

HER DRESS.

Take up the picture-gaze
On what she used to wear
In foolish, olden days—
See how she fixed her hair.

The things she wears today
Long tresses may make men smile
A year from now we may
Laugh at this summer's style.

Take up the picture—see!
And yet your father swore
A fond idiosyncrasy
In spite of what she wore.

Ah, lovely ones, I guess
'Twas God that made you fair
And not the foolish dress
The world has made you wear.
—New York Herald.



THE STUDENT'S STORY.

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"It makes me nervous to think of it," said the old druggist, as we gathered around the cheerful fire one winter evening. "Yes, it was a close call. I was ambitious those days, and I determined before leaving the university to make a mark for myself in the field of chemistry, and you may be sure I was working hard.

"In those early days, liquefied carbonic acid gas was merely a laboratory experiment, and high explosives, outside of gun cotton, were comparatively unknown.

"It was in this field that I was working, and it was due to the premature explosion of a mixture akin to nitroglycerine that I think I owe my life.

"Attending the university at the time was a student by the name of Agathos, a Greek he certainly was, and his stupendous intellect made him always a welcome companion. In fact, he and I were quite chummy, and when I was not busy with chemistry, we were solving knotty problems concerning the construction of the universe.

"Vainly I tried to cry aloud, but my jaws were as firmly locked as if rigor-mortis had actually set in. I tried to move, but I experienced only the horrible emotions of one about to be buried alive!

"It was clear enough to me that he had obtained this fiendish idea from an old Ionian manuscript, written in the fifth century before the advent of Christ, clearly the work of a monk, by name Koryphanos, for I had read the theorem time and again, and was surprised at its absurdity.

"Thus it was that I was somewhat prepared for the terrible operation to follow, which consisted of removing the epidermis from the entire viscera, or in other words, in stripping



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"On the right that my hair turned gray," continued the doctor—glancing at the still raven locks of his wife who sat opposite, "I had kept the nature of my secret well, and not even my student friends knew the dangerous composition in the huge boilers which I was manipulating.

"I think the hour was 11 p. m., or thereabouts, and I was alone in the recesses of the main laboratory, busy with combination of nitrates and carbon, when hearing a step, I turned and saw the face of my friend Agathos.

"For some moments he watched me as I observed the thermometer in the nitric bath, and then we engaged in conversation.

"'Brown,' he murmured, 'I have today separated a new allaloid, from the plant, cocoythroxylon, and its effects on the human system are truly remarkable—here, try a dose; tasteless as water, I assure you,' and, food that I was, I took the proffered glass of water, into which he dissolved a fine white powder, and I have always regretted that I did so.

"The subtle drug paralyzed every muscle of my body and left me of the power of speech; I was like one in a trance; my intellect, however, was unimpaired—nay, even stimulated, and my eyesight was good, for all I could not turn my eyes in their sockets.

"It was at this juncture I learned that I was alone with a madman!

"Defiantly he removed the paraphernalia from an operating table, and lifting me bodily, I was soon lying on the marble slab, as if a subject for the clinic.

"Now, I could hear him mutter, 'I shall soon test the material qualities of the human soul—but I must have those dissecting instruments!' and while he was gone I was engaged in the most agonizing reflections.

"I remembered that in all our previous discourse on life and immortality he had argued that the human soul, if there was one, was as material

the entire chest of everything but the intervening thin membrane, so the action of the various organs could be observed while the patient was yet alive. It was thus that Agathos expected to pry into the secrets of the Almighty and observe the transit of the human soul.

It was clear the Greek was crazy, and it is a fact that insane persons always select their dearest friends for victims.

"At last I heard his footfalls swiftly coming along the empty aisles, flanked on either hand with racks of phials, retorts and glassware of all kinds, and I could well see my finish.

"I could discern the subtle odor of ether, and as he stooped over me, his eyes burned almost with the fury of a lion!

"His next act was to deftly remove all covering from my chest and for an instant he listened attentively to the beating of my heart. Next he began to sharpen those murderous looking surgical knives, of which he had a goodly supply, and having completed this task to his satisfaction, he uncorked a large bottle of ether, the only known anesthetic of that time, and began saturating a sponge with it, when a strange sputtering sound from the direction of the rack where I had been conducting my experiment caused him to desist.

"Already I saw salvation in sight, for, as the student of even elementary chemistry knows, concentrated acids heat violently when they combine with other substances, even with water, and I knew the mixture of nitro-carbon (I was using the light hydrocarbon, turpentine, instead of glycerine) with powerful nitric acid, had gone too long without attention. An explosion was likely to occur at any moment.

"Anyhow, I reflected, I had much rather be blown to atoms than to be cut up piece-meal while yet alive. While the sputtering continued Agathos regarded it with an air of uncertainty, as if undecided what to do with the mess.

"The insidious drug with which I was charged—it must have been cocaine—was beginning to leave me, so that I was able to partly turn, and I am since thankful I turned my back in the right direction, else I would have been blinded.

"Agathos was bending over my apparatus, which contained a full quart of substance more powerful and even more unstable than nitroglycerine, when, the cooling bath not being renewed, it exploded by reason of the excess of heat.

"There was a blinding flash, a jar that must have shaken the building to its foundations, and amid the sound



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of crashing glass I lost consciousness. "Weeks and weeks, I am told, hovered at death's door with brain fever, from which I finally emerge alive, due to the skill of my nurse the lady you see sitting across the table there—my wife.

"There was scarcely a bottle or pan of glass in the laboratory that was not broken to fragments, and thousands of dollars' worth of fine instruments were rendered useless.

"Agathos was blown completely to atoms, and I am told it was with difficulty that enough of his remains could be found to give decent burial.

"When I recovered completely I was placed in the sweat box by the faculty to ascertain the cause of the explosion; but as you may surmise, they never learned the exact formula of that dangerous composition.

"My once black hair turned to snowy white, and for a long time at toward I would wake with a sort of nightmare to experience the sensation of cold steel penetrating my vitals.

"The immortality of the soul, or its very existence may remain in doubt but I still have the fifth century parchment that came near sacrificing me to the cause of science, and I never regard its uncial text without a shudder."

HOW THE / READ THE PAPER.

Varying Departments Which Interest Different People.

"Very old persons," said an observer, "nearly always, on unfolding their newspapers, turn to the personal columns. This is because, in the first place, they are more likely to find news of their friends there than in the news columns or in any other part of the paper; and, because, in the second place, they are interested in personal matters—they have the subject as much in their minds.

"Young girls turn first to the society news and weddings, and after that to the fashions. Young men of the healthy, open-air sort, turn first to the sporting news; while boys universally turn to this page, too. The actor of course, reads the dramatic columns, and the writer the book reviews; but neither of these departments, I fancy, does any part of the disinterested public consult first of all.

"The elderly gentleman of pompous appearance reads the 'leaders' first, while his corpulent, cheerful wife, reads the recipes on the household page. Some clergymen read the wills of the dead, to see what charities have been remembered with bequests. There are many people who read the crimes, the scandals and the shocking accidents first. Poets, as a rule, will not read the newspapers at all.

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WHY SHE LIKED VENUS.

Housemaid's Preference Had Very Practical Basis.

"A practical point of view will influence even an artistic judgment," said the lady with the Barne-Jones chignon, "as I discovered the other day when my new servant seemed to take such interest in the objects of art in my parlor as no maid of the many who have preceded her in the house ever showed. Pleased with her really intelligent interest in my pictures and bric-a-brac, I took pains to show her the best points of each object, and really I found the task a pleasant and unique experience. But I wish now that I had not asked her, as I did at the end of the impromptu exhibition, which of the objects she liked best.

"This is the one I like best, ma'am," said Mary, pointing with her feather duster to the armless Venus of Milo.

"Well," thought I, "this is getting more and more interesting. Here is Mary showing high artistic judgment."

"And why do you like the Venus best, Mary?" I asked, anxious to hear her estimate of the famous statue.

"Why, sure, ma'am, it's the easiest to dust!" replied Mary, and I hastily closed the private view."

The Knell of the Irish Joke.

Wherever the breeze carry
The language that Shakespeare spoke,
The chambers of progress echo
The knell of the Irish joke.
Wherever the sun is vying
With the warmth of the Celtic soul,
From the ballads of truth, the dirges
For scorn and for falsehood roll.

In a land that is strange in its humor,
Ever come itself in its mirth,
The life of the conquered and friendless
And the rough burlesque had their birth.

Like the plague that journeys in vessels
This tasteless derision spread,
And the scorn of a realm then building
Was heaped on the builders' head.

But the shackles on Celtic effort,
The walls by the tyrant laid,
After ages, at length he shattered
On the highways a new age made.

In the regions whose name should be
"Future,"
The dawn of a new day broke,
As a mist from our race it is rolling
The curse of the Irish joke.
—Thomas J. Rogan in The Pilot.

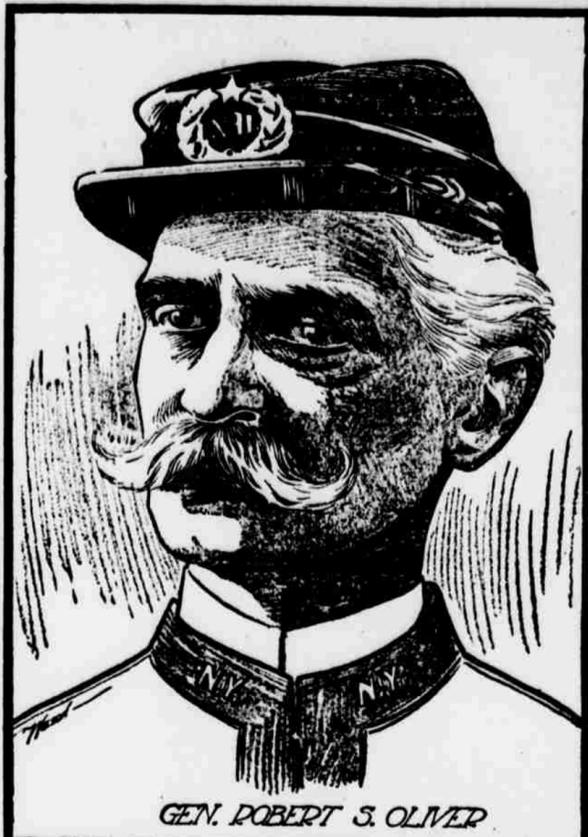
Women Brokers.

Two young women in New York have lately made a hit as stock brokers. One of them was a school teacher. Many women would rather deal with a woman broker when possible; and the men in the same line like her because she carries on her affairs in a businesslike way. The other woman broker, who has an up town office, is just as discreet and systematic. They are both making money.

The Latest Girl Fad.

The latest is a polished floor walk. Girls are so clever that even those who have rag carpets on every floor at home walk on the streets as if they had to walk around on highly polished hardwood when at home.—Acheson Globe.

PERSONAL FRIEND OF PRESIDENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR



GEN. ROBERT S. OLIVER

General Robert Shaw Oliver, who succeeds Colonel William Carey Sanger as assistant secretary of war, is a resident of Albany who has a good war record and who for many years has been intimately and prominently identified with the National Guard of New York. He served in the civil war

as a volunteer and was subsequently an officer in the regular army in the cavalry and also in the infantry branch. Gen. Oliver is a wealthy iron merchant of Albany and has several other important business connections. He is a personal friend of the President.

SAD END OF BRAVE SOLDIER

Hero of Pekin Siege Commits Suicide at Chicago.

After distinguishing himself in two wars by acts of bravery, George King, 33 years old, took his life by cutting his throat with a razor in a Chicago saloon. He is said to have become a wreck from drink.

King did gallant service as an American soldier in the Spanish war, and under the walls of Pekin in the Boxer uprising. He is said to have been a member of the first company to scale the wall after Pekin had been cannonaded by the allied forces. There he received injuries that made the amputation of one of his legs necessary.

After being discharged from the service King began drinking, and his health was soon impaired and money lost. His clothing was tattered and soiled when he shambled across the salt-covered floor in the saloon where his companions were seated at tables drinking. Without noticing the loungers in the place he walked to the bar.

"No, thanks, no more drinks for me," he said. "I have drunk my last drop."

Then suddenly he drew a razor. Several of the men started toward him, but before they could interfere the former soldier had drawn the blade of the weapon across his throat. Instantly there was a panic in the big room. Chairs and tables were overturned in the excitement. The bartender summoned a policeman, who arrived to find King breathing his last.

New Spanish Premier.

Don Raimundo Villavarde, the new Spanish premier, was born of modest country parents, who were able to give their son good education. He started his manhood as a village lawyer and soon had a fine practice. Then he was elected to parliament, where his energy and eloquence gained him steady prominence. His marriage to the rich and handsome marchioness of Pozo, Kubio gave him assured social status and he was shortly called to the cabinet. He was finance minister during the Spanish war with this country.

Perform Great Swimming Feat.

Two Coney Island life guards, Edward Fuller and Philip Fay, last week swam the distance between the battery seawall and the beach front at Coney Island, a feat which has not been attempted in more than ten years. The men finished close, Fuller winning by six yards, after swimming with the tide five hours and fifty minutes. It was the first completed race over the course since Johnson, the famous English swimmer and wrestler, made the distance in six hours and five minutes.

Noted Priest Comes West.

Rev. Patrick J. Murphy of New York has resigned from the Paulist order. Having been released from the obligations of the New York archdiocese, by permission of Father Deshon, superior of the Paulist order, and Archbishop Farley, Father Murphy has affiliated with the Davenport, Ia., diocese, and Bishop Cosgrove of that see has appointed him professor of history in his diocesan theological seminary.

JOKE ON CHAUNCEY DEPEW.

Described Himself to Englishman Who Knew Him Well.

Chauncey Depew is not above telling a story at his own expense. His latest of that kind is of traveling on an English railroad during his recent trip abroad with Mrs. Depew. In the same little compartment with them was a dull looking Britisher to whom Chauncey told a story, saying as he finished it: "That is the way that American fellow Depew tells it." The Englishman asked: "What does this Depew look like?" "My dear," said the senator, turning to his wife, "what does Depew look like?" "Very much such a looking man as you are, I imagine." "Surely, madam," remarked the Englishman, with a gesture of sad exaltation, "you don't do your husband justice." Later the senator discovered that the Englishman knew him all the time.

COLORED POPULAR PREACHER.

Negro Conducting Evangelistic Work in England.

The pastor of the Amyand Baptist chapel at Twickenham, England, Rev. Henry Smith, is a negro, born in the Southern states, but educated in Europe, and well educated, speaking French fluently, and an accomplished singer—a fact of great value to him in the evangelistic work he has carried on in England and the Channel Islands. He is a man of fine personal appearance, but shows his race. When he took charge of the church a few months ago a reception was given him at which not only the Baptists, but Anglicans, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists were present.

Will Stay in Germany.

Prof. Edward W. Scripture, director of the psychological laboratory at Yale, will not return there with the new year, but will remain in Germany, where he is pursuing special researches in several branches of language study, especially phonetics, following lines he had begun in his student years at Leipzig and Zurich and in his experimental work at Clark university of Worcester. Charles Hubbard Judd, for several years assistant in experimental psychology at Yale, is mentioned as his probable successor.

Earl Dudley Attends to Business.

The Earl of Dudley has been viceroy of Ireland just a year. During that time, save for a brief official visit to London, he has spent his whole time in Ireland and a good part of it in traveling through the country. Few if any of the Irish viceroys—not even excepting the late Duke of Abercorn and Lord Londonderry, Irishmen both—have seen so much of Ireland while in office as Lord Dudley has seen in a year.

Gen. Clay's Many Wills.

Five documents purporting to be the last will and testament of Gen. Cassius M. Clay were presented for probate in the Madison county, Kentucky, court. All of these have been, at different times, revoked by Gen. Clay, save the last, in which he makes Dora Brock and the United States of America his heirs. This will, it is thought, will prove good legally.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contains Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. HALL'S CATARRH CURE, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying HALL'S CATARRH CURE be sure you get the genuine. It is taken in tea daily and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are 50c box.

Grave Opened by Tree.

In the Gartenkirchhof, Hanover, is a grave covered by a mighty stone, on which an inscription appears to the effect that the grave should never be opened by human hands. The seed of a birch fell through a crack in the stone, and, developing to a large tree, opened the grave in its upward growth. The tree has now withered and decayed. When it is removed the grave will again be closed.

Didn't Know She Was Home.

"Can you speak English?" frantically asked an American woman, rushing up to the clerk of a New York postoffice. Having spent the last year traveling about Europe, this question had been the usual preliminary to all business transactions during that time, and from custom she repeated it here.—New York Tribune.

AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

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Composite Nation.

Ethnologists of the Smithsonian Institution have investigated the Filipinos, with results that are of rare interest to science. They have called attention to the fact that in the veins of the tribes of the archipelago flows the blood of all the races and varieties of mankind.—Scientific American.

City Employees Get Half Holiday.

Official New York has fallen hopelessly into the "week-end" habit. A bureau chief who can be found in the city of a Saturday afternoon is a curiosity. This applies to all the city departments. Public business in New York during the summer is practically suspended.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Woman is Oil Magnate.

One of the most prominent oil magnates in Los Angeles is a woman, who is said to control about half of the whole product.

Egyptian Railroads.

Egyptian state railroads bought last year \$3,757,239 of material, of which England furnished \$2,565,000.

A Boy's Victory.

Cross-roads, Tenn., Sept. 14th.—Orbra Young, the ten-year-old son of Lester Young of this place, is a bright boy, and one who is very well liked by all who know him.

For some years Orbra has suffered a great deal with a form of Kidney Trouble which was very annoying, and which made him miserable all the time. He had to get up three or four times every night, almost all his life.

His father heard of a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and bought some for the little fellow with the result that he is now completely cured of the old trouble. He says:

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It takes a widow to act as what he were puzzled to death over what being married is like.

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