

Rescuing Unfortunates and Helping the Poor; This Is the Daily Work of "The Travelers' Aid"

Simple Orphan Girl Was Weak and Poor, Chewed Tobacco and Had Fits—Man Attempted to Prey Upon Her Ignorance, But She Was Rescued.

THE Travelers' Aid of the Y. W. C. A. found her huddled up in a corner of the dingy waiting room, a forlorn little rag of a girl, watching with sleepy eyes for the hands of the clock to turn around to her train time. Her limp dress and scrap of a hat were of the poorest, and the shapeless old valise at her feet constituted all her visible belongings. Weariness and desolation were plainly marked on her thin, sallow face and in the droop of the gaunt, ill-nourished body.

A kind brisk voice aroused her. "Where are you going, my girl?" "To Coulee City, Washington," she answered shyly. "Are you alone?" Before answering, the girl looked up curiously into the friendly face of the bareheaded woman standing beside her and let her eyes rest upon a yellow ribbon with black dots that was pinned on the crisp white shirt waist. The badge, "Y. W. C. A. Travelers' Aid," meant nothing to her, but the sympathetic look was encouraging; so she answered "Yes."

HER FATHER WAS DEAD; SHE WAS ALONE.

Further questioning brought out the knowledge that she had her ticket and 75 cents and was on her way to a cousin who lived some where near Coulee City. She was alone in the world, her father having died a few weeks before, and this cousin was the only relative she had. She had never seen him nor did she know anything about him beyond his name and the fact that he lived near Coulee City. When the small store of money in her purse had given out she had sold her father's revolver (the only thing of any worth she had) and a man on the train, for three dollars, and now this was nearly gone. Thus in ignorance and a certain desperation and misery she had journeyed on.

"Now, Anna, my girl, I cannot let you go off in this manner. It will not do. I'm going to take care of you until you can hear from this cousin of yours."

"MISS CARROLL" GIVES HER A BED FOR THE NIGHT.

Miss Carroll (let us call her) wished with all her heart that the Young Woman's Christian association had a building where such strays could be cared for, but at such a late hour she could not for pity's sake do other than give the girl a spare cot in her own room. A little later she had dressed Anna in a clean dainty nightgown of her own, for the girl had none, and, just think, had never worn one before, and left her to sleep.

"Miss Carroll," called Anna, "sometimes I have fits, and if I have one tonight will you put a spoon between my teeth so I'll not bite my tongue, and then give me some of this medicine."

Miss Carroll caught her breath. She had discovered that this poor little child knew nothing of true cleanliness and had scarcely clothing enough to keep herself decent and had fits. She clutched the spoon and only half slept during the night, listening for any sound of the coming of a fit, but none came.

During breakfast Miss Carroll talked cheerily and helpfully and had won the girl to her so that she told her freely of her dreary life, and then suddenly burst out, "Miss Carroll, I never had a friend like you, nowhere, and I am going to tell you something. I reckon you won't think it right, and if you want me to, I'll quit."

AND SHE CHEWED TOBACCO, SNUFFED AND SMOKED.

Then she told that, like many women of the poor in the south she had the habit of using tobacco, chewing, dipping, snuff and occasionally smoked a pipe, and she was but 15 years old.

Her new found friend told her in the simplest way that it was bad for her health, that the best women did not do such things, and that she wanted her to stop at once.

Pending a search for the cousin, Miss Carroll cared for her for some days. She procured decent clothing for her and was trying to find a home, as she felt a doubt concerning the cousin's ability or desire to provide for her even if he were found. One day when she returned to her rooms she found Anna looking troubled and asked the cause.

"Oh, Miss Carroll, I feel so bad; I tried and tried not to think about tobacco, but I wanted it so dreadfully that I slipped out and bought 5 cents worth; I took just one bite and then I thought you would not think I tried, and here I am." She held out a small piece of tobacco with one bite taken off the corner. And this was the last time she ever touched the stuff.

RESCUED; NO COUSIN WAS EVER FOUND.

That cousin was never found, in spite of all attempts. Evidently the simple little girl had been rescued from the plot of some vile man, who had hoped by this ruse to prey upon her ignorance of relationship and her misfortune to drag her down. However, a good woman was found who was glad to take Anna into her home and care for her as a child of her own. Should you see Anna now you could scarcely recognize her. Good food and cleanliness have strengthened her once emaciated body and driven away the fits. She wears a big ribbon bow at the back of her head instead of the frayed and ragged braids of ill-combed hair that was knotted there the day Miss Carroll found her down in the railway station. In no wise is she now to be distinguished from the scores

BUSY DAYS NOW AT Y. W. C. A.

These are busy days at the Young Woman's Christian association with the installation of their new departments and classes. "There is great field for us here," said Miss Elsie Whiting, the secretary of the association, in talking of the different departments and their work. "We are an organization of women, by women, for women, and we are trying to meet the demand of the young women of this city. The fact that several business colleges are already established here makes little need of one in connection with the association, but we will try and establish depart-

DEMAND FOR GIRLS WHO ARE PROFICIENT.

"Every day we have a number of calls by girls looking for employment and as a general rule we have a great demand for them. There is always a demand for girls who are proficient in some one line of work." "In many of the larger branches of the association in other cities they have a school in connection where the girls are taught stenography, bookkeeping and other professions and in every instance where a girl applies for a position she is tested in the Y. W. C. A. school and is recommended by

THEM BEFORE ACCEPTING THE POSITION OBTAINED FOR HER.

One girl in a western Y. W. C. A., by studying the Spanish language, was able to increase her salary \$25 per month. She was able to translate in English. **DIRECTING GIRLS TO RIGHT KIND OF WORK.** The girls who have no profession are the girls who are looking for easy positions," said Miss Whiting, "and in these cases we try to direct them as to what line of business they are most fitted for in this great world." The gymnasium department which has just been started in connection with the association is one of the most necessary branches of the association and is doing a great work.

In the Churches

SPECIAL vesper services will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Young Woman's Christian association.

Rev. J. H. Bennett of the Corbin Park Methodist church will speak on the "Beatitudes." Miss Ida and Miss Lucy Mohr will sing two duets, "Bells of Heaven" and "Somebody."

A social hour will follow, and an invitation is extended to all girls and women to be present.

Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock a cafeteria shower will be given at the rooms of the association in the Auditorium building. Special invitations have been sent in order to avoid duplication, but every one interested in the improvement of the cafeteria and in its better equipment is invited.

The Ida Gibson Hayes Bible class will hold a candy sale during the noon hour Thursday.

Universalist church, corner Fifth avenue and Howard street, Rev. A. C. Grier, pastor.—Subject, morning service, "Human Sovereignty." In the evening the work of the Humane society will be presented by Karl J. Cook.

Vincent Methodist church, corner Main avenue and Lincoln street, Rev. C. O. Kimball, pastor.—Morning service at 10:30 o'clock, subject, "The Disturbing Christ." Evening service 7:30, subject, "The Gospel of Beneficence." Sunday school at 12 o'clock; Epworth league at 6:15.

Kenwood Christian church, corner Cincinnati and White, W. S. Lemmon, pastor.—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m. Preaching in the morning, 11 a. m., subject, "All Things Are Yours." Evening services, 7:45 p.

St. Paul Methodist church, corner Sharp avenue and Jefferson street, Rev. E. M. Hill, pastor.—Morning services at 11 a. m., subject, "Making a Business of Religion." Evening services at 7:30 p. m., subject, "He Can Who Thinks He Can." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Epworth league at 6:15 p. m.

The Lidgerwood Congregational church.—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "Speaking the Faith of God." Evening services, 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Christian's Source of Strength."

Golden Rule Spiritualist society, 810 1/2 Riverside avenue.—Rev. Max Hoffman will lecture at 8 p. m. on "Modern Spiritualism." The lecture will be followed by messages and tests.

Unity Spiritual society holds services in the Unique hall, 612 1/2 Main avenue. Confidence meeting at 2:30 o'clock, led by Mr. Grupp. Lecture at 8 p. m. by Rev. Mattie Grupp. Subject, "Astral Life on the Human Plane of Consciousness," followed by spirit messages by Mr. Grupp and other workers.

Chapel of Light, 04514 Lincoln street.—Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. Hooker McVey will speak from the subject, "Is Spiritualism a Religion or Is It a Fact to Be Ashamed of?" Messages after lecture.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, corner Fourth and Post.—Services at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Subject of the lesson sermon, "Substance." John M. Henderson, first reader.

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Dutch Collars will be almost universal, and here are beauties! The new ones have no insertion—just edges of lace. This line offers you choice of laces from an inch to 2 1/2 inches wide—every kind of lace from fine little Vals to imitation baby Irish and Irish crochet effects of open, striking design. The lawns are fine; the Collars most carefully made. We have a big assortment at 39c.

And see these Jabots and Tabs! Many are of all lace, with medallions to finish them. Many are of lawn and pleated, with wide lace for edging and lace insertion down the center—combinations of Venise and Oriental laces. And some with daintiest of little pink and blue silk embroidered patterns. All of them marked 35c.

Then there are the golf stock Collars of fine white poplin—the high neckband of heavy linen—the tie and ascot with pearl-head pin. 35c.

And Stock Collars with double tabs—stiffly starched—trimmed with buttons to give them severely tailored effect. At 35c.

In Two Weeks, Easter; Buy Suits Now

HOWEVER hard it is to realize—Easter is only two weeks off. It is as if Christmas had been advanced to the 10th of December! Exercise the same foresight in buying your Easter apparel that you do in purchasing gifts—buy now while our assortments are in their bloom—don't subject yourself to the last-day rush!

Lines of Suits, of Dresses, of Everything are Ready

We've outdone ourselves again this spring. We're most anxious to have you compare our lines with any other lines you know of!

Ask us to show you the new Suits of fine French serges—in their scores of variations of this spring's modes—the plain-and-tailored Suits—the Suits whose coats are heavily braided around the bottom—the beautiful white serges at from \$25 to \$60.

Ask Us To Show You These New, Long Coats

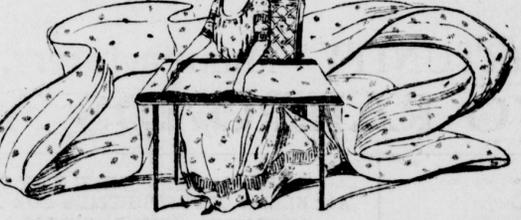
with their deep lapels—often of silk—some belted styles—and plaids—of all the coating materials that are good. Lines of girls' Coats, even, are complete. And tomorrow, special:

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And serges, too, are included—seven-eighths fitted—this season's deep lapels—the coats finely finished—

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This Year's Wash Goods are Totally Different



THE style pendulum has swung from last year's printed and sheer materials to this year's plain, rough goods copied after foreign weaves—copied after silks and wool goods and linens. In reading the items that follow—note how consistently they adhere—even the ones on which we quote bargain prices—to 1910 ideas! This is, by all means, the most carefully selected, most attractive stock you can find—a magnificent display.

79c French Linens, 59c 50c Grosgrain Cloth, 39c

Note the beauty of the fabric—the effect of its round-thread weave. Note the beauty of these shades of tan, heliotrope, Alice blue, light blue. And white. It's a splendid opportunity to buy your linen suit for spring and summer, because this quality of fabric can't be sold in Spokane at under 75c when bought in the usual way. 59c Monday, yard 59c

One of the most beautiful of this spring's fabrics—made to represent wool poplins—all the fashionable wash goods are copies of heavier fabrics this year. Of grosgrain rib—mercerized in the yarn, so its luster will last—all the spring colors for your choice. And white. You can't buy it at less than 50c. For one day we shall 39c sell it at, yard 39c

Mercerized Ottoman, 35c 35c Flowered Swisses, 25c 40c India Linon, 29c

Made to resemble Ottoman silks—one of the most attractive of the new weaves. The color range we have is complete—newest shades included. For distinctive-ness in your spring and summer suits, buy these mercerized Ottomans! Yard, 35c.

For you who appreciate the new! These Swisses with their pure white grounds and floral designs in colors that blend richly. Eastern women were buying them fast even last month! Yard, when we were there. Yard. 25c

65c Fancy Shantungs, 39c

Superb in luster—stunning in their effect—new with 1910. You would have been eager to buy them at their regular price of 65c a yard! But our New York buying organization took the entire output of the factory that makes them and saved twenty-five per cent. So Monday you can buy these beautiful rough weaves, silk-and-linen Shantungs at, yard 39c

65c Linen Suitings, 50c

Rough and heavy. It isn't a "copy" like most of this season's fabrics—it is the linen itself! And these rough Linens are in great demand for 1910. We have them in their natural shade and blue—just those two colors in this lot. So you may buy them tomorrow—35 inches wide—at, yard 50c

25c Luna Lawns, 18c

The finish is copied after Linen—the texture is foreign—these Luna Lawns are new with 1910. Highly mercerized—superb for waists and dresses, for they're sheer and cool. And worth 25c. Monday 25c

THE WONDER

319-21-23 Riverside Avenue 320-22-24 Sprague Avenue

Cotele Suitings

One of the new wool weaves for spring 1910—a soft, brilliant wool goods with a slight diagonal cord. It makes the prettiest kind of one-piece suits. 50 inches wide. At, yard \$1.75