

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want the doll that you can wash her hair, and comb and the play Jeep that you can really ride in, around the street in any place you want to go. And I want to wish you and all of your elves a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Love,
Mary Jo
Mary Jo Malasky
120 N. Williamsbury

Well Hello! Santa!
It's nice to have you back where you belong.

Formalwear Enhances Yule—New Year Season

Formalwear in the holiday season, according to the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear, can be a many splendored thing. Dependent upon the locale and the degree of formality of the festive fellow can range from the elegance of "white tie and tails" to the cool comfort of a white or seersucker dinner jacket.

The holiday season is also the unofficial opening of the southern resort and cruise season. As a result, the selection of appropriate formalwear in which to celebrate the events of the Christmas New York season, as well as those throughout the winter months, offers a much wider scope now than it did a seemingly few years ago.

Added to this is a growing trend toward the wearing of more colorful "less formal semi-formals" to parties in private homes and in suburban areas of the north. For instance, while the still always correct black tuxedo was only recently the one outfit worn to house parties and country club dances, it is currently getting some stiff competition from the richly colored silks and silk-like fabrics as well as from some recently introduced broades.

Those dinner jackets, of course, also are worn at southern resorts and aboard cruise ships along with whites, summery seersuckers, and madrases.

Of course, for theater parties, night clubs and restaurants in the colder northern areas, the black dinner jacket still rules the roost. However, never before have there been so many variations on the black theme.

Starting with the flat black fabrics, there are others that offer a stygian gleam via the use of mohair or silk in their blends. Then there are the choices of styled-up, contemporary models, authentic traditional models and conservative classic styles.

Contemporaries are cut with framed notch, cloveleaf, semi-peak and fishmouth lapels as well as some with framed shawl collars.

The traditional models come in three basic lapel styles, satin shawl collar, program or satin semi-peak lapel, and the notched lapel in either satin or faille. Virtually all of the traditional are made of the flat black cloth.

The classics, like the suits of the same type, have been influenced in some instances by the styled-up contemporaries; in others by the traditional. For instance, they may be of conservative cut but made of a glowing mohair blend or may be a close replica of a natural shoulder model with just a bit more of the tailored look at the sleevehead.

A counter trend to the less formal semi-formal, is the increase in the wearing of the ultra-formal white tie and tails which, in the final analysis, is the only outfit that really rates as truly formal evening wear.

Many theories have been advanced as the reason or reasons for this trend back to the flatteringly splendid outfit. Among the most popular are the newer lighter-weight more comfortable constructions, the easier-to-wear starched shirts and the more comfortable walk clothes.

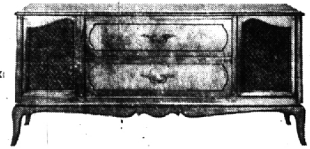
However, some of the credit is undoubtedly due to the distaff side. Not only do the girls like to see their escorts at their formal best, but their gallants in "white tie" give them an opportunity to wear their own most elegant ball gowns.



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Dear Santa Clause,
I would like you to bring me for Alan, Ken's brother, crayons, a Christmas Homer Bright, Thimble City, Record-a-puff, the Magic being Mama a wrist watch, Daddy a dragon, Three Little Kittens, The Dog Who Bites a Lion, nurse case, Betty telephone, slippers, Pils, barrettes, toy mirror, beauty parlor set.
Love you, Sheila Russell
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