

# AVIATION COSTUME NEWEST THING IN SPORTS CLOTHES

## Of Course Every Woman Who Wears One Need Not Fly, but Some of Them Actually Will Pilot Machines

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**S**PORTS CLOTHES again! One simply cannot escape their lure, and there's no denying that they are the most important fashion items on this summer's horizon. One can get along with very few dressy frocks, but one must have smart sports clothes if one has the faintest ambition to be fashionably attired.

Some of the clothes are actually for sports wear, too. American girls and women do not go in for athletic sports as they did a few years ago. It is not obligatory as it was then. A woman may now admit without a blush of shame that she does not play golf or tennis, even that she does not ride or swim, though she will miss many a good time and a considerable degree of popularity if she does not do these things; but the one thing she cannot afford to neglect is the wearing of sports clothes.

Fortunately for the unattractive, sports clothes this summer are quite as decorative as they are utilitarian—far more decorative in most instances—and one may wear them for mere looking without feeling incongruously clad; but for the women who actually go in for sports there are plenty of things practical as well as good looking.

The aviation costume is the latest sports clothes fad, just as aviation is the latest of sports. Even yet there is no general feminine need of such an addition to the wardrobe, but some women do manage flying machines and more fly in the capacity of passengers, and the designers have supplied clothes for these pioneers.

Amusing and delightful costumes they are, too, usually of soft leather or oiled skin with a loose belted and pocketed coat, breeches cut like rather full riding breeches and tucked under snugly fitted puttees, and a hood or helmet which closes under the chin and has a short cape at-



Sports frock of men's wear crepe tuck and plaited.

## CHRISTENING PARTIES

**C**HRISTENING parties are growing in favor. There are many details to be considered in planning for such an event. Viewed from a practical standpoint a christening should not take place until the infant is at least two months old, as this allows sufficient time for the mother to regain normal strength. The time of day is another detail which must be carefully considered, as the baby must be at his best. This is usually after the noon or afternoon feeding so that the hour for a christening is generally 2 or 4 o'clock. As the modern baby is supposed to be kept awake in the afternoon in order to insure a good night's sleep for himself and the household there is not a wide range for choice as to time. The early afternoon hours are also suited to a gathering of the children of the immediate relatives who take a lively interest in the affair.

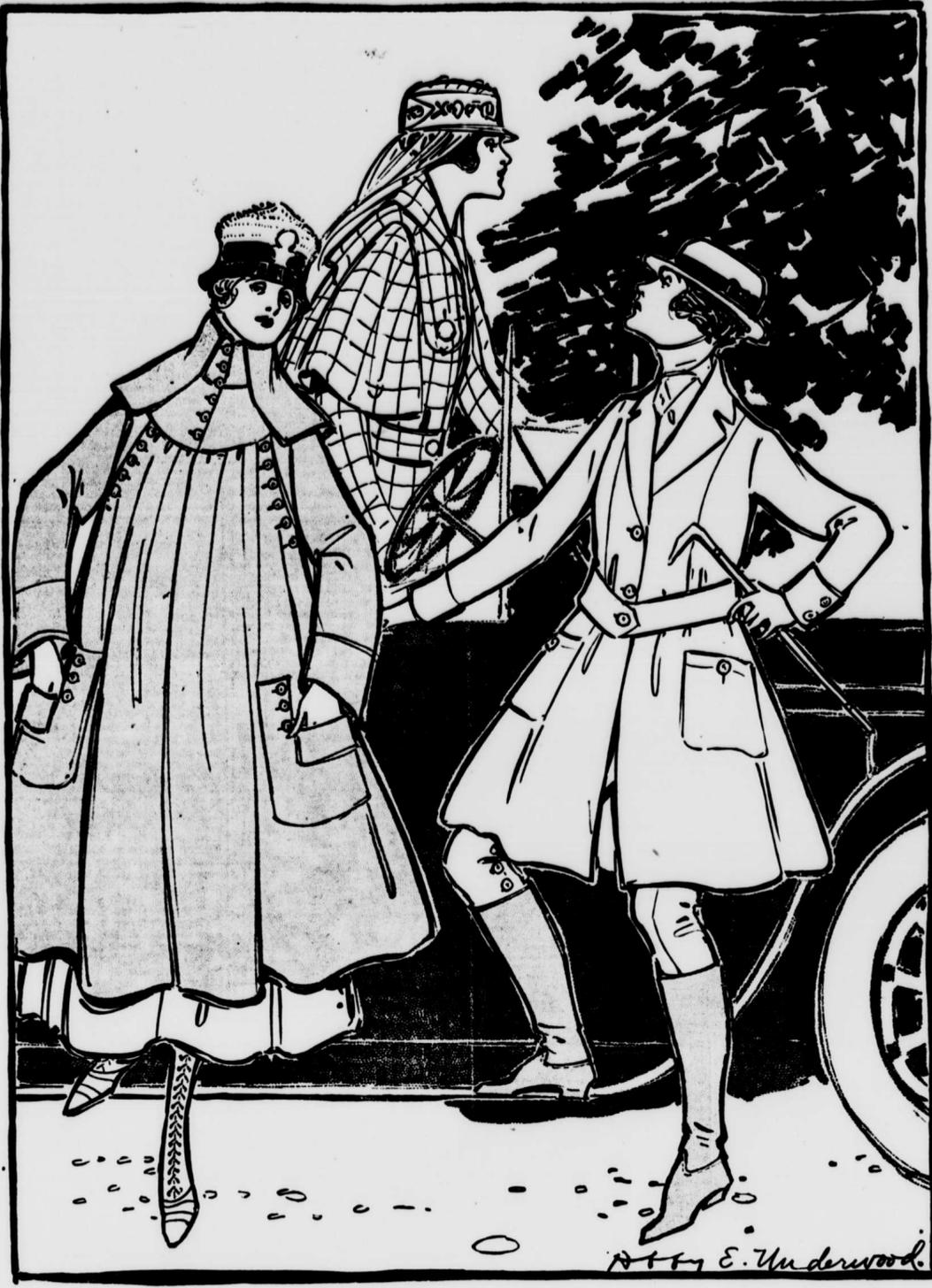
Where religious preferences make it desirable to have the baptism performed in church the guests go to the house as soon as the ceremony is over. In many cases the christening takes place at home. The decoration of the home is an important detail of a modern christening and the grouping of the christening party receives almost as much attention as the placing of a bride and her attendants. In at least one case the entire christening has been perpetuated by means of a moving picture apparatus, so that in after years the chief participant in the affair could see, by a series of films, every incident of the ceremony.

Refreshments for the children of the party should be served immediately after the christening and should consist merely of cocoa and sandwiches, followed by plain sponge cake and ice cream. Where the christening takes place soon after midday it is often followed by an elaborate luncheon, the father of the baby escorting the godmother to table and the godfather taking place soon after midday. It is often followed by a series of films, every incident of the ceremony.

Pink decorations for a daughter and blue for a son are the color schemes usually followed, as a room decorated in pure white has a funeral appearance which is anything but desirable. As pink is a more becoming color than blue many mothers prefer to combine the two colors, thus producing a charming pompadour color scheme. Sweet peas are particularly well adapted to this purpose, as they are to be found in many shades of pink, as well as in almost a baby blue.

At a recent christening the baby received congratulations quite unobtrusively as he slept in an elaborately decorated crib brought into the parlor for the occasion. The trimmings of the crib were of fine organdy and lace over pink satin, with a festoon of natural pink roses around the edge and a fringe of tiny pink rosebuds hanging from the canopy. Christening gifts from godfathers and godmothers are

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A purple motor coat, one of plaided pongee and a cross saddle habit of natural linen with brown calf boots.

clothes and are liked by those women for whom the breeches costumes are too radical. They are comfortable for almost any kind of sports wear, though not so comfortable as the breeches suits, and the latter, with the additional sport as a concession to the conventionalities in places where those conventionalities exist, are increasingly popular.

For fishing and for any wet weather sports wear there are also oiled skin

and skirt suits that are as likable as they are sensible. The oiled skin raincoat and the thin, semi-transparent rubber raincoat are well established favorites among women, and the belted coats and skirts are even more satisfactory if one is to be out long in the rain. The skirt is very short and worn over high top boots, puttees and boots, or, for fishing, rubber boots or waders. The coat is one of the loosely belted models of the Norfolk family.

These transparent raincoats just mentioned come in lovely colors—dark blue, purple, a soft greenish medium blue that when wet reminds one of sea water, yellow, light clear green, ruby, light red, etc. With hats to match they are a delightful rainy day garb and particularly gay and attractive for wet weather motoring.

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A brown oilskin coat and hat, a mountain suit of heather mixture and an aviation suit of green leather.

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## All of Them Are Amusing and Delightful, and After All the Main Thing This Season Is to Be in the Picture

Some of these coats are much like those of other years—straight, long enough to cover the knees, severely plain. Others are belted, pocketed, shorter. Still others are plaited in Norfolk fashion and rather amazingly short.

The breeches are all very much the same in cut and the horsewoman may wear puttees or high boots or gaiters. The boots in the supple of brown calf are perhaps the most popular, and look well with the natural tone being crash and the tan whipcord, while with gray whipcord black boots are the thing. A heavy white tulle skirt of mannish cut and a stock of ragged collar and tie, or a stock of informal suit and riding headgear, taken on a multiplicity of shoes since the day of the inevitable top hat or bowler.

A narrow brimmed, round crown straw sailor with dark trim is correct, but so is a low jam pot of straw or a bowler with narrow, straight rolled brim, or a soft straw hat under brim that can be turned down over the eyes for comfort. The young girls wear jockey caps sometimes, but such a cap has a rakish air upon an older wearer, even in the country.

For golf any chic sports frock, coat and skirt, loose enough for comfort, is all right and here is the opportunity for the bright sports coats and suits of silk or wool, of which much has been said in these columns, and for the smart sweaters and sport frocks.

Never was there a season when there was so much that was new and interesting in this line as the golf links should be more picturesque than ever before, because of the splashes of bright color that the women's costumes will provide.

It is, however, hard to find a good looking sweater at a moderate price to-day. Imports are uncertain in quantity and high in price and unless one wants one of the beautiful, but costly silk sweaters it is easier to content oneself with a sports coat of some attractive woolen stuff than to find the sweater of one's dreams.

A black checked or striped skirt, with sweater or sports coat in one of the colors of the check, is very generally worn, but a plain one tone skirt looks rather better because of the commingling of the other effects and the corded white cotton tub skirt, white tub silk frock, or white serge skirt with a bright sweater or coat is always excellent style.

Wool jersey belted sports coats or smocks with skirts to match are liked for tennis and general sports wear.

## Hotel Work for Women

**H**OTEL work for women is on the increase. This is due largely to the fact that hotel keeping is gradually being recognized as home making on an enlarged scale and the same talents that fit women for home making render them valuable on the staff of a large hotel. It has been said that most of the small details of comfort which mark the modern hotel, whether found in the restaurant or the bedrooms, have resulted either from the demands of women patrons or from the foresight of women engaged in different departments of the business. Now that the modern hotel includes almost all of the appointments of the home, from nursery and playroom to private suites for family use or entertaining, the woman's view of things is growing in importance.

While the housekeeper will probably remain the highest paid woman hotel employee, the number of women in other departments is increasing. In some of the larger hotels the head bookkeeper is an expert woman accountant. To her all the cashiers and checkers turn in their slips, she attends to the drawing of checks in payment for all bills, and she also acts as paymaster for the entire payroll of the house. Such a job calls for a secretary on her part, the woman who is the keeper, in addition to room and board in many cases, and is one of the most responsible and difficult positions to fill.

Every hotel has one or more stenographers available, the number depending upon the needs of the house. These young women, who are often called public stenographers, their income depending upon the work turned out to them by patrons of the house, the hotel paying them no salary, but giving them desk room and the use of typewriters in exchange for a certain number of hours of work each day, either in correspondence or in the line of clerical work in connection with the various departments of the house. Such a stenographer is usually a notary public and picks up extra money in the way of fees for such services.

The private secretary in the manager's office is another woman, and competent to page what is needed, book different guests will meet them, recommending suitable books and attentively listening to the literary and dislikes of the guests is an important feature of her work, and she is to follow up the references of the borrowed books and see that they are returned to the library without retaining the volume charged against her name.

Where the library work is not done by the librarian is often expected to assume some definite line of general work which can be carried on without absenting herself from the hotel. In the absence of a hotel business the librarian that women guests find for information as to shops, restaurants and points of general interest in the city. This sometimes develops into doing more or less chaperoning during the evenings.

In residential hotels there are sometimes a trained dietitian in charge of the meals served in the dining room, nurses' dining room, and a woman kindergarten in the hotel, where children may be left in the care of parent or governess.

To make good use of her time, a woman must be always ready to answer expected calls. The knowledge of one other language besides her own is a valuable acquisition in the business, and merely a passing acquaintance with French, German, Italian or Spanish is a definite advantage. Her spontaneity is usually needed in the most important business, and her efficiency. These are the qualities which can be cultivated by a woman who aims to succeed as a hotelier.

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