

Society



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Short, Tall, Stout, Thin, Rich and Poor --- All Follow the Fad

THE latest fad, would you know it? Not the red-heeled slippers, nor the beautiful ostrich fans of brilliant hue, nor the vanity case garters, nor even the trick roses the debutantes wear on their gowns to conceal the dainty make-up box. What is it "they" all talk about between rounds at the afternoon bridge, or in dressing rooms at the clubs and theaters, or where two or three are gathered on morning shopping rounds? It used to be the children, the maids or the automobiles. But those topics are passe and something of momentous importance has come to take their place. Momentous, did Gabby say. Momentous is right, for the very latest fad is REDUCING. It's such a fad, fad that even the thin women have gone in for it. Everybody's doing it! Corsettes as well as masseuses give evidence. "We are quite accustomed," say sales ladies, "to having stout women come in and ask for reducing corsets. But now we are being besieged by thin women requesting them. And women who wear corsets measuring only 22 and 24 are just as eager to reduce as their sisters with ponderous proportions." The real ladies of fashion in our city are engaging in expensive baths and massages of distinction. Those with lesser means, are taking other methods of getting their results, but all of them have gone in for it, short, tall, stout, thin, rich and poor. They take not only baths, massages, exercises and a rigid diet, but they work off considerable avoirdupois by talking about the eight ounces they lost yesterday morning and the two pounds which departed hence last week. Gabby knows one lady of size in Omaha who lost 40 pounds in 10 days. She! A buttermilk and orange diet and the attention of an expert masseuse did it. She has recently reclaimed six of the 40 pounds, so all is not well. She has abandoned social activity for the present and is applying herself to the task of becoming sylphlike. One woman who weighs 113 pounds is desperately determined to reduce to 110. Dancing classes, gymnasiums and golf courses are crowded with followers of the fad. Society women there are who make a real pleasure of trimming down their figures. When they begin to bulge a bit here and there, they take themselves to some little pleasure resort not so far away where baths and masseuses are obtainable, and make a real occasion of it. We haven't gone as far yet as Dayton, O., where the Y. W. C. A. advises mothers to "check your babies and improve your health." A kindergarten class there provides for the children from 4 to 6, while mother is busy establishing a swimming record in the "pool" or going through a toe-touching exercise which appeals to her as a flesh reducer as well as a muscle builder; covering that if the yarn doled out to him is called "blue" then so must be the eyes of 5-year-old Mary two chairs away. After all it is about the most sensible fad extant. Superfluous flesh is an indictment against his carrier. It worries him who has and him who sees. WHY all the world takes such an interest in lovers is what harassed young lovers have been asking for several centuries if not longer. There are those who have to have something to talk about, and there are some who like to pose as cynics, and who see in each new devotion a chance for a few witticisms. But with the majority of people it merely seems to be the working out of the old adage, "all the world loves a lover," and if the world does, it quite naturally wants to know about each new case. There is something about the malady that is appealing and refreshing to the jaded spirit. Yet so long as other people do manifest this violent curiosity as to their intimate affairs, so long will lovers resent it with the unanswerable query, "Whose business is it but our own?" And they will try to elude prying eyes and wagging tongues as often as they can. That seems to be the state of mind of one couple at present, whose engagement, though practically recognized as such has never been announced. And Gabby hears that they are not going to announce it till they are all ready to be married, and that the time is drawing near when they will startle the curious old world with wedding invitations. She is a light-haired, blue-eyed girl who attended school here and in the east. She has two brothers, one of whom is married. She is famous for her quick-witted repartee, or, to couch it in uncourtly terms, she slings an extra mean line. "The man is tall and dark, and is in the contracting business. His hobby is automobiles, and he goes in especially for the low, rakish variety of street craft. They are constantly seen together in his latest model, a Stevens. P. S. Gabby won't swear that it is a Stevens. The only car she is sure of is a Pierce-Arrow. There was a little man and he had a little gun. As Mother dozes versus show, And he shot a little duck for his good. But that was long ago. Now there is a little man, and his name is Jack. And I fear old is he, And he found a little duck on his own Right out in Dundee. The poor little duck had a broken wing. On his long way south," said Jack's wife. "Now he couldn't go a block. So they took ducks in and fed him some corn. And fattened him up for dinner. For they argued well that he might as well be fat. And what but him grow any thinner? The butcher boy came with his apron and his knife To perform the last sad rite. And duckie's soul flew to the rice fields green. In the swamps where it's always light. Then cook took a hand and stewed the little duck. For a long time, lo-o-o-o time. But the family tried in vain to pick his little bones. His toughness was a crime. Completely busted by the bird, the family heard a ring. At the front electric bell. And there stood a woman demanding of her duck. The tale is sad to tell. Six simoleons had she paid for duckie to exhibit his fat. Where she hoped to win a blue ribbon (For they were a handsome pair.) "But duckie strayed from home"—the And loud was his owner's wail. When she heard of his taking off, his end which ends our tale. Games Wanted Games are wanted for children at the Social Settlement, according to Mrs. Mark Levings, one of the volunteer assistants in the work there. Old games will be discarded for new after Santa has made his round of Omaha homes, and it is thought in the exchange some may fall to the lot of the Settlement, where they are greatly needed. A telephone call to Mrs. Levings, at Atlantic 3210, will answer further inquiries.

Mrs. C. C. George and her husband returned a week ago from Asheville, N. C., where they went last month for a rest. Mrs. George, who is one of Omaha's most charming society matrons, plans to spend the winter quietly here. The Land of Allah, the camel and the caravan, Miss Henrietta Rees will see this winter. She sails January 7 on the Adriatic with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rees of Springfield, Ill., and will visit early on her tour, Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples and Egypt. From Cairo Miss Rees' party will take a three weeks' trip up the Nile on the steamer Sudan, going as far as Assuan. The Holy Land, Athens and Naples will be visited later. An overland trip is planned through either Italy or Germany, with a stop of 10 days at the Riviera, from where leisurely progress will be made to Paris. Miss Rees will sail from Paris for America about the middle of April. She was a traveler to Honolulu last season. Mrs. Ellery L. Davis of Lincoln left Thursday for her home after a visit here with Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis. Mrs. Davis was graduated in 1907 from the University of Nebraska, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is a very popular member of Lincoln's young married set. Her son and daughter, Ellery, jr., and Mary Helen, were in the bridal party of Miss Dorothy Balbach, whose marriage to Dr. Edwin Davis took place in September. Mrs. Bradley Roe, a member of the Fortnightly Musical club, and pupil of Louise Jensen Wylie, will leave early in January with her husband and son, Bradley, jr., to reside in Chicago. Mrs. Roe plans to continue her study of music with Charles W. Clarke at the Bush conservatory in Chicago. She will sing a group of soprano songs for the music department of the Omaha Woman's club at its meeting Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Irma Podalak Klapp will accompany her at the piano, and Mrs. Joseph Burger on the violin.

The galleries of the house of representatives presented a gay picture on Monday when the president entered and delivered in person his message to congress. Mrs. Harding went early and occupied the executive gallery, accompanied by the under secretary of state and Mrs. Henry P. Fletcher, Gen. and Mrs. Charles F. Sawyer, Miss Laura Harlan, Marshall Sheppy of Toledo, O., and Judson C. Welliver of the White House staff of correspondents. Those in the legislative hall when she entered recognized Mrs. Harding and rose to their feet and applauded, standing until she and her party were seated. Mrs. Harding acknowledged the greeting graciously and took her seat in the front row of the little gallery. It was a strenuous day for Mrs. Harding, for in the afternoon she went to the concert of the Philadelphia orchestra, and in the evening she accompanied the president to the theater. Mrs. Harding's guests at the concert were Lady Lee, wife of the British admiral; Lady Borden, wife of the former premier of Canada; Mme. Sze, wife of the minister from China; Mme. Van Karnebeck Rosande, wife of the delegate from the Netherlands to the conference, and Miss Harlan. The party at the theater, in addition to the president and Mrs. Harding, were the director of the budget, Gen. Charles G. Dawes, and Mrs. Dawes, and Representative and Mrs. J. R. Mann of Chicago. Thursday evening a large dinner party was entertained by President and Mrs. Harding, the company including several of the visiting governors and their wives. The Congressional club entertained the ladies of the parties of the delegates to the conference at a beautiful tea Thursday afternoon in the club house, when the wife of the vice president and the speaker in every respect assisted the officers of the club in receiving the distinguished company. Representative William E. Andrews of Hastings, Neb., was a guest of honor and the principal speaker at the annual luncheon of the Rubenstein club on Wednesday, when they had as their guests, when they Mrs. Dalgleish, president of the club; Mrs. Seiberling of Akron, O., former president of the National Federation of Music Clubs; Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, president of the Woman's National Foundation; Mrs. Hobart Brooks, first president of the Rubenstein club and now honorary president; Hamlin Cogswell, director of music in the public schools, and Herndon Morsell a former director of the Rubenstein club. Other special guests at the speakers' table were Mrs. Clarence B. Rhem, a former president of the club; T. Arthur Smith, and Rev. Dr. Walter A. Morgan. A program of music followed the luncheon and the speaking. Rev. Mr. Andrews made an eloquent speech, dwelling upon the harmony idea which had ruled in the Rubenstein club, which has held together and grown through 14 years' existence. It is composed of 100 of the leading women signers of Washington, principally church choir soloists and local concert singers. Mr. Andrews made a pretty tribute to the art of music which had so dominant an influence on everything in every walk of life, and told the tale of how it was once his ambition to be a singer, and entered a church choir as a tenor, somewhat because he was interested in the fair organist of that church. He afterwards became a pupil of that organist and eventually became her husband. He made a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Andrews, who is still in their home in Hastings, superintending the finishing touches on its improvements. He will go home about the 18th of the month and spend Christmas there and she will probably return here with him early in January. Visiting in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brady of Fort Worth, Tex., arrive December 18, to spend the holidays here with Mr. Brady's sister, Mrs. Thomas L. Davis, and his father, John Brady.

Washington Society Is Used Even on Their Checks

Monogrammed stationery, why not monogrammed checks? There are a few in use in Omaha, but the majority of people who wish their checks to be distinctive have their whole names printed on their checks. The check used by Miss Grace Sorenson is unique. It bears in the upper left hand corner a tiny picture of the cover of the children's magazine of which she is the editor. The design is of a little girl in a pink dress rolling a hoop. The check itself is white. Loyal B. Cohn has his monogram, L. B. C., in the corner of his checks. Among business firms the printed name of the firm is almost always used on checks, and many business men have adopted the custom on their personal checks, usually to save trouble, in spite of the suggestion made by one man that when men acquired a large enough account to have their checks important their hand writing tended to become illegible. A good many women have taken up the idea, partly perhaps, because of the touch of individuality which it lends. But all of them are well known for their efficiency and it may well be that they simply like to be as business-like as their husbands and brothers. Mrs. Charles T. Kountze and her sister, Mrs. Samuel Burns, both have their names on their checks, and so does Mrs. Luther Kountze. Miss Jessie Millard is another whose name is printed across the corner, and Mrs. Victor B. Caldwell has her name printed in gray across one end of her small blue check, and Mrs. John Caldwell also uses printed checks to avoid confusion. Mrs. Lynn Campbell, Mrs. Charles Offutt and Mrs. J. C. McClure all have adopted the custom. It is particularly popular with women who are treasurers for various organizations and wish to keep their several accounts easily separated. too much. These things are done. One has a box of sleeves or a tiny trunk of them as one has a hat or a shoe trunk. You may travel with sleeves borrowed from the ages and recking with history. It may come about, if the fashion lasts long enough, that women will boast of finding a pair of 14th century sleeves in Florence that once belonged to a personage and another priceless pair which were worn by Catherine of Russia. These will be added to the collection as one now adds pictures and shoe buckles and snuff boxes. One need not tax the imagination

Major Isaac Sadler chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Roland Jones, president, is sponsoring a series of musical programs to be held in the night schools throughout the city. This is a part of an extensive program of Americanization and citizenship work that is being carried on by the chapter. Mrs. Margaret Richardson, who is in charge of girls' work at the Y. W. C. A., will have the Friendship club of the "Y" sing Christmas carols at the West Side school, December 15, at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Ernest Reese, violinist, will give a program at Kellom school on December 15 at 7:30 p. m., assisted by Mrs. P. S. Dreibus, soprano, and Mrs. Martin Donlon, cellist. Harry Bell will have charge of the program at Train school, December 15, at 7:30 p. m., assisted by Miss Clara Schneider, Miss Anna Killian, Mrs. H. Goettsche, Philip Krasne, Max Guttman and Clarence Gardner. Col. T. W. McCullough will speak on "Some Tendencies of the Modern Drama," at the general meeting of the Omaha Woman's club Monday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, in the Burgess-Nash auditorium. The literature department, Mrs. Edward Johnson, leader, will have charge of the program. Vocal numbers will be given by the Y. M. C. A. quartet, Messrs. Dean Smith, Hugh Wallace, Edward Williams and George Campbell. The president, Mrs. Charles Johnson, will preside during the business hour. Birthday Party. John Brain, jr., had a birthday party Saturday afternoon for 22 of his little friends. The children had a fish pond, and then sat around a long table decorated with Christmas favors, and each had an individual birthday cake.

Dorothy Massey to Wed Edward McCaffrey

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Massey, daughter of Mrs. Mary S. Massey, and Edward H. McCaffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen McCaffrey, will take place Wednesday morning, 7:30, in the chapel of Creighton university. Rev. Father William P. Quinlan officiating. Eileen and Sherwood McCaffrey, sister and brother of the groom, will be the attendants. The bride will be married in her traveling suit of dark blue duvety trimmed in fox fur and hat of black satin. Following the ceremony the couple will leave for an eastern wedding trip. They will be at home after January 1 at the Hanscom apartments on Park avenue. Miss Massey attended St. Marys school at Notre Dame, Ind. Mr. McCaffrey is a graduate of Creighton Law college and a member of Delta Theta Phi fraternity.

Drama League

Charles Lytle of the First Unitarian church, will address the Omaha Drama League, Tuesday, December 13, 4 p. m., Hotel Fontenelle ball-room. The Provincetown players and Eugene O'Neill will be discussed. Small theaters are becoming more and more an important factor in theatricals in the east and it is thought consideration of them here will be timely and beneficial. This is the first of three lectures to be given by local speakers, Miss Kate McHugh, acting president of the league, and Mary Irene Wallace, now in the east, will come later.

Prayer

We are at prayer when least we know— A silent moment 'mid the glow Of April on a wooded hill. A footstep pausing by a rill To hear that liquid rattle spill Its music through the silent places— A light of love no little faces. A thought caught up from life's dark stream— The sweetest prayer Is when we dream. You thought to pray was just to kneel Within your closet, and to feel The spirit of communion sweep Your spirit to that vasty deep Of His immortal realm—but men Pray best so often where they are ten Or twenty, or a struggling host. And prayers are little deeds of love That lift up like the Holy Ghost To realms above! We are at prayer when we make life Less bitter with the human strife That posens and corrodes us so With actions mean and small and low. We are at prayer when through the drift Of shadow and of care we reach A loving, helping hand to lift To lives around us, to bequest The sunlight for them and the cheer Of a more loving atmosphere. And putting hate and anger by, Bring heaven a little bit more near And Christ more near. —Baltimore Sun.

Overseas League to Help American Legion

The Women's Overseas Service League donated \$50 to the American Legion Christmas dinner fund for the families of needy ex-service men. "We will take 10 of the 100 families estimated to need aid as our quota," said Miss Helen Cornell, president. Surplus money, if there is any, will be used for meal tickets for stranded buddies. Adj. H. C. Hough announced. Mrs. J. E. Wallace of the Omaha College of Women's club tendered the services of music and drama sections of the organization to forward the overseas girls' Christmas plans for ex-service men in local hospitals and at Fort Crook. Two quartets, under the direction of Miss Avis Roberts, will sing Christmas carols in the hospitals, where baskets of fruit will be presented to each sick veteran and another group, under Mrs. Wallace, will give a 20-minute playlet at the holiday entertainment at the post, Tuesday evening, December 27, planned by the overseas girls. The latter will also assist in the Red Cross roll call.

A Tie That Binds

On her return trip from Sioux City last week Mrs. Arthur Guioiu fell into conversation with an attractive woman, who with her little girl was returning to Des Moines. Mrs. Guioiu spoke of the time she was giving to raising her quota of Vassar's salary endowment fund, only to find that her companion was devoting her spare time to the same cause, so the two mutually delighted alumnae sat and chatted of ways and means. Mrs. Henry Frank of Des Moines, for so Mrs. Guioiu discovered her new friend's name to be, has invented a kind of tray which can be attached to the window sill for feeding birds. It solves the problem of cats, which has always annoyed bird lovers and saves the window sill from setting untidy. This device is being patented and Mrs. Frank is putting it on sale for the Vassar fund. Mrs. Guioiu is selling bridge scores, which bear the new system of scoring by x and - signs.

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New Officers of Women's Service League



The new head of the Omaha branch of the National League for Women's Service is Mrs. E. S. Westbrook, who was throughout the war, chairman of the motor corps here. Her new position gives Mrs. Westbrook charge of the day nursery, which is carried on by the league. Mrs. M. T. Barlow, as treasurer of the Service league, is also a member of the day nursery board. Both women have been connected with the nursery since it was first opened, in 1918, at the close of the war. The splendid care received by the children left daily at the nursery while their mothers go out to work is well known. A matron and three nurses are at the home, two of whom look after the 15 babies, who are under one year, and one of whom supervises the children of three and four in their play. Every child has two good meals during the day and must take his nap after lunch. Mrs. Alvin Johnson is in charge of the Christmas plans, which include a Christmas tree, presents of warm clothing and toys and a real ice cream party. The day nursery will remain open all winter.

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Trunkful of Sleeves for One Frock

Imagine traveling about with six pairs of sleeves to one frock. Imagine wearing your sleeve as a shoulder piece for warmth and protection and dropping it in the restaurant or at the card table, leaving the arms exposed as they have been for a year. Imagine appearing in an evening gown of capucine brocade one night with a Greek bodice clasped on the shoulders with ivy leaves done in brilliant and appearing the next night in the same frock with Dogess' sleeves built of metal net and embroidery, banded with fur and touching the floor. One need not tax the imagination