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## WRECK OF A WOMAN'S LIFE.

Attired in a rich black gown Mrs. Ida Hesser, a school teacher, in a small town in Illinois, applied to the clerk of the Queen hotel, Chicago, and asked for a room. She killed herself by imbibing illuminating gas.

There was no need for this woman to leave a note telling the reason for her suicide.

Beside her dead body were found the photograph of a smiling girl baby and some verses from Tennyson—pathetic trifles—flotsam and jetsam cast up by the waves that had engulfed her life, and telling the cause of the wreck. The verses read as follows:

"We fell out, my wife and I,  
Oh, we fell out, I know not why,  
And kissed again with tears,  
For when we came where lies the child  
We lost in other years,  
There above the little grave,  
Oh, there above the little grave  
We kissed again with tears."  
This is the entire story.

Somewhere in a little cemetery in Illinois is the grave of a child. Its sod has been moistened by a mother's tears. And betimes the rare tears of a husband have mingled with hers over the mound. And in their bridal sorrow cold hearts have warmed and coalesced.

But one day there came a quarrel which has never been "made up." The woman visited the graveyard alone. Lives once blent drifted wider and wider apart. Did the wife seek a reconciliation, or the husband? Or were both too proud?

Anyway, the burden of isolated grief became too heavy for the wife and in despair she laid it down.

There is a warning in the wreck of this derelict to other ships freighted with precious orgies.

Married couples ought to beware of domestic quarrels.

There is a philosophy which says the "kissing again with tears" is all the sweeter because of the falling out.

It is a false philosophy.

Be careful lest in stretching the tender bonds they be broken. Flee from domestic strife as from a deadly danger. Cut out your tongue rather than permit the angry retort. Words once said can not be unsaid. Hearts wounded can never again be quite the same. Lives once sundered are but patched at best.

And the day may come when even the grave of your child will be a mountain between you.

## A GENERAL AND THE MATRIMONIAL QUESTION.

Adjutant General Henry C. Corbin is fooling with dynamite. In an official report he tackles the matrimonial question and deplores the fact that many of the young officers who are entirely dependent on their pay get married. General Corbin says this is to be deplored, and should be discouraged. "A young officer should have but one allegiance and that should be the service."

The world will not agree with the grizzled veteran. The world doesn't know much about war, but it does know about hearts.

There is nothing that makes a man so thoroughly as marriage. The average employer of young men encourages it. He does it for selfish reasons. He knows that the young married man is a better employe than the single man. Responsibility broadens the young fellow with a wife on his hands. He realizes that he has doubled his liabilities, as well as his happiness; that he must attend to business. And ambition!

All the money in the world will not pull as strongly as love. The right kind of a man wants to give his wife more comforts, more luxuries; he wants to prove to her that she didn't make a mistake when she wedded him; that she is the wife of a keen, shrewd, competent, progressive man.

Marriage does that. It makes some men ashamed of their weaknesses and follies. It forces them to live cleaner lives, and cleaner living means better health.

There is nothing that cuts so deeply and wounds so severely as condemnation in the eyes of the woman you love.

Yes, marriage makes a man, crowns his life, if it is the right kind of a marriage.

Bad for officers?

We don't believe it. The thing that furnishes courage, sympathy, ambition, aggressiveness—yes, and kindness—will improve the officer as surely as it will make a man of a civilian.

Why should any human being, no matter what his vocation, be asked or forced to remove from his life the highest and holiest relation known to mankind?

And, in passing, don't forget that Henry C. Corbin, who has turned his batteries on Cupid and would strangle the little god, has just passed out of his own honeymoon period. Is he any less a soldier and good servant of Uncle Sam because he has a loving wife?

If the government doesn't pay salaries that will enable these shoulder-strapped boys to support wives there should be some salary-raising at Washington at once.

## MINING NEWS.

Low Wilmet, the well-known Colville reservation pioneer, has returned from southern California and Arizona, where he took a 300-mile trip in a small boat down the Colorado river.

W. W. Warner has thrown up his lease on the Wonderful property in the Slocan, but it is reported that work will be resumed in the spring.

A big strike has been made in the lower level of the Abbey mine near Kendall, Mont. The Kendall district has been attracting considerable attention of late.

It is understood at Wallace that a smelter will be constructed at Saltese, Mont. The St. Regis section of the Coeur d'Alene. It will be independent of the trust.

Washington.—The president has denied the application for a pardon of J. W. McKnight, bank embezzler.

Byron N. White of Spokane, one of the foremost mining men of the Slocan, has bonded the Bayonne mine for \$50,000, paying 10 per cent down.

The Curlew Mining company commenced ditching and will begin laying water pipe from the junction of Eureka and Granite creeks to join with the North Republic water mains.

Negotiations are on foot for the sale of the Jumbo mine in Buffalo Hump district. Ten thousand acres of Big Bend placer ground at Ontario, Ore., will revert to the government on midnight of December 31. This ground has been abandoned by the original claimants.

Wilbur, Wash.—The Pacific hotel was completely destroyed by fire yesterday.

## WINTER MODES THAT WOMEN WORSHIP

POPULARITY OF THE "GUN METAL" COLOR INVOLVES THE ENTIRE COSTUME—STUNNING LACE WAISTS—PRACTICALITY OF THREE-PIECE SUITS OF CLOTH QUESTIONED—SQUIRREL FUR EFFECTS—NEW TRINKETS.

Styles for the winter have fixed themselves, and one knows what is worn and what will be worn. Entire suits of velvet hold their popularity. Even separate blouses of velvet are much worn. The newest and most popular color in velour is "gun metal," and is what the name would indicate. Silk poplins in the same steel shade are excellent for house dresses. Moire poplins in all colors and shades make the most attractive, simple house dresses and reception gowns. They have a right to be exceedingly popular for their soft texture and sheen. As they are light weight and shake the dust, they are good for traveling suits. In white, with strappings of cloth or velvet, there is nothing more striking for shirts or shirtwaist suits. Zibelines in dark, indistinct plaids, trimmed in bands or folds of stitched silk of the color predominating in the plaid, make stylish walking suits. Large wooden buttons are covered with the silk and crocheted in the same shade.

### APPROVED WAISTS.

A safe selection for a tea or theater waist is of valenciennes lace over a lining of China silk and chiffon. Heavy Irish lace medallions are applied on the finer lace, with a row of French dots placed around the edge of the medallion. A crush collar of lace and chiffon completes the effect at the neck, and around the waist is worn a girde of white velvet, stitched. Broad bands of Irish pastel form a vest in another blouse. They terminate at three-quarters of the distance to the waist in a hanging medallion. The trimming scheme is to have all ornamentation dangling from the waist or skirt. Balls, tassels, fringes and cut point ornaments are constantly appearing.

### ONE-COLOR SCHEME.

Bedford cord is now being much used for suits or separate blouses,



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and, treated with bands of silk cut in convention designs, makes good

## ENGLAND'S PREMIER DUCHESS IS A REAL "GOOD FELLOW."



DUCHESS OF SOMERSET.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Her grace the duchess of Somerset is most widely known on account of her distinguished position as the "premier duchess" of England, but she is the sort of woman who gets to be heard about and admired whether she has a coronet or not.

Somewhat, you hardly expect to find a duchess—let alone the duchess whose title by its antiquity gives her precedence over all those of her rank in England—playing the part of a real "good fellow." The phrase, however, is one that exactly describes the duchess of Somerset.

Probably no aristocratic couple in the country have such a good time together as she and her husband, the duke of Somerset—or such exciting ones, either! When his grace goes, as he frequently does, after big game, the duchess accompanies him. She has been with him on some decidedly dangerous expeditions, most of them in the western states of America, and out of their joint experiences this versatile lady of quality made a book a few years ago which she called "Impressions of a Tencher." She is a good shot and she is brave. Once she saved the duke's life by bringing down with a well-placed bullet a

wounded animal that was springing upon him.

Though the duchess of Somerset is the "premier" duchess of England, her husband is not the premier duke. That rank is held by the duke of Norfolk, who, however, is a widower. The house of Somerset is second in antiquity only to the house of Norfolk—hence the duchess' priority.

Few noblemen, even in England, have more distinguished ancestries than that of the duke of Somerset. One of his forefathers was with the Black Prince in France, another accompanied Henry VIII. at the Field of the Cloth of Gold, still another was protector of the realm, before Edward VI. Jane Seymour, one of the wives of Henry VIII., was a sister of the first duke of Somerset. The duke's son married Lady Jane Gray. The second duke was exiled from England for venturing to aspire to the hand of James I's cousin.

The present duke and duchess of Somerset are to celebrate their silver wedding, this year—they were married in 1877. Probably the festivities will take place at the duke's country home, "Maiden Bradley," to which both he and the duchess are devoted, and not at their town house in Grosvenor square.

## CHINA TRUST FORMING.

HANLEY, England, Dec. 5.—England is to have a china trust, combine is the English name for it. The manufacturers of the cheaper grades of china are becoming alarmed at the headway which American-made china is gaining in England, as well as on the continent, and this combine is being formed for the purpose of fighting against American goods.

The combine does not include the makers of the finer grades of china, but is confined exclusively to those who make the cheap grades. It is

practical waists. In many instances now the color of the suit matches exactly that of the skirt, and, where the climate permits the third piece is made of the same cloth as the coat and skirt. This scheme, I imagine, will be found impracticable (as theaters, hotels and shops are far too well heated to permit us to wear so much cloth with comfort).

### FURS MUCH WORN.

A handsome coat I saw was three-quarters length, of gray Siberian squirrel, with a collar of ermine. The muff was fur, and formed of similar skins. Furs of all kinds are to be much worn, and there is nothing more becoming to a woman.

Deep linen turndown collars are now scalloped around the edge, and have a tiny vine embroidered in white above the scalloping. Some are hemstitched and embroidered. These collars are worn with silk four-in-hand ties or linen ties, with crests embroidered to match the collar embellishment.

### SOME NOVELTIES.

A combination of beauty and usefulness that this season has produced is the exquisitely colored and designed bags. One can learn to do the beadwork, which naturally modifies the expense. The most effective bags have a background of white beads, and in the center is a design of flowers or birds in natural colors. When the bags are gold mounted they are exceedingly handsome.

Long strings of teakwood beads are worn about the neck. In some chains the beads are carved and in others plain. The prettiest have one or two tiny beads between the larger ones. Buckles of the same wood are made to match the chains, and are effective with them when worn upon a girde of cloth or velvet.

## IS THIS FOUNDLING OF A NOBLE RACE?

Infant Found by Roadside With Money and a Curious Note.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—A curious and romantic story of a foundling comes from Evreux. The other day a motor car containing three men and a woman stopped in the Commune Fontaine-la-Souvet and one of the occupants deposited by the roadside near a farm house a bulky bundle. The car remained nearby until two peasants stopped to examine the bundle, when it started rapidly in the direction of Paris.

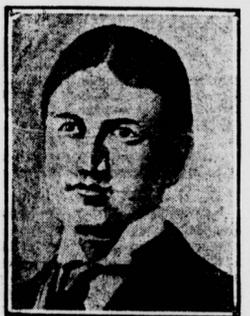
The peasants found the bundle to be a cradle, in which was a new born child. On closer examination it was found that beneath the pillow in the cradle were 14 bank notes, each for \$200, or \$28,000 in all, and a note containing these words: "Whoever will take care of this child until its majority will have good fortune assured him during his lifetime, on the express condition that he never seeks to commemorate the birth of the child, the issue of one of the noblest families of England."

The peasant thought the stipulation a light one and at once took the child to his home. The motor car was seen about the village for several hours. It arrived early in the evening, coming in from the direction of L'Hotel-lerie, on the main road from Paris to Cherbourg. It bore no letter or number, as is required by the French law.

## FREE NEWSPAPERS PARIS' LATEST SCHEME.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Newspapers for nothing is Paris' latest scheme. When you buy La Presse you will find therein a request that you cut out a coupon which is found in the paper. When you have 10 of these coupons you return them to the office and in exchange receive a ticket in a lottery. Some of these tickets are worth thousands of francs, but all are equivalent in value to the amount paid for the 10 papers which each represents. It is said that this scheme, which is worked in connection with advertising firms, has proved a great success.

## IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



LESLIE COMBS.

President Roosevelt has appointed Leslie Combs of Kentucky minister to Guatemala. Combs, who is son of a general distinguished on the Union side in the civil war, has been state pension agent, and has been prominent in state politics for some years, having been chairman of the republican campaign committee which carried Kentucky for McKinley.

Combs is one of the most extensive growers of tobacco in the country, having a 100-acre plantation in Fayette county, Kentucky, entirely for export to that weed. 400? -m?kvO mb hm bm bmbb

Seattle.—There are rumors that even the bench is contaminated in the general corruption here. "A prominent gambler" in the Times openly alleges that a judge on the bench has levied tribute on the gamblers.

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