

Canadian Silver Fox Hit High Fashion At London Showing

(By Muriel Narraway)

(Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON (CP)—Silver fox adorned the sleeves of a purple and gold evening outfit by Norman Hartnell. Fox fur fringed a cream linen summer cape by John Cavanagh and decorated a satin stole by Hardy Amies.

Canada's trade department and Canadian silver fox breeders could congratulate themselves on edging fox fur into high fashion.

Five of London's best-known couturiers, royal designers Norman Hartnell and Hardy Amies, Worth, John Cavanagh, and Michael, used Canadian silver fox in their latest spring fashion collections. Most of the "top 12" sported some shade of fox.

Fashion writers not in the know commented on the almost unanimous choice of a moderately favored fox in post-war fashion trends. The answer: Canadian trade officials, on behalf of Canadian fox breeders, disposed of some 400 skins to couture houses in London, Rome and Paris.

Back Again

"There it is again," Joyce Master wrote in the Yorkshire Post, "large as life and twice as handsome."

Hartnell used it to cuff a loose, waist-length jacket touting a floor-length evening dress in mauve and gold and called "grand duchess." The outfit sported most of the 1950 fashion points—deep V neckline back and front, narrow sleeveless armholes and unbroken line.

Silver fox on cream lines was a new treatment by John Cavanagh. A short cape like two huge "chubby" collars, tied in front with a huge bow, had fox trimming to the deep collar and a fringe appearing under the bust-high hem.

Perhaps the most capricious style was a ruffled fox. He wore two tails, clipped on one shoulder and wreathing the opposite.

Victor Stiebel, designer of Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent, gave his efforts of natural fox to a caramel-colored wool coat with princess bodice and wide skirt. Glistening satin stoles trimmed with silver fox tones elaborately embroidered grand occasion gowns and stoles made of the skins were worn with slim-skirted suits.

Favored by Queens

Although fox has been out of favor some 10 years, there are two royal ladies who have continued to wear it—the Queen and the Queen Mother. Queen Elizabeth is often seen in a long cape of white fox skins worn over elaborate evening gowns and the Queen Mother favors fox trimmings on many coat styles.

This fur goes well with the eye-tweaking colors and soft spring pastels that form the basis of many London spring styles. Perhaps the Queen's warm-weather journey has influenced the most colorful display of vibrant greens, reds, blues and yellow seen in Britain for some time—although the British love of pastels is deep-rooted.

The "long-leaved" look in the chief spring fashion trend. This means an unbroken line from bust to hem. Suit skirts are mostly clear light but there are many wide and semi-ceroline dress skirts. To quote Hardy Amies: "The battle ground this season is the bust and above."

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A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan Winter's Shadows

The sun climbs down the darkening sky And leaves a crimson after-glow. With long, blue shadows here and there Across the frozen wastes of snow.

And ere 'tis gone the moon peeps up Beyond the rugged poplar's height. To spread a pale gold setting for The twinkling diamonds of the night.

The weary seek the cheer of home, Where warmth and refuge are akin. The frosty silence reigns without. Gay song and laughter sound within.

H. Nicholas.

In winter days it is pleasant to read about gardens. In "The Fragrant Path" written by Wilder read in the Introduction.

This book makes one realize how much pleasure is to be derived from one's own sensations. From smelling, tasting and noting the delicate variations in the colors and forms of the flowers; besides it is so full of delightful memories which a gardener harvests as he follows the flower paths that it stirs the desire in us to exchange experiences.

If we garden as Mrs. Wilder has, we slowly come to notice more of the tenuous beauty in flowers. We see the exquisite harmonies or contrasts in color between the anthers and the corolla, the variation in green stems and leaves to suit the color of the petals and the delicate touches more subtle than any human artist could devise.

Monsieur Forestier, the great garden architect of modern France, used to tell a story of how one evening he was strolling between hibiscus, palms and oleanders in a garden along the African shores of the Mediterranean accompanied by a young Arab.

As he walked the Arab noticed that the Arab had a rose tucked behind his right ear. He checked and when they reached the end of the walk and turned to come back the Arab took the rose and placed it behind his left ear.

So Monsieur Forestier asked him, "Why have you changed the rose from one ear to the other?" and the Arab answered, "Because the breeze is now on our left and this way I can continue to enjoy the perfume of the rose."

ANSWERS

1. "Sustain" means to bear up from; uphold. Say, "He received an injury which prevented him from working." 2. Pronounce barrage, both a's as in ah, accent second syllable. 3. Bouillon, bouillon, boulevards, bourgeois.

4. What does the word "egregious" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with ob that means "evident"?

enthusiasts. The site contains some very beautiful native trees, and when planted with rhododendrons and other choice trees, shrubs and perennials will soon become a place of beauty and of some consequence to horticulturists throughout the world, especially to those who live in or visit New Zealand.

The humid conditions, ample rainfall, good drainage and soil conditions to the culture of rhododendrons make New Zealand one of the best places in the world for this garden. The site also includes a 1,600 hill known as Puketi (Maori for "Little Hill") because it is the small hill between two much larger hills or ranges near Mt. Egmont, an extinct volcano towering to over 8,000 feet.

Beautiful illustrations of these hills and valleys with large ferns and rhododendrons help the reader to get an idea of the beauty of this land, many of the native plants in the bush are typical of the district and are with few exceptions evergreens, mostly broad-leaf and many choice hybrids have been imported from England.

As many as possible of the choicest exotics, including magnolias, cornus and prunus, will be introduced into the landscape so that there will be bloom and color even when the rhododendrons are not in bloom. There is a splendid panorama across bush and past the Patua range to the Tasman Sea.

In almost every country of the world there are these lovely gardens set aside for the information and happiness of its people.

Today I gathered branches of Forsythia for early blooming. Every year they give pleasure when the stems are covered with starry golden flowers several weeks before the shrub out of doors. Place them in deep water in the basement for two or three weeks.

A nosegay of sweet scented flowers is always an acceptable gift to visiting friends and from this garden many, many fragrant leaves and flowers have been given.

"The Fragrant Path" is a lovely book and because some of you have written me that you enjoy these garden book reviews I shall continue with it next week.

New Zealand has been in the news for weeks because of the visit of our Gracious Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and it is good at this time to learn about their country and the native trees and shrubs.

An event of unusual interest is taking place in New Zealand where an area of 716 acres of native bush is being made into a rhododendron sanctuary by a group of

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Domineering Beau

He Insists On Making Decisions— Expects Girl To Bow To His Will

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm writing you in behalf of my sister, who is a sweet, well-liked girl of 22. She has been going with a man six years her senior for the past year and they are planning to marry. All our family is against the marriage, since we can see no indications in him of a good husband. He is not of our religion, doesn't attend his own church yet won't go to church with my sister; he is very rude to my father when he visits us. When he is out with my sister, he decides if they are to come home and, if she doesn't agree immediately, he grabs her arm and pushes her out of the door. He won't agree to a church marriage—insists on eloping. Furthermore, his mother won't speak to any of us, including her future daughter-in-law. Now, if all that adds up to any hope for a happy marriage, I can't see it. We've all talked to the girl but failed to convince her.

M. E.

ANSWER: Of course, this could be a story with two sides, but since I have one before me, I can only judge by that. From the facts I have, it seems fairly apparent that your sister is the victim of a simple infatuation. The man must have charm, he seems to have little else.

BOORISH HABITS INCREASE

It is quite certain his boorish, selfish habits will multiply after marriage. A man who won't give his fiancée any consideration whatever certainly won't render anything better to his wife. The one fact you must face, however, is not a pretty one. A girl of 22 isn't going to be talked out of anything. You can present what seems to you convincing argument, but it will fall on deaf ears. The man has her charmed with something, and since she is of an age when she's supposed to be able to make decisions, she'll go ahead on this one. All a family can do is to stick around and help pick up the pieces later.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm in charge of a small business. I have become friendly with a salesman who calls here quite often, and we have corresponded between his calls. We dated occasionally when he was in town. Last week, when I was indisposed, I received an apathetic letter from him—quite different from those he had been sending. He said he didn't expect to call here for several months since his territory had been changed. Should I answer the letter?

C. C.

ANSWER: No! Quite evidently it was written to put "finis" on a budding friendship, that, for some reason or other, he did not wish to continue. Perhaps he has a wife or sweetheart somewhere else on the route; perhaps he discovered that his interest in you was becoming too keen and therefore unwise, or perhaps he's just a fickle drummer. At any rate, don't answer the letter and try to forget him.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of interest through this column.

Better English

By D. G. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence: "He sustained an injury which prevented him working." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "barrage"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Bouillon, bullion, boulevard, bourgeois. 4. What does the word "egregious" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with ob that means "evident"?

Morning Smile

Geography teachers are howling for action. They want the Big Powers to give them some kind of a map of Europe.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q If a woman arrives at a friend's party and finds that another woman, with whom she is on unfriendly terms, is there, what does she do? A. If she is at all well-bred, she will disguise her feelings as best she can. Not only for the sake of her hostess, but of the other guests who could be made very uncomfortable if they were made aware of the ill-feeling.

Q I received a number of gifts at a birthday party recently, and I thanked each donor personally. Is it also necessary that I write each one a thank you note?

A. No. Q Are the usual bride-and-groom figures the only correct adornment for a wedding cake? A. While these are most often seen, it is certainly all right to use anything else if you wish.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Warts

A remedy for warts is to wash in water in which a quantity of washing soda has been dissolved. Let the hands dry without wiping. Repeat this frequently, or until the warts disappear.

Salt

To keep salt so it can be easily shaken from the shaker, mix one teaspoon of cornstarch with each cup of salt. This will prove effective even during damp weather.

Whitewash

If color has been destroyed by using whitewash it can often be restored by washing it immediately in strong vinegar.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Doors creaked frostily this morning. Lads cheeks glowed from their tingling touch and eyes were bright and obviously amazed when they came in from a first reading of the glass at the house-cornor to the cold north this morning.

"Touching twenty below, it is!" one said. "But it's not cold. . . . It's so calm we could hardly believe the mercury was so low. I reckon it's as Granddaddy says, we do get it colder here, because we live so near the millstream."

And now the sun was rising above a white hill, decking its early paths with rosy winter-jewels, setting sun-ward windows aglow, we saw a pair of wild ducks lift in dark wings from the snow-bend toward the gate of the morning, the only living, moving creatures abroad at the time in all the expanse of quiet white countryside.

How, thought we, were they meeting the demands of the new winter day? Was she perhaps voicing some complaint about the keen air? Or warm in their feathers were they chucking happily to whether they faced its excitements? Were they, we wondered, especially dear to each other? Two minds with but a single thought—each concerned affectionately for the other? Or did they sometimes in the stress and strain of their living utter careless words? Words with a sting in them, perhaps to be repented of later, with tears? Or was he saying as James had said when at the doorstep he paused before this, to look out upon the morning?

"Isn't this the loveliest morning, Ellen?" he said, "if it is rather frosty. But its worth enduring a snow-storm or two, don't you think, to come to the like of this! Snow? Oh yes, there's some about, but nothing like there used to be in some winters I remember. Why, what shovelling there would be to get into the buildings!"

"Will you stay to tea?" we asked Mack who with Granddaughter chanced to come with their father through the hush and glory of the sunset.

"Tea," he repeated, "but I don't drink tea!" He smiled broadly. "But if you would ask us to stay to supper, why, we'd like that."

So supper it was, with the men coming in then to join us at the evening meal. James much enjoys such occasions.

"Ellen" he beamed, "can't you fairly see them grow? They're not little ones anymore. Why, Jamie is almost as tall as you, and . . ." Which he wondered held the warmest corner in the heart? Was it perhaps his namesake, who had in a way pre-empted it, he of the quiet studious ways?

Or was it Granddaughter, the alert, kind-hearted little girl, ever mindful of his comfort? Or Gage, an engaging fellow, of boyish, likeable ways, merry but not mischievous, a sturdy lad? Or maybe it was Mack, the baby of the four in his good nature, a son often on his good mind busy with the number of items of the farmings, who promises a fine partnership with James, "when I grow up?" Or was there, as with us, no favorite among them, but each one especially beloved in her or his own rights?

Bang! Frost snaps somewhere out about. And hearing James' offers into the silence. "A week or two more, Ellen, and the back of the winter is broken!"

Until tomorrow . . . Diary . . . Good-night . . .

Housewives Can Make Money With Ideas

OTTAWA (CP)—Want to make a little money? Look around the house. Think the stove can be improved? How about the refrigerator? Any new ideas for a lamp? A chair?

The Canadian Association of Consumers is paying money for ideas—\$500 in all—in a novel contest open to its 20,000 members in a national campaign to make Canadian housewives more design-conscious.

Design is one of Canada's trade problems. The experts believe Canada may be able to sell more goods if she can beat out her world competitors in the field of eye-catching design.

And, of course, good design helps boost living standards, by providing a more comfortable and sturdier product.

The National Industrial Design Council, composed of manufacturers, distributors, consumers and government officers, has attempted to build up Canadian design by annual design contests. The council's latest idea is to get the housewife to help.

300 Words The consumers association is supplying the contestants; the council provides the cash for the awards. Letters to association members are being sent out, inviting them to write down, in 300 words or less, ideas for improving the design of household furniture, lamps, electrical and kitchen equipment.

The contest closes next March 31. To the best of the winning entries will go \$100. There also will be awards of \$50, \$35 and \$15 in each of four categories—design ideas for lamps; household and kitchen equipment; furniture; kitchen utensils and non-electrical kitchen equipment.

Out of the winning entries, the council hopes to cull new ideas which can be turned over to manufacturers for possible use.

For Tomorrow THIS day's configurations favor the accomplishment of difficult tasks, so it would be well to concentrate on delayed plans and, giving of your best efforts, push ahead toward success. During the morning hours you may be pleased at discovering a new way to effect savings.

Caution is advised during the afternoon lest you become involved in an accident caused by carelessness. Even though you may be working under tension, do not lose your temper with associates. Romance and courtship are favored during the evening hours.

For the Birthday If tomorrow is your birthday, your horoscope indicates the possibility of encouragement and advancement through persons of influence—especially during the last seven months of the year. But, in the main, your rewards, both financial and professional, will result from a program of steady endeavor and application to the job at hand. August should be an exceptionally fine month where career advancement is concerned.

During the fall, misleading influences are apt to make their appearance, but "prepared is fore-armed," so guard against those who would sway you from your course with rosy promises or tempt you to risk hard-earned cash on speculative ventures. Watch health during July.

A child born on this day will be shy and retiring, but advanced in thought and ideas.



Cook's Corner

DELICIOUS PINEAPPLE SQUARES

Filling: Drain 1 tin crushed pineapple. Add 1/4 cup brown sugar and 1 teaspoon corn starch. Boil until thick.

Let cool, then put between the following mixture: Crumble together—1 1/2 cups rolled oats 1 1/2 cups flour 1 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup butter 1 small teaspoon soda Pinch salt Bake until golden brown.

—Mrs. Gordon F. Lea, Vernon River W. I.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

BAD WORK AT THE SLAM LEVEL

In the following hand, North had to assume some of the blame for reaching the wrong slam contract, but it was South who put the finishing touches on the unfortunate affair.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

Hand: ♠ J4 ♥ A10763 ♦ A Q1075 ♣ A. ♠ 1096 ♥ Q95 ♦ K85 ♣ 43. ♠ 87 ♥ 53 ♦ 74 ♣ 792. ♠ 98 ♥ 74 ♦ 1092 ♣ Q92.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kambis

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How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashby

How Can I make an attractive garnish with cranberry jelly?

A Slice the cranberry jelly and cut into fancy shapes with a cookie cutter or a knife, and you will have an unusual and attractive garnish for salads and desserts during the holiday season.

How can I relieve a headache?

A. A home remedy that often brings relief is to place a pinch of salt on the tongue and allow it to dissolve. In about ten minutes, take a drink of cold water.

How can I avoid the unpleasant smoke that sometimes arises when cooking hot cakes?

A. By tying some salt in a bag and rubbing the griddle with it instead of greasing it. It is quite satisfactory.

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