unmercifully by corsets and the hips were incredibly increased by the bustle. The hair was piled high on the head in a "pompadour" style, and atop the mountain of hair (which usually included a bit of someone else's hair and called a "rat"), sat a very large hat topped with feathers, bows and ribbons.

In this decade there also existed a sense of exaggerated social propriety. Social mores of the times were a reflection of the widowed Queen Victoria, standards were quite ridged, and conformity to them was very important. There was a dress standard for the "respectable" men and women. In this case, the word "respectable" seemed to take on the connotation of a class division. The Queen at one end of the spectrum, and no lower than the bottom of the middle class for the other end.

To conform meant to be properly dressed for any occaswn whether it be for a picnic, a boating party, the theater, the opera, or to visit friends. With everyone trying so hard to do the right thing at the right time, many authors of the day found writing books on "proper deportment" the thing to do. One author, Mrs. John Sherwood, in her book Manners and Social Usages explains it this way: "one can always tell a real lady from an imitation one by her style of dress. Vulgarity is readily seen even under a costly garment" and "no woman should overdress in her own house, it is the worst taste". Such statements can help set the stage for the general feelings of the day.

To describe the fashions during the 1890's, we have already used the word exaggerated, another insight could be the line of a song popular at the time - "I'm only a bird in a gilded cage". Fashions made women look beautiful but were very restrictive, uncomfortable, and in some cases physically harmful. The two main ingredients in this recipe are the corset and the bustle.

The corset was worn to cinch in the waistline. It was made with whale bone or wires, and laced up the back. One would need help to be "cinched up" in one, and it was not impossible to shrink the waist size 6-9 inches. After all, if a gentleman could not fit his hands around a young ladies waist, how could he be interested in her at all?

"More than one determined woman achieved a 16-18 inch waist by the surgical removal of the lowest ribs." (Fashion a Mirror of History) It seems comfort was so important, that even if it meant having surgery (1900 style) to remove the lowest 2 ribs, that was not too much to ask.

An American Sociologist, Thorstein Veblen, famous at the time, saw women's fashion as a social statement of wealth and position. He saw the corset as "substantially a mutilation undergone for the purpose of lowering the subjects vitality and rendering her permanently and obviously unfit for work".

The bustle was not physically painful but must have been quite restrictive. It was "engineered" in 1869, and was still very respectable in 1890. The bustle was similar to a half cage fashioned of bone or wire, sometimes stuffed with horse hair, and fitted around the waist with a buckle or tie. It's purpose was to enlarge the size of the ladies backside, in doing so it made the waist look very small (especially with the help of the corset). It's popularity continued for almost 40 years, some years the bustles were larger than others, but its demise came from an unlikely foe, the bicycle. The bicycle craze of the 1900's caused women to toss their bustles so they could sit on and ride a bike.

Design details found on the beautiful dresses included: balloon and leg-o-mutton sleeves, large full skirts, usually draped with yards and yards of fabric, that would include trains on most dresses, ruffles, evening wear was heavily embroidered and or beaded.

By the turn of the century, bustles were smaller (dimity bustles) pleated skirts began to replace the heavily draped skirts. The fullness moved from the bustle to the sleeves. Sleeve caps were enormous and tapered down at the elbow, fitting tightly around the wrist. These were later replaced with a smaller puff at the shoulder.

Trend setters of the day included royal figures, fashion designers of Paris, and entertainers. King Edward of England, and his "serenely lovely Danish wife Queen Alexandra were considered to have flawless fashion sense. She is credited with popularizing tailored suits for women, and wide, pearled neckbands (called by some "dog collars").

An artist sketch of a young woman by Charles Dana Gibson, and called the "Gibson Girl", was published in a newspaper, and set the "all American girl" standard.

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Fig. n: cloth walking boot.





1900-1910

At the beginning of the 20th century, the silhouette softened into an "S-shaped" curve. The shoulders softened and became less severe; the waist was still corsetted, but in a new, less restrictive manner. The bustle was a memory, never to be revived in this century. In essence, fashion softened and became more practical.

Life in the early century was moving at a faster pace and new inventions were giving people the luxury of freedom. The telephone, the electric light, and the automobile were all labor saving devices that changed people's lives. Much of this showed up in the fashion world.

A bicycle craze swept the country, putting an end to the bustle. Skirts worn past the ground with a train had to be revised. Mrs. Amelia Bloomer had earlier designed a "rational costume" that she considered to be much more practical for women. It seemed perfect for the avid cyclist. It consisted of a tunic dress worn over loose trousers gathered harem fashion at the ankle. Later Mrs. Bloomer revised further to a simple split skirt gathered under the knee. These were called bloomers and were very practical for many women who were becoming more active outdoors.

One exception to the new rule of freedom and movement came from the French designer, Paul Poiret; the Hobble skirt of 1910. The hemline was just large enough to allow tiny steps. Women seemed to "hobble" in them and hence the name. The Pope came to the defense of women everywhere by decreeing his concern over the disablement of women. So Poiret worked our a way to free women. He slit the skirt to the knee. The response was one of outrage and very negative expressions. But sooner than later, the style showed up on respectable women everywhere.

In 1906 the permanent wave was developed that would withstand "water, shampoo, and all atmospheric influences." The permanent wave was here. In 1907 Annette Kellerman shocked the world with her one-piece bathing suit.

There was also a women's movement going on. The Suffragettes were demanding the right to vote, wearing makeup, cutting their hair short for the first time in a "bobbed" style, and even wearing skirts that showed their ankles. They wanted liberation from the corset, Victorian styles, and "classiest mores". By 1919 hems were mid-calf by day and floor-length by night.

World War I, 1914-1919, saw fashion come to a standstill. Patriotism was all important; everyone wanted to help. Leisure time was considered unpatriotic and fussy clothes were out. Even in France women lost interest in fashion as they watched the disaster of war in Europe.

Below: Vebien's conspicuous consumption" on the rampage: Mrs. Jay Gould, trussed, chokered and betrained, provides a suitable background for her \$500,000 pearl necklace.

Below right, top to bottom: Icing on the provocative hourand rose-trimmed straw hat. A bonnet similarly adorned. From Harper's Bazaar. June 1889. Evening slippers of beaded bronze kid, left and right, and bowed and beaded black patent leather. From Harper's Bazaar. February 1887.





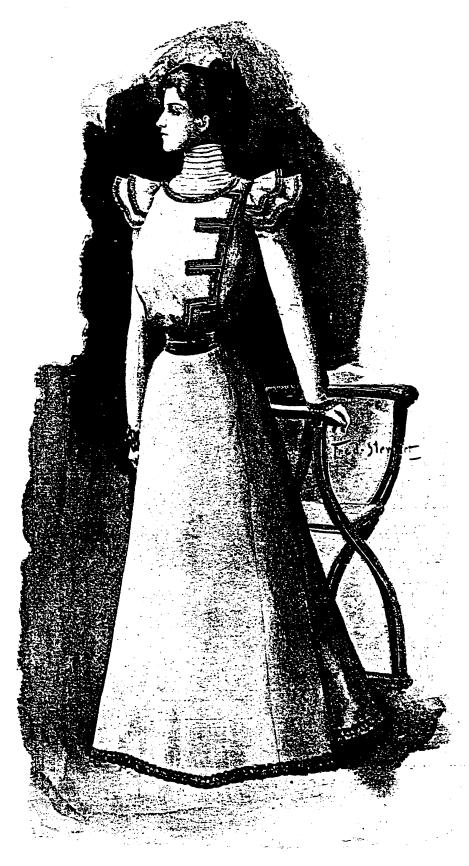


Top: The tyranny of the corset. c. 1910.

Above: More than one determined woman achieved an eighteen-inch waist by the surgical removal of the lowest ribs. 1900.





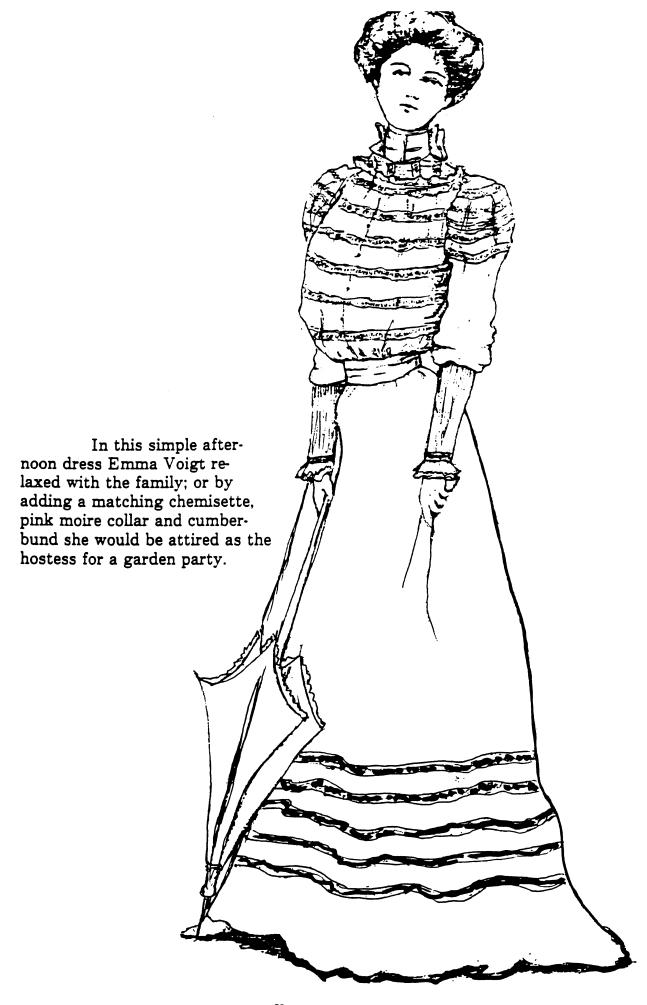


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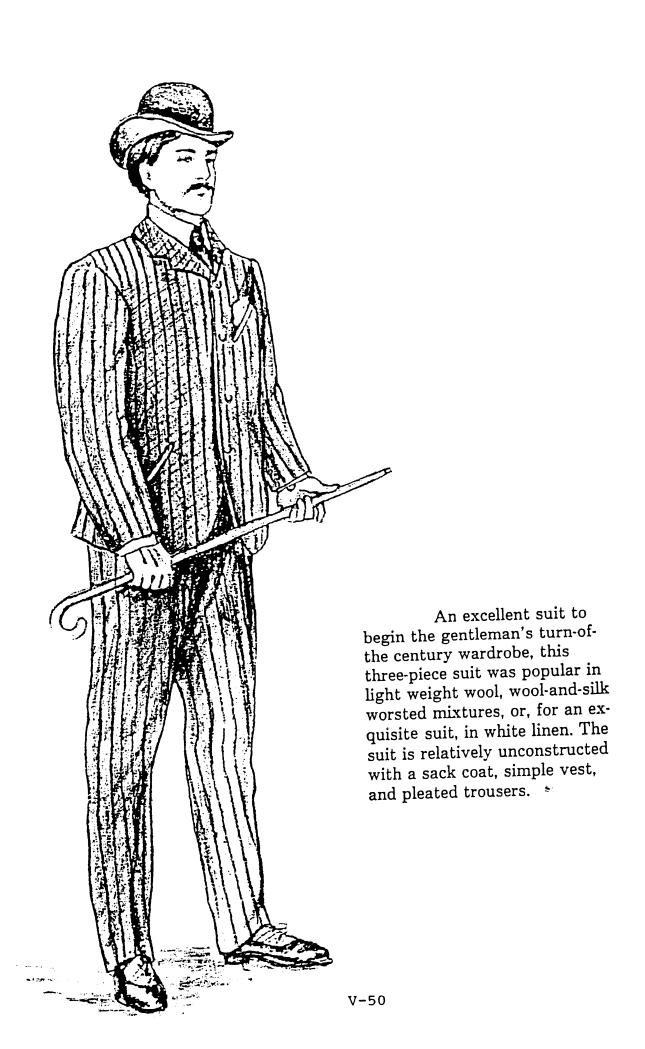


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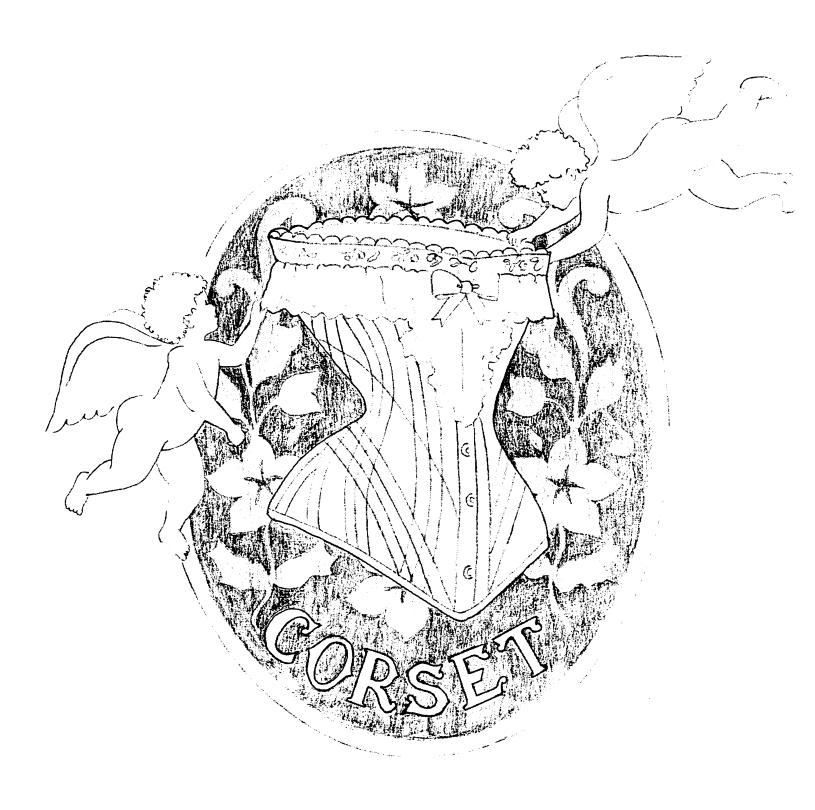












The corset featured in this brochure is a development of the straight-front design invented by Mme. Gaches-Sarrautes at the turn of the century. Mme. Gaches-Sarrautes' design did not compress the waist as did earlier corsets.



Fig. 107 __ Combination Underwear. Lingerie created of soft china silk, Valenciennes lace, and satin ribbons was made popular by the Edwardians. According to some books, the word lingerie was coined by the Edwardians. Our Fig. 107 is an

example of combining the chemise and drawers into a garment called combination underwear. It is less bulky and more appropriate to wear under smooth fitting bias cut skirts.



Fig. 108 — Corset Cover. Corset covers were a necessity to help achieve the fullfronted mature figure Edwardians considered beautiful. There appear to have been two styles of corset covers: those for the full figure and those for the slim figure. The corset cover we feature is for the slim figure and adds body at the front and hip areas.

Fig. 109 — Petticoat. This petticoat was worn directly under the skirt and was generally made of rustle taffeta or polished lawn. The volume of material adds needed structure to the skirt and the sweep, created by two large pleats at center back, gives a drape and swing to the skirt which adds grace to your movements.

The Gibson Girl: An American Ideal

From the mid-1890s to the early 1920s, the Gibson Girl symbolized the ideal American woman. Her creator was illustrator, Charles Dana Gibson (1867-1944), whose pen and ink drawings portrayed the "emerging woman" at the turn of the century: attractive, athletic, poised and intelligent. The Gibson Girl served as the model for a generation of American women--urban and rural--who attempted to copy the Gibson Girl's dress and character.

Gibson's drawings were first published in <u>Life</u> in 1892, but it was not until 1894 that the Gibson Girl became the rage of New York. In that year, the illustrator's first collection of Gibson Girls was published. His drawings reflected various situations in American life and involved seven distinct types of females: the Beauty, the Boy-Girl, the Flirt, the Sentimental, the Convinced, the Ambitious, and the Well-Balanced.

Each of the Gibson Girls had a strong, independent personality. Gibson thought of the Boy-Girl as a "good-fellow" sort, who was a sport and enjoyed the excitement of nearly losing her life on a runaway horse more than the attention of a love-sick man. He described the Convinced as the Gibson Girl who set a certain goal and pursued it without taking a single side-step. Gibson's favorite type, the Well-Balanced, illustrated the female who was all harmony and easily balanced all aspects of contemporary life. This type came nearest to a romantic bachelor's "ideal of young American womanhood."

Gibson's cartoons, as he called his drawings, were satires of American society at the turn of the century. The Gibson Girl's appearance was a breath of fresh air and was met with overwhelming acceptance. Her popularity spread quickly across the country. She was a regular feature in such widely read publications as <u>Collier's Weekly</u>, <u>Century</u>, and <u>Harper's</u>. By 1990, Gibson Girls were included in <u>Leslie's</u>

Weekly, the forerunner of today's picture magazines, and in the avant-garde <u>Ladies Home Journal</u>, whose writers exposed social injustices and promoted worthy civic causes. The beginning of the new century also found Gibson Girls in major European periodicals, and the illustrator's works soon were collected in several books, including <u>The American</u> (1990), <u>The Social Ladder</u> (1902), and <u>The Gibson Book</u> (1906).

The public popularity of the Gibson Girl was totally unexpected by artist Charles Dana Gibson. His motive in creating the unique character had been to offer humorous comments on American life, and he was surprised when the Gibson Girl became a national fad. Artists all over the



country began to imitate Gibson's drawing, and copies of the Gibson Girl soon appeared on silk handkerchiefs, china plates, hardwood easels, and leather items. The Gibson Girl was included in the cast of early vaudeville shows, and her name was given to the shirtwaist, the pompadour, and a type of riding crop.

The Gibson Girl's success was a reflection of the times. America was rapidly changing as women entered the public work force, and women were eager for a new image. The Gibson Girl conveyed the message that women could have freedom and individuality while remaining feminine. Her casual costume was evidence of new-found freedom, since the cotton shirtwaist and skirt were less hampering than the established fashion of elaborate silk dresses with frills and uncomfortable bustles.

As the shirtwaist and skirt caught the fancy of American women, those garments joined cotton underwear and kimonos to become the first mass-produced women's clothing. Workers in middle Atlantic factories produced shirtwaists and skirts patterned after the Gibson Girl costume. New York City, where the costumes were designed and marketed, became one of the world's major clothing centers.

During the first decade of the 20th Century, shirtwaists took on new dimensions. From humble beginnings as simple blouses with little decoration, shirtwaists were expanded to offer a variety of styles which were tucked, beribboned, lace-trimmed, or wide-cuffed, with a pointed collar or high neckband. White cotton fabric was dyed bright colors and many embroidered designs were added. Tiny pearl buttons marched down the front or back plackets and accented the cuffs. Accessories usually worn with the shirtwaist included a delicate cameo broach or a tiny ladies' watch suspended on a thin gold chain.

When World War I (1914-1918) ushered shortages into America, the Gibson Girl shirtwaists and skirts--which had become



almost as elaborate as the earlier silk and taffeta dresses--became to expensive to manufacture. Less expensive and simpler apparel was needed for the country's working women. As the second decade of the 20th Century drew to a close, the "bovish" look became the fashion. Dresses were made of minimal fabric yardage, hanging straight and unfitted, with hemlines at or just above the knees. Pompadour hairstyles were replaced by short, curly styles, and waist-length strings of pearls replaced the old-fashioned cameos. The Roaring Twenties ushered in the Flapper and brought an abrupt end to the Gibson Girl era.

Although the work of Gibson appeared in many books and magazines, and he was in great demand as a portrait painter the last 20 years of his life, he remains best known for his Gibson Girl. The Gibson Girl's national popularity and imitation were outstanding examples of life copying art, and Charles Dana Gibson was one of the few persons who enjoyed the accomplishment of having created an American ideal.

Ilene J. Cornwell



1920

Life was moving ahead, and so was fashion!

The silhouette of the 20's was straight up and down. A greater contrast between the ideal silhouette of the 20's and the 1890-1910's would be hard to imagine!

Tubular is one name given to this silhouette. Another comes from the designer credited with the drastic change in women's fashion. His name was Paul Poiret and he called it "Hellenic", taken from the narrow columns of a temple built to the Goddess Helen of Troy.

There was an attitude of change during the early 20's. World War I was over; women had worked hard in volunteer positions during the war. The right to vote, that women (suffragettes) had been fighting for with such vigor before the war, was granted to them without hesitation after the war.

Women were ready for a major change in fashion and it was given to them by Paul Poiret, a French designer who vowed, "I will strive for omission, not addition", and he did. His dresses hung from the shoulders, passing the waistline by for the first time in decades.

The heavy fabrics of past decades did not seem to fit with the new tubular styling. New fabrics were softer, silkier, and flowing; some were very sheer. Gauze, chiffon, silk, and crepe de chine were popular.

Dress styles included the tunic top over a straight skirt, sack dresses, and a simple sheath. The empire line made a comeback; fabrics were gathered softly beneath the bustline.

Colors were also soft, but brilliant. Lilac, sky blue, straw (pale yellow), along with red, oranges, lemons and "burning blues" were popular. Poiret wrote, "My sunburst of pastels brought a new dawn."

Another up-and-coming strong designer of the times had another view of fashion chic. Coco Chanel made a hit with black, navy blue, and other subtle tones of grey, tweed, green, and browns.

The designs of Chanel were simple and "frill-free". She was determined to "rid women of their frills from head to toe". "Each frill discarded makes one look younger", she said.

Chanel like the lean, chic look; simple and elegant. She helped launch the bobbed hair, the twin sweater set, crocheted lace, the leather belt for women, and even sailor pants. She is credited with invading haute couture with the "style of the working girl"; a deluxe poor look, one designer

observed. Chanel also revolutionized jewelry. Her costume jewelry brought styles to jewelry for the average woman that had previously only been available to the wealthy. It is interesting to note that her most famous perfume was packed in a simple square container and named No. 5. She considered five her lucky number, as she was born on the 5th day of the month.

Chanel was very important to the 1920's. Her understated suits in tweed, the cardigan jacket, the jersey blouse, and the single string of pearls dominated fashion in Europe and the United States.

The French designers felt the new silhouette required a "small head". Hair was cropped and worn close to the head. Fingerwaves and spit curls were stylish.

Hats were very important to complete the new fashion of the 1920's; they were also worn close to the head. The Cloche was a very popular hat style. It was generally made of undecorated felt with a small brim. It encased the head like a helmet from eye level in front to low on the back of the head. Other hats were turban style, often worn with a single feather, or a bandeau worn to give a youthful appearance to the wearer. The bandeau was simply a band of fabric wrapped around the head and either knotted or pinned to secure the ends.

Underwear of the day followed the tubular silhouette. Corsets and bustles were gone. The brassiere was introduced and in the 1920's, it was used to flatten the figure, not to uplift it. Some women used a simple bandeau, a stretchy band worn to flatten the figure and help create the "youthful" look of the day.

THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT OF THE 1920'S brought several versions of the "new woman". One was the FLAPPER. She was characterized by short marcel-waved or spit curled hair. The lips were heavily colored in what was called "bee stung" lips. She wore a headband around her forehead, usually with a feather in front. Her face was powdered, her skirt was the shortest in history, and her knees were rouged! Silk stockings were very much the rage; they were rolled down just above the knee.

Another modern woman of the 20's was the "THINKING WOMAN". She was college educated and considered herself to be the opposite of the flapper. Her dress was emancipated but not extreme. Smocks in bright colors like henna and chartreuse were worn over simple skirts that ended just above the ankle. Edna St. Vincent Milay expressed the liberation of the 20's intellectual woman by wearing a man's shirt and jacket much of the time.

MEN'S FASHION was also changing during this time. Just like ladies of the day, men were demanding their fashion to be more comfortable and practical. The shirt softened, from heavy fabrics with stiff starch. The long tie with a sailor's knit gave men a choice even though the butterfly bow tie was still a standard.

High button shoes were replaced with the lace or oxford shoe. The wrist watch replaced the pocket watch and chain.

The Prince of Wales was the ultimate trend setter of the 1920's. He brought back shoulder padding to suits. He liked the wide shoulder, narrow hip look with loose fitting trousers. He was the essence of classic taste.

His counterpart may have been the escort of the flapper. He was wearing a slicked-do in hair, a raccoon coat, and Oxford bags. These were extremely wide trousers, often reaching 25 inches at the knee and cuffed at the bottom.

The Silver Screen was the popular entertainment of the day. Movies provided stars who were glamorous and close to American royalty. They provided instant new looks and fashions for the average person.

By the 1920's, there was a great demand for safe make-up. Burnt matches, as a means of darkening eyebrows, seemed outdated. Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubenstein each were pioneers in the cosmetic industry with revolutionary products such as moisturizers, colored creams of rouge, eye shadows, and lipsticks.

Suntans became fashionable by 1927, thanks again to Coco Chanel.

The good times of the 1920's came to an abrupt end with the crash of the stock market in 1929. The gaiety of the twenties gave way to the grim reality of the Great Depression.



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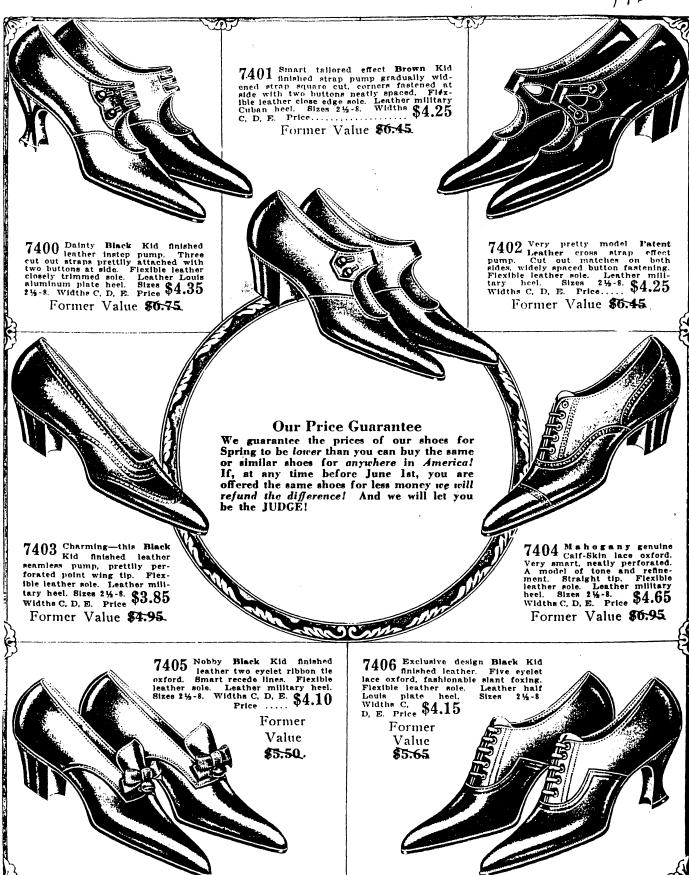
This lovely frock is offered in your choice of lustrous All Silk Crepe Satin or in lovely All Silk Flat Crepe; both enhanced with contrasting color self material used for a chic pleated jabot frill and attractive cuffs. The skirt has a double tier of pleated flouncing at front, trimmed on top with clusters of contrasting chain stitching; matching the adornment on the cuffs. A bow finish on one side of the bodice, novelty buttons on the jabot and a girdle with a handsome buckle adornment, all unite in making this frock exceedingly smart and appealing.

with a nandome bucket addition, an amount of the specific and Misses' Sizes—34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem 44 inches only, with deep basted hem (about 5 inches) so dress can easily be made longer or shorter. State size. Shipping wt., 13/2 lbs.

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3 | H6000—Navy.
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6433 Fine Gingham.

Just the thing for warm weather is this cool little frock of Gingham in a small check design. Three wide bands of white Volle are inserted on the full side tunics, giving the skirt a touch of real originality. The pointed collar, the cuffs on the short sleeves, and the little vestee are also of white Volle trimmed with blas bands of self material. The sash ties in a dashing bow at \$4.95 the back. Price.

6434 Fine Figured Voile.

Every woman needs a dark Voile dress like this for warm weather wear, for its allover design does not soil readily, and its dainty white Organdie collar and cuffs, and the black velvet rilbon tie make it dressy enough for almost any occasion. The skirt is made with a tunic pointed in front and shorter in the back, giving very graceful lines to the figure. The wide sash ties becomingly at the back. Waist is made over a \$6.95 lawn lining. Price.

6435 Fine Figured Voile.

Here is something quite new in Cotton Voile dresses, the skirt made with three very full ruffles at the sides, giving a modified pannier effect, and leaving the center panels back and front quite plain. The waist is slashed at either side of the front giving a suggestion of a vestee, and effectively piped all round the neck. Covered buttons add an attractive finish. The three-quarter sleeves end in a frill. The waist has a lining of net. \$5.50

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Descriptions of Dresses Shown on Opposite Page

Fancy check silk warp Crepe Adora is offered here. Contrasting solid color silk warp Crepe was used for the front tying sash belt and as a loose fold on the gracefully pleated skirt. Handsomely trimmed with fancy embroidered net collar and cuffs.

Misses' and Small Women's Sizes—14 to 22 years. Bust measure, 32 to 40. Length, from back of neck to hem, 43 inches, with deep 5-inch basted hem. State age size and bust measure. See size scale. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

3 | H6320-Red Fancy. 3 | H632 | -Green Fancy

\$5.95

This one has been fashioned of lustrous All San Flat Crepe and attractively trimmed with banding of multicolored Rayon (artificial silk) embroidered net. The skirt shows box pleating on either side, and the frock is further enhanced with a silk flower at one shoulder.

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3 | H6325—French Blue.
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3 | H6327—Navy.

We offer this lovely frock of sheer dainty All Sull.

We offer this lovely frock of sheer dainty All Sun Georgette Crepe at a great saving. It has an attractive yoke and cuffs of lustrous crepe satin cut in uneven points and outlined with fancy Rayon (artificial silk) stitching. The skirt has rows of shirring and a chic note is lent by a wide girdle with flower ornament. Tub Silk Silp included.

Misses' and Small Women's Siest—14 to 22 years. Bust measure, 32 to 40 inches. Length, from back of neck to hem, 43 inches, with deep 5-inch basted hem. State age size and bust measure. See size scale. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

3 116330—Nile Green.

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It is fashioned of good quality All Silk Flat Crepe with a double inverted kick pleat on sides and a sash tie belt at the waistline. Trimming is provided by contrasting silk Crepe and multicolored embroidered bands on the collar and cuffs, and smartly placed pin tucking.

Misses' and Small Women's Sizes—16 to 22 years. Bust measure, 34 to 40 inches. Lengths, from back of neck to hem, 42 and 44 inches, with deep 5-inch basted hem. State age size, bust measure and length. See size scale. Shipping weight, 1½ lbs.

3 | H6335—Oak Buff.
3 | H6335—Black.

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Adapted in good looking Rayon (artificial silk)

Adapted in good looking Rayon (artificial silk) Warp Crepe, it has a V shaped neck bodice with pin tucking at either side. The frock shows chic trimming of three-tone silk and velvet ribbon and has

ming of three-tone suk and velvet riddon and has a pretty flower ornament.

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Bust measure, 32 to 40 inches. Length, from back of neck to hem, 43 inches, with deep 5-inch basted hem. State age size and bust measure. See size scale. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

3 | H6340-Leaf Green. 3 | H634 | - Tan.

It is fashioned in youthful two-piece effect of All Silk Flat Crepe; a combination that makes this frock smart and desirable. The bodice shows adorment and Rayon (artificial silk) embroidery. Box pleating on the skirt. Collar and cuffs are finished with the skirt in silk silk.

pleating on the skirt. Collar and cuffs are finished with two-tone silk piping.

Misses' and Small Women's Sizes—16 to 22 years.

Bust measure, 34 to 40 inches. Length, from back of neck to hem, 43 inches, with deep 5-inch basted hem. State age size and bust measure. See size scale. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

3 | H6345—Briar Rose. 3 | H6346—Queen Blue.

\$9.98

This good looking frock is designed in the popular two-piece effect of lustrous, washable woven check Rayon (artificial silk) Crepe with smart trimming of contrasting silk Crepe de Chine.

Misses' and Small Women's Sizes—14 to 22 years.
Bust measure, 32 to 40 inches, Length, from back of neck to hem, 43 inches only, with 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter. State age size and bust measure. See size scale. Shpg. wt., 1½ lbs.

31 H6350—Medium Blue Check. \$4.98

3 | H6350-Medium Blue Check.

All Silk Printed Crepe de Chine is the fabric that fashions this graceful frock. The model is also made youthful and charming by having a lovely cru lace vestee outlined with net frilling and a "Pierrot" double ruffle collar of matching net. Misses' and Small Women's Sises—14 to 20 years. Bust measure, 32 to 38 inches. Lengths, from back of neck to hem, 43 inches, with deep 5-inch basted hem. State age, size and bust measure. See size scale. Shpg. wt., 1½ lbs.

31H6355—Tan Fancy.



Plaid Fabrics Are Popular

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Smart, practical and very inexpensive, is this frock of woven Plaid Rayon (artificial siik) Gingham; a washable fabric of attractive appearance. Fashioned on becoming lines, the frock boasts a clever new treatment in the styling of the collar; made with long strap ends, that have piped and button trimmed openings at the waistline, serving as slits for the wide girdle, which fastens with a metal buckle. The skirt has box pleating on either side, and a trim finishing note is lent by a silk ribbon bow at the neck.

Women's and Misses' Sizes—36, 38, 40, 42 and 41 inches bust measure. Length from back of neck to liem, 44 inches only, with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter. State size. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

\$3.98

1½ pounds. 3 I H6045—Blue Plaid.

Surprisingly Low in Price

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That one can't judge the merits of a frock by its price is well proved by this attractive model, which boasts a smart style, neat workmanship, a fabric of pleasing quality, yet for all that, costs only \$3.89.

Made of washable "Gloria" Cotion Voile, of a charming new pattern; the frock is gracefully fashioned with scalloped border tunic panels and is effectively trimmed with pin tucked solid color Voile and piping. It has a groograin ribbon tie with pretty bead drops, and shows further adornment of novelty glass buttons and a metal edged composition of the work of the work

Descriptions of Dresses
Shown on Opposite Page

Tailored—Yet Dressy in Effect

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A new and individual treatment of tucking and pleating is featured in the design of this handsome frock. Although the style is of tailored inspiration, the model is quite dressy and lovely, due to its fabric of richly Instrons All Silk Flat Crepe and trimming of contrasting color ribbon. The belt is adorned with a novelty clasp buckle. If Omen's and Misses' Sizes—34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem, 44 inches only, with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter. State size. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

31H6060—Cedarwood.
31H6061—Oneen Blue.
31H6062—Black.

Fashioned of an Attractive Fabric

Fashioned of an Attractive Fabric
Such charm and smartness are seldom found in a frock so moderately priced, and for this reason we especially recommend this attractive model for your selection. Gracefully fashioned of pleasing quality Printed All Silk Crept de Chine it features front pleats on the skirt and a chic, double tiered button enhanced jabot frill on the bodice. Has trimming of solid color silk Crept and the belt shows an ornamental buckle.

Women's and Misses' Sizes-34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem, 43 inches only, with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter. State size. Shipping weight, 13/2 lbs. \$9.98

One of New York's Very Latest

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This beautiful frock is artfully fashioned of extra good quality All Silk Flat Crepe. It has an attractive bodice with diamond shaped tucking, front and back; a cascade drape-frill at one side and an ornamental flower at the shoulder. Box pleating on the skirt achieves a silhouette of graceful animation, and a final smart note is lent by a gypsy sash enhanced with a jeweled pin.

Women's and Misses Sizes—34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem, 43 inches only, with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter. State size. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

31H6070—Queen Blue.—
31H6071—Rose Beige (Pinkish Tan).

New and Decidedly Smart

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Richly lustrous All Sak Crepe Sain in chic combination
with contrasting color All Sak Flat Crepe fashions this
stunning frock. Graceful overdrape panels and a wide
girdle are new and interesting features in its design.
Effectively trimmed with beautiful embroidered braid
bandings, novelty metal buttons and a handsome ornamental buckle.

Women's and Misses' Sizes—36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches
bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem, 42 and
44 inches only, with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy
pounds.

\$76.98

pounds. 3 | H6075—Rose Beige (Pinkish Tan). \$16.98

Practical for Many Occasions

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For general everyday service, when you need a good looking, neatly styled frock, you will be pleased to have this practical, inexpensive model. The material is attractive Silk Warp Crepe Adora, adapted on becoming lines and enhanced with solid color silk warp crepe. Smartness is lent to the bodice by a jaunty tie, and to the skirt by shirring in the center and graceful pleats on either side, Composition buttons and a novelty buckle are pleasing finishing details.

Women's and Misses' Sizes—36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem, 44 inches only, with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter. State size. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

\$5.98

Trimmed With Dainty Net Frilling

Trimmed With Dainty Net Frilling
This charming frock portrays the popular mode of the
day, having a softly bloused bodice with puffed, long
sleeves; a skirt showing graceful pleats at front and a sash
tie belt at the waistline. It is smartly adapted in a pleasing quality All Silk Flat Crepe, and has adornment of self
covered buttons on the skirt, while the bodice is enhanced
with ecru Venise pattern lace and fluted, dainty net
frilling piped with the silk.

Women's and Misses' Sizes—34, 36, 38 and 40 inches
bust measure. Length from back of neck to hem, 42 inches
only; with deep 5-inch hem, making length easy to alter.

State size. Shipping weight, 1½ pounds.

31H6085—American Beauty.

31H6086—Queen Blue.



Full directions for ordering on back cover

THE HAMILTON GARMENT CO.







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Boys' Heavy Cotton Union Suits



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Silver Gray Extra Heavy Fleecing

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Made of good quality cotton. Has
heavy, soft nap fleecing inside. State
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Our Finest Cotton Suit for Boys

These Boyville suits have been carefully designed and strongly made to give excellent service. They are knit of fine combed cotton yarn and have a soft brushed fleecing inside. Correctly sized and the special Filgrim seat gives extra fullness and will not bind. Elastic ribbed. Shys. wt., each suit, 1 lb.

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Back come the Chesterfields! Once again the plain and straight lines of the Chesterfield model overcoat are in style.

Chesterfield model overcoat are in style. In contrast to the new and colorful patterns in men's suits is the souher blue shown in these dignified overcoats. This handsome garment is made from a warm and heavy all wool overcoating. Stylishly cut in a double breasted model, with medium wide lapels and a rich velvet collar. Full lived sleeves. Excellently made throughout. Abreast of the times with Style—that's one of the first things our "Great Store for Men" is noted for. Length, about 46 inches.

SIZES—34 to 44 inches chest. State chest measure taken over vest. Shipping wt., 7 lhs. \$16.50

45K8381-Dark

45K8382-Dark

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SIZES-34 to 44 inches chest. State chest measure taken over vest. Shpg. wt., 634 lbs. \$13.50

Description of Overcoats on Opposite Page

This Style Is a Great Favorite With Students

A JEK8402—Dark \$10.75

A JEK8403—Dark 10.75

SIZES—32 to 36 Inches cheet, State cheet chee

measure taken over vest. Shipping weight 6% pounds.

This is a moderately priced coat, yet warm and comfortable, as it is made of a good quality, heavyweight, all wool, heather brown or blue melton. It is full lined with strong, durable twill. A dressy coat, with half belt. Cuffs on sleeves. Big, convertible, cold weather collar. Lengths, 39 to 42 inches. A favorite high school style.

The Students' Choice Fancy Weave Fabrica

Smartly Styled New Ulsterette

Model

45K8406-Daik

Brown
45K8408-Navy
15.75

SIZES-32 to 36 inches chest, State chest measure taken over vest. Shipping weight, 6% pounds.

Excellent taste has been chest.

measure taken over vest. Shipping weight, 6% pounds,
Excellent taste has been shown in designing this new ulsterette model. It has all the dash and swapger of the best style winter coats. It would cost a great deal more at any other store. It is a splendid value, Made of fine, heavyweight, all wool, rich plaid back overcoating, and well made throughout. Sleeves are lined with genuine Venetian cloth. Lengths, 39 to 42 inches. Wide French facings, deep cloth yoke, cuff sleeves and belt at the back make this coat as handsome as it is lasting.

For Every Man's Wardrohe— Stylish Warm Overcoat

D 35K8372-Fancy Dark \$14.45

Bown Mixture 45K8373-Fancy Dark 14.45

SIZES-34 to 42 inches chest. State chest cancer taken over vest. Shipping weight, 7 ounds.

measure taken over vest. Snipping reigns, pounds,
This coat is one that deserves a place in every man's wardrobe. It has style and pattern; warmth and comfort, quality and low price. That's a combination that you can not afford to pass by. The fabric is a sturdy all wool overcoating in a neat fancy weave, dark brown or dark gray mixture. The coat is strongly sewed, liall belt in back. Double breasted model that is becoming to most men. Dollar for dollar, there is great value here.

Low Priced Overcoat—Heavy-weight All Wool Melton

45K8365—Dark \$8.95

Blue Blue 8.95

SIZES—34 to 44 inches cheet. State chest measure taken over vest. Shipping weight, 6% pounds.

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"Moderate in price, but high in quality," tells this overcoat story. Made from a heavy-weight, all wool mellon—a malerial that looks well and wears well. Two dark shades, either brown or blue; colors that do not show soil easily. Stylish double breasted model. With half belted back. Strongly sewed throughout, Length, about 44 inches. One of our low priced overcoats, but one of our biggest values.

A Dressy Looking Coat and a Good One

And a Good One

45K8370—Heather

Brown Mixture

45K8371—Medium Blue

Mixture

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StZES-34 to 42 inches cheat. State cheat measure taken over vest. Shipping weight, 63 pounds.

Giving you the best that money can buy, we have even lowered the former low price on costs of this fabric, It is one of the hest values in our clothing line. Snappy style, with its half belt and patch pockets with flars, it is equally satisfying in warmth and long life. Nearly all wool, heavyweight overcoating. Popular heather brown or medium blue mixture with plaid back. Convertible collar. Length, 44 inches.



Descriptions of Suits Shown in Color on Opposite Page

SIZF, SCALE

These High School Suits are built and tal-lored the same as our young men's suits, but cannot be furnished larger than 36 inches chest.
 Sizes of Sults on This and Opposite Fage

 Cheet
 31
 32
 33
 34
 35
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 Waist
 26-29
 26-29
 27-30
 28-31
 29-32
 30-33

Inseam Ranges from 27 to 32 inches in proportion to the chest measure.

Style Notes Are Saying Gray and

Brown Fancy Weaves

45KB224—Fancy \$18.75

45K8226—Fancy \$18.75

State measurements. (See size scale at top of page.) Shipping weight, 5½ pounds.

Smart, ultrastylish fancy weaves are the latest development in atudents' clothes. Soft browns and medium grays are perhaps the lottle poundary. While the color is important the cloth control of the state of the state

suit for students. You could rightfully expect to pay much more.

Setting the Pace for Style and Value

45k8208-Fancy \$12.50

Brown Cassifferency \$15.85

Trousera \$15.85

State measurements. (See size scale at top of page.) Shinping weights, 5½ and 6 pounds. No doubt about it. This suit aets the pace for style and value. Take first the material—an all wool cassiffere, good enough for suits selling for more money. Now as to style—well, it's a model that's being shown in all leading men's shops. Tatern! The new criss cross fancy weave—students everywhere like it. Coat is full lined with alpaca. Trousers high walue. We are setting the pace for others.

Two Choice Patterns

Students Are Demanding

45K8220-Blue
Diamond Weave Worsted... 16.95

State Diamond and diamond and elementary of the state of models are demanded by young fellows everywhere. Along with style nees diamond and diagonal weave fabrics. That's why we are showing this smart model in these two favorite patterns. The cloth is a pure worsted all wool—nore than satisfactory from the "weat" point of view. Excellently made throughout with coat full alpaca lined. Regular vest and coff bottom trousers. Savings? Certainly—we are famous for savings and honest values.

amous for savings and honest values.

"Boyville" Senior

Reaches New High Peaks in Value

45K82 J6-Striped

A5K82 J7-Same as 45K8218 with

45K82 17-Same as 45K8218 with

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Dark Blue Cassimere. \$14.95

45 K82 17-Same as 45 K8216 with
Two Fidra of
Trousers. \$18.25

45 K82 18-Striped Dark
Gray Cassimere. \$18.25

45 K82 18-Striped Dark
14.95

With Two Fairs of Trousers. \$18.25

State measurements. (See size scale at top
of page.) Shipping weights, 5½ and 6 pounds.
Students! We want you to know that this
all wool cassimere material is noted for
attength and service. It has passed the same
tests as our regular "Boyville" suits for boys.
In other words, when a cloth will "hold" the
average American bay—then you know it is
strong and you know it will wear. Stylishly
cut and strongly sewed. Two neat colors,
Coat is full lined with alpaca. Wide cuff
bottom trousers. Regular vest, The suit with
one pair of trousers in a mighty fine "buy,"
but Boyville Senior two-trouser suits reach
new high peaks in value.



MEN'S HIGH GRADE FANCY COLORED SILK NECKWEAR. We sell you slik bows that others ask 20° for. For 19° we sell neckwear that everyone else charges 35° or more. Our 29° neckties are the same kind you pay elsewhere 45° or more. ALWAYS STATE COLOR YOU PREFER AND ORDER BY NUMBER. ALWAYS STATE COLOR IN A BIG VARIETY OF PATIERNS AND COLORINGS. ALL THE VERY LATEST AND MOST UP TO DATE. BLUSTRATIONS SHOW THE STYLES ONLY. WE FURNISH THEM IN A BIG VARIETY OF PATIERNS AND COLORINGS. ALL THE VERY LATEST AND MOST UP TO DATE. MAUSTRATIONS SHOW THE STYLES ONLY. LATEST UP TO DATE PATTERNS. No. 34E1370 REVERSIBLE FOUR-IN-HAND NECKTIES. BOTH SIDES ALIKE 2x47 INCHES. PRICES TECK SCARFS WITH SHIELD. Price, each 100 REVERSIBLE FOUR-IN-HAND TIES 2x47 INCHES. BOTH SIDES ALIKE. ALL MADE OF No. 34E1306 I 9c TECK SCARPS. FINE rice, each 1 Oc SILKS. No. 34E1393 String Tie String Ties, 3/x34 In. No. 34E1416 Shield Bown MEIGS Price, each 100 No. 34E1326 TECK SCARFS WITH BAND. No. 34E1322 TIES BAND TECKS, PANCY ROX. No. 34E1392 IMPERIAL TIES. Can be tied as four-in-hand or pull. Price, each780

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During the 1930's the effects of the depression were reflected in the fashions of the day. Unemployment rose to an all-time high; wages fell to an all-time low. Resources were used for survival of the individual and the family. In times such as these, fashions were less extravagant and more practical. It is often said that in times of hardship hemlines come down. It may not always apply, but it seemed to in the 1930's.

The 1930's was the era of the "hand-me-down". That had always been the rule for thrifty families but now it became more fashionable. Children rarely had new store-bought clothing. Mothers worked hard to cut down and remake adult garments into wearable items for the family. "Depression babies had layettes sewn from sugar sacks; school children often wore underwear embellished with the trademarks of Pillsbury's or Robin Hood flour." (History of Costume by Rachel H. Kempker)

It was during the Depression that classic suits and dresses were popularized. Clothes had to last and stay stylish longer, so classic lines and sensible tailored suits were favorites. The shirtwaist dress was a classic that came from this time period.

The feminine ideal changed from that of the swinging flapper to the subdued, wholesome girl next door. The rouged knee of the 20's was covered with a longer, more modest skirt. The bust was rounded again, but not emphasized; the waist was back in its normal position. The overall effect was one of modesty, sensibility, and a general no-nonsense attitude toward life.

Fashion highlights of the times included separate skirts and blouses. A white blouse was a very important part of the wardrobe for the working woman or student. A short, boxy-styled jacket or coat was very popular and pockets both real and faux were used for decoration as well as function.

For evening and dress occasions the "bias cut" gowns were sensational. They hugged the body's natural curves and flared beautifully at the bottom. Fabrics were soft as were the colors; higher heels were worn with longer skirts.

Costume jewelry was fashionable (originally brought in vogue by Chanel). Pearls were worn with jumpers and blouses; the twin set (sweater over sweater) was the hallmark of the well brought-up middle class girl.

Cosmetics in natural tones were used more widely and were more skillfully applied than previously. Lipstick was introduced. Cosmetics were carried in a handbag; lipstick

and powder (from the powder compact, then call a flapjack), were applied in public. This was not, however, a practice indulged in by well-mannered girls.

Hats, veils, chenille nets (called snoods - these were like hairnets that pulled the hair back from the front of the face) were fashionable. Many designs were worn perched on the front of the head, often over one eye. A strap at the back held such hats in place. Some women began to wear bright scarves, tied under the chin, in place of a hat.

"Finally, it was the personal style of certain stars that influenced fashion most of all. Attention to actresses' offstage clothing probably reached its fever pitch with the ensembles created for Gloria Swanson. In the 1930's Garbo's slouch hat and Katharine Hepburn's lean, loose trousers and Joan Crawford's ankle-strap shoes were all trend setters. But few actresses were as eccentric or as influential in their appearance as Marlene Dietrich." (Fashion, a Mirror of History). In 1933, in Paris, the Parisians were bewildered by her practice of going about in men's clothing. The chief of police tried to run her out of town!

Hemlines in the 1930's went down and down again. By the end of the 1930's, fashion seemed to stand still in the shadow of the impending war.







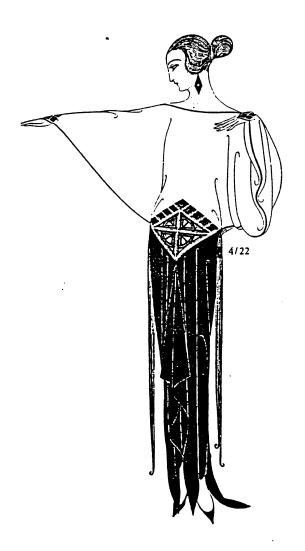
One need not shudder at the chilly winds of midwinter if clad in this warm tailleur that Erté designs of blue velvet with a facing of white cloth. For extra warmth, he adds an ermine scarf and iniays its ends with large checks of otter.

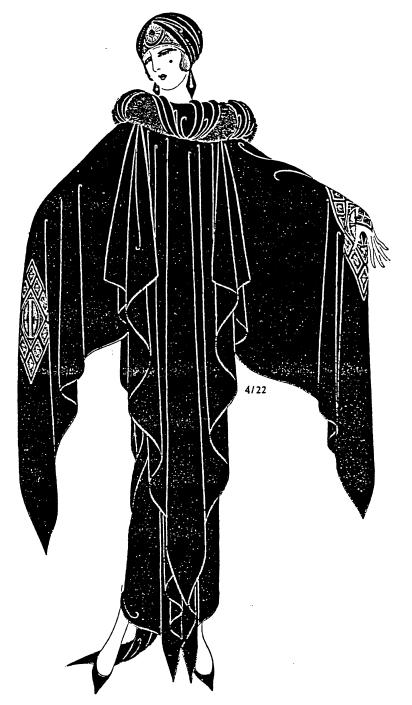


ERTÉ DESIGNS AN

INTERESTING

CAPE COSTUME





To wear under the charming wrap above is a gown that uses two squares of gray silk crêpe for the skirt and a rhombus-shaped piece of white satin for the bodice. The edges of the bodice are picoted with old gold, and from each hip swings a long gold tassel. The gray satin turban worn with the costume is embroidered with old gold to match the sleeves.



When we first looked at this afternoon wrap we thought it one of the loveliest things Erté ever designed for us—and we still think so. It is of gray satin, cut into four rectangles, with their corners rolled over a russike collar of gray fox. The edges of the satin are picoted with gold, and gold embroidery is on the sleeves.





1940

World War II caught many people by surprise; for many, the reality of war dictated the fashion they would wear. The average person wore what was appropriate and what was available. Austerity became fashionable.

The Wartime Production Board, a branch of the U. S. Government, issued a directive, L85, which restricted the manufacture of clothing. Ruffles were forbidden. Only one pocket per blouse or shirt was allowed. Hems could be no deeper than 2 inches and the widest part of the hem of a dress could not exceed 72 inches. Hemlines rose and leveled off just below the knee.

In men's clothing, cuffs were eliminated along with vests, 2 pant suits, patch pockets, cloth belts, pleats and jacket backs with pleats.

Skirts, blouses, and sweaters were worn by all females. With the fashion industry closed down by the war in Europe, the U.S. was left to its own designers for fashion direction. The designers turned to the military for inspiration.

The Eisenhower jacket made fashion history as it was adopted for civilian use. The shoulders were roomy and comfortable. The "bomber jacket" was based on the Air Corps flying coat made of leather with knit wrist cuffs to keep out the wind. It was usually lined with alpaca fur. The Montgomery beret was the inspiration for hats. Elastic could not be used so a close fitting hat was the sensible choice.

Women began to wear pants as the practical dress for work in industry. It was not too long before pants were popular outside the work place as a comfortable casual fashion. Stockings, which were not required under pants, were expensive and usually not available. Eisenhower jackets were popular and were worn with pants or with a skirt and blouse.

Joan Crawford's squared shoulders speak for the time. The shoulder was wide and padded. The fashion was very manly and the fabric was sensible tweed. Suit dresses were very popular and saddle stitching was a favorite trim.

Men were wearing colors that reflected the time. Khaki and other muted colors were popular.

In 1947 a young French designer by the name of Christian Dior launched what he called "The New Look". The war was over, the men had returned home, and The New Look gave women a softer, more feminine look and curve. This look was stylish, elegant, and reflected the opposite of wartime restrictions. The hemlines fell to just above the ankle and skirts were incredibly full. Yards and yards of fabric were used as well

as petticoats with crinoline and flounces of lace. The shoulder pad was dropped with a thud and the sloping, soft shoulder replaced the squared, manly look. The bustline was accented; the waistline was high and cinched in again.

The silhouette for the late 30's - late 40's was the inverted triangle; broad shoulders and thin hips.



GRAY PIN STRIPE CLASSICS . . . A Coat and Suit combination that's fresh as

SOFTLY TAILORED PIN STRIPE. Uncluttered lines show off clever pin stripe









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a popular perennial with a new gned of lustrous, imported finely d. Richly trimmed with a pleated and flattering mesh veil. Nicely ribbon hat band for secure fit, a a simplicity of line that is right a youthful air attractive to every I five smart colors.

it Coffee, Gay Fuchsia—all with i navy veil.

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heads $21\frac{1}{2}$ to 23 inches. 5.98

imported, lustrous, finely sewn. Marvelously feminine Hat delescope crown and trimmed with. Finished with dainty grosgrain shaped net insert at back. A hat we flair to lend charm and an ril to your every dress-up ensemand all Spring.

h white flowers; Black with rose; vith chartreuse. Shipping weight inted.

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Loa, charmingly designed with rled of lustrous, finely sewn imgracefully high telescope crown a two-color grosgrain ribbon band a and a soldierly line of White swirl of mesh veil adds a softened smartness. You'll find this new ly flattering suit companion and imply tailored afternoon prints.

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Dainty lace twin panels grace a use. Drawstring neckline isgathered tied. White only. Hand washable. 6, 38-inch bust. Read How to Meage 64. Shipping weight 6 oz.

Sweetly Ruffled Lace Trim, threaded with black ribbon. Sheer White Rayon Ninon, plain or dotted, whichever available. Darted waist. (Hand wash—remove ribbon first). Misses' Sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38-inch bust. How to Measure for Blouses on Page 64. Shipping weight 6 oz.

SA 4912—White Blouse, State size wanted in order, 2.90

Jewel-Accessory Neckline tops rows of meticulous tucking. Button back closing. In sheer White Rayon Ninon, plain or dotted, whichever is available. Hand washable.

Misses' Sizes: 32, 34, 35, 38-inch bust. Read How to Measure for Blouses on Page 64. Shipping weight 6 oz.

SA 4911—White Blouse. State size wanted in order. 2.70



harmin frothy Rayon Ninon. Gently ckline. Gracefully full sleeves but-Tapered darts at waistline.

Pink. Hand washable.

38, 40-inch bust. Read Measuring Shipping weight 6 oz.

..... State size and color. 2.90

Dainty Lace Ruffle trims the turned back collar. Flattering V-neck accented with a shoestring bow. Softly styled in sheer White Rayon Ninon, with button front closing, full button-banded sleeves. Hand washable.

Misses' Sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40-inch bust. Read How to Measure on Page 64. Shipping weight 6 oz.

SA 4916—White Blouse. State size wanted in order. 2.70

PRETTILY RUFFLED YOKE on a most flattering, feminine style. Frosty White Rayon Ninon, with black ribbon laced through the drawstring neckline, the ruffled wrists of the billowy sleeves. Hand washable (remove ribbon first). Misses' Sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38-inch bust. Read How to Measure on Page 64. Shipping weight 8 oz.

SA 4914—White Blouse. State size wanted in order. 4.49



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A SHOESTRING BOW SMOOTHIE. A bright young newcomer to your casual Blouse collection. Smooth-lying, boyish collar, perily tied with a shoestring bow, shirred at neckline for front fullness. It's short-sleeved, with trimly buttoned front. Cool for Summer in frosty White Rayon Ninon (plain or flock dotted, whichever is available). Hand washable.



r FACE? Decide which type you are, then order the har designed for the Small Face: Diplomat or Southwest. For the Average Face: , Southwest. For the Full Face: Executive, Diplomat or Southwest. Etts are made exclusively of soft, selected Hare Fur. Each hat has kin sweathand to assure proper fit and guard against perspiration Lustrous Rayon lining. Mailed in a protective Hat-A-Dor Box.

DIPLOMAT - SNAP BRIM, WIDE BAND

NUM WEIGHT HARE FUR FELT. The mellow Hare's Fur is hand finished oth surface and is extremely pliable. It's water-spot resistant too hat you can wear it the year 'round. The Diplomat is a perennial who prefer the conservative style lines. Suitable for all occasions e by men of good taste. You'll wear it with confidence because it men's features. For the Small Face, crease it low with deep front to Full Faces, crease as shown. Expertly proportioned full crown, and and 2%-inch plain edge brim. Conformatic Calfskin Leather ithe hat comfortably to your head and adjusts itself to any small lition, it's stain resistant. Cord and button trim. Rayon lined.

um) Gray, Oxford (dark) Gray or Havana (medium dark) Brown. to 71/2. How to Measure and Size Scale on facing page. ag weight 2 lbs. State size and color in your order.................... 8.50

THE EXECUTIVE - MEDIUM EDGE-BINDING, WIDE BAND

BRENT 3-STAR MEDIUM WEIGHT HARE FUR FELT with Reversed Type Brim Binding. A Hat with a smart, new style note — reversed French binding in a matching color. The lower side of the brim binding is slightly wider than the upper side to give the edge of the hat a soft, tailored finish — and a graceful curve to the brim. Handsomely hand finished in supple, long-wearing Hare Fur treated to make it water-spot resistant. The Executive is designed particularly for average-to-full faced types with its tapering tull crown, proportionate 234-inch brim and wide 15%-inch hatband. The Conformatic Callskin sweatband cushions the hat on your head and guards against stains. For a complete story on the Conformatic sweatband, please see bottom of this page. Finished with an attractive cord and button trim. Lined with lustrous Rayon.

Colors: Pearl (light) Gray, Banker's (medium dark) Gray, Grayblu (medium blue), i.) Brown. Regular Sizes: 6¾ to 7½. See Size Scale, facing page.

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Men's Casual Jackets for Year round Wear

WOOL SUEDE CLOTH

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WOOL AND RAYON TWEED COAT

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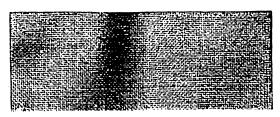
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For Summer comfort Wards offer these 100% Virgin Wool Tropical Worsteds in single and double breasted models. Laboratory tests prove that Tropical Worsted is one of the coolest of men's suit fabrics available, in fact cooler than many lighter weight washable fabrics. Its smooth finish, porous weave and insulating qualities make an ideal suit for wear in hot weather. Because of its crisp, hard finished surface it will along long wear and hold a good press.

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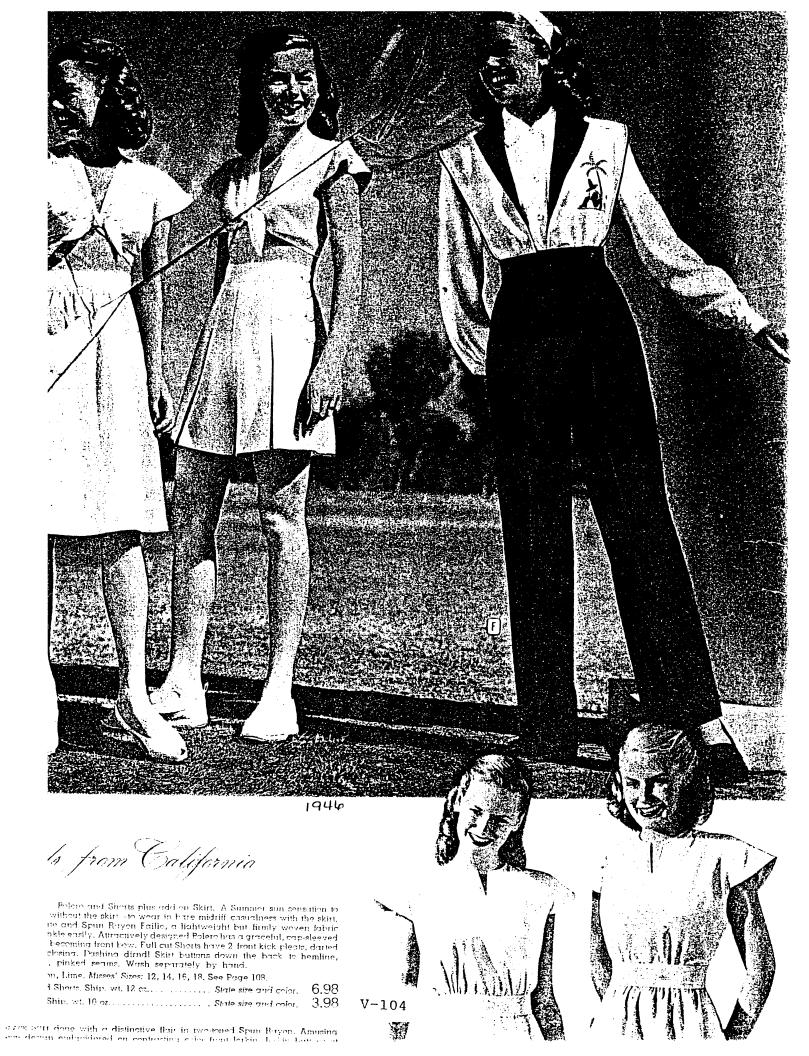
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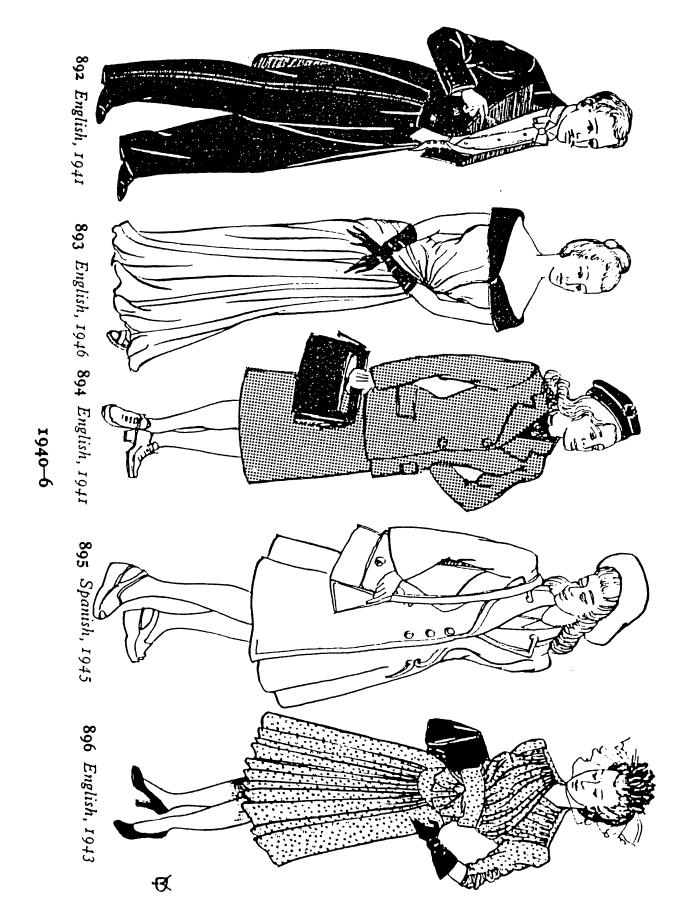
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Silhouette - Hourglass With an Elongated Lower Half

It began in 1947 with Christian Dior's New Look and was going strong in the 1950's! Shoulders were rounded as was the bust; waist nippers (girdles with corset-type waist cinches) were used to make the waist "improbably narrow". The hips were occasionally padded and the legs hidden under yards of beautiful fabrics. Silks, taffetas, failles in subdued afternoon colors or daytime colors such as aquamarine, powder blue, ice blue, and soft pinks and yellows were used.

Another phenomenon that began to develop in the late forties went into full bloom in the fifties. The emergence of the "teen-ager" who wanted a fashion separate and away from the adult fashion. The teen-age market was discovered and considered to be very lucrative to the fashion industry as well as to other markets. Seventeen magazine was published along with other youth magazines.

Blue jeans began in the forties but the teens of the fifties took them and ran with them! They were at first a bit baggy and rolled to the knee. They were worn with a man's shirt many sizes too large with the shirttails hanging out.

For school, teenagers wore pleated wool skirts with a matching or color coordinated sweater set. The bustline was sometimes padded; sometimes wired bras were worn that were rigid and usually gave an unnatural, uplifted appearance.

Circle skirts with appliques of poodles or telephones were popular with a blouse having a Peter Pan collar and a matching sweater. Saddle shoes with rolled down stockings were a must.

The "tough" crowd, sometimes call the "greasers" because of the greasy look to their slicked back hair, was seen in levies rolled up to the ankle with white socks. White T-shirts with sleeves rolled up and black leather jackets finished off the outfit. Almost always, the back jeans pocket sported a "rat tail" comb.

The sheath was the big news in the 1950's and in keeping with the times, it was an easy and comfortable style. Mother and daughter dresses were also a big fashion trend.

Gloves and hats were very important to the fashionable woman. The two piece suit of the 1950's for women was different from that of the 1940's. The jacket was short with a flare and a Peter Pan collar with double rows of buttons. The skirt was straight and fairly narrow. The shoulders were a bit on the sloping side and rounded. The square padded shoulders of the 1940's were gone.

The 1950 fashion for men could be summed up in the word "conservative". The trim, quiet look was in vogue. This was a distinct change from the late 1940's bright colors. Subtle and subdued tones of blue, brown, and gray took over. The most memorable fashion for men was the 1953 gray flannel suit.





Below: Simple, almost severe diamond-checked straight coat, typical of the designs of Pauline Trigère, known for styles that rarely go out of fashion. 1950.
Right: Black and white reversible coat by Trigère, 1956.















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1960

Silhouette - the A-Line

The 1960's was an incredible decade. It was a time of action, violence, protest, rebellion, experimentation, and counterculture. Dramatic events took place during this decade and dramatic changes in fashion occurred.

The 60-70's catered to the youth both in advertising and production in the clothing industry. Teenagers had money to spend (3.5 billion on apparel in 1965!!), and enjoyed keeping up with the latest trends. During these years two sets of fashion developed side by side: fashion for the young and fashion for the rest of society.

The "war babies" or Baby Boomers, infants born immediately after the war ended in 1945, were maturing. By 1960 teenagers were a powerful group. In France, by the 1960's, one-third of the population was under the age of 20. In the United States, fully one-half of the population was under 25. This enormous group of energetic young also had their own minds for fashion and were not dictated to by Paris or by anyone else.

There were three major movements during the 60's that helped to shape fashion:

First - The Civil Rights Movement sparked an impressive move to ethnic fashion. Blacks and whites alike found interest in the African colors and prints. Afro hairstyles were worn by most blacks and some whites used perms to get the Afro hairstyle. Some Afros could be measured at 3 inches above the scalp going straight up and straight out. Most were shorter and more natural looking. The expression of the day was "Black is Beautiful".

Second - The Women's Liberation Movement caused women to burn their bras and wear men's clothing. The "unisex" clothing, clothing worn by both sexes, is a result of this movement coupled with the sexual revolution that was taking place at the same time. Girls turned to pants because they preferred the long, clean, "liberating" line. Boys wore embroidered shirts and beads because peasant embroidery and bright colors offered a liberation from the notion of what had been masculine taste for 150 years.

Women's underwear went from wired bras or no bras at all, to stretchy elastic bras with little or no support. The tight 1950's girdles with garters and nylon stockings that ended mid-thigh, were knocked into history by the comfortable one-piece nylon panty hose.

Third - The Peace Movement (or anti-Vietnam War Movement). The Vietnam War was not anywhere as popular or supported at the two world wars had been. This war had the opposite effect on the country; instead of pulling the country together to save resources, the country was pulled apart. The hawks and doves took sides. The teenagers who revolted against the war and the "established" way of living, working, and etc., were called "hippies".

The hippie dress was a throw back to the beatniks of the 1950's. It was a casual, sometimes sloppy dress. The main focus was self-expression. Whatever you wanted to wear, you wore. The hippies were not a majority of the teenagers, it should be noted, although some of the fashions spilled into the mainstream teen fashion.

The most memorable fashion details of this era would have to be bell bottoms, mini-skirts, and platform shoes. Others, not to be forgotten, include the A-line skirt and dress, boots, and the "Mod Look" brought to the United States by the Beatles and other British musical groups.

It was called the "British invasion" but it wasn't a reference to the military, but rather an invasion of American culture. The music, fashion, hairstyles, and make-up, to name a few, were transferred across the Atlantic and took the 60's by storm.

The mini was one fashion that hit early in the 60's. It was the design of Mary Quant from Wales. She is regarded as the mother of the mini and high boots; shoulder bags and the "poor boy" sweater. "Pop" and "Mod" were terms also borrowed from the Britons to describe fashion of this time.

Another word used to describe the 60's is psychedelic. It was at least true for the colors and fabrics of that time. Floral patterns reflected the "flower power" theme of the hippie movement. Daisies, mums, and other flowers adorned everything from fabrics to wallpaper, from busses to vans. The colors were bright and bold.

The 60's opened with the simple A-line dress. Most dresses were very simple and so accessories were both expressive and bold.

Eyes were lined with black, shadowed with frosty white, and topped off with a full set of false eyelashes. Lips were painted light to white.

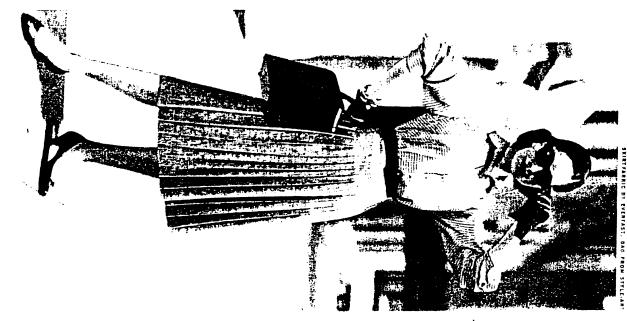
Twiggy was the top model. She was long and lean, which was a break from the fleshed Edwardian beauty seen in some form up through the 1950's.

Some fashion history writers have called this era the "Great Masquerade" and this description fits the time accurately!

Everything seemed to go. The length might be mini (mid-thigh), micro-mini (above the thigh), midi (mid-calf), or maxi (to the floor). Even mixing these lengths was fashionable; a mini skirt with a maxi coat or vest. Maxi coats and sweater coats were really practical in cold climates for the mini skirt wearer.

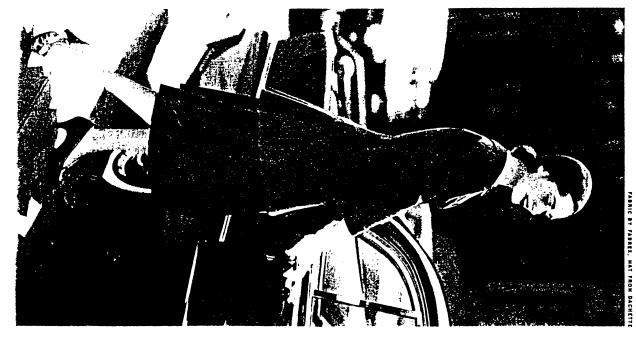
Another landmark of the 60's was the pants suit. "Women had attempted pants since the days of Mrs. Bloomer. Chanel, in the 1930's made them acceptable as sportswear and during the war years overall and jeans were a practical necessity. But trousers for women always had decided overtones of the resort or the assembly line. They had never been totally respectable." (A History of Costume, by Rachel H. Kemper)

A major fashion breakthrough of the late 60's was the tailored pants suit. It was seen everywhere and was chic, elegant, comfortable, and convenient, not to mention practical.



Striped rayon surah hlone with long push-up sleeves and a pleated rayon and cotton tweed skirt. Skirt about \$11. Blouse about \$8. Stanley Wyllins for Korday Sportswear.

New A-line dress and jacket. The dress underneath has a high square neckline, short sleeves. The wide side pleats in the skirt are permanent. This fabric is Orlon and cotton About \$30. Helen Whiting.





Simple striped cotton two-piece dress with a white linen collar, black organdy bow and gathered skirt. About \$25. Susan Thomas.





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Advance Pattern 6959 • Scoop-neck blouse to wear inside your skirt or as an overblouse in black silk broadcloth for summer evenings. Advance Pattern 6456 • Matching eight-gore skirt.







SILHOUETTE A-LINE

Fashions in the 70's were extremely flexible. Most people dressed to identify with their particular lifestyle rather than fit into any fashion mold sent from Paris or anywhere else. Man-made fibers had progressed due to the high tech of the day. Polyester, that had been developed as early as 1939 and shelved until after the war, was a very popular fiber. It was blended with natural fibers giving the fabric the advantages of both fiber groups.

Some men's suits were fashioned in 100% polyester and marketed as the wash and wear suit. It was called the "leisure suit" and had a brief moment in time. It was very casual with buttons down the front, patch pockets, and bell bottoms. It was comfortable and easy to care for, as well as being wrinkle-resistant.

Teen styles were extreme. Pants were worn skin tight; hip hugger pants and skirts were worn with hip belts; a wide bell bottom style was popular in pant legs and sleeves. In the early 70's cuffs on trouser style pants for both men and women were reintroduced.

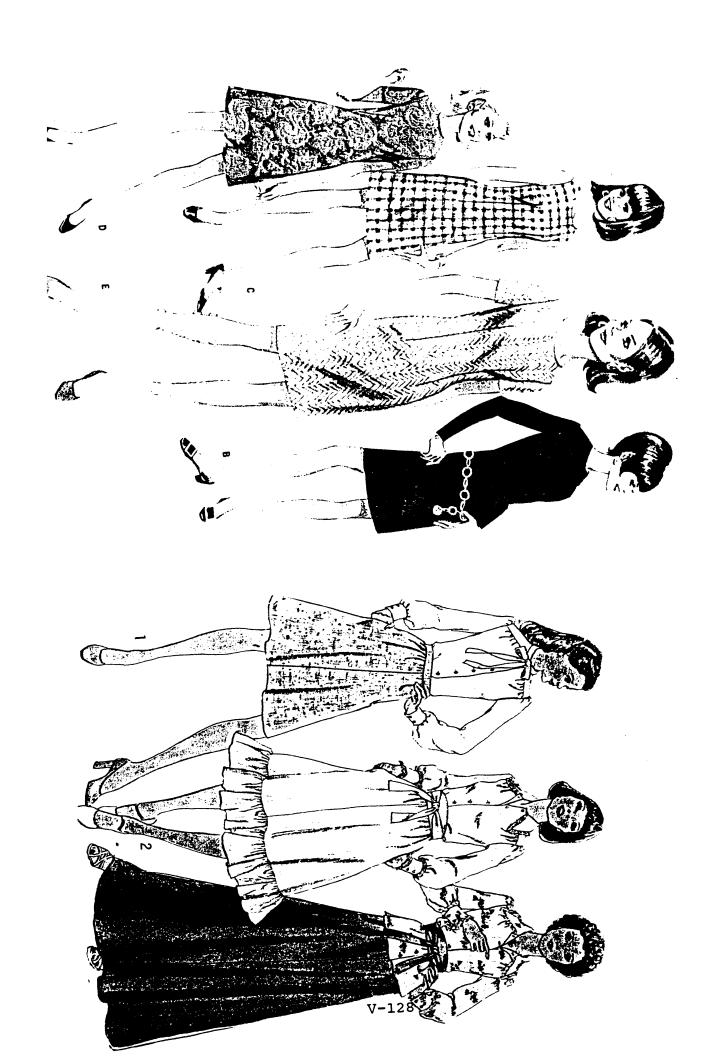
Pant legs got wider and wider and were worn long enough to cover the shoe and scrape the floor. Platform shoes got higher and higher with very chunky heels.

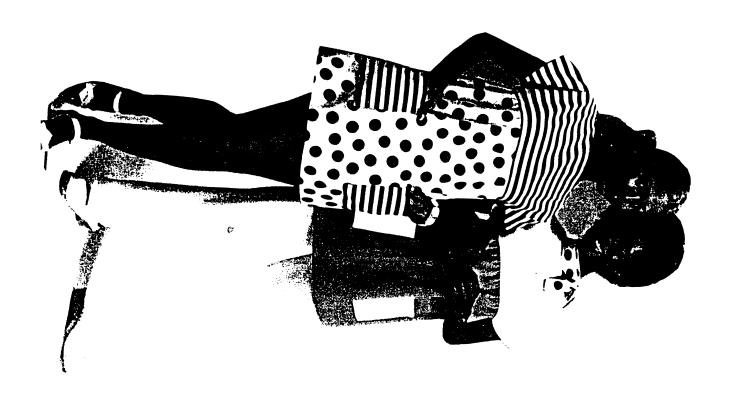
The hippie influence was still seen in bright beads, embroidery on shirts, levi pants and jackets, and tie-dyed fabrics. Long hair was a hot topic; first seen as a sign of rebellion, and later accepted as fashionable, "in moderation". Sideburns were worn long; beards and moustaches were popular for both teenagers and their parents.

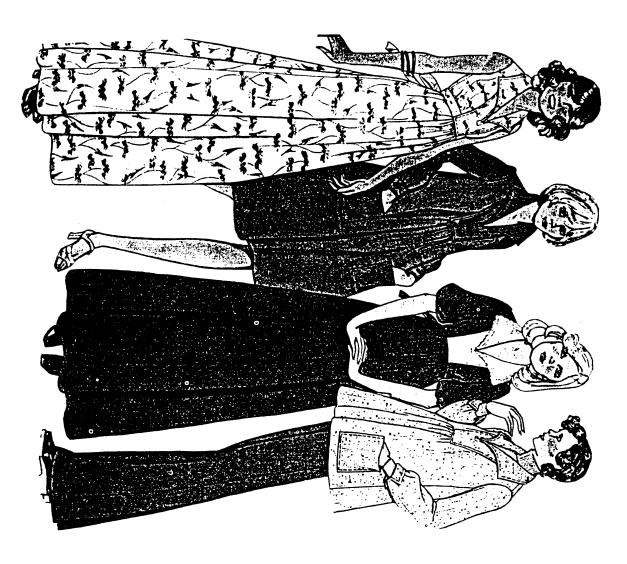
Hair for teenage girls....the longer and straighter the better. Orange juice and soup cans were recycled into curlers to straighten out hopelessly wavy or curly hair. If the cans didn't work, then girls tried to iron their hair straight! Full bangs were worn long enough to cover the eyebrows, but not long enough to merge with the false eyelashes!

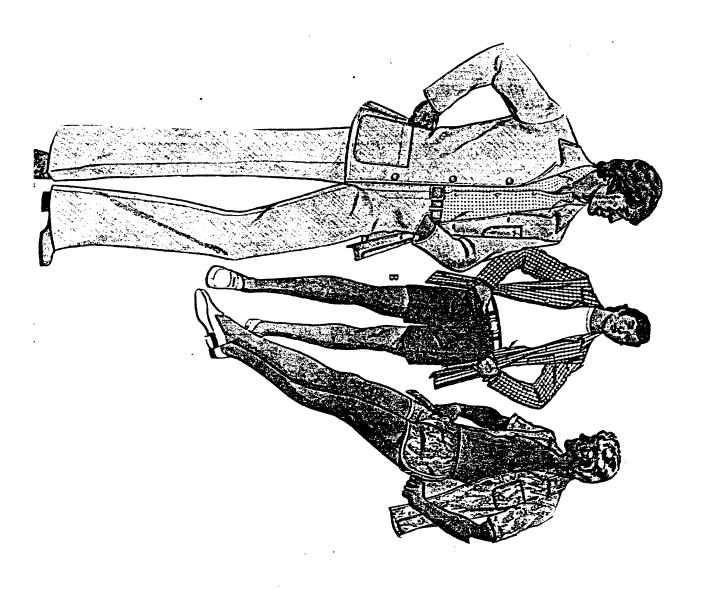








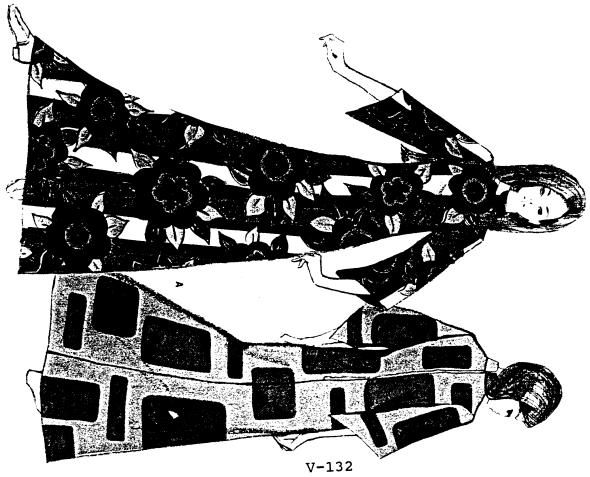




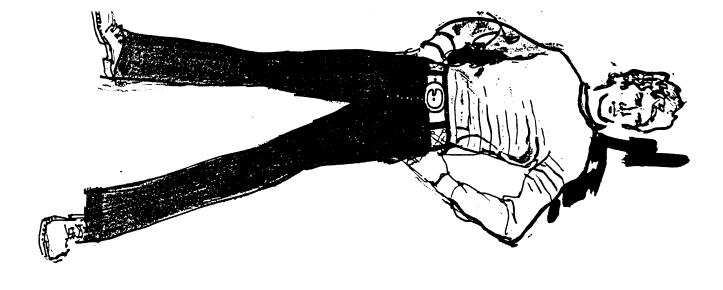


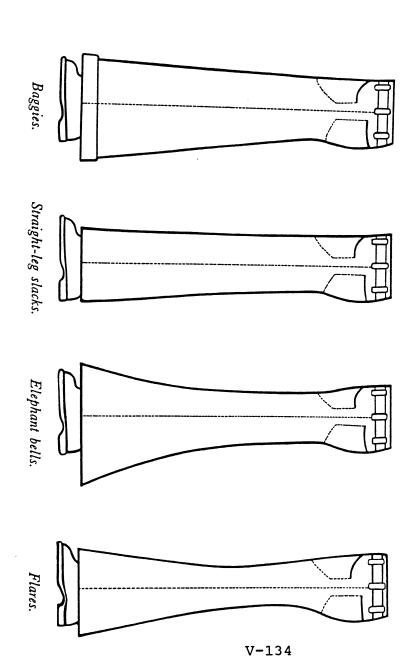
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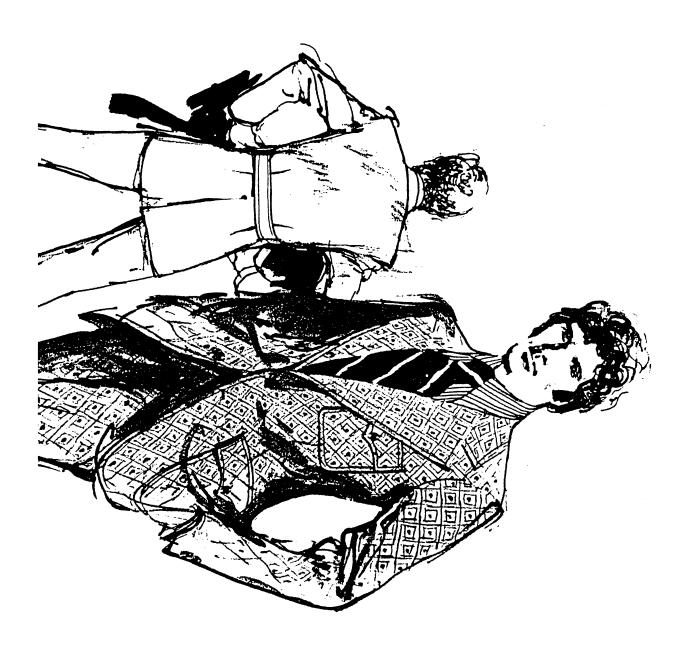












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(Broad Shoulders with a Narrow Hipline)

The fitness craze of the late 1970's brought a major change to the athletic clothing industry. Fleece was in; comfort and function were paramount. Men and women hit the gyms, spas, and athletic centers in droves creating a big market for athletic clothes that were not only functional but attractive and flattering. Lycra in bright colors worn with "leggings" and thick socks pushed down to the ankles in puddles, was the preferred fabric for aerobic exercises.

The old "gym shoe" was replaced with 100 or more different kinds of specialized sports shoes. Whatever you planned to do, there was a special shoe to do it in.

During the 1980's, many women continued in or joined the work force. In order to be taken seriously by some, women needed a better fashion image at the office. The "power suit" was designed. It was a broad-shouldered lapel jacket worn with a white or light colored blouse (feminine but not too sexy or lacy); a skirt was worn with the jacket. Pants were seen as too casual. The power color for the power suit could be navy, black, grey, burgundy, but not brown. Pump shoes were appropriate; not too high for the heels but not completely flat either.

Colors in women's dresses were very rich; fabrics were fluid and flowing. Rayon, improved by new technology during the 70's, was a very popular fabric. Ramie was a popular natural fabric added to cotton or acrylic for luster.

The oversized shirt, sweater, and sweatshirt look was in. Some were huge through the shoulders, bustline, and waist, and narrowed to the clutch the thighs. Some tops were worn long and belted.

Rock star, Madonna, released a video in 1985 wearing ripped jeans, lace, and a lacy bustier. That launched the camisole craze worn with jeans, pants, or skirts and jackets.

It would be hard to understand the woman of the 80's by looking at the fashions of the time. There were power suits on one hand and very sexy, frivolous fashions on the other. Don't forget the athletic attire and casual at-home clothes. This was the decade when women wanted it all; husband, children, career, and time for self expression. All of these needs required special clothes. Did I mention the Superman cape?

Shoulders were severely padded in the mid 80's. Shoulder pads appeared in everything; blouses, sweaters, robes, T-shirts, and dresses. Exaggerated lapels and flared jackets were also stylish.

In the mid 80's a "crest craze" hit putting crests or emblems on T-shirts, blouses, shoes, belts, and just about anything else. Shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters were also emblazoned with logos of many different manufacturers. It appeared as free advertising space for many companies not in the clothing market as their main enterprise: to name a few; Coca Cola, Pepsi, and McDonalds.

Clothiers that marketed designer labels didn't hide them away on the inside not to be seen but rather embroidered the label, printed it or sewed it on the outside of the garment. People of the 80's seemed to have a fixation with labels—the right kind of labels, that is.

Pants in the 1980's reversed from the huge leg of the 70's to an ankle length pegged leg. The latter 80's saw very high waistlines, large yokes, and baggy legs (still pegged at the ankle).

Neon or Day Glo colors hit the fashion scene during the latter 80's in everything from T-shirt screen prints, shorts, tennis shoes, athletic wear of all kinds, to sunglasses and accessories.

The short tube dress was popular and became very tight and short before the end of the decade. This fashion was only tried out by the very thin and daring.

Designer jeans became even more popular and expensive. Those in vogue during this decade were: Calvin Klein, Jordache, Chic, Britannia, Levi Strauss, Gloria Vanderbilt, and Sassoon, just to name a few. The "Guess?" jeans hit store shelves in 1981 and were a big success. They were marketed by brothers from France and were priced around \$55.

Girbauld, another French jean, cut small in the waist and a little roomier in the rise and legs, them narrowing at the ankle, were giving "Guess?" some more competition by the late 80's. Their price tag? \$60-\$80. (Levi Strauss would turn over in his grave.)

In Paris, many things began to change. Many haute couture designers began to tap the ready-to-wear market. Ann Klein launched its less expensive Ann Klein II label; Yves St. Laurent and Donna Karan, to name a few, made fortunes giving famous designer names to less expensive but good quality clothes.

Another change, this one for the worse, was a result of the AIDS crisis felt around the globe. More than a few venerable designers were taken by this fatal disease. Halson, Angel Estrads, and Perry Ellis were all its victims. Fashion houses in Paris and elsewhere in the world felt the loss severely.

Fashions in the 80's had a great sense of style and freedom. Almost anything worked; pants, skirts of all lengths, flat shoes, and heels reminiscent of the "stiletto" heel of the 50's. Style and simplicity were a continuing presence.

FASHION OF THE '80s

This was the action decade in which fashion became extremely versatile and offered men and women a variety of styles, fabrics, colors, and images.

1980 was the decade women were in transition. Lifestyles for families were changing, the economy was changing, more women entered and moved up within the work force and personal interests were varied. The fashion industry also underwent some important changes. The following are notable events of the fashion world in the '80s.

- * The fashion industry became more international.
- * Yves Saint Laurent became a public company.
- * The first new Paris couture house in 20 years. (Christian Lacroix in 1987)
- * AIDS thinned out many talented fashion designers.
- * Many designers turned out up to 20 collections a year.
- * Mass-market fashion and catalogs got much better.
- * Couturiers decided to rip themselves off for a change and started a score of less expensive lines.
- * Men and women spent time in the gym trying to double their strength and improve their bodies.
- * Lycra stretchwear went from functional to fashionable, Reeboks became "public transport."
- * The bodysuit made a comeback, focusing on a trim torso.
- * Shoulders reached epic proportions, some like football players while waists and hips were trimmed in tight skirts, and stretch pants.
- * Day-Glo Body Glove answered womens' request for walking and running wear.
- * Guess? Jeans hit the stores in 1981.
- * Jane Fonda creates designer sweats for her aerobic workouts.
- * A less expensive Anne Klein II label is launched in 1982.
- * Swatch watches hit big in 1983.
- * Karl Lagerfeld takes over at Chanel in 1983.
- * The first shows of Japanese designers in Paris provoked both controversy and acclaim in '81. Many of their designs were considered classic by the end of the decade.
- * Karl Lagerfeld defined the whole fashion point of the 80's as spindly black leggings, or tights, with or without feet.
- * Leggings paired up with big blazers, baggy sweaters, silk taffeta shirts, and sequined T-shirts.
- * Black was a super power in the '80s. Black tight pants, flat black ballet slippers, and black dresses.
- * First Benetton shop opens in the U.S.
- * The Princess of Wales (Dianna) was the world's top cover girl.

- * Gianfranco Ferre, the Italian former architect, was brought in to revive Christian Dior, bringing back glamour.
- * Madonna released "like a Virgin"; ripped jeans, lace and bustiers became the rage. (1984)
- * The early 80's were concerned with the environment, natural fabrics like cashmere and cotton were very popular. Real furs were banned or shunned by many.
- * Later 80s brought a desire for man-made rayon and the acetates.
- * T-shirts were printed with animal prints, Op art designs, puff paints, sequins and fringe.
- * Ralph Lauren creates roughwear, extending his realm into the all American family, even accompanying them into the country.
- * Calvin Klein elevated the simple shapes of T-shirts, blazers and sports clothes in to high style using the most luxurious silks, satins, and suedes.
- * Women's fashion this decade has been a paradox of increased womanpower and the riot of sexy fashion. A cross between power dressing for work, but being approachable and feminine at home etc. Confusing eh?
- * Giorgio Armani refined the suit, be it trousers or skirt, until it was as soft and fluid as a dress.
- * Perry Ellis dies 1986
- * American designers supplied fashion in the great sportswear traditions, from T-shirts to simple sweaters to country tweeds.
- * 1989 Donna Karan creates her less expensive DKNY line.
- * As the '80s drew to a close, personal rather than ready made style gained new value.
- * Consumers are regarded as more sophisticated than any previous generation. Classic styles took over quick changing trendy fashion.
- * Blue denim shirts and jeans, western details, jeans and blanket coats were great.
- * The GAP expands and continues as a big supplier for casual, classic styled young fashions.
- * Ethnic prints, nautical styles and country prints a big the last half of the decade.
- * Men's ties sprouted floral pattern and bold bright
- * Shorts became a year 'round style using fabrics like denim and corduroy and are worn both by guys and gals.



Silhouette - ?????

Since the 1990's are just beginning, anyone can take a guess at the fashions we are in store for! Predictions, even when made by the experts, are sometimes wrong. The following predictions are from Vogue 1990, Elle 1990, and Glamour 1990 magazines.

"There are no rules anymore. One moment, clothes are stark and simple, the next lavishly decorated. Now day is night and night is day - with velvet adding verve to breakfast meetings, and sporty leggings giving dinner jackets a new kick. There's no method to the mania and no manual to get you through.

There is no universal hem length anymore. Everything is relative. The possibilities are endless. So maybe it was easier in the 50's when everyone had the same twinset and pearls. Even in the psychedelic 60's, the blue jeans and beads offered solace of a uniform. But by the time the 70's faded into the 80's, denim was part of the Ralph Lauren lifestyle, and there was a certain sameness to clothes everywhere. Power suits and Polo play clothes.

In the fax-paces 90's, the distinguishing feature is personal style."

Voque, . March 1990

"In the 90's, trends won't exist as we know them. What makes for style? Humor, confidence and intelligence", declares Norma Kamili.

Voque, March 1990

A theme of concern for all of us in the 1990's is the environment, and this serious subject has been taken seriously by many in the fashion industry. From the April Elle magazine:

"We've got the greenhouse effect, polluted air, water and soul, not to mention acid rain and extreme natural disasters....There's tons of garbage and no place to put it, and we can kiss the rain forest good-bye if we don't stop its destruction now.

Recently...big names in the fashion and design world have also gotten involved in the effort to clean this place up and keep it that way."

Ecology is on everyone's mind and on some designers' clothes. From Body Glove, a swim wear designer, we read a slogan printed right on the collection: "Keep our ocean blue and our water clean". From Katherine Hamnett, a long-time environmentalist, comes the slogan on T-shirts, "Clean up or/Die", which pretty much says it all.

Franco Moschino, known for his outrageous and whimsical design, is another proponent of the message T-shirt. He urges us to "Save our Seas, Stop Acid Rain, Protect the Ozone Layer, and Stop Using the Ocean as a W.C.

ESPRIT, a large California-bases company, has created the <u>Explore the Parts</u> tote bag that can be used over and over, eliminating the need for plastic or paper bags. The theme is... "Have Taste, Don't Waste!" Inside the tote are words urging us not to trash the earth in the name of progress. ESPRIT also has children's T-shirts that carry the save-the-environment theme.

Patagonia sporting apparel wants to give something back to the earth. They sponsor recycling centers, use biodegradable packaging, and give 10% of its pre-tax profits to various environmental groups.

Burlington knitted fabrics has developed Green Vista, a collection of knitted fabrics that are made and packaged formaldehyde-free. Each garment made of Green Vista knits will carry a hangtag that fives a message to the consumer: "Congratulation. You've chosen a superior product that is gentler to the environment. This is a garment you can feel good about wearing."

Designers as far away as Kafue, Zambia are producing traditional African cloth that feature buffalos, elephants, and giraffes encircled by the slogan, "EXTINCTION IS FOREVER".

Many designers are working with natural fibers and avoiding "ecologically suspect" synthetics. Some feel it is difficult for fashion designers to be "politically correct" since many chemicals harmful to;t the delicate balance of nature are used to manufacture fabric.

(Statements and phrases in quotation marks are from <u>Glamour</u>, April 1990, and <u>Elle</u>, March 1990.)

At the couture showings in Paris and London for 1990, the silhouette seemed to be in "mid-change", the exaggerated shoulders of the 80's was softening, but a new silhouette has not emerged. The look was softer and more feminine, Even men's clothing saw pastel colors and in New Your, floral patterns for men were the latest.





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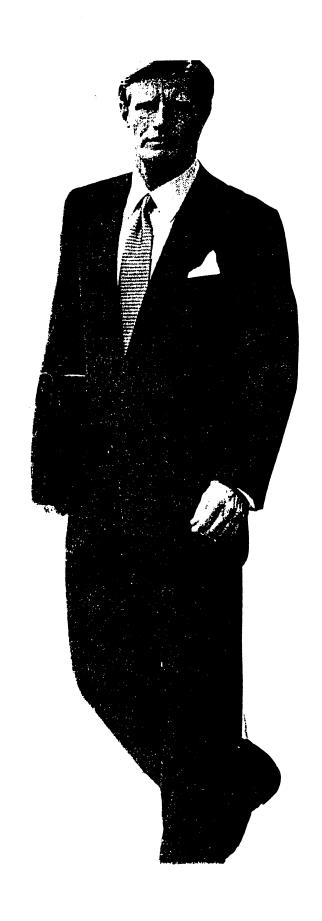


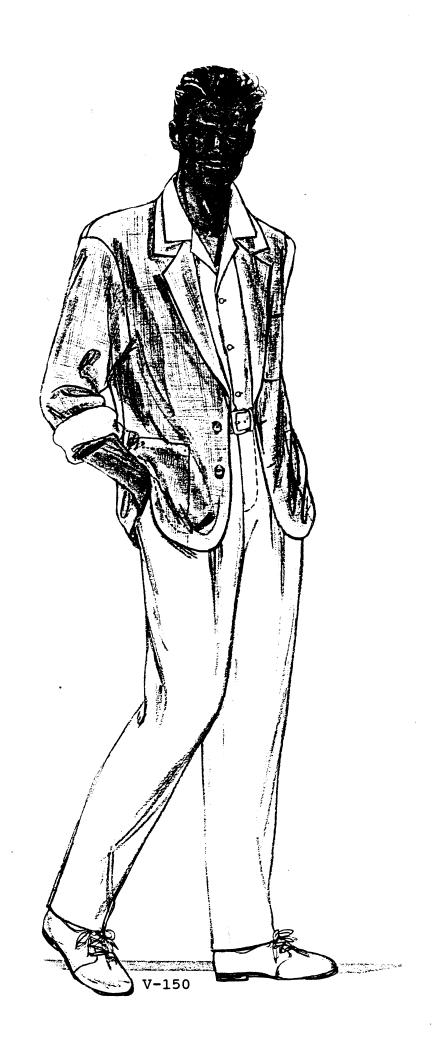






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