



Woman's World Protection, Comfort Important In Infant or Toddler Garments

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WILL OUR MERCHANT MARINE BE JUNKED ONCE AGAIN?

WITH THE WAR OVER there is now an agitation for the scuttling of the merchant marine commission, and turning our future on the seas over to the department of commerce. Those interested in the maintenance of a real place for this country in ocean shipping are not thrilled at that prospect.

The merchant marine commission's program calls for the sale, or junking of the some 2,000 Liberty ships built for early war service. Of the larger, faster, turbine-driven Victory ships they would utilize under private operation all that it is possible to find a place for. The government would lay up, and care for, some 500 ships as a merchant marine reserve. That reserve would be a protection against war needs until such time as the danger of a Third World war has passed.

There has been opposition to the payment of what has been termed shipping subsidies. The marine commission calls such payments an "equalization of operating costs." This is a device like our tariff on foreign made goods, which enables the American manufacturer to pay the American standard of wages and still compete with the low wages of Europe. It is the buyers of shoes and things who maintain that wage standard.

The United States government fixes a minimum wage standard for American seamen that is far above the wage paid for the same jobs on ships flying the flags of other nations. For example: The common sailor on an American ship must be paid not less than \$72 a month. On a Japanese ship a sailor, doing exactly the same job, is paid \$11 a month. That difference in pay, and the difference in subsistence costs, is what the equalization payments cover.

The merchant marine commission is fearful we will again do as we did following World War I. The fleet we built, at tremendous cost, for use in that war was sold for junk after the war was over. Many of the ships were broken up and used in building Ford cars. In World War II we spent billions of dollars for ships, without which we could not have won the wars in Europe and Asia. The department of commerce could sell them for junk; it could transport American products to foreign markets in foreign ships, and come another war, as in the last two, we could again start at scratch, spend more billions, if given time by our enemies, in building another fleet of merchant vessels. It would be cheaper to keep the merchant marine commission, and those of greatest value of the ships we now have. Before taking any hasty action let us know more definitely the intentions of the Russian Bear.

WORKERS CAN NOW AFFORD STEAKS AND STRAWBERRIES

SOME YEARS AGO I heard an employer say to members of a labor committee who were asking for an increase in wages: "Because I eat sirloin steaks you think you should have the same quality of meat. You should be thankful that you can have steaks." I recalled that statement recently when in a food market, and noted what people were buying. A worker's wife bought fresh strawberries, then selling at 50 cents a pint box, enough for a family of six; with them she had frozen peas and some other delicacies. A one time employer, now retired, and living on such fixed income as he derived from savings, purchased three pounds of second grade potatoes, a head of cabbage and a bunch of carrots. The day has arrived when it is the workers who eat the sirloins.

RUSSIA UNDER LENIN tried Marxian communism for a few months only. It did not work, and the turn was to state socialism. After Lenin's death the turn was to state capitalism, with Stalin as the dictator such an ideology calls for. All three systems have much similarity. In all, the state is supreme. The citizen is not the master but is subservient to the bureaucracy that rules him. A majority of the American people would not subscribe to the Russian form of government. They value their individual freedom.

WHEN THEY ARE MAD, members of the congress think about America. When they are not, they think first about appeasing the voters of the minorities.

LORD HALIFAX, FOLLOWING World War II, believes in the civilization-saving qualities of rural America, as did another great Englishman, Arthur Balfour, following World War I. In an article in Collier's, Lord Halifax said: "If anyone has a doubt about the soundness of the American people, let him shake the dust of the great cities off his feet and get out into the country and the small towns. There he will find the roots of America growing as steadily as ever in the past."

WHEN we think of clothes for babies, most of us make the mistake of clothing them, at least in our thoughts, with ruffles and billowy dresses. Actually, though, the most important considerations in making baby's clothes sensible are comfort, protection, room for rapid growth and room for plenty of movement.

So, when you plan a layette, or do some sewing for a friend with a baby, don't get too sentimental. The gift-type garment may bring most Ahs and Ohs from friends, but the mother will appreciate simplicity and ease of placing the garment on the baby most of all, and this should be your main aim. It certainly will be your main theme if you've ever tried to dress a squirming, wriggling youngster.

The garments you'll want to avoid are those with tiny collars that wrinkle and crush easily, garments that have to be slipped over the head, and tight, gathered sleeves. Whenever you can, make clothing for baby with wide, raglan sleeves because these slip on so easily. Show a definite preference for garments that open and close in front, particularly nightgowns and the like that can be folded over and tied.

Fabrics may be just a little difficult to find, but remember to choose those that are soft and fine: batiste, soft muslin, voile, extra-soft flannel and crepe. The seams may be French fell, flat hand-rolled or bound.

Special Care Needed For Toddler's Clothes

Have you ever watched a baby learning to crawl or reach? Notice this next opportunity you have and see how much leeway the garment has to have to accommodate all this activity. The sleeves should be loose and free so as not to put any strain on the youngster. The little seat of the pants comes in for its share of the strain too. Little rompers or panties for the baby at the creeping stage need extra fullness at the back, and should be shorter in the front because of the positions they get themselves into.

Because toddler's garments come in for their share of buttoning and



If you're sewing for baby...

unbuttoning, you will want to make these as secure as possible. Top tips which you will want to follow for sewing on buttons are these: first, use only a single thread; second, do not make the mistake of sewing on the buttons too tight. There is pull and strain on the button that easily gives way if it hugs the garment too tightly.

Save the Sentiment, Lean Toward Practical

All mothers want their youngsters to have lovely pastel coats of soft wool with silk linings. This is a nice sentimental gesture, but actually this type of coat is more practical if made with flannel or challis that is unlined. Then the coat is more easily made, simply washed and more durable.

Another good idea is to spend time making rompers in several sizes for the toddler. Boys, of course, use rompers as soon as they begin to crawl, but it isn't such a bad idea to make rompers for little



Make them sensible and practical.

girls, too. Dresses may be lovelier, but if you will notice, they easily get in the baby's way, and she may trip and fall more often than necessary. Dress the child as if she

Figure-Hugging



This duotone wool suit from Gunth sports a figure-hugging jacket and turn back collar and cuffs. The blouse is matching African marigold rayon crepe and the belt is ginger pigskin. The halo hat is made of straw, banded in velvet.

were an active youngster instead of just a pretty doll, and the baby will be much better off.

Always make little girl's dresses with large hems. Then as the child grows, the hems can be let out and more wear achieved from the garment.

A little girl's dress should have an opening sufficiently large around the neck to permit easy getting in and out. Only one button is used for this opening.

Very large or small buttons or snaps and hooks are considered poor choice for youngster's garments. Child authorities say that it is easy for the child learning to dress to use the medium-sized flat button, but he is lost with the outside or small size. Teach him self reliance by making it easy for him to dress himself.

For boys' one-piece garments, use a drop seat controlled by a belt. This is easy for the boy to manage even at an early age and looks neat. The drop seat can have an elastic run through a casing so that it snaps back into place easily after being stretched.

Laundering Tips

Study the directions that come with your garments when you wash them. It's no longer true that everything must be washed in the hottest water possible.

Sort clothing so that all similar colors are washed at one time with light clothes first.

Bluing follows the final rinse, and is usually given to all white clothes to prevent them from turning yellowish after age. Starching follows the bluing process, but in many cases these two are combined when you use a ready-made starch that has the bluing already added to it. This mixture is ready to use and is just diluted as directed. Select a ready-made starch that is smooth, otherwise you will have difficulty mixing it with the water.

Clothes should be properly hung to save ironing time. A garment hung on the "off grain" will not iron well and will not set properly when worn. Hang dresses by the skirts or at the shoulder seams; hang socks by the top so as not to put unnecessary wear on the foot, etc.

Iron rays and synthetic fabrics according to instructions that come with them. Your heating guide on the iron will be an invaluable aid in applying the correct amount of heat to each type of fabric.

Summer Fashion Notes

For beach and sports wear, these are the fabrics found most suitable: shantung, calico and chintz. Select them in their brightest, gayest colors.

Brown and white spectator sports dresses will, I think, always be popular during the summer. When they match shoes and bags, they give the impression of neatness and trim.

You'll find few sleeves on dresses for sportswear of this type, the idea being that you want as much sun as you can get, and also, no sleeves will offer more freedom for playing.

Felts are scheduled to be made in a tempting array of colors, and you'll find many of them made for easy traveling because a big boost in this department is expected in the coming months.



Jimmy Durante at Yale

Jimmy Durante was a guest at the Yale commencement exercises the other day. The Yale classic festivities coincided with the opening of Jimmy's latest movie "Two Sisters From Boston" in the college town. Both Yale and the picture people made the most of it. No result was announced officially, but observers say Yale lost another close one.

Believe it or not, the class of 1913 adopted Durante. And in one of the class costumes "The Schnozzle" paraded in the traditional commencement parade, did his stuff at the annual ball game and was photographed being welcomed by Pres. Charles Seymour of Yale and Mrs. Seymour, a distinction not recorded by the photographers in the case of Trygve Lie, secretary of the United Nations, and many notable Americans present for honorary degrees.

Proving that by the scale of cock-eyed values existing in this screwball age there is no limit to how far a radio celebrity and Hollywood star may go.

News that Jimmy Durante would be a Yale commencement figure drew out greater crowds than any commencement in years and there are those who insist that the closing line of the famous old Yale theme song was rendered "For God, for Country and for the Schnozzle."

"I never realized them Yale scouts was even watchin' me," said Jimmy. "I admit I never stopped Harvard or Yale, but on the other hand I kept Notre Dame from getting on the Yale schedule."

"I was always a Yale man at heart, even if my soul belonged to the University of Hard Knocks and my body to good old Crossley Ratings. Blue is my favorite color and I'll see that it gets a break in television."

"I was cut out to be a college man, but in my youth I could never get much practice in punting and drop kicking on account of them low ceilings in Greenwich village night-eries. My first words as a baby were 'Boola Boola.' I was christened James but my folks called me Ellihu for short. And I was shorter than most kids."

"Yale was in my blood. I could feel it thumping there, but not getting nowhere. Maybe it was on account of the good blocking by Harvard and Princeton."

"I wanted the higher education but I was particular. I said it's Yale or nuthin' with me. Yale lost that one too!"

CAN YOU REMEMBER—

Away back when you took it in the right spirit if somebody offered you a dollar?

And when packing a picnic box with cold meats was no problem whatever?

Love and Flagpoles

America must be getting back to normal. A couple were married on top of a flagpole the other day.

Marshall Jacobs, a professional flagpole sitter and Yolanda Cosmar, the girl of his choice, went through the wedding ceremony of the year at Coshockton, Pa. The wedding numbers were announced as "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" and "I Love You Truly." We would have recommended "Don't Fence Me In" and "Upsie Daisie."

Evidence of a return to daftness in this country is most comforting. And we needed a demonstration of true and unswerving love and devotion. When a bride goes up to the top of a 176 foot flagpole for her man that is it.

Why America Is Great

"I have seen magnificent universities in America. I have seen its wonderful laboratories and its museums of which old European culture would be proud, and I have also seen Lions' club luncheons where full-grown men, imitating lions, roared upon command. It is a curious country." — Ilya Ehrenburg, visiting Russian writer.

We know a Lions' club, Ilya, in which a college dean leads the roaring and a laboratory chief tosses his head while he roars like a Nubian species.

What this country needs is a good five cent dollar.

"Times Square Ticket Agency Robbed"—headline.

It's about time.

General Eisenhower says three big factors made victory in Europe possible. He fails, however, to mention the number one factor that broke Hitler down: The way the Yanks said, "Oh yeah," to Adolf's milk addresses!



Codling Moth May Be Controlled by DDT

Drawbacks Present in Application to Apples

By W. J. DRYDEN

By far the most effective material tried against codling moth is DDT, according to Prof. S. W. Harman of Geneva experiment station. These findings were backed up at Oklahoma station, which found it more effective than arsenate of lead.

Present drawback seems to be that in some cases rather severe infestation of red spider in the apple



Codling moths in apples.

orchards follow the application of DDT. When DN 111 is used to control red spider, damage to foliage results. New York found that the destruction of the natural enemies of the European red mite by the DDT spray, resulted in increased numbers of that pest. Further tests are under way and care is advocated in spraying for codling moth until more information is available. Where heavy spraying with lead arsenate has not controlled codling moth, growers are justified in adopting a DDT program.

Know Your Breed

Swiss Jura

By W. J. DRYDEN

This photo shows a Swiss Jura stallion going through its paces at a Bernese Jura, Switzerland, fair. The breed has proven its worth in



many respects, having proper temperament, strength and resistance to disease.

The Jura horse is of exceptionally strong build, is tame and docile, the stallions may even be used for all types of farm work. The breed offers excellent possibilities for certain sections of America.

Protected Water Pail

Drinking fountain protector made from electric welded wires, permits poultry putting

their heads through to drink, but keeps their feet out. Maryland station has found this device an aid in reducing disease and still providing a fresh water supply for the chickens.



Wire Catching Hook

This poultry catching hook is made from heavy wire, of any length suitable to the user. In most cases a four-foot hook will be most desirable, although if the roosts and dropping boards are deeper, 5, 6 or even 8 feet may be advisable.

Litter Pigs May Need

Iron to Cure Anaemia

When litter pigs show anaemia they may be treated by being given small doses of iron in the form of reduced iron or sulphate of iron. By placing a quantity about the size of an aspirin tablet, back of the pig's tongue, when the pigs are a few days old and repeated in about a week, improvement will usually be found, according to Stanley Curtis of Nova Scotia agricultural department.

Cement Raised Pigs

Show Excellent Gain

It is possible to raise pigs profitably on concrete according to findings of a Minnesota experiment. Pigs kept continually on concrete after they were 10 weeks old, and during 105 days of fattening, gained exactly as much as pigs fattened on pasture. Feed consumption was about the same, the pastured pigs eating more corn but less mineral and protein. Disease control was easier with concrete raised pigs.

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS

Youthful, Versatile Two-Piecer Make This Slim Princess Dress



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Slimming Princess

Smart Two-Piecer POPULAR with every teen-ager is the attractive two-piece frock that makes up so handsomely in a variety of fabrics. This exciting version has a pretty square neck and yoke edged in ric rac, and two bows perched atop peplum pleats. Straight smooth skirt.

Pattern No. 8033 comes in sizes 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Size 11, blouse, 2 yards of 35 or 39-inch; skirt, 1 1/2 yards; 2 1/2 yards ric rac.

THIS delightfully slenderizing princess dress is ideal for the beginner—no belt to bother with, just smooth easy sewing. Narrow lace is used to edge the scalloped neck, front closing and cool wing sleeves.

Pattern No. 8056 is designed for blouse 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36, 4 yards of 36-inch fabric; 3 1/2 yards of 38-inch.

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Tins which are not badly stained can be polished well with brown paper that has been moistened in vinegar.

Colored chenille spreads should never be washed with other cottons even if they are color-fast. It is important, too, that the machine or tub be well washed first, for lint from other cotton clings to the chenille tufts and gives them a dull look you won't like.

Hang up towels to dry immediately after using them to prevent mildew. Never put a damp towel in the laundry bag or leave it in a heap on the bathroom floor.

To prevent ugly marks on your floors apply wax to the casters on your furniture.

Use old shower curtains to make aprons, bibs, place mats, or sash curtains for the bathroom.

The stems of roses and other cut flowers should be cut regularly and slantwise with a sharp knife under warm, running water. Keep the bottom stem under water while the cut is being made.

To avoid cloudy iced tea never pour hot tea over ice or place it in the refrigerator. Let the tea cool in room temperature first.

When washing hollow handled knives do not allow them to remain too long in water as this might loosen them.

To clean a soiled sponge, rub fresh lemon into it thoroughly. Rinse several times in lukewarm water.

Sew loose buttons on at once. Takes only a moment and prevents your losing the button.

Hungary's Inflation

The greatest inflation since Germany's financial collapse in the early 1920s is now disrupting the economic life of Hungary. Its pengo, whose par value is 17 1/2 cents in United States money, has dropped to the point where 3,500,000 pengos are required to purchase an article that cost one pengo before the war.



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