

Suddenly It's Spring

Yes, suddenly it's spring! It happens so quickly—you wake up one morning and there it is! You feel it in your bones, you sense it in the air, a lift comes into your step . . . and you long—literally long—to put on something bright and right and designed to make you look your prettiest.

That's why it's smart to start preparing today, regardless of the fact that snow may still powder the landscape!

What's more, this Spring it's more important than ever to economize while planning new wardrobes. That's why we suggest that you sew and save this year! You budget-minded belles know that by sewing you can make new and exciting clothes for about half of the cost to buy them ready-made!

Start planning now, and long before the first crocus is expected to push up from its long Winter's rest you'll be ready with smart, new clothes that will be as popular as any Spring Song ever written!



Going steady—Your favorite blouse and skirt ensembles! Left: Tailored tucks blouse with crisp collar and cuffs (simple to make from Simplicity Printed Pattern 2277, sizes 12-44, 25c) and the skirt you love in bold plaid making a complete circle. It's simple to make from Simplicity Printed Pattern 2359, waist sizes 24-32, 25c. Right: Simple to make turtle neck blouse with cap sleeves (Simplicity Printed Pattern 2311, sizes 12-40, 25c). Topping a flare skirt with hip extension pockets that's simple to make from Simplicity Printed Pattern 2305, waist sizes 24-32, 25c.

**BEAT INFLATION
PLANT A FREEDOM
GARDEN**

Strictly For The Girls

There's A "New Look" In Fish Too. Out of the frying pan into the broiler go up-to-date 1948 fish fashions. Fillets—those sweet, boneless cuts of your favorite fish—when topped with a puffy sauce, take on the glamour of soufflé, but without any painstaking preparation. For this epicurean sauce is mostly mayonnaise!

Broiled Fish Fillets With Puffy Sauce

- 2 to 3 pounds fish fillets
- Salt and pepper
- Fat for brushing fish
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped pickle
- Dash of cayenne pepper
- 1 egg white, stiffly beaten
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise

Wipe fish fillets with a damp cloth, season, and brush with fat. Pre-heat broiling compartment. Place fish fillets on broiling pan skin side down, about three inches from source of heat. Broil 6-10 minutes, or until just tender. Combine remaining ingredients, and spread on hot fish. Reduce heat and continue broiling till sauce is puffed and a delicate brown—about 3-5 minutes. Yield: six servings.

Tracing St. Valentine's Day To It's Origin

By Charles Francis Potter

Why has the name of such a pious, earnest Christian martyr as St. Valentine been connected with the frivolous lace-paper love conceit popularly known as a valentine?

One interpretation of the connection between the saint and the lover's feast is the suggestion made by Dr. Butler in his "Lives of the Saints" concerning a custom among the ancient Romans of celebrating a festival on the 14th of February in honor of their goddess, Februata Juno. At this feast it was the practice for boys to draw by lot the names or girls, with whom they shared in the celebration.

The early Christian pastors, it is said, desired to abolish what they called "this lewd custom of the heathen." Knowing that it would be impossible to eradicate it immediately, they proceeded to Christianize it by substituting the names of saints for the names of the girls. An old commentator says, "Thus in the mutation of time the custom has grown which now takes the form of valentines."

Officer: "Why were you racing through town at that rate?"

Man: "My brakes were out of order and I wanted to get home before there was an accident."

Two Great Americans

"The Sun Hath Come Down" on the lives of these great Americans; but with the dawn of each new day their contributions to the American way of life will be recalled in the hearts and minds of their countrymen.

George Washington is our first and most cherished love. He will live an everlasting life in our hearts and minds. Surely there were men before his day, and others have lived since who were wise, courageous, and good. The American nation must have been conceived in the minds of the first of those. But as a nation, she was not really born before 1774, and the first love of that young America was Washington. Her first word was his name; and she still proudly proclaims it. "It will be the last gasp of her expiring life!" It is true that the values of other Americans have been recognized, admired, and praised by all—"but him we love; him we all love."

"About and around him we call up no dissentient, discordant, and dissatisfied elements—no sectional prejudices nor bias—no party, no creed, no dogma of politics. None of these shall assail him. Yet; when the storm of the battle blows darkest and rages highest, the memory of Washington shall nerve every American heart."

Abraham Lincoln was born and, until he became President, always lived in a part of the country which, at the period of the Declaration of Independence, was a savage wilderness. It was a strange but happy fate, that caused this back-woodsman to feel called upon to uphold the pledges and promises of the Declaration! He was uneducated in the sense that the term would mean today; but he gave statesmen and educators things to think about for hundreds of years to come. He advocated the fulfillment of life not only for the down-trodden race in America, but for all people for all time who may seek protection under our flag. He accepted war to save the Union, the safeguard of our liberties, and re-established it on indestructible foundations as forever "one and indivisible."

It has been said of Lincoln, "He is the true history of the American people in his time. Step by step he walked before them; slow with their slowness, quickening his march by theirs, the true representative of this continent; an entirely public man; father of his country, the pulse of twenty-millions throbbing in his heart, the thought of their minds articulated by his tongue."

To quote the words of Lincoln



Basic sweet for date or travel . . . white pique fitted jacket ending in scallops which tops an almost-off-the-shoulder dress with cap sleeves and flare and flirty skirt! Made from Simplicity Printed Pattern 2370, sizes 12-20, 25c.

All In Fun

The visitor was examining the class and pulled this fast one. "Can any little boy tell me what a fish net is made of?"

The never-failing bright boy knew the answer. "It's a lot of little holes tied together with a string."

Minister: "And what does your mother do for you when you've been a good girl?"

Little Girl: "She lets me stay home from church."

An aviator flying over a city had to take to his parachute because of engine trouble. On his way through space he met a man floating up.

"Hey!" he shouted. "Have you seen an airplane going down?"

"No," replied the man. "Have you seen a boiler going up?"

"Do you really love her?"

"Do I love her? Why, I worship the ground her father struck oil on!"

himself—"Now we are contending that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."