

SOME STYLE MOTIFS ORIGINATE IN CHINA

While Paris may be the fashion center of the western world, and for the Far East too, today, since so much occidentalizing has occurred in the Orient, nevertheless some of the main underlying style motifs for many centuries past actually originated in China, according to Dr. Berthold Laufer, curator of anthropology at Field Museum of Natural History. The influence of some of these old Chinese fashions still pervades the creations of modern couturiers of Europe and America. For example, the low-necked dress.

Where They Balk

Recent press reports from China indicated that while women there were adopting nearly all the western modes in clothing, hairdressing and other means of adornment, that the one thing they balked at was the low neck. Dr. Laufer says that actually the Chinese probably originated the low neck, cut much as it is in the gowns of today, about 1,300 years ago. He points, for evidence, to certain figures of fashionable Chinese women dating back to the seventh and eighth centuries, which are now on exhibition at Field Museum.

Three figures, excavated from ancient graves of that period, represent a princess and her two ladies-in-waiting. The princess wears a dress with the long V-neck, which even has short sleeves. These statuettes, half life-size, are regarded as among the finest burial clay figures ever brought from China, and were obtained by an expedition led by Dr. Laufer.

How Made

The back part of the collars on the dresses of these models is in the stiff upstanding style known as the Medici collar of the sixteenth century in Europe, and the idea in Europe was probably an importation from China, Dr. Laufer avers.

The figures are exquisitely modeled and painted, the painted designs representing embroidery. They illustrate many other interesting details of ancient Chinese fashions. A charming touch is the lotus shaped shoes. These were made in the shape of that flower, Dr. Laufer says, to symbolize a Chinese poetical idea that wherever a beautiful woman stepped lotus blossoms would instantly spring forth in full bloom.

Frigidaire President Says Business Better

Business is good and it is going to get better, says Mr. Ed. E. Levy, president of Stover company, Frigidaire distributors, who has received word that the factories at Dayton, Ohio, are employing more men than they ever did before at this time of year and that all first quarter production records were broken during the first three months of 1930.

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We many times find that, though some members of the family do not care very much for plain spinach, we are able to tempt their appetites for it by trimming it up and combining it with different foods and seasonings.

The following recipe is for Spinach Croquettes, combined with ham and rice and they are baked instead of frying in deep fat. This will be found a very easy dish to prepare, placing them in icebox until ready to bake.

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Biological Survey and gave the number, A-302923. Mr. Lyon was notified. His records show that the bird was banded last year and apparently returned after spending the winter in the south.

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