

There is a major-league bee in the bonnet of every bush-league player.

Sand is said to be a sure cure for dyspepsia. It takes grit to swallow it.

They are growing fruit on the former pine lands of the south. Pineapples?

He is a pretty poor press agent who is unable to work the smuggling sensation this fall.

A love of poetry is said to be a sign of insanity. Take your choice between rhyme and reason.

Those rich people who smuggle set a bad example to those poor people who merely steal.

Motion pictures are used to keep hop pickers from jumping contracts and skipping out.

If four-dollar rubber boots sell abroad for 49 cents, what's the matter with going over and getting a pair?

The ricksha coolies of Hong Kong are out on strike. Evidently it's hard to keep peace where there is progress.

If it is true, as a minister says, that there is baseball in heaven, then there must be bush league angels, also.

Secrecy of chorus girls reported from New York. That dread disease, senility, gets the better of them in the long run.

How lucky the coal men are. Just as soon as they begin talking about boosting the price of anthracite along comes a cold wave.

Chile is unlucky about her presidents. To lose two in six weeks is a record which other nations will be perfectly willing to have stand.

In considering extreme fashions some moderation in criticism is to be observed. One hobble skirt does not convict all femininity of lunacy.

A recent divorcee of some sensational notoriety, denies a report that she is going on the stage. For this relief the stage should give thanks.

An Ohio man wants to wager that he can drink a pint of whisky without pausing to take a breath. How'd you like to pass your bottle to a man like that?

Pittsburg has decided that there should be more than 500,000 bacilli in one drop of milk. On thinking it over, we are inclined to side with Pittsburg.

Wisconsin man earns his livelihood by crocheting dollies. Um! After this, one can't see much left in woman's sphere for us young fellows to tackle.

Chicago is to have a new theater equipped with a smoking room for women. However, it won't be strictly up-to-date without an aeroplane landing on the roof.

This country consumed \$36,000,000 worth of peanuts last year. To the country's credit let it be said that this quantity was not all used for political purposes.

It is said to be dangerous to chew gum while bathing in the surf. Aside from the danger, why should any one wish to chew gum while bathing in the surface, anyhow?

A Chicago woman, while wearing a hobble skirt, fell and suffered a broken leg, but what woman wouldn't rather have a fractured leg than be out of style.

It is proposed to build an ocean steamship line to carry nobody but rich people. It is a good idea. Of late the rich, hurrying home from Europe, have been crowding the poor people out of the steerage.

A champion shorthand expert in the west has made a record of 269 words a minute. But it would be interesting to know how this record would stand if matched against the capacity of a thoroughly angry woman.

The Mayor of Boston says that the women of that intellectual center are brighter and better educated than the men, which is the reason so many of the girls do not marry. Boston ought to come down to the level of other towns where little Cupid doesn't care a rap about the intellectuality in the atmosphere if a girl happens to be pretty and lovable and a young man knows how to tell her so in a way to be appreciated.

A telegram from Minoqua, Wis., says a big muskellunge pulled a fisherman from his boat, and had to be shot before it was captured. If it hadn't been for the bullets it is likely the fish would have swallowed the fisherman.

A lace smuggler, who had concealed on his person 350 yards of lace, was detected because the inspectors noticed him perspiring, although it was a cool day. He should have foreseen this natural consequence of excessive raiment and packed a few ice-bags about him with the lace.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

DARING YOUNG SKY PILOT



Walter Richard Brookins, the youthful sky pilot who made the successful flight from Chicago to Springfield, belongs in the aviation game by right of having been born in the city Wright brothers have given such great fame. He is a Dayton, Ohio, boy, who has been over a great deal of America and Canada, having been for a time a driver of racing automobiles before taking up air flying.

Brookins is just past twenty-two years old. He observed his last birthday July 11 by making record flights at Atlantic City, N. J. It was at this meet that he broke the then world record for high flight for the third time by driving his machine in a series of spectacular dashes to the height of 6,200 feet. Brookins' parents are Americans. Both his father and mother are living, and he has two brothers and one sister. Walter attended the public schools of Dayton and managed, between learning to run automobiles and watching the Wright brothers practise with their gliding machine, to graduate from the Dayton high school. That is as far as he got with theoretical schooling. After that he went out into the world and became an automobile man of more than ordinary skill. He perfected himself to such an extent in that profession that he decided to try to become an aviator.

The Wrights knew quite a little about Brookins as a boy. In their observations of his automobile experiences they recognized him as a safe man for their venturesome calling. They told Walt he might have a trial. Young Brookins began as a pupil of the Wrights the latter part of last March. He practised about five hours before he went up for his first flight alone. After that he kept training daily with Orville Wright. He was the first man trained by Orville Wright and it was not long before he was intrusted with the training of others of the Wright school.

Brookins' first big meet, really his first public appearance outside the Wright reservation at Dayton, was at Indianapolis last June, and he immediately started in breaking world records.

Hitherto Brookins has confined his attempts at record-breaking to his specialties of height, quick turning and slow flights. He holds the world's record for the latter now, it being 21 miles an hour. This is almost as essential in the training of an aviator as is quickness in turning, both demonstrating the operator's control of his machine and the sense of oneness with his machine that he must have to be successful.

Since he started flying independently of the coaching of his trainer Brookins has made brilliant exhibitions at Indianapolis, Montreal, Atlantic City, Toronto, Detroit, Asbury Park, N. J., Boston and through the middle of Illinois on his coolness and intelligence that the Wrights have given him so many responsible opportunities of flight. Personally he is a clean, alert, self-controlled young man. He has no vices. He is a wholesome, energetic man.

CONSERVED HIS OWN LIFE



Henry Wallace, the new head of the National Conservation congress, is himself a living example of the possibilities in conservation of human life. Thirty years ago, while holding the pastorate of a United Presbyterian church at Morning Sun, Iowa, he was informed by his physician that his days were numbered and that his only hope of prolonging life for even a reasonably short time was to get out of the pulpit. He did not wait to preach a farewell sermon; he went back to the farm and commenced anew the simple life. Today, at seventy-four he is a vigorous and healthy man, doing his full day's labor every day and with intellect as keenly alive to every issue of the time.

Mr. Wallace's special interest in the work came to a head when he consented to associate himself with others in the work of the Roosevelt Country Life commission appointed a few years ago to inquire into the needs of the farms and suggest methods of improving the life of the rural community. On that commission he was associated with Gifford Pinchot, President Bailey, President Butterfield and others.

The presidency of the National Conservation association came to Mr. Wallace wholly unsought. Before he had thought of attending the convention he stated clearly the demand of the friends of conservation. He said: "The people of the west demand that the government shall protect the remaining resources of the nation as yet under the control of the nation from spoliation, by placing them under a cabinet officer or officers who are not merely honest, but of whose integrity and efficiency there is not the shadow of doubt, men whose affiliations have not heretofore been with the spoilers. Anything short of this will invoke the wrath of an already outraged and indignant people."

LEADER OF 'PROGRESSIVES'



In the battle between the regular and progressive Republicans in New York state one of the most prominent leaders of the latter and the principal leader before Colonel Roosevelt assumed command was Lloyd C. Griscom, diplomat and former ambassador to Italy, and the chairman of the Republican committee of New York county. When, after his relinquishment of his diplomatic post at Rome, he began to mix in the politics of the metropolis, the old leaders were inclined to be jocosely at his expense, called him an amateur and said he had many things to learn.

Mr. Griscom is a native of Philadelphia, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a lawyer. Before being admitted to the bar in New York city, which was in 1896, he became secretary to Ambassador Bayard at the court of St. James. In 1897 he was deputy district attorney of New York. At the outbreak of the Spanish war he volunteered his services, was commissioned captain and assistant quartermaster and served four months in Cuba as aide-camp to Major General Wade. Then he resigned to enter the diplomatic service and was appointed secretary to the legation at Constantinople. He afterward served in Persia, Japan and Brazil and was decorated by the shah of Persia and received the order of Bolivar from the government of Venezuela.

NEW GRAND ARMY COMMANDER



John E. Gilman of Massachusetts, who was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the forty-fourth national encampment, has an enviable record as a soldier and citizen. He belonged to the noted Twelfth Massachusetts, a regiment which vies with the First Minnesota as having lost the largest percentage of the men it carried into any single action. Commander Gilman fought bravely with his regiment through all its battles until at Gettysburg he lost his right arm by a wound from a shell.

He joined the Grand Army in 1868, and has since been zealous and active in its service. During the dark days of the order he was one of the mainstays, and has held nearly every office within the gift of his comrades as a reward for his fidelity and ability. He was elected commander of the department of Massachusetts in 1899, and gave that department an efficient and satisfactory administration.

Commander-in-Chief Blackmar selected him for his adjutant general. He traveled with that official all over the United States, and made friends wherever he went. Commander-in-Chief King continued him after the lamented death of Blackmar, and he added to his popularity in that position. For years he has been the head of the Soldiers' Relief commission of Boston.

Theater Waists



THE blouse at the left is of black mousseline de sole made up over black silk and trimmed with bands of jet embroidery. The waistcoat is of light blue silk velvet trimmed with the black mousseline de sole and trimmed with a motif of gold embroidery, as is also the girdle, the latter of black liberty. The yoke or guimpe is of white lace. The sleeves are trimmed with the jet and finished at the elbows with turnover cuffs of black liberty. The other blouse is of black silk voile trimmed with bands of jet underneath and silk cord. It is trimmed underneath with a corset of gold embroidery headed by gold lace, these showing through the voile in charming effect. The little guimpe is of white lace. The sleeves are made and trimmed to correspond.

FUR TRIMMING THE VOGUE TO FRESHEN UP RIBBONS

According to Fashion's Present Edict it is Almost Impossible to Overdo it. Many Methods May Be Employed, and With Care They Will Appear Like New.

Surely there never was a time when the economical woman could more gladly bring out from the moth balls all the fur she has inherited and bought. She can have it dipped and combed and put it on every gown that she will wear this winter. The nightgown is almost the only robe that is not fur trimmed, and one would not be surprised to see one appear with an edge of sable at sleeves and hem.

Sable is in first style for everything. It is used in 15-inch borders on evening wraps, in ten-inch borders on afternoon gowns, and in three-inch borders on ball gowns. On the latter it is combined, or rather held down at intervals, with huge dull red silk roses. One sees it combined with flowers on a great majority of gowns, not for street wear, of course, but for all manner of house occasions. Chinchilla is shown again, but not in dyed marten, sealskin, and dyed otter, as well as its natural condition, is very fashionable and is used on chiffon and satin or tunic and coats.

Narrow edges of all the brown furs are run on sleeves and the drapery on the bodice, and one sees it also on tabs that hang from the waist in severe elongated directoire fashion. It is supreme in millinery. Hats for all hours are trimmed with it. Every turban is to have a border of it. Flash, badger, skunk and grebe are used with lynx, dyed marten, sealskin, and dyed otter. Sealskin is especially smart on hats and the woman who has any of it in good condition can turn it into a high plaited turban and border it with three inches of brown fur; if sable, all the better.

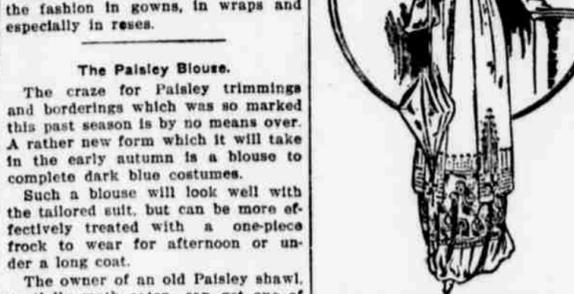
If she wants this hat for afternoon wear she can have one rose at the side or front—preferably a huge, dull red one. This black-red tone, which is the color of blood, is very much the fashion in gowns, in wraps and especially in robes.

The Paisley Blouse. The craze for Paisley trimmings and borderings which was so marked this past season is by no means over. A rather new form which it will take in the early autumn is a blouse to complete dark blue costumes.

Such a blouse will look well with the tailored suit, but can be more effectively treated with a one-piece frock to wear for afternoon or under a long coat.

The owner of an old Paisley shawl, partially moth eaten, can get one of these blouses cut on simple semi-tailored lines from the shawl and have enough of the bordering left to introduce a touch of the coloring on the skirt.

Roman Scarfs of Wool. If you would make a sensation with your knitting start one of the new Roman scarfs in fine Shetland wool. They are the most fetching things in light, warm wraps that have appeared for many a day. These scarfs are about a yard wide and as long as one likes; from a yard and a half to two yards is the average. They are knit loosely with huge wooden needles, and any one who can knit need not fear to attempt one. The chief beauty lies in the coloring which copies closely the Roman silk scarfs of an earlier generation. The stripes are knit across and are formed of four colors, each outlined on both edges. Alternate stripes of white of varying width.



The sketch today allows for little detailed description. It is a robe pattern in embroidered batiste combined with lace. The suggestion is merely to remind readers of the beautiful things to be had at reasonable prices. The wise woman will buy them now, even though she does not make them up until next summer.

Novel Hemming Party. A girl who was going to be married varied the usual sewing party by inviting her girl friends to join her in a hemming bee. Towels, napkins, dish towels and tablecloths were hemmed during the afternoon, made pleasant by fruit lemonade and biscuit on the wide porch, and each guest put her own initials in the corner of each article hemmed by her—a charming reminder in days to come. The silver thimble given to each girl on her arrival was kept as a souvenir meanwhile the hostess found her linen chest much fuller than at the beginning of her hemming party.

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SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW.



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His Inalienable Right. When Willie goes to school next week he will have a new teacher. The new teacher will like Willie when she begins to know him, but the process may take several terms.

Willie's teacher began to like him just before the close of the school year, and she testified to her affection by offering him a pocketknife.

"There, Willie," she said, "you have tried so hard to be a good boy that I am going to give you this nice four-bladed pocketknife—but you must promise me never to cut the school furniture with it."

"Take it back, teacher," said Willie, sadly.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

DAME NATURE HINTS When the Food is Not Sued.

When Nature gives her signal that something is wrong it is generally with the food. The old Dame is always faithful and one should act at once.

To put off the change is to risk that which may be irremediable. An Arizona man says:

"For years I could not safely eat any breakfast. I tried various kinds of breakfast food, but they were all soft, starchy messes which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which appeared to benefit me at the time, but added to the headaches afterwards. Toast and coffee were no better, for I found the toast very constipating.

"A friend persuaded me to quit the old coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice. I began using them three-months ago.

"The change they have worked in me is wonderful. I now have no more of the distressing sensations in my stomach after eating, and I never have headaches. I have gained 12 pounds in weight and feel better in every way. "Grape-Nuts make a delicious as well as a nutritious dish, and I find that Postum is easily digested and never produces dyspepsia symptoms."

"There's a Reason." Get the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.