

HAYS CITY, KANS.

How would you like to be the mail carrier?

Those eggs from China must be of near-storage variety.

Still this is the kind of winter we are all supposed to like.

The monorail train is the only rival the flying machine has.

Ear tabs may feel heavenly, but they look like the dickens.

The Furnace to the Man of the House—You may begin firing whenever you are ready.

Age cannot state the infinite variety of embellishment. An 87-year-old-embellisher has been discovered at Rockford, Ill.

In New Jersey a chrysanthemum has been picked 16 inches in diameter. Pretty fair for a little runt like Jersey.

Strawberries at one dollar a quart are on sale in Texas. The Texas shortcake must mean all the name implies.

Those anxious to escape the moving pictures can find refuge in the Coliseum at Rome. You're not allowed to see 'em there.

That was indeed a grave offense for which a Chinese viceroy has been deposed—misconducting the funeral of the dowager empress.

A Lake Erie freighter with a cargo of flaxseed, has foundered. Many a Buffalonian with a ball on his neck will await relief in vain.

A Yale alumnus offers \$100,000 for an adequate remedy for tuberculosis. While appreciating his generosity it would be cheap at the price.

The gold production of this country just about equals the candy output. Unlike almost everything else, candy is never subject to overproduction.

Here is a problem pleasanter to work on than the "twice zero" enigma: How long does it take a cake of butter to melt between two hot-buck-wheat cakes?

Doubtless many a married man will clip out and take home a Chicago judge's ruling that a wife has no real right to warm her cold feet on her husband's back.

A woman in Milwaukee was operated on to remove a sponge left in her body by a careless surgeon. The first operation was evidently one of an absorbing nature.

According to the Charleston News and Courier a man is at his best at 33. Undoubtedly he is, only some men are 33 at 21, others not until they are 60, and some men never are 33.

Government scientists are planning to rob the unripe pessimism of its astringent qualities. Doubtless they will next try to make a palatable breakfast food out of wild oats.

A divorce play which had created a sensation in Paris was a flat failure in New York. It was too much like putting on a play with the cooking of an ordinary meal as the main theme.

The new administration in Turkey has decided that Mussulman women must not appear unveiled in the streets of Constantinople. Evidently things over there have begun to slip backward again.

A big batch of members of the Black Hand is said to be planning to leave Europe for America. Some of them have been expelled from countries where they have been carrying on operations and are represented to be seeking a more promising field here. But our authorities have been duly warned, the immigration officials are keeping a sharp lookout and should the Black Handers arrive they will get anything but the glad hand.

Those melancholy days have come, in some respects the saddest of the year, when the English tailor reaches out yearningly to make the American man. There are already plates in the papers of the threatened British styles. Condescendingly we are told that Americans are really, though gradually, learning how to dress. An approach to the feminine wasp waist is suggested in the London design as a step further in the right way.

The world is full of men who would help others, in a charitable or religious way, but do not know how to go about it. They are willing to give their money if they knew the actual need, or to lend a hand if the object of their care would be really benefited. In lieu of a definite call to duty, in which one may have absolute confidence, there is a suggestion to be made, which is, that a manly, upright, hopeful, righteous life is itself a powerful promoter of good in a community.

Although it is well known that oysters are planted, it seems funny, that it is the department of agriculture that is to inspect all the oyster beds and the stations from which the bivalves are shipped. The yearly output of oysters on the Atlantic coast is valued at nearly \$20,000,000. A very great part of the trade being interstate, the traffic becomes subject to federal regulation and inspection. We may expect to see the oyster swell with pride and become more cleanly than ever in his person and surroundings as a special ward of Uncle Sam.

A Cornell university professor has mathematically ascertained that the average lifetime is lengthened one year each century. This does not add much to the length of a man's life who lives less than a century.

A singular incident occurred in New York city the other day, when a policeman captured a supposed burglar. He sent a bullet through his own finger, the ball then entering the burglar's chest. That suggests the old story of the gun that could shoot around a corner.

Pretty Blouses



THE first is in pink cashmere, and has a yoke of finely-tucked crepe-de-chine of the same color, edged with a shape piece of old rose velvet, on which passementerie is sewn, where it crosses slightly to the left side; four small tucks are made each side of front below velvet. The upper part of sleeve forms a small puff, and is set to a velvet band at the elbow, then continues in a deep crepe-de-chine cuff to the wrist.

Materials required: One and one-fourth yards cashmere 46 inches wide, one yard velvet 18 inches wide, two and one-half yards passementerie, one and one-half yards tucked crepe-de-chine.

In the second is shown a simple morning style, that might be made in delaine, visella, or nans' velving;

Materials required: Three yards 30 inches wide.

The third would make up well in chiffon tafetas; it has a yoke of tucked net, edged with narrow galloon, two more rows trim the other part of blouse, also edge the cuffs, to which the sleeve is gathered; they are of tucked net, finished at the wrist by narrow lace.

Materials required: Two yards chiffon tafetas 42 inches wide, one and one-half yards net, four yards galloon.

USEFUL AID IN ALTERING TUCKS AND HEMS IN SKIRTS WILL BE FOUND INVARIABLE—BEST WAY TO REMOVE SPOTS.

Tucks and hems in skirts are invaluable aids in altering. If an extra piece of material is allowed for when making wash dresses so as to have something to piece or patch with it should be sent to the wash with the dress, at least once in a while, and hung where it will perhaps fade a little, so as not to show too great a difference when the time comes to use it. An extra length in children's sleeves can sometimes be allowed when the sleeves are put into cuffs. The length being put in between the two sides of the cuff; then when lengthening is necessary, the cuff can be ripped off and set on the edge of the sleeve.

Often there are spots which washing will not remove from table linen or wearing apparel. Unless those things are seen at once, the stains are apparently indelibly fixed. Oxalic acid will take out most stains, but unless carefully used will remove the material as well.

Use a teaspoonful of a cupful of hot water—dissolve thoroughly, and then hold the material either side of the stain and drop it in and take it out of the solution. Keep lifting it in and out until the stain disappears, then rinse and keep rinsing under the cold water faucet until sure that none of the acid remains.

The New Lamp.

A new lamp for table or desk is one with two tall brass standards or rods held upright in a metal base. Topping this is a shade of opalescent or faceted glass, either in dome shape or cylindrical.

In the metal base is a rack in which is a growing plant in a pot, either begonia or gardenia, or maidenhair or other small fern.

The lamp is arranged for an electric bulb, gas attachment or candle. Colored shades of all kinds, in all rich reds, greens, blues and yellows, and in the more delicate pinks, greens and lavenders, are to be had for such a lamp.

When to Exercise.

The best time to exercise is on getting up in the morning after which you should take a rub down and your tepid or cold bath, and in the evening, just before going to bed. If you wear any clothes be sure they are perfectly loose and do not impede in any way the movements you wish to make.

A Hatpin Holder.

In one of the well-known little hat-pin holders made with a glass tube and ribbon the decoration is a long twist of green ribbon covering the tube and suggesting a thick stem; this is surmounted by a chrysanthemum made of tiny fluted ribbon worked into an immense rosette the size of a real chrysanthemum and resembling that flower. Bows and loops of green ribbon surround it and suggest leaves. The hatpins are stuck in through the flower, which is based upon a piece of bobbinette covering the top of the tube.

A Pearl Bandeau.

Seed pearls are ranked among the beautiful adornments of the winter collure. They are incrustated in lines or huge flowerlike forms on a band of tulle or gauze, and the whole is a lovely ornament for the swirling lines of hair.

The bandeau passes quite around the head low on the forehead, and is fastened under a large pearl cabochon at the right side, where, by the way, the important motif must appear this season.

TO BE MADE UP IN TWEED

Serviceable and Exceedingly Useful Costume Most Becoming to Any Woman.

This is both a smart and useful costume, and made up in tweed would be exceedingly nice. The plain skirt is trimmed at the foot by a single row of silk braid to match color of costume, it also edges the semi-fitting



coat, which has a shaped panel front and back, continued into curved straps that join in with the side seam. Moire silk is used for the long revers, which have the fastening exactly below them.

Hat of black chip, trimmed with white ostrich feathers.

Materials required: Seven and a half yards cloth 45 inches wide, 1 yard moire, 1 1/2 dozen yards braid, 5 yards silk for coat lining.

Pique Gloves in Demand.

The pique and heavy manish gloves are much in demand just now for street wear with tailored gowns. Pique is always in good taste and is a serviceable choice.

For those who prefer chamois all the year around there are extremely soft but thick gloves in this kid, especially designed for winter wear, the colors natural and ivory white.

Both tones wash if carefully done, making the wear of chamois economical because there is no outlay involved for cleaning and the gloves look like new after each washing. They wear for months, too.

For the Dinner Table.

A stock of common glass test tubes is a convenience for women who have table centerpieces or other low decorations to arrange now and then. An attractive dinner table in a small apartment utilized, recently, the fern dish with pink carnations mingled with the ferns and moss. The flower stems were immersed in the test tubes, which had been sunk into the earth of the dish. The candle shades of the table were, of course, the same shade as the flowers.

The World of 'Thrine

By FLORA FIELD

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Higginsville's main street was hideous, a welter of straggle of raw earth, margined by irregular, desolate deformities of buildings, but beneath this lay lid of early darkness, it took on, for the none, rather a homely and cozy aspect. The post office was the axle of the town's social life; it represented the political platform, the farmers' stock exchange, the women's general intelligence office, the unacknowledged, subtle trysting place.

This night the office was packed and steaming with a red-hot furnace. Above the shuffle of feet and spasmodic weave of voices, sounded the quick, rhythmic beat of stamping letters.

Clip-clap. Clip-clap. Clip-clap—a sense-satisfying lightning precision.

At once this noise ceased. There was an instant move forward. The small boys squirmed wildly under elbows to squint an eye against a crack or a lockbox glass. Then the slide of the general delivery window was pushed up, suddenly revealing in a niche of light the head and shoulders of a young woman. It was a startling frame for any face; that of the girl dealing out letters might have posed as an illuminated saint of the modern art. This girl looked a dreamer, an idealist, a soul in its last chrysalis, and not for a moment the post-mistress of a Missouri village, almost within sight of the smoke of Kansas City. Yet she was born and bred there, and her little journey into the world had been no further than to St. Louis. Her father, Attorney Culver, had been a gentleman, a scholar, and a procrastinating lawyer, with a mania for taking the measure of his clients' heads and deducting their ancestral race. When her mother, who had been a patient invalid, died, the father followed, erratically, as was his wont, his last thought a belief that his doctor's head showed distinct tracery of the tribes of northern Asia.

No provision was left. The judge secured for her the modest government cottage of Miss Culver, when she arrived. Above all other traits was her comprehensive and sensitive intuition that is the flower of simple living and the sometime gift of grief.

The first rush to the window expended itself precipitately, the bulk of the mail was soon distributed, and the crowd thinned gradually away. Then the door opened again and a man entered. He stalked up to the window. He was big, he was blocked out in his lines, as the muscular Britisher is; he was red and bronzed, somewhat bulbous eyed; his clothes were a mystery of rough tweed. When he spoke, his voice was a pleasant scenic railway of English inflections.

"Er—have you anything for Capt. Graeland—er—I should say, Capt. Vivian Graeland?"

"Graeland—er—G, you know," the man said patiently. She was studying the B's.

She smiled frankly. A sense of humor brings its own self-possession.

"It might have been H, the way the English spell names," she replied, impulsively.

"How did you know I was English?" The question was humorous.

She glanced through the letters quickly.

"There is nothing for you," she answered, decisively.

He felt a rebuke. "Thanks," he said, raising his hat slightly, and stalked out.

"Have you got anything for me?" It was the Higginsville voice. She thought she could measure the infinite difference between this and the other.

"Not to-night, Jim."

"You haven't looked." The Higginsville voice bent itself to near a woman's gentleness.

Catharine took the mail once more. She found a letter for Jim Wilson.

He lingered a moment, then left, swinging away with the inevitable grace of a great strength and a glorious youth.

When Catharine closed the office and started home, she met him going in the same direction, and he guarded her to her gate. He had waited an hour in the cold for this. He generally did the sort of thing one reads about.

The English officer called repeatedly for mail. There were registered epistles and miscarried letters which acted as a bridge over formality on which Catharine and he met.

He told her who his people were in England, and asked if he might call on his own credentials.

"Why not?" she asked, looking past him at the drug store across the way, where a boy was hanging a fresh placard in the window labeled, "The Farmer's Famous Chill Cure." "Yes, you may come; you must meet Aunt

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His Discovery.

The swell son of the household had just been initiated into the art of cleaning his own teeth with the soft little brush his mother had bought him.

Hearing the baby cry lustily a few minutes later the mother ran into the nursery, only to find the nursing bottle on the floor and Johnny, toothbrush in hand, leaning over the crib of the screaming infant.

"Oh, muvver!" he cried, anxiously, "baby must have been borned wifout any toofas!"

Pa's Sleepy Day.

"Pa, what do you go to church for?"

"Why—er—to listen to the sermon, of course."

"That's what I go for, but I can't hear it 'cause you breathe so heavy."

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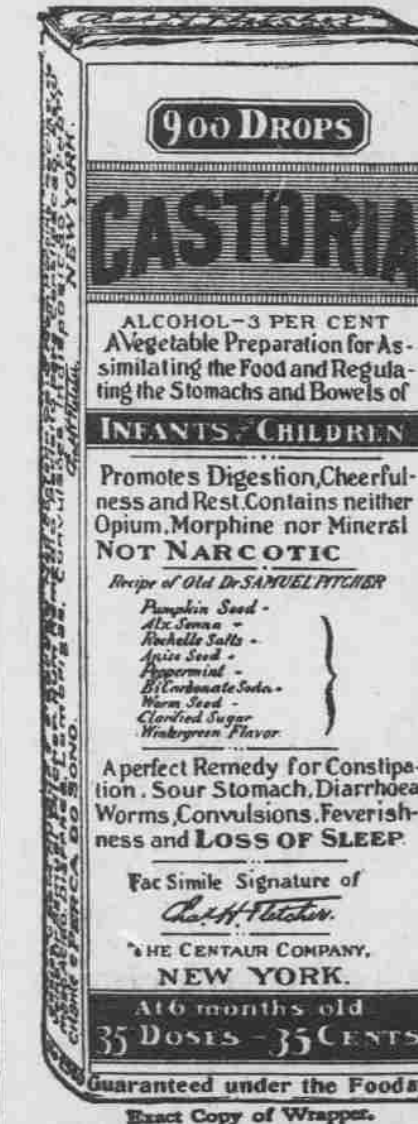
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Who was this wondrous lady whose portrait made such a sensation? She was the daughter of George Hamilton, the earl of Abercorn's son, and was 19 when Charles II. came to the throne. Her beauty brought her offers of marriage from the duke of Richmond, the duke of Norfolk and the earl of Tyrconnel, but she refused them all and wedded the Comte de Grammont, who had been banished from France for making love to one of the French king's favorites. "When he saw her for the first time at close quarters," we read in his "Memoirs," "he perceived that he had seen nothing at court until this moment. She was at that happy age when a woman's supreme charms commence to bloom. She had the finest figure, the finest neck and the finest arm in the whole world—though tall, gracious in all her movements. As for her complexion it had a freshness that the colors of art could not imitate."

Make Home Happy.

Make the home life as happy as you can for the children. Many a boy goes astray, not through lack of care and training, but because home life is not made as happy as it might be. Children, while they are young and impressionable, should be surrounded with happiness. It is as essential to their well-being as sunshine is to flowers. If, as they grow up, they find that happiness is not to be had at home, they soon learn to look for it elsewhere.—Home Chat.



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