

20-Inch Waist Said Just Fad

"Wasp" Will Last Only One Season, Opines New York Fashion Writer

There's been a lot of whooping in the fashion arenas lately, about the 20-inch waist, writes Alice Hughes, in New York fashion expert. Maybe Brother Mainbocher of Iowa and Paris started it with the wasp waists he hurled at us last summer. At any rate, from the volume of noise, you'd think this continent was filled with girls as big in the middle as so many lead pencils.

In an effort to track down the truth in this waist matter, Miss Hughes made a severe inspection of the local scene and found as expected that a 20-inch waist here is even rarer than the purple-tufted, American girls just aren't gaited to that sort of thing any more.

The sports they play and the food they eat give them normal proportions rather than the unnatural, almost nightmarish figures of the nipped '30s.

"26" MORE LIKE IT
Just for sport, Miss Hughes says she checked on the seven famous models who modeled corsets and foundations at a recent display in New York. And of an outstanding 7 models, four have 25-inch waists, three 26-inch. And this is far below the average, even for the waist conscious.

She thinks the "wasp" business is just the flighty fad of one season, which served a useful purpose in calling attention to the fact that many do need better corseting and more figure attention.

Costume Jewelry Holds Spotlight

Massive Gold Chains, Multi-strand Necklaces Are Tops in Fashion Popularity This Season

New fashions in costume jewelry are highlighted below. In all instances, variations of the jewelry types listed are seen in New York shops, again and again, indicating general approval.

Embossments with pearls: favorite new version of very formal rhinestone jewelry, a combination with big pearl-shaped baroque pearls in white and gray. Stone flower arrangements worked with small, natural-color pearls also approved. Other rhinestone themes liked: "Champagne" color stone pieces; "paste" pieces with quivering centres; rhinestone hair ornaments.

Multi-strand Big Bead Necklaces: in large baroque pearls or in the same baroque beads, antiquing-gold, these generally in two-or-three-strand necklaces, beaded-length. Multi-strand polished gold bead necklaces, again in the long length. Also seven or eight or more graduated strands of pearls forming a deep bib.

Costume Rings: emphasizing the styles with huge stone centers, that may be either modern-looking or in period treatment, the latter usually matching other jewelry pieces.

Massive Gold Chains: one-and-two-strand necklaces; big links; 28 inches about average length. Sometimes two or more tones of gold used together.

Let Children Choose Friends

Parents Should Advise Youngsters Without Showing A "bossy" Attitude

If Tommy brings in a boy whom we consider quite undesirable about us:

A. Send the child home?
B. Wait until we are sure he is an unsuitable companion and talk it over with Thomas later?
C. Scold Tommy for not using better judgment?

D. Tell our child that hereafter we will choose his friends?
The second answer is wise. Often a parent is impressed by the poor conduct of a neighbor, and does not see the good points he may possess.

Trial, Error System
Then, too, this child may appeal to our own boy for some reason we cannot see. Children choose their friends, just as we do, for certain reasons. It may be that they are, or butch, or whatever his name is, really is a bully and deserves our poor opinion. Yet, it may be just as possible that Tommy is terribly pleased and excited about this boy of all others has "descended" to be chums.

As for "D." We cannot choose as our children's friends. Some of them, yes. Children have their own ability to select and discard. They choose strange playmates at times. Just remember, they are using the trial and error system, too, just as we do ourselves.



Ration "Swaps"

The first open case of ration swapping appeared in London, England, last month, with this advertisement in the *Golders Green Times*: "Orthodox Jews, sweet-toothed, wishes introduction for shopping, swapping bacon for sugar."

The food authorities have pointed out that the rationing laws provide for a maximum penalty of a two-year jail sentence and a \$500 (\$2,225) fine for swapping. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food, is considering exceptions for vegetarians, however.

Swapping is discouraged on the grounds it would tangle the proper allocation of foodstuffs.

OUT of the NIGHT

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
PRISCILLA PIERCE — heroine, young woman attorney.
AMY KERR — Cilly's roommate and murderer's victim.
JIM KERRIGAN — Cilly's fiancé.
HARRY HUTCHINS — Amy's strange visitor.
SERGEANT DOLAN — officer assigned to solve the murder of Amy Kerr.

Last week: Jim calls Cilly while Dolan is in her apartment. When Cilly refuses to divulge who called, Dolan orders her off to headquarters with him while he places police in her rooms to take further messages.

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Cilly leaned helplessly against the wall while Dolan proceeded to give orders over the telephone to trace Jim's call.
Jim had phoned from the Pennsylvania Hotel. The operator verified that. He could get out and disappear into the subway in 30 seconds. She felt a subtle pleasure at having outwitted Dolan. He was so sure of himself, so positive in his theory. What did it matter to him that he was railroaded an innocent man to jail; to the... to the electric chair! For the first time, Cilly caught the full significance of what Jim was facing. She held her breath as a new terror seized her.
Dolan was arresting her. There would be nobody to carry on for

you, my dear," Mrs. Perry went on. "And to have it happen the minute your young man was called away..."

Cilly's eyes widened. Dolan then turned his shrewd glance on Mrs. Perry instantly.

"How did you know Jim was so away?" Cilly asked.
"Oh, we met him that evening. Didn't we, John?"
"When was this?" Dolan asked abruptly.

"Just about midnight," Mr. Perry stated mildly. "Yes, it was exactly midnight."

Dawning of New Hope
Cilly's heart bounded as a new hope dawned.

"Just now and where did you meet the young man?" Dolan asked quickly.

Mr. Perry seemed a little surprised at the sudden questioning.

"We met him two blocks further down, on St. Ann's avenue," he related simply. "You see, we'd stopped in here a little after 11, wasn't it, dear? Miss Pierce had offered to cook or our fish while we were away. Mr. Kerrigan and another gentleman were here..."

"How did you know which was Kerrigan?" Dolan interrupted.

"Why, we had met him before. One Sunday afternoon, we met him with Miss Pierce down at Jones Beach. We all came home together. So of course when I saw him in such a hurry Sunday night, I was glad to offer him a lift. We'd gotten the car, and had a little bite down in the tavern, and then just as we started off, we saw Mr. Kerrigan, running toward the subway. He seemed in such a hurry..."

"What time was this?"
"Exactly midnight. Remember, Mary, you remarked on it?"
"Yes," Mrs. Perry affirmed. "The street clock was just striking midnight. I teased Mr. Kerrigan about being in such a hurry to leave. He explained that he had to make a hurried trip out west. He didn't want to wait for trains, and there was a friend of his — a private pilot — who was leaving the Floyd Bennett Field at 12:30 for Chicago. Mr. Kerrigan wanted to catch him, but of course he was in such a hurry he couldn't get a taxi. So we drove him down to the flying field."

"You drove him to Floyd Bennett Field Sunday night?" Dolan repeated incredulously. He saw his carefully prepared case crumbling before him.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry nodded simultaneously. "And we got him there in 15 minutes," Mr. Perry said with pride. "Kerrigan's friend had just arrived himself. It was exactly a quarter past 12. We waited around until they took off. Then we started for Fall River."
He Was At The Airport
Cilly could have wept for joy. Jim had been down at Floyd Bennett Field at quarter past 12. Amy was killed at 12:29.
There was a lump in her throat as she grabbed Mrs. Perry's hands in both of hers. "Thank you so much for telling us that," she exclaimed. Then, trying to be casual in her explanation, she added: "You know everybody is under suspicion in a case like this until an alibi is established."
Mrs. Perry nodded smilingly. She did not understand why Mr. Kerrigan, Priscilla's special young man, needed an alibi. But she did not say so.

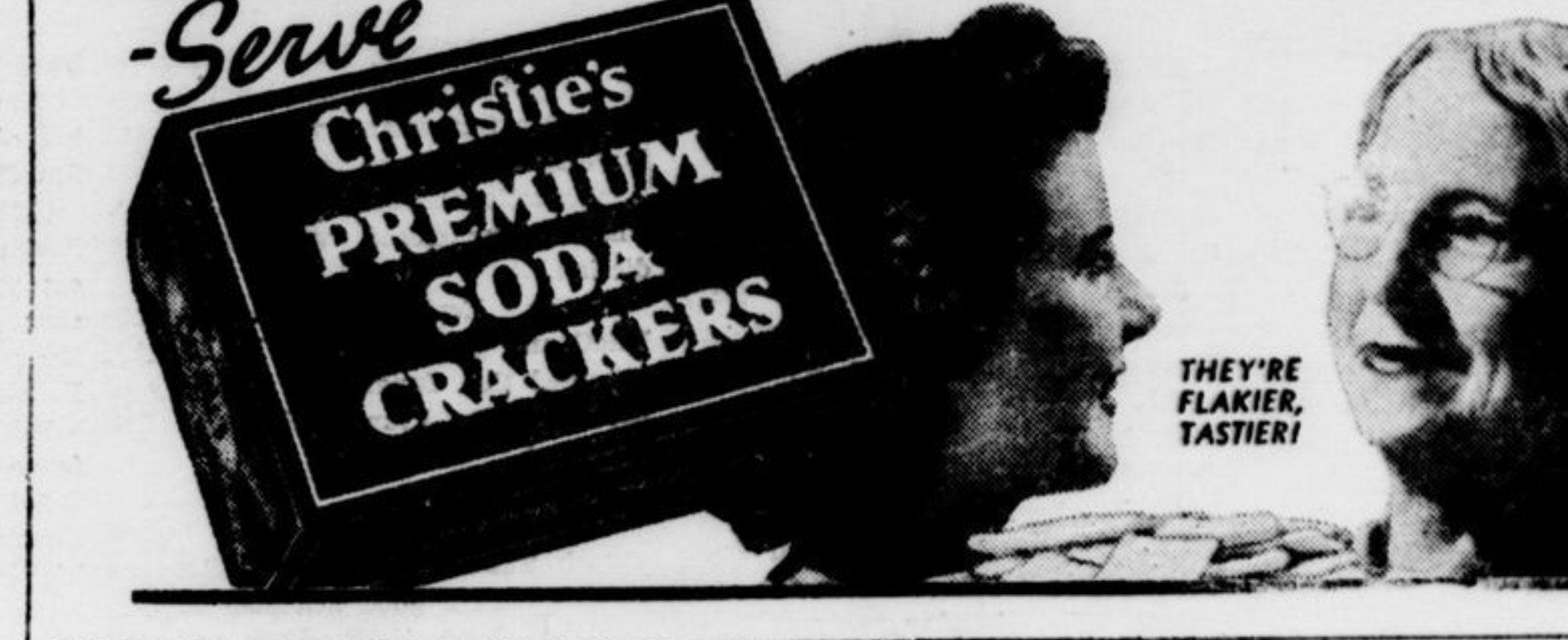
"Well, we'd better take the cold fish and run along," Mr. Perry suggested. "If there's any way we can help, sergeant, we'll be right next door..."
As the door closed behind the Perrys, Cilly turned to Sergeant Dolan. She could not hide the little gleam of satisfaction which was lighting up her eyes.

"Well, sergeant, do you still want to hold me as an accessory?"
Dolan slumped into a chair wearily.

"I guess not. Their story rang true enough," and we can always check on it. I looked up at Cilly, and smiled a little crookedly. "Well it begins to look as if there might be some grounds for this faith of yours in the young man... Say, tell me the truth now, will you?"
"Of course, I haven't lied to you yet, but you won't believe me."
Stones Left Unturned
"Was tonight the first time you'd heard from Kerrigan — or Kerrigan — since Sunday?"
Cilly hesitated. Should she tell him about the postcard? It didn't matter now, since Jim was cleared.
"No, I received a postcard from him on Monday, saying merely that he'd been called suddenly to Utah. I didn't hear another word from him till he called just now."
"What did he say?"
Cilly smiled. "If you remember, I didn't give him an opportunity to say very much. Only that he had just got in from Newark Airport and was on his way over here."
Dolan looked at his watch.

"Well, I've got to hustle and check on some other angles that you've been harping on. If he gets in touch with you again, will you ask him to see me immediately at headquarters? His testimony is still mighty important."
"I'll do that, sergeant."
"Thanks. I hope we'll be working

MOTHER IS THE BEST JUDGE... SHE SAYS



By SADIE B. CHAMBERS

HERE'S TO ST. VALENTINE!

After the frolics of Halloween and the gay festivities of the holiday season just passed we find St. Valentine's standing at ease ready for the salute and demanding attention. Dan Cupid shoots that day with a little more precision and sureness. Romance is one thing we must keep alive in spite of war and anxiety and sadness.
Unfortunately for some, so often this day of days comes in the Lenten season. So I am going to give a Valentine supper, which can be used for one of those homey family suppers, but for those who wish, it might be used for a party supper. I peeped into some decorations to be used for Valentine's day for a Bridge supper and so I am passing it on to you. The supper to be served before the game. A long table is going to be used with a lovely filmy lace cloth,

together from now on, Miss Pierce. Sorry about everything..."

After Dolan left, Cilly made up her mind as to what she was going to do. There had been altogether too many stones left unturned in this house since Sunday night.
(To Be Continued)

TALKS

The whole resembling in effect an old fashioned valentine. (However a plain white cloth could be used). The center piece will be two large hearts, concave sides meeting, the points to the outside. Placed on the center will be a low white pottery vase filled with red tulips. At each end of the points of hearts is a small red cupid to be standing on guard. Similar cups are to be the place cards which later are to serve as tally cards.

Valentine Supper

Tuna Rarebit
Served on hot butter biscuits.

Potato Rolls
Tomato Jelly moulded in heart shape.
Celery Hearts filled with pimento cheese.

Raspberry Tarts topped with whipped cream, decorated with small heart shaped candy.

Hot Mocha
4 tablespoons flour
4 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
few grains cayenne
2 cups milk
¾ cup chopped mushrooms
3 tablespoons chopped green pepper
1 teaspoon chopped onion
Melt butter, blend in flour, stir slowly into heated milk. Cook in double boiler until no taste of raw starch remains; then stir in mushrooms and pepper which has been browned in butter. The mushrooms and pepper may be omitted or a little chopped pimento may be added as it is removed from the heat. Pimento adds to the color scheme. Serve on hot biscuits or if you wish to change the dessert from tarts to light

Tomato Jelly
1 pint tomato jelly
1 package strawberry jelly powder
¼ cup chopped celery
¼ cup granulated sugar
Heat the tomato juice to boiling point. Pour over the jelly powder, stirring until all dissolved. Add the sugar to the tomato juice before pouring over the powder. After all thoroughly dissolved and cool, add the celery. Pour into flat pan which has been rinsed with cold water. Chill. When ready to serve cut with a heart shaped cutter. Serve on nests of lettuce.

Hot Mocha
2 cups rich milk
1½ cups hot coffee
3 to 4 tablespoons chocolate syrup
Fruit sugar
Whipped cream or marshmallows.
Place milk, chocolate syrup and coffee in double boiler; scale together. Beat until frothy with a rotary beater. Taste and sweeten as desired. Serve very hot with a spoonful of whipped cream or marshmallows.

READERS, WRITE IN!
Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is even ready to listen to your "pet peeves." Requests for recipes or special menus are in order. Address your letters to Miss Sadie B. Chambers, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto.

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Divorces Up In England

Four thousand more people petitioned for divorce in 1938—the first year of the new Divorce Act—than in 1937. The total number of petitions was 10,350, an increase of about 70 per cent on the previous year. Widening grounds for divorce showed 3,909 petitions for desertion; 656 for cruelty and 326 for lunacy. Previously adultery was the only ground on which a divorce might be obtained.



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THE YEAR-ROUND CANADIAN BREAKFAST