

Georgia may yet desire to cast its vote for Tyrus Cobb.

The gladdest words of tongue or pen are: "Fair and warmer," weather man.

Boston astronomers have discovered a new star. Second base or short-stop?

Occasionally the weather man forgets himself and lets us enjoy a pleasant day.

Explorers tell us that there are valuable coal deposits at the south pole, not to mention the ice

The prodigal son no longer comes back to share in the fattened calf. He prefers to wire for a draft.

Some think a Chinese wall should be built along the Mexican border, and then let them scrap it out.

Another blow to the popularity of the turkey trot. A judge in Connecticut rules that it is not immoral.

The Pulitzer school of journalism has refused to admit women. There will, therefore, be no journalettes.

A Missouri man hit his wife with a pound of butter. He seemed to think a soft answer would turn away wrath.

Scientists say it is too cold on Mars to support life. Perhaps, though, the planet is like Boston—merely intellectual.

Better can be made directly from grass, says a scientific sharp, and perhaps it can. We have long had apple butter.

Massachusetts legislators propose a tax of \$5 a year on bachelors and some of them claim the freedom is worth it.

A Philadelphia citizen says he lives on \$1 a week, but he does not say who feeds and clothes him in the meantime.

The druggist who boasts that he has accumulated 175,000 prescriptions has no statistics to show how many of them cured.

In Nyack, which is in New York, not Tasmania or Saxe-Meiningen, the best elective offices are seeking men to fill them.

A London specialist proposes to cure baldness by grafting hair on the dome. This will create a demand for ivory experts.

A health expert avers that standing on the head will clear the brain, but too much of it is likely to develop a race of flatheads.

The average baseball fan cares not a whit about the malefactions of the baseball trust as long as the home team wins a pennant.

A Baltimore man has just undergone his twenty-fourth surgical operation. In one way he is qualified to be the village cut-up.

An astronomer in that dear Paris informs us that the earth is 100,000,000 years old. What are a few ciphers more or less?

Modern court procedure is said to be a joke, but the joke is on the poor wretch who has not enough money to hire a flock of lawyers.

With both poles discovered and public interest on the wane, it looks as if our professional discoverers may be forced to go to work.

The Arctic explorer says dog meat is delicious. In spite of which expert opinion it seems cannibalistic to be eating man's best friends.

A preacher man tells us that the saddest hour of the day comes after sunset, but our saddest hour comes when the alarm clock rings.

It took a woman to run down New York's taxicab bandits. Next thing we know we shall hear of the Adventures of Mrs. Sherlock Holmes.

A financier informs us that the man who earns \$19.25 a week is worth \$25,000. The only trouble is that some financier has charge of the \$25,000.

A Chicago man is being tried for having married seven women, but there are those who believe that he should be examined by a flock of alienists.

A Maryland citizen committed suicide rather than submit to an operation for appendicitis. Evidently he preferred an undertaker's bill to a doctor's bill.

A dispatch from England tells us that schoolboys of Eton are now allowed to wear soft shirts. Verily, the British monarchy is falling to pieces.

A New York woman sent her congratulations to her divorced husband when he married again. She should have sent her regrets to the new wife.

Our damsels wear rings on their fingers and feathers on their shoes, but there is no danger that they will wear bells on their toes—not in this climate.

Hints and Advice on Social Forms

By MME. MERRI

From "An Anxious Girl."
I have been reading your part in the paper every Sunday and am wondering if you can help me. I am sixteen and a half years old and engaged to be married to a young man twenty years old. My parents have consented to my engagement. Do you think it would be wise to get married when I am seventeen? I would like you to tell me next Sunday, please.
"ANXIOUS GIRL."

I am truly sorry that I could not tell you "in next Sunday's paper," but when your letter came it had already gone to press. I am very much afraid you will not like my advice, for I most certainly think seventeen is too young for any girl to be married. Wait at least until you are twenty. You will then have had some girlhood and realize a bit more the responsibility of the step which, you know, is for life, and for better or worse. Enjoy these next few years and you will be better fitted to be a wife.

Two Questions.
Will you please tell me the best thing to use in polishing a brass bedstead? What is the most stylish goods for spring suits?
MRS. O.

Neither one of your questions come under my department, but as I always dislike to disappoint a correspondent I will say that I was told not to attempt to polish a brass bed, but to wipe it carefully with a soft cloth. Most brass is lacquered and only needs care; if in the process of time the brass wears off it should be re-lacquered.

Whipcords, lightweight broadcloths, serges, shepherd's checks, all sorts of novelty suitings, are being worn; also Ottoman silks and taffetas made into suits.

Proper Way to Leave Cards.
Kindly tell in your "Questions and Answers" how to leave cards in paying an afternoon call, if there is no maid to answer door.
HELEN.

If the lady of the house comes to the door do not hand her your cards, but lay them quietly on the table in hall or living room as you are taking your leave. If a child or an unknown member of the family should answer the bell you may hand your cards and ask that they be given to the one on whom you intend to call.

Reply to "Pussy-Willow."
Is it ever proper to send a postal card to a boy before he sends you one? Do you consider it wrong for a boy to kiss a girl good-night when they have been chums all their lives? How can a girl refuse a boy's invita-

tion to the theater when she just prefers going with her girl friends?
"PUSSY-WILLOW."

You mak think me very strict, but I most honestly do think it wrong for girls and boys to kiss each other, unless they are relatives. A girl cannot be too careful, and I wish I could explain just what harm might come. Won't you ask mother all about it? I see no harm in sending the first postal, especially if you are on a trip. Just tell the boy that you are obliged to him, but you girls would rather go together; but how about coming home? You know I do not approve of girls being unprotected on the street at night.

Suggestions for a "Shower."
I'll be very thankful if you will please help me. I want to give, in honor of a friend of mine, a "White Shower." Please tell me how to decorate, just what would be nice to serve and some games to play.
HOPEFUL.

As far as possible use white flowers, and you can serve vanilla cream or pineapple sherbet with white iced cakes. I do not think you will need any special games, as opening the parcels usually furnishes enough excitement. If the guests like cards you could have a few rubbers of "Hearts."

Tin Wedding Dinner Menu.
Please suggest refreshments for my tenth wedding anniversary next month. We want to have dinner about seven.
M. E. H.

I am afraid you want something more than "refreshments" at a dinner, so I would start it with soup, then a meat course with vegetables, a salad, and dessert with a cake bearing ten candles in tin holders. I would use tin cups for coffee, have a tin wedding bell over the table and a tin breadpan to hold fruit and flowers for a centerpiece.

Mystical Letters.
I am a constant reader of your column, and will appreciate it very much if you will answer the following question: In a recent note of thanks I received, at the close were the following letters, S. Y. L. Will you please give me their meaning?
TOM.

I do not know the meaning of the letters; the best way for you to find out is to ask the writer of the letter.

Send Addressed Stamped Envelope.
I wish to procure an up-to-date book on social forms. Can you suggest a book of that kind?
H. E.

Please send me a self-addressed envelope in care of the paper, and be sure to stamp it. It is against the rules to give names of books or firms in this department.
MADAME MERRI.

Let the Hair Show.
Don't make the mistake that many do of putting their hats down over their foreheads without letting a lock of hair show. It is really necessary to have the hair arranged around the face to soften the features as well as the line between the hat and forehead.

Simple Home Dresses Will Look Well in Appropriate Materials



THE first is quite charming in its simplicity, and might be made in any fine woollen material. It has the skirt trimmed at foot by a strap of darker material, which is continued up in a point at the side of front; buttons are sewn here. The cross-over bodice has a braided material vest and under-sleeves to match; the over-sleeves are edged with buttons to match fronts. The waistband and skirt are of the darker material trimmed with buttons.

Materials required: 4 yards 44 inches wide, 9 large and about 4 dozen

small buttons; ½ dozen yards braid of the design favored.

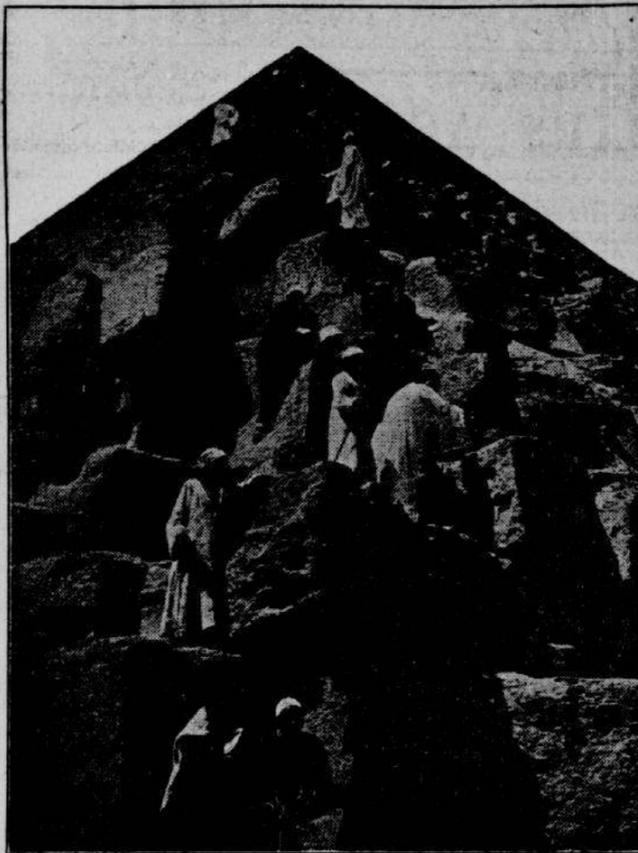
An elegant style is shown in the second sketch; it is made up in pewter grey cashmere satin, and has a skirt which is quite plain and cut with a slight train; there is slight fullness gathered in at the waist.

The bodice has a fold on each shoulder, and material revers partly covered in figured ninon; tucked ninon is used for yoke, also for under-sleeves.

Materials required: 4½ yards satin 44 inches wide, ¾ yard tucked ninon 18 inches wide.

Things Queer and Curious

Goats of the Pyramids



One of the things that annoy the visitor to Egypt is the pestering attention of the natives. At the same time these brown boys are sometimes amusing, as when they leap about the pyramids like veritable goats.

SHOT STARTS A SNOWSLIDE FISH HOOKS FOR RABBITS

Caught in a snowslide that was precipitated by the concussion following the discharge of his rifle, David Davis, thirty-two years old, formerly a Denver man, was carried 300 feet to his death down a mountain side near the quarries of the Colorado Yule Marble company, at Marble, Colo. Davis, who was employed as time-keeper by the marble company, was out shooting. As he was returning to camp soon before dusk, following a trail at the base of one of the Elk mountain peaks, he caught sight of game and took a shot. The concussion started the slide. Davis was in the immediate path of the avalanche of snow and rock. Realizing his predicament, he ran to get beyond the danger zone. His effort was futile. The slide was upon him in less than a minute after it started. He was entombed by the swirling mass and carried down the rocky mountainside to his death.

An inventive American living in Harrington, Wash., who has been troubled with rabbits passing beneath his barbed wire fence, arranged a device recently which made an effective trap. Under the under wire he attached a number of fishhooks fastened to wires with swivels in them, with which he has hooked several rabbits.

ENGLISH TWIN WEDDING

Twins figured very prominently at the wedding at an English town in Cumberland, recently, of Robert Mitchell, a well-known local wrestler, and Miss Sarah Little, daughter of a local farmer. Both the bride and bridegroom were twins. The bride was given away by her twin brother and the bridegroom's twin brother acted as best man.

VALENTINE COLLECTIONS

A collection of 150,000 valentines made by an Islington stationer named King has been offered by him to the British museum. Some of the valentines are elaborate, comprising 750 parts, with prices at \$50 and higher. All these valentines were printed prior to the beginning of the present century.

ICELANDERS WELL EDUCATED

Icelanders are now famous for their high standard of education. Every child of ten in this remote little land can read and write, neither abject poverty nor excessive wealth is seen, and crime is rare; and the latest step in the evolution of this remarkable people is the founding of a university at the capital.

ORIGIN OF HEAD HUNTING.

Head hunting, the greatest passion of the Dyak, has its roots in his courtship and in his idea of immortality and filial affection. A Dyak legend tells that "the daughter of their great ancestor, who resides in heaven near the evening star, refused to marry until her betrothed brought her a gift worthy her acceptance.

"The man went into the jungle and killed a deer, which he presented to her, but the fair lady turned away in disdain. He went away and returned with a mias (orangoutang), the great monkey who haunts the forest, but this present was not more to her taste.

"Then in a fit of despair the lover went abroad and killed the first man he met and throwing the victim's head at her feet, exclaimed at the cruelty she had made him guilty of, but to his surprise she smiled, and said that now he had discovered the only gift worthy of herself."

And to this day a Dyak girl will often refuse to marry a man who has not taken at least one head. Still more binding upon the Dyak is the obligation to furnish a fresh head to attend the spirit of any dead member of his family.

CHELSEA'S MYSTERY HOUSE

One of the most eccentric characters in London has just died in the person of Dr. John Samuel Phene, in his ninetieth year. He was reputed to be very wealthy and the proprietor of what has been known as the "Mystery House" in Chelsea, a big square building, with a front decorated in bizarre fashion. From sidewalk level to sloping roof it is a jumble of twisting columns and quaint, symbolic figures. There are cuddling cupids, ancient goddesses, mermaids, imps and all the rest. The story goes that Dr. Phene was reconstructing the house for his wife, but when she died he gave up the task. It is nearly thirty years now since the house was occupied, and twelve years since it was arranged in its present style. The interior is as curious as its exterior. Many of the rooms are pillared and the ceilings gilded, frescoed and painted in gorgeous style, but all are in a state of dilapidation.

PROUD OF HIS LONG NAILS



Here is a photograph of a celebrated Chinese priest, resident of Shanghai, showing the length to which the natives of this country will go in order to gain notoriety and draw in the money. In the case of this individual, his holiness and "Good Joss" are apparently gauged by the length of his finger-nails, the longest of which is 22½ inches in length, being, as far as can be learned, a record for that country of long nails. When not on show he is so mindful of his treasures that he wears them in guards made of hollow bamboo, and great precautions are taken that they do not get broken.

MATCHES MADE OF GRASS

With the growing scarcity of wood, match manufacturers are looking for a substitute. A stem made of dried grass is being experimented with in Europe.

WATCH INSIDE OF A PEARL



Pearls on watches are commonplaces, but a watch in a pearl is surely a novelty. One has just been made by a Paris watchmaker after 15 months of work by his best mechanics. The pearl weighed 45 grains and was a perfect flattened sphere. Its diameter was 14½ millimeters or slightly more than half an inch. The watch is 11½ millimeters, or 45-100ths of an inch, in diameter, and has a compensating balance of 5-12ths of an inch caliber. It may seem strange, but the maker says the most difficult part of the work was boring the hole in which the watch was to be inserted in the pearl. This watch mounted in a pearl cost \$6,000.

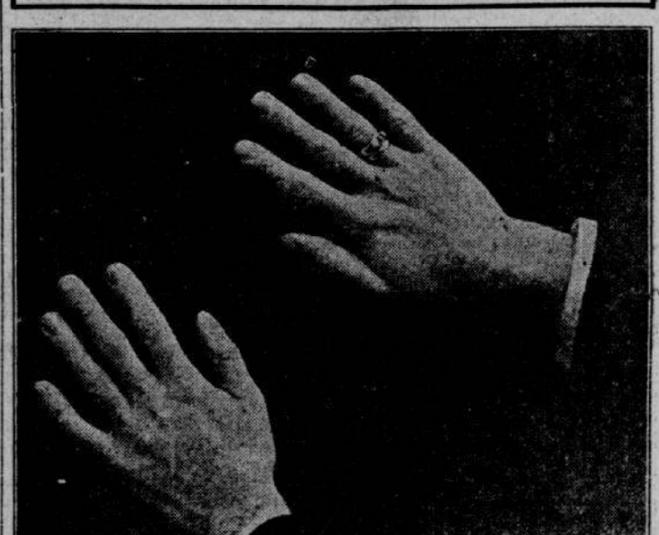
TALLEST MAN IN ENGLAND

Frederick Kempster, a basketmaker at Dr. Barnado's home in Essex, is said to be the tallest man in England. He measured 7 feet, 2½ inches in his stocking feet, and is only twenty-one years old.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONY

With the completion of a new submarine cable between England and France, successful transmission of telephone messages has been established between England and Switzerland.

Hands Insured For Big Sum



The hands of Jan Kubelik, the famous violinist, are insured for \$235,000, and recently the insurance company was asked to pay a tenth of that sum. Kubelik, while manicuring his nails, filed one a little too short, causing an irritation which led him to give up playing for a short time.