

ANENT MOTHER GOOSE.

Oh, when I was a little boy, With rattle flying loose, I loved to hear my mother say The rhymes of Mother Goose; And now, though my bald headed days Have turned my whiskers white, I read these ancient baby lays With all the old delight.

Married to Order

WHEN Theodore Clayton stepped down the gangplank of the lake steamer to take the Center Harbor stage for Sandwich he was in a peculiar state of mind, and there seemed to be a sufficient reason for this. His father had actually ordered him to go up to a little summer resort in Central New Hampshire and do nothing more or less than marry Jean Weston!

"Theo," the senior Clayton had said, "it's high time you got your feet down in life. You've dallied about in nearly every country on the face of the globe, you've met all classes of women, and you've failed to bring home a wife. Now, I want you to get on to business and marry that girl."

"I have in mind a young woman whom I shall expect you to marry. Her name is Jean Weston. I have seen her; she is attractive; about your age, and eminently suited to you as a life companion. I have two reasons for sides all this why I want you to marry her. She is the niece of a young woman whom I was about to marry when she died, and she has an ample store of health and the world's goods. Now—"

"But, father," put in the astonished Theo, "how do you know she will have me? How do you know—"

"How do I know? How do I know?" sputtered Clayton senior. "I've arranged all that. Her father would be pleased with the match—he knows you—and his daughter has your photograph in a neat album on her walls. She seems to be enraptured; besides, do you want me to think a Clayton would doubt his ability to win any bride he had set his heart upon? You—"

"But, father," again interposed the astonished and perplexed son. "But me no you, young man. You've had your fling and a good one too. Now do not doubt my ability to choose for you, who, evidently, can't choose for yourself. You'll find Miss Weston stopping at the Hollywood House, up in Sandwich, New Hampshire. By the way, you'll need your best suits and your golf clubs and start. Send me reports of your progress."

This, then, explains young Clayton's peculiar state of mind as he stood in the lobby of the stage, in which he was to complete the journey to the bride-to-be of his father's choice.

"F'vw want tew go this trip you'll haf ter set up on them air mail bags," said the driver of the ancient vehicle to Theo; so he clambered up and perched himself in a seat upon an empty egg crate placed between the two top seats of the stage coach if her daughter would not object to "settin' up" that with that feller on 'em mail sacks."

Theo was pleased to see the young lady accept this only alternative and ascend gracefully over the rear wheel to a position beside him upon the mail sacks.

"Oh, don't stop smoking on my account, please; possession gives you this attractive place by nine points of the law, I believe, and, besides, I adore the odor of a good cigar."

"Thank you, sir," said Theo, and he commenced to marvel upon the strangeness of his errand, which was naturally occupying about all his thoughts at that time. He had implicit faith in his father's judgment and never had he considered for a moment the idea of disobeying him since he left his teens, hence no such thought occurred to him at this time.

CHAPEL ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF HEROES WHO WENT DOWN WITH THE MAINE.

THE United States Government, in memory of the terrible catastrophe in Havana harbor, has erected a most beautiful chapel on the campus of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

February 15th, 1898, is a day ever memorable to the American people as a day of great sorrow and anger. No most shocking day over the wires from one end of the land to the other. In the harbor of Havana our proud battleship Maine had suddenly been demolished by some submarine explosive force, and with its shattered iron form 254 brave men had sunk instantly into the deep wet grave.

Thus the Maine will ever occupy a prominent place in history. Through this sad and fearful event was not the immediate cause of the Spanish-American war, it nevertheless was the most deplorable prelude of the ensuing conflict and the dire signal of the collapse of Spain as a world power. With the Maine there were lost seventeen times as many lives as in the two great naval battles of this war, the brilliant victories of Dewey off Manila and of Schley off Santiago. A nation and honors itself when honoring those who have sacrificed their lives in her behalf. And the men of the Maine who, without warning, went down in their cabins



MAINE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

mortally wounded to fight a short, grim battle with the overpowering element, died in the service of their country no less than the gallant hero who bleeds and falls and dies in the pitched battle of the open field.

ed him her own from out her pocket-book. "Then it was his turn to do the lighting change act with his features, for of a Miss Jean Weston. However, I am well satisfied, now that I know a Miss Jean Weston. Do you make the entire trip on this stage?" he asked, by way of changing the subject.

"No, I am only going to the Lower Corner, where the plant is called. We are to start in the Laurelhurst House. It will be our next stop," replied Miss Weston.

"Why, that is where I am going," Theo blandly assured her. "The splendid golf links attached to the house at Laurelhurst. Miss Weston murmured something confusedly, for she knew that part of the country well, and was aware that the only golf links in the county were attached to the Hollywood House grounds, ten miles from the Laurelhurst House."

A few days later Theo's father received a letter from his son, which contained the following: "I have met Miss Jean Weston, and am charmed with her. She is stopping at the Hollywood House, ten miles from the Hollywood, where you said I would find her."

A fortnight later, Clayton, Sr., received another letter from his son, in which he was assured the affair was proceeding in a most satisfactory manner. "This was wholly true, for Theo and Miss Weston were the best of friends, with every prospect of becoming more than friends in a short time. One day they were making a trip a wheel and stopping at the Hollywood House for dinner."

"Oh, look, Mr. Clayton, cried Miss Weston, 'here is my namesake!' and Theo was speechless and nearly breathless as he gazed upon the Hollywood regatta at the name, Miss Weston. "I must see her," cried Theo's companion, which was but echoing his own sentiments.

The waiter told them when she came into the dining room. "Miss Weston is highly cultured, and is almost aggressively stamped with her whole being. Fair to look upon, but evidently unlovable. So this is the wife 'pater' picked out for me," was Theo's summary.

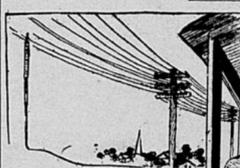
"Stuck up and no better looking or attractive than I?" This was Miss Weston's summary of her namesake, while she said aloud: "Beautiful, is she not?" "Not as beautiful as thou," promptly quoted Theo.

"That night 'Miss Weston' as he called her, accepted him, while Miss Weston No. 2, who had his photograph, yet did not recognize him that day with his summer beard, was waiting at the Hollywood and wondering where her reformed wooer could be, and why he did not show up, as previously arranged plan.

This note Theo sent to his father: "I have been accepted by Miss Jean Weston, and the marriage is to take place at her home the coming Thanksgiving. It is objectionable to the letter, and if not satisfactory let me know at once."

His reply was: "Good boy! I knew you could do it. Am both satisfied and pleased. You may tell Miss Weston my present to her will be a check with five figures upon it. You have my warmest congratulations."

ENGINEER TELEPHONES FROM HIS CAB BY MEANS OF A NEW DEVICE.



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DRESSES FOR SPRING.

THOSE OF SILK MAKE THE ECONOMIZER GRIEVE.

Bodice and Skirt Are Unavailable for Wearing Separately—Moire Silks Restored to Favor—Some Very Elaborate Gowns of This Material.

New York correspondence:

SPRING dresses of silk are hand-some affairs that make the economizer gripe. Not only are their materials fine and their trimmings handsome, but the fashion of the bodice and skirt match so closely that neither may be worn without the other. Not a few women could persuade themselves to do otherwise, for they could afford one of these dresses, if it was on the interchangeable plan, yet decide otherwise on finding that bodice and skirt are practically inseparable. Foulards and dresden silks make especially handsome showing among these dresses, the beauty of the

goods being re-enforced by the daintiest of trimmings, in which lace, embroidery and ribbons are used with pretty ingenuity. Moire silks are restored to high standing, too, and more colorful and more Louisiane are more at the front. The deal of these weaves is in white, but there are light tints also. The white makes up very handsomely. To-day's small picture prints show the goods as employed. Here bodice and skirt were applied with chiffon roses and velvet leaves run with black velvet. One of this class were embroidered in silver, and a striped band of the silk appeared on the skirt. Apparently summer will see much of white moire, and there is a black and white striped veiling that has much favor. Swiss muslins promise to be conspicuous in the summer array. They are expensive, but beautiful and worth their cost. They come in exquisite cloudy effects, in pretty stripes and figures. Many are shown for informal wear. They are high in the neck, have long sleeves and panels of drawn-work. A deep louse is put on the skirt. The whole is made of a colored silk foundation, with one thickness of white chiffon before the drawn-work robe is applied. The effect is rich and handsome. Another novelty is the use of garlands of large and small roses made of white baby ribbon against a background of white and cream lace, with spangle hearts. Pean de sole, crepe de chine and figured, dotted and plain veillings are beautifully trimmed with handsome lace and embroidery. In the middle gown of the second picture is an example of the treatment of veillings; a dove gray veiling being there put over white silk and trimmed with black tulle and narrow white braid and cream lace. Some of these veillings and kin-

si are being very much worn this season, sir," he explained. "Are they?" said a customer, thoughtfully surveying himself in the mirror, with the hat on his head. "Do you think it suits me?" "Suits you to perfection, sir—if I had better have it!" "I don't think you could do better, sir."

"No, I don't think I could; so I won't have a new one."

The salesman had been pushing the old hat.—London Spare Moments.

Monks in France. The 16,000 monastic establishments of France have about 400,000 inmates, or one of every 100 of the population.

Long-Distance Power. The electrical power transmitted 200 miles from the Yuba, California, has proved perfectly reliable.

There is some reason for it if a man snarls at you, probably the man he met before you kicked at him.

Talk over a telephone as if it cost you so much per word, and you will get credit for having good sense.

group of four is illustrative, being a black dotted swiss over white silk, with finish of box-pleats, black chiffon quilling, and medallions of white nainsook embroidery outlined with silver spangles, yoke and collar being embroidered in green silk floss. Stamine and canvas veiling are materials that are found in a great variety of tints this season and make up prettily. Velvet on silk, the embroidery, French knots and passementerie trim most of them and on them is seen a new passementerie of mousseline de sole beautifully embroidered in white or tints. The bands are usually white, some handsome designs being in black and gold. These are used on the black dotted mulls, swisses and handsome figured grenadines.

The practical tailor gown is still a possibility, but not absolutely plain as it was recently. It is trimmed with attached bands, shows pleats and fine tucks in some form, clears the ground and, if made with a drop skirt, silk, no under petticoat is worn. English tweeds, French chevrons and homespun are the materials for plain gowns, and mohairs in blue, light shades of beige and gray are offered for later use. Smooth faced cloths, canvas and silk are well represented among the elaborate tailor costumes and new features of trimming are passementerie ornaments, fancy braids and a passementerie embroidery on silk, which is used for collar and cuffs. The outside two figures of the concluding illustration reflect the new tail styles. The left hand gown was of light brown mixed Scotch tweed, trimmed with slashed folds of the goods run with red velvet ribbon. The vest was white cloth and brown silk braid. The right hand gown was beige stamine over silk to match. Both skirt

and bodice were trimmed with stitched bands of beige silk outlined with white braid. Yoke, collar, belt and cuffs were dark red velvet. Styles of coats are legion in tailor-mades, but ebon and sateen jackets prevail.

Reference has been made in the foregoing to the elaborateness with which sport cloths are made up. There seems to be no end to the sporting in such materials as nun's veiling, albatross, wool crepe de chine and wool canvas are put. After being snipped, clipped and stenciled fantastically the lightest and most complex trimmings are applied, and yet the result is not deemed overwrought. Yet the tendency has gone to extravagant extremes, and it seems as if fashionables soon must turn away from it. A moderate example of it is pictured in the second model of the last picture. This gown's material was cream albatross, the skirt flounce edged with black chiffon quilling. Tucked white chiffon gave yoke and collar, and applique of chiffon and velvet trimmed the bodice wholly.

Black and white continues to be a favorite combination for afternoon and evening wear.

Exquisite gowns are fashioned from pria cloth and a similar gauze fabric imported from the Philippines.

Quiet all-fashioned pelouses, spongers and large muffs are all bidding their time and next year will enjoy a good popularity.

Long evening wraps of silk, satin and chiffon embroidered in gold thread are lined with handsome brocaded satin in pale shades.

The best choice for a moderate outlay in furs is astrakhan, which wears forever and a day, and makes up into very smart collars and muffs.

A new idea for weddings is to have the bridesmaids carry silk muffs, trimmed with flowers, instead of bouquets. These muffs, which are of extra large size, and match the hat in color, have double ruffles of silk at the edges.

A new finish for the train of a wedding gown consists of a long spray of roses beginning at the waist and extending to the train, with a widening effect at the end. The same formal decoration is carried out on the front panel of the skirt and one large rose is worn at the top of the corsege.

More carriages have been sold this fall than for many seasons. All, of course, are of the screw kind or are set close to the ear. Occasionally a woman, fond of spectacular effect, wears a stone of a different color in each ear, or a yellow diamond and a white one. There are indications also that bracelets may have a revival.



MODELS SET FOR SUMMER COPYING.

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Attumwa Woman Held for Murder. Mrs. Eva Bliss of Ottumwa has been held to the grand jury to answer to the charge of murdering Rolla D. Houdyshell. She was committed to the county jail without bail. The crime for which the woman must answer is the alleged murder of Rolla D. Houdyshell, with whom it is said she had been living, in some place on the afternoon of Oct. 17. The man was found with a pistol wound in the side of his head, which resulted in his death about an hour after he had been found. The woman, who was alone with him when the shooting was done, claimed that Houdyshell fired the shot himself.

Many Postmasters Named. President Roosevelt has sent to the Senate the following list of presidential postmasters: Henry Murs, Alton; Daniel Manderson, Albia; Eugene C. Haynes, Centerville; Fred W. Browne, Belle Plaine; Theodore H. Hacker, Hampton; Anah Buck, Keota; Josiah S. McVay, Lake City; Thomas W. Summersides, Manchester; Daniel E. Pond, Monticello; Charles W. Marshall, Montrose; Henry A. Perin, Montour; Alfred W. Lee, Ottumwa; Charles J. Adams, Rehbuck; Ephraim G. Swift, State Center; John R. Small, Jr., Stuart; William D. Lee, Toledo; Daniel T. Bower, Traer.

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The fire loss of Des Moines for the past year has amounted to nearly \$200,000.

A pearl was found in a Mississippi clam near McGregor that is valued at \$500.

Haskins, a new town on the Milwaukee cut-off near Washington, has been platted.

Grinnell's new city well is down 840 feet. The contract calls for a depth of 2,100 feet.

Miss Stone, the abducted missionary, will lecture at the Des Moines Chautauque in July.

Rev. M. W. S. Perry has resigned as pastor of the M. E. Church at Chelsea; reason, ill health.

The Farmers' State Bank at Promise City has increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$67,000.

Henry Smith of Creston, a Burlington brakeman, lost an arm in an accident at Council Bluffs.

C. W. Gregory, a Goldfield druggist, has been indicted for selling intoxicating liquors contrary to law.

Clinton officials are trying to learn the identity of the person who wrote a threatening letter to Engineer Herron of Boone, but have so far been unsuccessful.

A man by the name of Minor, from Fort Smith, Ark., was terribly injured in the railway yards at Muscatine. One arm was completely severed and he received many bruises. He may recover.

The Gowrie Telephone Company has filed articles of incorporation. The company is organized to enter into the telephone business in and around Gowrie. Capital stock is listed at \$10,000.

The contract has been let for the construction at Des Moines of a three-story brick building to be used as the headquarters of the Brotherhood of American Youths.

Frank Sherman, a Des Moines attorney, son of Maj. Hort Sherman, and nephew of Gen. Sherman and John Sherman, died Saturday, aged 45, the result of a paralytic stroke.

Because his own wife refused to kiss him, Bert Smith, a Des Moines negro, drew a razor and threatened to carve her. Smith was arrested and bound over to the Polk County grand jury.

James Cary has been appointed steamboat inspector at Clinton. His jurisdiction embraces the entire length of the Mississippi along the border of Iowa.

The News of Iowa

A lodge of the A. O. U. W. has just been instituted at Marshalltown.

Copper wire thieves are causing electric companies at Dubuque much trouble.

Rev. J. Irwin Smith has resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Toledo.

A fine new opera house is among the contemplated improvements at Mason City.

Waterloo is agitating the question of municipal ownership of the water works system.

A postoffice has been established at Lawton, Woodbury County, with John A. Smith as postmaster.

The normal mail carriers throughout the State are beginning to complain of the condition of the roads.

Rev. Johnston of Des Moines has been called to the pastorate of the Christian Church at Keosauqua.

Dr. Daniel, chaplain of St. John's Episcopal Church at Chicago, has resigned and will go to Chicago.

Rev. C. C. Maxfield of Oneida, N. Y., has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Council Bluffs.

Fifty carloads of emigrants and their effects passed through Fort Dodge one day recently, bound for the Northwest.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has just completed a new line across Iowa, which follows the route of the Illinois Central from Dubuque to Omaha.

Articles of incorporation of the Iowa Central Land Company have been filed at Marshalltown. The company owns land in North Dakota that involves an investment of \$750,000.

In a championship bowling game at Muscatine between teams from Muscatine, Ottumwa and Des Moines, the home team secured a victory, defeating both opponents with ease.

The report comes from Boone that Rev. O. H. L. Mason of that city has resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian Church because he found the task too great a strain on his health.

The Sac County Good Roads Association passed resolutions condemning the plan of county supervision of road work, as introduced in the measure introduced in the Assembly by Senator Hobart.

B. B. Cotant was awarded \$2,500 damages against the Boone Suburban Railway Company for injuries received by falling from a platform on the company's property which was not protected by a railing.

A farmer who was held up near Rock Valley by two highwaymen had presence of mind enough to throw his money, nearly \$100, into the brush beside the road, and the robbers secured nothing for their trouble.

Fourth-class postmasters appointed: E. J. Smith, Des Moines; J. E. Knapp, dead; Highland Center, E. M. Bowlin, vice J. M. Elder, resigned; Medford, C. J. Nazum, vice Lee Brauch, resigned.

While two men with a team and buggy were crossing the Illinois Central tracks at Cedar Falls, the outfit was struck by a passenger engine. The team was killed, but the men escaped with a few bruises.

Several Iowa cities may investigate the new paving known as bituminous macadam, which is rapidly coming into use in the East. It promises to give all the good qualities of asphalt, and at the same time to cost only about half as much.

A sensation was caused at a meeting of the Marshalltown City Council when it developed that a copy of a contract between the city and the Glucose Sugar Refining Company was missing and cannot be found in the office of the city clerk.

Iowa farmers have been warned by the land contractors of the Dakotas against the Missouri, the new fort at Des Moines will be known as "Fort Des Moines." The christening is made at the direction of President Roosevelt, who says it is for the purpose of perpetuating the name of the original military post established on May 20, 1843, at the junction of the Des Moines and Missouri rivers by Capt. James Allen, commandant of the 1st and 2nd Dragoons and Capt. J. R. B. Gardner's company of the First Infantry, around which grew the settlement of which the city of Des Moines is a development.

The woman suffragists are not going to give up in their efforts to secure the passage of the joint resolution. Legislation is recommended as follows: That coal companies employ shot examiners who shall qualify before the State mine inspector; that miners and operators alike shall use the precaution to prevent the accumulation of dust in mines; that miners shall use only soft and clay in tamping the holes; that the shots be fired; that local rules for safety shall be made. A supplemental report filed by Reese of Albia says the recommendations are insufficient. He recommends the employment of shot examiners to lessen the loss of life by explosion.

Short State Items. The electrical workers of Muscatine have formed a union.

A farm of 100 acres near Washington has just been sold for \$110 per acre.

During the year ending March 1 the Des Moines police made 1,315 arrests.

The Illinois Central has placed electric switch lights along its lines through Iowa.

The yards of the M. & St. L. at Fort Dodge will be greatly enlarged and improved.

Rolla Tolk, a lad about 14 years old, living at Trenton, shot a hole through his hand by carelessly handling a 32-caliber revolver.

The farmers and fruit growers of Boone County will organize a horticultural society. The motive is mutual protection against unscrupulous fruit tree vendors.

The act of tearing down the old Fourth Street Methodist Church at Davenport has begun, to make room for the handsome new \$60,000 church that the congregation of the Central Church will erect.

Rev. J. C. Light, pastor of the United Brethren Church at Hudson, has accepted a call to a church at Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Muscatine city election resulted in a victory for the Republicans. The Democrats elected the wharfmaster and one alderman.

The freight wreck on the Northwestern near Missouri Valley several cars of merchandise were demolished. No one was injured.

The Dodge City Council has adopted specifications for brick paving to be laid in that city this summer. The paving will be two-course brick on macadam foundation.

Ottumwa is puzzled over the mysterious death of a resident of \$11,000 worth. Her dead body was found in a bed in a hotel, and a man who had been seen in her company about the hotel is missing. It had been caused by a dose of morphine.

Lee Van Seow, a farmer of Calhoun County, has been arrested charging with maintaining his 3-year-old son. His boy had been taken to a doctor at Des Moines to take medicine, whereupon the father, it is charged, secured a chisel and cut out most of the brain matter from the child's jaws, inflicting a deep wound in the roof of the mouth and breaking the jaw bone. Van Seow is under bonds.

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