

Clothes for your Oriental Adventures

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STUFF AND NONSENSE" says the mere man — "All this fussing about clothes. Just pack your trunks and forget it."

That's all very well, but what shall we pack?

Honolulu brings visions of grass skirts. Japan means gay kimonos. China conjures up pictures of dainty little figures in sheath-like dresses fastened high at the neck. Manila, trailing skirts of bright cotton and high-shouldered blouses of hemp gauze. But except for a masquerade such clothes have no place in our trunks. We need the comfort of the West not of the East. Very nice on the natives, but not for us.

So we must carefully think over what should go into those trunks and overnight bags to ensure our comfort aboard and ashore during our "Oriental Adventure." A little planning and a few hints instead of "just packing," will make all the difference in the world in the enjoyment of our memorable trip.

It's a little difficult to give definite advice about clothes, because every woman has her own particular likes and dislikes. So let's take the average wardrobe, and then you can expand or contract it to suit your individual needs.

First, there's the traveling coat. One of those nice English mixtures is a good choice, or the camel-hair materials that stand any sort of weather and hard usage. They may even be used as a rug and not complain!

The three-piece suits are treasures for the traveler. With a few blouses, one may always appear smart and ready for anything. If the material is fairly heavy the top-coat might well replace the regulation travel coat.

Then there are sports clothes. Such a variety is offered these days! Knitted suits—they're made in a great many different weaves, weights, and colors — are invaluable. Light flannel skirts with twin sweater sets are nice, and so are the very sheer woolens. For the warmer weather there is a tremendous range in linens, uncrushable cottons, tub silks, and so on.

Evening dresses — as many or as few as you like. In any event, a gay time is ahead — the thrills on the ship, the proverbial hospitality of the Orient. The hotels and cabarets in the big cities are always thronged with carefree folk on pleasure bent, and if you like to dance you'll have ample opportunity, both ashore and afloat. Lace is a great standby for traveling. Even after long packing it always comes up smiling, so include a lace. The adorable new cottons, out of which the modistes evolve such fascinating little frocks, are ideal for warm countries—so chic and fresh looking. But anything you would wear at night in a smart resort is suitable for your trip, so go ahead and suit yourself, but be prepared for a grand and glorious time.

A couple of evening wraps are necessary—one medium weight and one very sheer. And those adorable little jackets are priceless to slip on while strolling along the breeze-swept deck, watching the moon come up out of the dancing waves.

Shoes — check them over carefully. Take a pair of really comfortable oxfords with sensible heels. There are so many fascinating streets, temples, and palaces to visit that it's wise to be sure of foot-comfort. Sports shoes with composition or rope soles are needed for deck wear. Linen and canvas footgear is the

coolest of all for the tropics, so be sure to include a pair or two. Evening slippers, of course. But speaking of evening slippers — if you should run short you can have your favorite ones copied in Shanghai in the most exquisite materials, and reasonably priced, too.

Stockings—do buy enough before you leave. It's far more satisfactory.

The Orient is the place to pick up underwear, so don't take more than you need. You'll go into raptures about the undies over there, particularly in Shanghai. There are countless shops in this city selling nothing but underwear, in fact the nickname of one thoroughfare is "The Street of a Thousand and One Nighties,"—so just think of the delights ahead. And such adorable negligees, pyja-

mas, and handmade blouses! Too beautiful for words, and remarkably cheap.

Bathing suits—two anyway,—you'll spend such a lot of time in the water. A beach robe should be included, of course, and a pair of slippers.

Anything you like in hats, just so long as they fit comfortably and are not too hard to pack, although those new hat-boxes have eliminated most of our hat-packing worries. But be sure to have a really shady one for the sun. And while we are on the subject of hats,—you can buy the most fascinating ones in Manila: Baku and Balibuntal straw, all handmade, right up to the minute in style, and very reasonable in cost.

Take your favorite golf outfit. You know, the one you wore when you went around in par on the home course. There are numerous sporty golf links awaiting you in Honolulu, Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, in fact at every port. Think of saying on your return that you've played at all these places! Yes, take that "lucky" golf outfit by all means.

A masquerade costume must find a place in your trunks. There's always a jolly masquerade aboard the ships. One costume is enough as you are sure to find intriguing native costumes at all the ports which you feel you really must have. What fun to find yourself blossoming forth as a gorgeous Chinese Princess, or a geisha girl, on the return voyage!

A kimono, of course, and bedroom slippers. But you'll certainly buy another kimono in Japan — everyone does, and slippers too.

In most of the larger cities of the Orient you will probably find your favorite creams, lotions, powders, and so on, but if you are accustomed to any very special brand, better take enough to last.

Take several pairs of cotton fabric gloves, they are so easily rinsed.

A roomy handbag to hold important papers, passports, etc., is a last and worthwhile suggestion.

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In spite of his apparent indifference, perhaps that man who scoffed at your indecision is just a little bit dubious about his own wardrobe—so this is for him:

Thin, woolen, every-day suits for aboard and ashore. A Palm Beach suit or two, and white flannels and pullover sweaters for deck wear. For the really warm evenings, instead of the regulation tuxedo, men wear "monkey" jackets, those short, neat fitting linen coats, similar to the ones worn by army and naval officers for formal affairs in the tropics.

Rubber or rope-soled shoes for deck wear, and canvas shoes for the hot climates.

A bathing suit should be included, of course, and a beach robe.

The thinnest of underwear for the tropics, and plenty of shirts, but you are sure "fall" for the shirts offered in Japan and China. Lovely materials, with initials neatly embroidered on the sleeves, and ever so reasonable. You'll need a dressing gown and pyjamas, but these are offered in profusion in the Orient. So, if you don't want to pack too much, be prepared to "look-see" and shop during your visit.

If you intend to enjoy all the fun aboard take a masquerade costume. One is enough, for you will undoubtedly find yourself on the return voyage meandering forth as an ancient Emperor of China, a ricksha man, or a Japanese farmer.

A light top-coat is handy, a Panama hat, and a cap for the sea breezes must be packed, as well as plenty of socks.

Of course, if you are staying over any length of time you'll have plenty of opportunity to buy as you go along, but if you are going just for the trip,—to rest and relax, and find a new joy in living aboard one of the big ships, as so many are doing these days, — you won't have much time to see the sights and shop as well,—so plan carefully.

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