

# Women's realm

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## Unbroken Lines, Slim Skirt, Short Jacket, The Suit Dress—'54 Trend

By Muriel Penn

LONDON, (Reuters) — London dress designers are featuring the "long-legged look" in previews of 1954's mid-year fashions.

The popular "tulip" line of 1953 has gone, though some of its influence remains.

The London fashion kings Monday opened their spring and summer collections with emphasis on an unbroken line from bust to hem.

Keeping the dropped shoulders and artificial width of the tulip lines, they have added full-topped sleeves to stress the bust.

Hardy Amies, who made many of the outfits which the Queen is wearing on her Commonwealth tour, summed it up by saying: "The battle area this season is the bust and above."

Skirts for daytime, especially on suits, are straighter than ever.

though more walking ease is given by longer pleats set in the back.

Hemlines for the coming season vary.

**Range To 15 Inches**

Amies and Victor Steibel, who often make clothes for Princess Margaret, raise them to an average 15 inches from the ground.

Charles Creed, who specializes in tailored coats, suits and dresses, prefers 13 to 14 inches.

Suit jackets are decidedly shorter than last season and inconspicuous slit pockets have replaced the outstanding and intricately designed pockets of last year.

Double duty outfits figure in all collections with what George Mattli has called the "suit dress"—a two-piece ensemble consisting of jacket and dress which can do duty round the clock.



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**Cook's Corner**

**TOMATO CASSEROLE**

Cover bottom of casserole with bread or cracker crumbs and add can of tomatoes. Cover tomatoes with a thin layer of finely chopped onions. Add another layer of crumbs and sprinkle with pepper and salt. Cover with bacon slices and cook in moderate oven until bacon appears crisp.

Remove from oven and drop four unbroken eggs well down in the tomato. Continue baking for about 15 minutes, or until the eggs are done. Serves four.

—Mrs. Leslie Macdonald, Buxbury W. I.

## Credits "The Little Woman" For Revolution In Auto Design

By Dorothy Roe

NEW YORK, (AP) — If anyone has any lingering doubts about the economic, industrial and general importance of women, he should have a few words with Harley J. Earl, vice-president of General Motors.

If it weren't for women, he says, everybody might still be driving plain black cars, with high seats, small windshields and maybe even hand-shifted gears.

It's the little woman who has revolutionized automobile design, says Earl, who is in charge of styling. Women influence 75 per cent of all car purchases, and when women go shopping for automobiles they know what they want.

When women wrote in that they nagged their nylons and scraped their shins getting in and out of cars, front seats were redesigned. Studies made with hidden cameras

of women stepping in and out of cars showed seats were so high and threshold plates so wide that the girls were constantly striking the backs of their legs against the seat edge.

This was eliminated by dropping the seats 2 1/2 inches and moving the cushions nearer the door. The carpet also was made wider.

**Seat Control, Too**

The push-button control of seat height and pitch is another improvement directly traceable to women's influence. Remember the days when the little woman had to sit on a pillow when she drove the family car?

The new panoramic windshields also were designed with women in mind, says Earl, explaining: "Women don't watch the road as closely as men do; they visit more. For increased visibility from all angles, the front body posts in some of our new cars have been moved back about six inches, providing a clear sweep of glass around the side. The driver has an unobstructed view from the sides as well as the front."

This may, however, increase the tendency of some women to window shop while driving down main street.

## Beauty Is Half The Story In McGill Contest

MONTREAL, (CP) — The girls with the good looks will not necessarily have things all their own way when McGill University's winter carnival queen is selected.

Merna Perry, last year's queen and chairman of this year's committee, said Monday that judging will be on the basis of 50 per cent for beauty and 50 per cent for poise and personality.

Elaborate precautions are being taken to see that no "fingers" are entered; also that there will be no such monkeyshines as last year when students of Dawson College entered a Newfoundland dog.

## The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

**For Tomorrow**

INSTEAD of taking chances this day, follow well-tested procedures both in business and domestic affairs. It may take a great deal of patience, perseverance and shrewdness to handle the situations you are likely to encounter but, forewarned, you should be able to meet them with equanimity and grace.

The evening hours are less restrictive and favor both social and cultural interests. During this period, you may be the recipient of some unexpected benefit affecting your future welfare.

**For the Birthday**

If tomorrow is your birthday, the months immediately ahead should find the celestial spotlight focused on your personal relationships and it is in this field that you will have your most interesting and stimulating experiences. Imagination and creative ability are also favored and, in this respect, no task should be too difficult now.

Beginning with July, uncertain or lagging affairs should take a lively turn for the better. The operation of influential persons is assured, bringing not only the successful culmination of projects already in work, but added prestige and popularity. Home and family matters move into focus during October and you may have to use a great deal of diplomacy to avoid dissension. Avoid extravagance in November and December this year. A child born on this day will be intuitive, intellectual and extremely versatile.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

**Q.** How does a woman secretary identify herself on the telephone to other business people, as Miss Jones or as Mary Jones?

**A.** Usually, as Miss Jones. However, if she is well acquainted with the other persons and they know her by her first name, it is quite all right for her to announce herself as Mary Jones.

**Q.** Does a man who is traveling alone prefix "Mr." when registering at a hotel?

**A.** No; he merely registers as John B. Green, Peoria, Ill.

**Q.** If a widow has a son with the same name as his late father's and he marries, how do she and her daughter-in-law write their names?

**A.** The widow adds "Sr." to her name.

## Morning Smile

When a motorist who had crashed into a telegraph pole and brought down the wires recovered consciousness, his hands were clutching the wires.

"Thank Heavens," he exclaimed fervently. "It's a harp!"

## Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

**Kid Gloves**

If the kid gloves are too small in the wrist they can be stretched by dampening on the inside with water, then stretching them on a glove stretcher until thoroughly dry.

**Celery Soup**

To make good celery soup, take one cup of chopped celery, then boil in one quart of beef broth until tender. Season and serve with crackers.

**Inflamed Nose**

An effective remedy for an inflamed nose is the frequent use of witch hazel and pure alcohol.

## How Can I...?

By Anne Ashby

**Q.** How can I avoid the possibility of burning the hands with steam if the tea-kettle already has some hot water in it?

**A.** Hold the spout under the faucet to fill it to the top, and there will be no danger of burning the hands.

**Q.** How can I remove a bit of egg yolk that has accidentally gotten into the white when separating the two?

**A.** Use a small piece of wet cloth to remove the yolk; it will cling readily to the cloth.

**Q.** How can I remove rust from steel?

**A.** Rub with emery dipped in turpentine. Follow this by polishing with a dry piece of emery paper.

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## ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

We went for an old-time winter "hayride" last night, though it was a bundle of straw instead of hay which made a soft cozy seat for the women of the party, in the heart of a deep-boxed wood-sleigh of the farm.

"You wouldn't ask women to ride in the like of that!" we overheard James exclaim of the waiting and rather bare conveyance to those of a young generation little experienced in travelling other than by some motor-driven machine. "Have we no straw?"

"Won't they have wraps?"

There was no reply but when we came presently to join them, we found it cushioned thus softly — some next to another farm-house door to increase the number of passengers and setting a course into the north were then on our way to attend a gathering in this community's hall at a crossroad.

Though James who chose to remain at home, declared "it would be hardship enough to have to be abroad this cold frosty night on an errand of necessity or mercy, let alone one of amusement," we doubt if there was ever a night of January more enchanting. It was as calm as a night in mid-summer, clean and pleasantly crisp and very beautiful. Far above in the exquisite night-blue, the stars lit their jewelled candles; and all about and beyond toward the rim of the valley, the moon in her full glory lent a rare and lovely brightness to the silent reaches of farm-lands.

The horse's steps crunched through the snow; for us, the sleigh-runners slipped into the measures of an old tune as did the sleigh-bells that sent out their chiming to echo musically on the clear frosty air. We went by the present winding and extended winter trail which takes one by spells on the roadway and again leaves it to wander along the strange white fields.

"I wouldn't like to go far," by horse and sleigh—it's too slow," a youngster remarked with a show of impatience.

"But I like it." Gaze said looking out at the winter wonderland about—meadows with their fascinating moon-shadows, the farm-places with their snow-white roofs. "I remember... one time we went in a sleigh to a Christmas school-concert... all of us. It was on a night like this, though not so frosty, but with the moonlight, a mystic on the white of the snow."

"I always remember it because," his voice died away as he thought of silent communion with the best.

There were memories of other nights... and much laughter over the one at hand; on occasion there was the momentary excitement of passing seriously through the deeper drifts and at length when we had reached the end of the moonlit trail there were the lights and a fire to welcome us home.

Tonight is quietly over-hung. It is not a night to be abroad but the one to sit at home with James, to relive again with him, remember the snowy trails of the long ago.

Until tomorrow... Diary... Good-night.

## A Beauty of The Ballet "Lilac Garden"



Opening country-wide tour in the Maritime provinces, Canada's National Ballet Co., is now appearing in Montreal, where Jacqueline Ivings of Victoria B.C. is enjoying rest before embarking to Toronto. From there the National company is due to appear in London, Brantford and Hamilton, after which 45 dancers from every province in Canada are scheduled to take the big step. Dates have been lined up also in the U.S. at Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Seattle — covering a month in all. The company made its debut on Nov 12 1951, after extensive preparation in Toronto, their base of operations. Since then it has appeared in 40 cities or towns and travelled 20,000 miles from ocean to ocean.

## "Lilac Garden" Snow Ball Queen Danced By National Ballet In Toronto

TORONTO, (CP) — The National Ballet Company opened a week-long run here Monday night with a program of three works, including Anthony Tudor's famous "Lilac Garden", one of the most impressive works of the group's repertoire.

The other performances were another Tudor ballet, "Gala Performance", and "Casse-Noisette." Cella Franca, director of the company, danced the role of the French ballerina in "Gala Performance." Louis Smith was the Italian and Irene Apine the Russian dancer.

Herbert Whittaker of The Globe and Mail said Miss Franca "came out on top... although Louis Smith was immensely satisfying as the icy Italian."

"Irene Apine, who had been in fine form as the leading dancer of "Casse-Noisette" earlier in the evening, characterized her ballerina less than did the other two."

Blonde Beverley Binder, 17, Queen of the Snow Ball at St. Catharines collegiate. She was voted the title on the basis of beauty, poise and personality.

## DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN—

**Both Parents Work**

**Husband Says Children Would Be Happier If Wife Stayed Home**

DEAR MISS DIX: My wife and I have been married 12 years and have three children. We have been very happy except for the fact that we both work six days a week on different shifts, so we see little of each other. I want her to give up her job as I'm quite able to care for my family. The only time we have together is Sunday evening, and frequently she wants to go bowling that night with the women who work with her. I think we should go out together that one evening. I'm sure our home life could be happier if she'd give up her job. Before she went to work our home was always neat, now it's untidy. We own our own home, have a car, and modern conveniences.

S. M.

**CHILDREN MORE IMPORTANT THAN JOB**

ANSWER: As you described your home life, it certainly appears that even what harmony exists will not last long if your wife doesn't do something about restoring it. Every home needs some center of control, our household is at sixes and sevens. The children, even though of school age, are not old enough to look after themselves, especially with all the unsupervised time on their hands. Apparently you've used every argument you can think of to persuade your wife to remain home; perhaps you know someone whose influence might be stronger—perhaps a manager at her place of business, a doctor who could point out the dangers to the children's health unless they have more attention, a minister who could produce very cogent arguments. Do try to get at least one of them to show her the other side of the story.

Working mothers are no novelty, but usually they have sound reasons for holding jobs, and at least they make sure that their children receive proper care. Your wife apparently has no financial problem, her presence at home would definitely improve the family's welfare and she is risking the loss of your love, as well as endangering the children's upbringing and safety, by insisting on holding a job.

DEAR MISS DIX: I am 31, and have a wife and four children. My working hours are such that I must sleep during the day. However, my wife's relatives are almost always here in the afternoon, so sleep is impossible. They seem to think I'm lazy because I'm in bed and my wife does nothing to keep them quiet.

L. G.

ANSWER: You are surrounded by a bunch of nitwits! With your wife as chief dunce? Even children can be taught that a man who works at night must sleep during the day; your in-laws are prize inconsiderate to play the radio or turn on television when you are trying to rest. Tell your wife unless more consideration for you is forthcoming you'll be forced to engage a room in a hotel, the cost of which will deduct from the house allowance. Be firm about this.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of interest through this column.

## Bringing Up Baby

Hints Collected by The Sun-Celebrity (Mother of 5)

Visiting with baby often presents the problem of how to keep him amused in strange surroundings. One mother's happy solution: she makes up a special toy kit strictly for visiting. Nothing familiar goes into the kit to choose things baby hasn't seen for awhile. In the fun of re-discovery baby keeps absorbed, forgets to demand attention.

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## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

**PROLONGED SLEEP TREATMENT OF MENTAL CASES**

After living through World Wars I and II, we are not surprised that so many men and women are suffering mentally and emotionally and that our mental clinics and mental institutions are fully occupied. In fact, if the "stock market" of treatment had crashed, many more mental hospitals would be needed.

It is of interest to learn that another method, rather than shock, of rendering a mental patient unconscious, is now giving excellent results in the hands of skilled psychiatrists.

In the Medical Press, Paris, Dr. A. Deschamps and M. Cadoret report their results by inducing prolonged sleep in mental patients. Prolonged sleep as induced by these two physicians differs from artificial hibernation (sleep caused by drugs) because it is induced merely to aid the effect of drugs. The depth of the sleep and the duration of the treatment are less important than the degree of relaxation secured.

Treatment by this method proved safe even in aged patients with heart disease and high blood pressure.

Strict medical supervision is required and the drugs used to block the nerve centers should be withheld gradually at the close of the treatment. The sleep produced is calm and the patients are relaxed and indifferent. Breathing is regular and the pulse usually normal, and there nearly always is a drop in the blood pressure.

This method of inducing prolonged sleep was used in treating 15 patients with various psychiatric conditions who had not been helped by other methods of treatment or whose general condition was too poor for shock treatment.

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## Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is advised with this sentence? "He advised me that the groom would meet his bride at the church."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inherent"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Exhilarate, exhausive, exonerate, excommunicate.

4. What does the word "perspicacious" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with pe that means "to disturb greatly"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He told (or, informed) me that the bridegroom would meet his bride at the church." 2. Pronounce in-her-ent, first e as in here, second e as in rent, accent as we realize that there are more patients in mental institutions than in all other hospitals combined but we should keep in mind that our psychiatrists were able to discharge to home and occupations the majority of patients before these new discoveries, the shock method of treatment and the refrigeration and nerve-block methods, were in use.

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