Gaucho Costume Inspires Original Design

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WITH an Argentinian gaucho costume as her inspiration, Lynne Kimmel Nasen, Ex. '43, designed the above prize-winning lounging pajamas. They took first place in the relaxation clothes group of the Traphagen Pan-American Fashion Show in New York City this fall.

Mrs. Nasen, who built a reputation for herself in the design field during the time she attended Iowa State, went on to even higher success at the Traphagen School of Fashion, where she enrolled in the department of design and construction. Here the principles of decorative design are applied in the making of clothes, as well as the study of harmony in construction.

As adept in wearing clothes as designing them, Mrs. Nasen usually models her fashions herself. In the photograph above, she is shown wearing her latest prize-winning model. A fellow worker is dressed in the original gaucho costume, obtained from the Traphagen Museum Collection.

Mrs. Nasen, with a flair for unusual colors and materials, has used a rayon fabric called “Seventh Heaven” in bud green for her original design. The draping qualities of the material are displayed in the draped gaucho trousers topped by the dolman-sleeved bodice.

Lynne Kimmel Nasen, Ex. '43, designs prize-winning draped costume at the Traphagen School of Design