

Vanity Fair Nylon Wins Fashion Critics' Award

Special Award of the American Fashion Critics' Award Jury for the most creative work in fashion design, has been won this year by Miss Nancy Melcher, designer for Vanity Fair, for her original use of nylon tricot fabrics in lingerie styles.

Permanent pleats, first presented commercially by Vanity Fair, are a special feature of their collections.

CREATIVE DESIGNS of Miss Melcher have played a leading part in the fashion role assumed by nylon tricot in the daintiest and most graceful lingerie while offering glamorous styling, her designs at the same time utilize to the full the practical qualities of nylon tricot.

Suppleness of the fabric, made of Du Pont's nylon fibers, lends itself to exquisite details, such as tiny tucks, shirring, pleats, and gathers, yet the most intricately styled gowns are as easy to wash as nylon stockings, and need little or no ironing.

LONG-LASTING washability of Vanity Fair's pleated lingerie is proven for one of their daintiest pleated gowns is known to have been laundered more than 70 times, yet its fine pleats still require no ironing to maintain their shape and beautiful effect.

This retention of shape is due to nylon's inherent ability to be stabilized in size and shape by heat-setting, a process which gives the fabric unusual dimensional stability.

Mrs. Melcher (in private life Mrs. John Anthony Diamond, Jr.), the daughter of Frederic G. Melcher, editor of Publishers' Weekly, and Marguerite F. Melcher, author of several books.

After attending Smith College Miss Melcher studied at the McDowell School of Costume Design in New York. She has been the lingerie designer for Vanity Fair since 1937.

100th Holy Hour Gary, Ind. (INC)—The 100th Holy Hour sponsored by the Gary Deanery Council of Catholic Men will be held January 21 at the new Holy Angels, Church here.

A lovely little shrine which I saw recently in a Catholic library was constructed by my same Auburn friend in a dish garden. The dish was approximately six inches in diameter and contained dwarf green plants. Standing in the midst of the greenery, as he did many times in life, was St. Francis of Assisi.

There were a few minuscule birds scattered in among the plants and the whole thing was in perfect scale. As I stood there, I could almost hear St. Francis talking to his Little Brothers and Sisters. What an excellent way to dramatize the gentle saint for the children using the library!

This might be a suggestion which we could translate into new year's resolution—to vitalize our family's devotion by having in our home, shrines to honor our heavenly friends and to remind us how near and dear they should be to each of us.

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Among Women

Shrine In A Dish Garden

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

This is the season for a curious anomaly known as the New Year's Resolution.

I do not know if people really make these promises to be better individuals during the coming year, but from my reading I know that humorists and cartoonists are convinced that they do and that the good intentions come to naught long before the end of the first month of the new year.

One good intention we can all make and keep is to pay during this coming year, and subsequent ones, greater attention to the work of the Shrines in the Home Committee of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The work of this committee is manifold, but I should like to discuss in this column one phase of its program actual shrines in the home.

A friend of mine here in Auburn is an artist in constructing these shrines and in surrounding the statues or pictures she uses with tasteful details which suggest the particular qualities of the saint she has enshrined.

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'Package Kitchen' Solves Minimum Space Problem

Living in apartments or small homes with not a square foot to spare has its problems—and a major one is how to plan a modern kitchen in a limited space. You have to find cooking equipment that fits compactly into a very small area.

Answer for more and more families is the "package kitchen" made by Hotpoint and several other manufacturers.

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