

WOMEN WITH SHAPELY LEGS FAVOR LONGER SKIRTS

Startling Style Fact Is Revealed

Times Special
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Illogical as it may sound to the baffled male, the possessors of the shapeliest feminine legs are those taking the lead in making the all-concealing long skirts popular.

Such is the intelligence conveyed from Paris by Baron De Meyer, European fashion expert of Harpers' Bazaar.

Not piano-legged grande dames nor elongated matrons, but girls of the debutante generation have been first to adopt evening gowns reaching to the floor, he reports. And the reason is simple: Having grown up as a generation that never has known skirts below the knee, they find trailing draperies the answer to the eternal feminine quest for novelty.

"For evening wear the short skirt is dead," says Baron De Meyer in the current issue of the *Fashion* monthly. "For all occasions, in fact, save for sport and street clothes. The really smart women are making a special point of wearing very long skirts. The more even-lengthened, the more elegant they are."

"Long skirts make a big appeal to the youngest generation. Pre-war lengths being unknown to them, they find real novelty in fashion's latest departure."

"Personally, I feel grateful for any fashion doing away with unsightly visions, such as crowded rooms with rows of seated women, most heavily built, and dozens of legs of all sizes facing me."

"I've heard it said that there was no reason at all not to display unshapely legs as long as an ugly nose or disproportionately large mouth was not hidden from view. As a matter of fact, no woman ever does wear a mask because of plain features. There is, therefore, no reason to hide a leg, even when not perfect in shape."

"Be this as it may, women this season are expected to continue displaying both shapely and unshapely legs during daylight hours, on condition that they hide them from view in the evening."

The remarkable point of the present fashion, observes the Harper's Bazaar authority, is that for the first time in the history of fashion two distinct styles are worn side by side during the same season—the short skirt for day wear, the long one in the evening.

"Long evening skirts in their present form are not likely to remain a permanent feature," he continues. "They are a transitory fashion, likely to develop into the mode of tomorrow, so far uninvented."

W. C. T. U. NEWS

University Heights W. C. T. U. will hold its institute at the home of Mrs. J. L. Cummings, 4151 Bowman avenue, with an all-day meeting Tuesday, beginning at 10 a.m. Morning devotions will be led by Mrs. Emma Miller. Talks will be given by local and county directors. A noon luncheon will be served. Mrs. Eddie Penrod will lead the afternoon devotions. A special musical program has been arranged, including a duet. Mrs. L. E. York, county musical director, will lead the singing. Mrs. Sykes Ryker, president, will preside.

Frances Willard W. C. T. U. will hold its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. T. A. Berry, 525 Berkley road, Tuesday, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Rev. M. H. Reynolds of Hall Place M. E. church, will give the devotions. The ladies' quartet of Riverside M. E. church will sing. Solos will be rendered by Mrs. J. G. Moore, Mrs. Opal Chambers and S. H. Newman. Readings will be given by Mrs. J. W. Lowder, Mrs. C. J. Maines and Miss Gertrude Darling. A pantomime will be given of the little crusaders. There will be an exchange of gifts.

Zerelda Wallace W. C. T. U. will entertain on Tuesday night with a Christmas party for their husbands and friends at the home of Mrs. Mabel Newman, 1254 South Belmont avenue. Miss Beulah Bailey will lead the singing of Christmas carols, after which Mrs. Esther McCoy will read the "Christmas Story." "The Holy City" will be sung by Miss Bailey, and a musical contest will be conducted by Mrs. Mae Brown. The Rev. Victor R. Griffin will give a group of readings and the Rev. Earl Clark and Mrs. Beulah Clark will sing a duet. Mr. W. E. Tallentire, director of music in the Indianapolis public schools will play a series of violin numbers, and Mrs. Brown will read "The Polonaise," and other selections. Refreshments and a social hour will follow the program. Each member is asked to bring a donation of food or clothing, which will be given to Wheeler City Rescue Mission.

Frances Cleveland Union will meet Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Florence Richards, one-half mile south of Glenview, on the Bluff road. Mrs. W. J. Knob of Indianapolis will be the speaker for the afternoon. Mrs. Hubert Jordan will lead the devotions. Vocal duet will be sung by Mrs. Charles Orme and Mrs. Harry Orme. Mrs. Charles McLain, president, will preside.

Mary E. Balch W. C. T. U. will give a Christmas party and reception for new members at the home of Mrs. Elbert Moore, 3126 Northwestern avenue, Wednesday night at 7:30. Mrs. Minnie Waldvogel is chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Etta Irving is chairman of music and Mrs. Moore of refreshments. The Rev. Morris E. Coers will have charge of the devotions. Mrs. Mary Hensley, president, will give the address of welcome. The Rev. E. R. Moon, professor of missions at Butler university, will be the speaker. Mrs. E. A. Waldvogel will give a temper-



The modish lace jabot on a charming black velvet afternoon dress. (Courtesy of Bernard et Cie, Paris.)



PARIS, Dec. 9.

BOTH sports and daytime dresses are rather short at the house of Bernard et Cie, the only concession to the new trend being on some of the dressier afternoon gowns, which dip at back and sides. Evening gowns, however, are definitely long.

An interesting line of tweed coats is shown, intricately worked and often trimmed with astrakhan or skunk. The fur collars are usually small. Several duvetine coats are shown.

The sport suits have tucked-in collars. Gowns for afternoon wear have belts, but blouse over them with hips closely fitted. Crepe de chine is popular for afternoon wear, and lace is strong for both afternoon and evening, though velvet is most used for the latter.

At Mary Nowitzky's (to shift for the conservative to the daring), we find interesting negligees made like coats. One in green and gold lame is cut like the conventionally tailored coat, but has a high Medici collar, the whole lined in orange velvet.

Another negligee in pale blue satin has a closely fitting bodice and a very circular skirt trailing in the back. It is lined in rose.

An orange velvet coat has the trousers in printed crepe, while a cherry-red velvet coat is lined with green and has trousers in red, green and white stripes. The pajama top is close-fitting and sleeveless, of cherry-red satin.

A pale mauve coat is lined with printed brown velvet, with blue and white flowers on a brown ground. The coat has revers showing the lining, and the trousers are of the same material.

Have you had photographs taken for Christmas? Don't you think you should color one or two of them for oh, very special people? You CAN, too, I'll just promise you that you can, and even though you may not be an artist, that is, if you send a 2-cent stamp to the *Illustrated Department* of The Times for this week's illustrated leaflet. I tell you not only what kind of things to use, but just how to apply them and then pad the print down—as well as what colors to use for blondes, for brunettes, for Titan-haired people. It's interesting—better send for it.

JUST the little unusualness of the sleeve—the way the material is cut and joined—and the time-honored elegance of black velvet, lace trimmed—these made the Bernard et Cie dress sketched for you today worth while—and worth your attention and yours.

Do your miscellaneous heroes do your purloin your lovely handkerchiefs? For souvenirs? Oh, all in the name of romance, of course, oh, yes, yes! "It's not seem to make any never-minds to them at all whether it is a lovely thing or a little hunk of inexpensive chiffon.

That, in the final analysis, is a truly nice gift for a fastidious lady—after all thinking you've been doing on the subject of a gift for her, why not a really lovely ASSORTMENT of handkerchiefs? And I say "assortment" advisedly—really—slop for them, and select the different sizes and colors you think will please her.

AN REVOIR!

ance reading. A quartet, composed of Mrs. Carol Finney, Mrs. Etta Irving, Mr. Charles Null and Mrs. George Irving, will sing "White Rosebud Variations." Miss Josephine Davidson will be the accompanist. Mr. and Mrs. Carry L. Cook will sing a duet, a piano solo by Mrs. Flossie Mahn and a duet by the Rev. Fred Postma and Mr. George Irving. The "Christmas Story" will be read by Mrs. Fred Darby and another reading will be given by Mrs. W. R. Check, teacher of expression. Mrs. Sarah Mason will speak on "Supreme Womanhood," and Master Edwin Lee Elztrout will give a temperance reading. Everyone is requested to bring a ten-cent gift.

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GROUP TO PREPARE FOR CANDY SALE

Regular business meeting of Tau Gamma Sigma sorority will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Juanita Sandlin, 4611 Winthrop avenue.

Plans will be completed for a candy sale to be held Dec. 14 at the Uptown theater. Members and pledges are asked to attend the meeting.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Guy Chester Smith, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will come to Indianapolis Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Vernon Griffith, Marott hotel. Mrs. Smith will remain a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph C. Aufderheide, 4950 North Meridian street, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Aufderheide gave a small dinner party in their honor Saturday night.

Mrs. E. C. McLaughlin, 2017 North Meridian street, is in Sullivan, Ind., where she is the guest of Mrs. E. Wilson.

Mrs. W. R. Owens and Mrs. Russell Prinny, Lafayette, Ind., were the weekend guests of Mrs. Harry Styman, 2264 North Illinois street.

CARD PARTIES

Members of Victory Club, Fidelity review, W. B. A., will give a card party at 8:30 Wednesday night at the Denison hotel. Bunco and euchre will be played.

Give Tournament Party

Altar Society of St. Roch's church

will give its regular tournament

card party in the hall, 3600 South Meridian street, Thursday. Mrs. Louis Ferry is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Buergler, Mrs. X. Lloyd, Mrs. Emily Kernel, Mrs. Charles Wagner, Mrs. E. J. Heidell and Mrs. Alvin Otterbach.

A Christmas gift and doll booth will be a feature of the tournament. Free transportation will be provided from the South Meridian line.

Club to Meet

Queen Bee Club will meet on Wednesday noon for a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. W. D. Springer, 3911 Broadway.

Elect New Officers

Marion county chapter of American War Mothers will elect officers at the regular meeting at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Fletcher American Bank building.

Matsons Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Eugene Matson, 4505 Park avenue, have issued invitations for a dance to be given at 9 Tuesday night, Dec. 24, at the Woodstock Club for their son, Frederick George Matson, who will return for the Christmas holidays.

Give Studio Party

Members of the Indianapolis Zonta Club will hold their Christmas party at the studio of Ogle Klier, 421 When building, at 6 Tuesday night.

Meeting to Be Held

Children's Sunshine Club of Sunnyside will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. E. R. George, 1542 Woodlawn avenue. Assistant hostesses are: Mrs. Allen Green, Mrs. Roy Justice, Mrs. Elizabeth Foneker, and Mrs. Henry Christopher. The Rev. E. G. Bock will lead the devotions. A Christmas reading will be given by Mrs. Charles Nagel. Mrs. M. C. Campbell, music director, will have charge of a musical program. Grace Patterson will preside.

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Ire Aroused by Advice to Abused Wife

BY MARTHA LEE

I seem to have shaken the timbers of many readers by my advice to "M" in the Thursday edition of The Times. It has been just like stamping my foot to the accelerator of a car with no brakes. Tons of burning coal has been heaped upon my head.

"M" wrote a letter that told of nine years of misery, unhappiness, unfair treatment, and abuse from a husband who gave her absolutely nothing, not even a kind word occasionally. Her letter was pathetic. Her husband is a dog and deserves no pity as a human being.

Several years ago, the heartbreak and misery was twice as bad as it is now, when her little 6-months-old son died.

Now she has written to say that she has met another man, who will give her kindness, a home (which she never has had) and love.

In the meantime, her husband, characteristically mean, has developed tuberculosis. She wanted to know what she should do. Stay with him and support him, or leave him for the other man?

Never Ask Advice

First let's get this straight. No woman ever asks advice until she already has made up her own mind.

I told her to stay. I said that although her husband was a dog and deserving of no compassion as an individual. But he is not an individual. He is the husband of this woman.

Here's my objection. "M" had plenty of reasons these nine years to leave her husband. She had more reason than she has now. She just picked the wrong time, in nine years, to walk out. Any other hour, day or year excepting right now and it would have been justifiable not only in the eyes of the people, but also in her own eyes, which is much more important.

I contend that "M" who has stuck for so long, under such nerve-wracking, heart-breaking circumstances, is too loyal at heart, too true to a contract to find any happiness away from the misery of living with this man, who is her husband. He is dying. He doesn't deserve her help, but he needs it, and let me tell you if all of us get what we deserved instead of what we need, we would be a sad lot of dreck.

Some Object

But here are some of the stirrings of my feeble efforts to influence human beings to be kind to down and outers, even though they are rotters.

Dear Martha Lee—What lots of ideas you have fabricated recently for the poor downtrodden females who seek your wise counsel. Have you no compassion for poor "M" or do you take secret pleasure in giving advice, which if followed, can mean only misery and more misery?

The husband of "M" is a weakling and no one should waste time with a weakling. Why did you not advise bewildered "M" to let her husband return to his sisters and mother? A cold, hard, callous husband, who has been a back-boneless disease, which probably won't end in his tubercular nose.

Your advice would be all right if "M" can delude herself into such a state of religious frenzy that she can patch her life up with love of martyrdom. Personally I prefer the more substantial, possibly gross but anyway satisfying, material pleasures of life.

No, draw the weaklings. Listen! Static! Ideas of weaklings merely are relative, the same of ideas of martyrdom and duty and religious frenzy and satisfying pleasures of life are relative. What's martyrdom to you may be just another chair to me just another chair to dust or a choph to fry for somebody else. I didn't advise "M," anyway. She asked me what I thought and I told her. And I still think it.

Martha Lee—I am amazed at the answer you give "M" about the subject of a woman to further unhappiness? Does a woman have to further her sins?

You should have done so long ago. Let her run home to his mother and get nursed back to health. I think she deserves a chance to salvage a little happiness from the wreck this wretch has made of her life.

Mrs. H. B. gave me a raking over the coals when I put it all down. She said "I read your advice to "M" in Thursday's paper to stick to her husband and wonder how you get that way. Please tell me by what process of reasoning you could advise a woman to stay with a man who cursed, beat, abused and refused to support her."

I'm not all for this "M." I think he's terrible. But that doesn't change the situation. If she's stuck this long she never will find peace and contentment until she knows he no longer is in need of her.

The Technical High School Girl Reserve Club may expect mysterious things to happen at the next meeting at the Y. W. C. A. 6:30 Friday.

City-wide grade school girl reserve recognition ceremonial is set for Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2 at the Y. W. C. A. in Hollenbeck hall.

What it means to be a Girl Reserve, a playlet, will be given by the Girl Reserves of School 76 under the direction of Miss Helen Frances Starr. Girls of Troops 2 and 20 will sing in the processional and recessional. Mrs. Carrie Adah Campbell will speak briefly and lead

the Girl Reserve Club at School 20, of which Miss Endi Dick is the advisor, will make silver bracelets at the regular meeting. Miss Jenna Birks, Girl Reserve secretary, will assist with the group.

The planning committee of the Shortridge High School Girl Reserve Club will meet at the high school Tuesday afternoon at 3 to make plans for the Christmas meeting Dec. 18. Miss Mary Frances Litten is president of the club and Mary Shively chairman of the planning committee.

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