

**PAULINE ASTOR TO MARRY
EX-BRITISH ARMY OFFICER**



MISS PAULINE ASTOR CAPT. H.H. SPENDER-CLAY

Pauline Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor, is engaged to be married to Capt. Henry Spender-Clay. Announcement of the engagement comes from London. Capt. Clay resigned from the British army two years ago on account of a "ragging" scandal. He has much wealth.

ARMY OF JUVENILE TOILERS.

Chicago Newspaper Points Out Evil in Economic Conditions.

An economic condition that compels a single child to toil for its daily bread is deplorable. Human sensibility is touched by the thought of children of tender years being consigned to industrial bondage in a land of plenty. If the sight of a few score children toiling in a factory arouses the humane impulse and evokes vigorous protest, what shall we say of an army of 1,750,178 juvenile toilers, all compelled to work for a living?

This is the number of children now working for their daily bread in the United States, according to a special report of the census bureau just issued. They form more than 6 per cent of the total number of workers in this country, the boys outnumbering the girls three to one. When it is remembered that children are largely employed in the more menial forms of unskilled labor it will be seen that they are much more apt to be exposed to unsanitary and unhealthy conditions than are the adults. They are also less able to enforce demands for more favorable conditions in the few instances where they are intelligent enough to see the necessity for them. They constitute a helpless and pitiful army of toilers, poorly paid, robbed of childhood and stunted in physical, mental and moral development—a reproach to our civilization.

The figures showing women's invasion of the business world, while heartening to those who are most familiar with the conditions that make breadwinners of them, may be contemplated with more patience. According to the report 55 per cent of all divorced women, 32 per cent of the widowed and 31 per cent of the "single women" are pursuing gainful occupations. That American married women are confining their energies to the management of homes is shown by the fact that only 6 per cent of them are in the gainful pursuits.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Have Valuable Railroad Device.

Joel Arnold, engineer, and George E. Kelley, brakeman, employees of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, have invented an automatic coupler for air brakes and steam pipes that may make them both independently rich. The device is very simple and can be attached to any car. By its use the air-brake pipes, the steam-heating pipes and the signal whistle are automatically coupled as the cars bump. The coupling of the cars is regulated from the platform of the car by the same lever that governs the draw-head. Railroad officials have become interested in the device.

Sets New Color for Blondes.

Among women it has been almost axiomatic that only brunettes can wear red and none save the most courageous blonde ever dared break the unwritten law. Mrs. William E. Carter of Philadelphia, a beauty of pronounced type, has, however, been startling Newport with flaming costumes. In an accordion plaited Eton suit of red and with a red hat, red parasol, red slippers and silk stockings of the same shade, her Dresden china coloring seems even lovelier than when she wears less striking costumes.

Missouri's Farmer King.

David Rankin of Tarkio, Missouri's farmer king, was given a handsome leather couch by some of his employees on his 79th birthday, which arrived last week. "Boys," said the vigorous old man, "I've got a lot of these things in the house, but I never have time to use them." Although so near an octogenarian, Mr. Rankin drives day after day over his 23,000 acres, telling his men how to do things and seeing that they mind. He is still as tough as a pine knot and seems good for many years yet.

"Postage Mission" Good Idea.

The man behind the new "postage mission" idea is Rev. Walter Reid Hunt, pastor of the First Unitarian church of Orange, N. J. His church has a "cheerful letter department" which conceives as its work the writing of letters and sending of literature to the "shut ins" in all parts of the country. The chief idea is to reach those who live in the remote and sparsely settled country districts and who could not, even if they desired, attend regular places of worship.

THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

WELL LIKED BY SUBORDINATE.

Former Business Associate of Secretary Morton Thinks Much of Him.

Tom Lee, the giant general passenger agent of the Lackawanna railroad and commodore of its fleet on the Hudson, used to work under Paul Morton, now secretary of the navy. In temperament the two are much alike—open, genial, cheerful, magnetic, receptive and responsive. When Lee was sought by the Lackawanna at a big increase of salary he sent his resignation to Morton, who indignantly rejected it. Lee resigned three times, and Morton at last understood that he really meant it. Finding he could not alter his assistant's determination, he wrote as follows: "If you've got to go I've got to let you, but I think you are making a damned fool of yourself." Lee is still 6 feet 4 inches and has not lost flesh. He regards Morton as a big man.

HONOR FOR SECRETARY HAY.

Prized Decoration Granted Statesman by President Loubet. The Legion of Honor, the Grand Cross of which is to be conferred on Secretary John Hay by President Loubet, is a French order of merit, founded by Napoleon in 1802. The Grand Cross is the highest grade, and is given only to persons signally honored. The emblem of the order is a



five-rayed star of white enamel, edged with gold. On the obverse is the image of the republic, with the inscription, "Republique Francaise," and on the reverse two flags with the motto, "Honneur et Patrie." Since 1872 the order has been composed of five classes—chevaliers, officers, commanders, grand officers and grand crosses.

WEDDED TO HIS VIOLIN.

Sarasate Has Followed the Advice of His Teacher of Music. Sarasate—Pablo Martin Meliton De Sarasate, to give him his full name, so rarely heard as to be almost forgotten in the single title that is his name—is 60, and he has been playing his wonderful violin since he was 12 years old. It is just thirty years since he made his first public appearance in London and was hailed as a new Paganini. Born in Pamplona, in Navarre, he became at the Paris conservatoire the favorite pupil of the renowned Alard. It was Alard who exhorted him, "Wed thy violin, Sarasate, my son, but never a woman," and to his violin he has been faithful ever since.

Mary Anderson Not an American.

Mary Anderson's love of England is inherited. Her father, Charles H. Anderson, was a cultured, scholarly Englishman, who, on finishing his education at Oxford, came to the United States. Her mother was of German extraction. Mary's full name is Mary Antoinette Anderson De Navarro. She is 45 years old and there isn't a drop of American blood in her veins, notwithstanding Kentucky proudly claims her. She was born in Sacramento. Her husband and the little son live in the old-fashioned village of Broadway, in Worcester-shire, a hamlet which has been described as the most beautiful in all Great Britain.

Croker's Son in Wall Street.

Richard S. Croker, son of the former Tammany boss, has become a member of the Wall street firm of Cammann & Co., his father having given him \$75,000 with which to purchase a partnership. The firm of Cammann & Co. has long been connected with the Croker interests. It always was a well-known fact that Croker, the leader of Tammany, was a successful Wall street speculator. In November four years ago he was known to have cleared up at least \$1,000,000 in a bull campaign in western railroad securities, and people in Wall street remember that much of his investments at that time were made through Cammann & Co.

Sarah Bernhardt's Many Suicides.

Mme. Bernhardt has had what is probably the greatest experience of all tragediennes in the simulation of suicide. Her deaths by self-administered poison total up roughly to 10,000; she has jumped into the scenic artist's Seine over 7,000 times; she has sent over 5,000 bullets into her head from a revolver, and nearly the same number of daggers has the great actress, to the indescribable sorrow of intensely sympathetic spectators, plunged deep down into the chignon at the side of her bodice.

King Edward Tires Out Subjects.

King Edward attended a recent function at the mansion of a titled subject and remained standing until many of the other guests were almost exhausted, for of course they could not take seats until his majesty had done so first. It is noticeable that the king, like his father, is practically tireless. He can keep constantly on the move from morning till night and is never in a hurry to sit down and rest. He gets through a great amount of routine work, too, and seems to like it.

BOYS & GIRLS

Little Prisoners.

When mother's gone away to work, us kids is just as good— We never do a single thing 'cept what she said we could. She gives us all a good-by kiss, an' she locks the door up tight. So's to be sure to find us here when she gets home at night. She leaves the key with Mrs. Brown, who lives next house but one. An' there'd ever be a fire, why, Mrs. Brown would run 'em out. For mother's work is 'most a mile away. We know, 'cause she took us, but they wouldn't let us stay.

We see the school kids goin' by, an' then we know it's noon 'n' time to eat our dinner, which is always ready soon. 'Cause bread and cheese is all we have; an' then we play around. Or little brother goes to sleep an' we don't make a sound. We watch the funny postman, an' the wagons rollin' past. The streets get dark, the lights come out, an' pretty soon, at last, somebody taps the windowpane, the 'hooker turns an' then, 'You'd ought to hear us shoutin', 'cause it's mother home again. —Newark News.

Soap Bubble Fountain.

A fountain that spouts soap bubbles is one of the novelties shown in the Palace of Liberal Arts at the World's Fair. It is about 25 feet high, and is surmounted by a statue of a fairy. Millions of soap bubbles pour out from the top basin, over the sides and into a larger and lower basin which, in turn, fills and overflows, the bubbles being carried off at the bottom.

The effect is much more brilliant than a water fountain, for each of the tiny bubbles reflects all colors of the rainbow. To add to the brilliancy, electric lights are concealed in the lower parts of the two basins, throwing beams of light of all colors up through the bubbles and producing an electric fountain whose effects is magnified by every one of the globes of water.

The bubbles are produced by specially built machines which agitate the soap in clear water and under pressure force it up to the top of the fountain.

A Dovecote for Your Lawn.

If any of you boys or girls are thinking of putting up a dovecote or bird-house out on the lawn so as to attract the birds to your place, here is a beautiful model for you to copy.

If your father happens to have a tree on the grounds that he does not wish to keep alive, it will be just what you need for your purpose. Saw it off about ten feet from the ground, or as much lower as will leave a clean, straight trunk. (A pole set in the ground will serve the same purpose, but will not look quite so well at first.)

If you can, at the top of the trunk leave three or four portions of branches, sawed off clean and level at the ends. If you can't, then nail three or four wooden supports to the top of the trunk.

A platform thirty-six inches square should be nailed on top of the supports. Then on top of this platform set up a house with inclined sides. Measurements: 24 inches square at bottom, 20 inches square at top, and 40 inches high (42 inches if measured along the inclined edge.)

Cut five windows in each side, and underneath the upper tiers of windows fasten little shelves for the birds to perch on.

On top of the house set up a tall attic roof, with the ridge lines a little



curved instead of straight. (This makes the effect more graceful.) Leave the eaves sufficiently wide to protect the birds from the rain.

The Disunited States.

A guessing contest which seems easy to most girls and boys when they hear of it, but proves more difficult than they supposed, is the Disunited States.

Make an outline, nothing more, of each state in the Union. These must be drawn on separate cards or pieces of paper and be exactly like the outlines on the map. Have each card numbered and its number placed opposite the name of the state on a separate piece of paper, which is not shown until the contest is over.

You will be surprised at the mistakes made, for even those who have studied geography for years find it difficult to decide which state the outline stands for when it is all alone. Each player writes his name on a slip of paper bearing the number he ventures to guess. The one who has the most correct answers should re-

ceive a prize. This is a simple game, but it affords amusement to school boys and girls and to older people, having left school before many of the new states were added to the Union, find it no easy task to guess the state by a mere outline.

Sometimes a river or a mountain sketched through the state in its proper place will give the guessers a better chance, but even then many funny blunders are sure to be made.

Threading a Needle.

This is not so much a trick as it is a test of limberness and agility. Every boy, unless he be a very stout boy, or has very short arms and long legs, should be able to do it easily after a little practice, although at first it looks very startling.

Get a thing stick, about three feet long. Hold it before you with both hands and, jumping into the air, try to pass the stick beneath your feet without letting go of it with either hand. It is not so easy as it looks in the picture, and at your first attempt you will probably strike your ankles or toes against the stick and knock it out of your hands.



As the Trick Should Look.

May your second or third try you may get your toes just over the stick, when, to your surprise, you find it torn from your hands and lo! you are standing with both feet on it!

If you keep at it, you will soon learn the knack of it, which is in moving your arms just far enough to pass the stick beneath your feet at just the proper moment. Then, when you are an expert at this, try it backward, holding the stick behind you and bringing it beneath your feet to its old position in front.

When you can do both these with ease, try the feat on some of your friends and when, at their first attempts, they pronounce it impossible, surprise them by doing it both forward and backward.

Can You See?

Try it in this interesting game, which any number of persons may play. The objects to be seen are placed on a table in a separate room, or they may be the ordinary articles of furniture in such a room. One of the players should prepare the room or the table. The more articles there are the better. Each player is admitted to the show room the same length of time, say a half minute, or the whole company may file in slowly and keep in line as they pass around the room and out again, looking carefully at every object. Then all write down as many articles as can be remembered. Each player is allowed the same length of time to think and write.

These lists are then read aloud by a leader and checked by a correct and complete list previously prepared. The points a player makes equals the number of articles he names correctly. If he names an article that was not in the room he loses a point. The prize goes to the player who has the most points at the close.

The same game may be played out of doors, and each player be given three minutes to write down what he sees from the piazza or wherever he may be sitting.

Japanese Game.

A favorite card game of the Japanese is played as follows: One hundred well known proverbs are selected, each divided into two parts, and each part printed on a separate card.

The host of the evening has the hundred first halves, which he reads aloud, one by one; the hundred second halves are dealt to the other players, who place their hands face upward on the "tatami," or thick mat of rice straw, on which they sit. As the first half of any proverb is read, the holder of the second half throws it out, or, if he sees it unnoticed among his neighbor's cards, seizes it and gives him one of his own. The player who is first "out" wins. It is a very simple game, but it affords great entertainment to the players; for the quick-sighted and keen-witted are constantly seizing the cards of their duller and slower neighbors, and this leads to much laughter and many good-natured sarcasms.

Girls Now Run Chalk Race.

Boys have their many games, and now here is a novel pastime for the girls, although there is no reason why the boys should not play it, too. If they can take themselves long enough away from their marbles, baseball and other boy sports of the season.

It is a chalk race; that sounds as if it might be exciting, does it not? Well, so it is, and the beauty of it is that two or any larger number can join in—that is, as many as can find bits of chalk or anything else which will make a mark on a stone pavement.

Each girl arms herself with a piece of chalk and stands at the starting line with her back toward the finish line, which may be any distance away, although sixty feet is quite far enough for an ordinary race.

At the starter's signal the racers are off, each girl placing her chalk on

the starting line and drawing a circle. This circle may be as large or as small as the racer pleases, but it must be a complete circle; there must be no gap in it.

Now the racer draws another circle, beginning at the farther edge of the first, and joining that, a third circle, and so on, taking a step backward each time until the finish line is reached. The first one to draw a circle one edge of which touches the finish line wins the race, provided her other circles form an unbroken chain to the starting line.

If one of a racer's circles should be separate from another and not touch it at all, that girl is out of the race, although the circles may overlap as much as you please.

Some may like to make a lot of small circles, for they can be drawn very quickly, while others prefer large circles because one covers so much ground. Whichever method you try, you will find that it takes quickness, good judgment, and a steady hand to win. Try it; you will find a chalk race lots of fun.

Diamonds Are Charcoal.

Is it not strange to think that the precious diamond is only a crystal of the purest carbon? That is the reason it is not fusible and cannot be injured by acids or alkalis. The "fire" in a diamond is brought out in the cutting. Rough diamonds are cheap, for the cutting takes so long and is such a delicate business that it costs a great deal. And yet they must be cut to attain their brilliancy. Diamonds come from India, Brazil and South Africa, and are found in all colors—white, orange, yellow, red, brown, pink, blue, green, black and opalescent.

The pale yellow and brown shades are more common, but the decided hues are extremely rare. Indeed, just one deep red diamond has thus far been found. The most popular colors are pure white, blue-white and a deep golden yellow.

Death of the Sun.

Among the Ojibway Indians, who once occupied the lands about the great lakes in Canada, the sun, moon and stars were all objects of worship; for the redman was, in his own way, a decidedly religious person. At dawn the old chief and warriors chanted the praises of the sun, and at nightfall they thanked him for the light and heat with which he had supplied them during the day. An eclipse of the sun filled them with dismay; that event was looked on as his death, and they were then very anxious about his safety. They used to fasten bits of live coal to the points of their arrows and shoot them up into the air in order that the expiring sun might be relighted. As for the moon, it was equally precious; they reckoned their months by it. Their children were forbidden to point at it with their finger lest it should be bitten off.

Eskimos' Arithmetic.

The Eskimos count by their fingers—one, two, three, four, five. Above five and up to ten they use the second hand; this, six is "the first finger of the other hand." Above ten, they employ the toes. Thirteen, for instance is "three toes upon the one foot," and eighteen "three toes upon the second foot." Twenty they describe as "a whole man." They seldom go further than this, but they can do so if necessary; for example, they express twenty-two by saying "two on the second man," thirty-seven by two toes on the second man's second foot; forty is "the whole of a second man." According to Dr. Nansen they cannot, or do not count beyond 100, which is "the whole of the fifth man."

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Settled the Case With Her.

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"So for three months we had Postum in place of coffee without ever having one of my old spells but was always healthy and vigorous.

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Catarah Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarah is a blood or neural disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Haly's Catarah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and nervous system. Haly's Catarah Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for a case of catarah, and the result was the best blood purifier, acting directly on the nervous system. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarah. Send for testimonials. Free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Haly's Family Pills for constipation.

Ban on American Dentists.

The Supreme Court of Germany has rendered an opinion that the title of doctor conferred by American dental colleges is not to be recognized in Germany, constituting a violation of the German law against unfair competition and is therefore prohibited to be used. Three hundred and twenty dentists in Germany, who heretofore held the title of doctor from American colleges, are affected by this decision.

When Wrestlers Oiled Bodies.

In Grecian and Roman wrestling bouts the bodies and limbs of the wrestlers were plentifully anointed with oil and grease. The object of this was to prevent a hold being secured by an opponent. Modern articles of agreement, however, state explicitly that no oil or grease shall be used.

Immensity of Alaska.

Few people realize the immensity of the area of Alaska. With its 577,390 square miles, it is larger than the three largest states in the Union, namely, Texas, California and Montana, the total area of which is only 579,229 square miles.

Of Wide Interest.

Bread, Wis., July 18—Special—Charles Y. Peterson, Justice of the Peace for Oconto Co., has delivered a judgment that is of interest to the whole United States. Put briefly, that judgment is, "Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best Kidney medicine on the market to-day."

And Mr. Peterson gives his reason for this judgment. He says: "Last winter I had an aching pain in my back which troubled me very much. I the morning I could hardly straighten my back. I did not know what it was but an advertisement led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. After taking one box I can only say they have done more for me than expected as I feel as well now as ever I did before."

Pain in the back is one of the first symptoms of Kidney disease. If not cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills it may develop into Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism or some of the other deadly forms of Kidney Disease.

Grain-Eating Songsters.

Fine voices, it is said, are seldom found in a country where fish or meat diet prevails. Those Italians who eat the most fish (those of Naples and Genoa) have few fine singers among them. The sweet voices are found in the Irish women of the country, and not of the towns. Norway is not a country of singers, because they eat too much fish; but Sweden is a country of grain and song. Carnivorous birds croak; grain-eating birds sing.

Where Most Wheels Go Around.

There is no place in the world where the wagon or cart traffic is equal to that of Newchwang. During the winter months, when the roads are firmly frozen, there are not less than 2,000 carts, each carrying two tons per day, coming to the port, each drawn by four to seven mules or ponies; some of these carts are from thirty to forty days on the road in order to reach the market.

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How to Make a Doll's House.

To furnish a doll's house collect as many corks and bungs as you can get, a few ounces of colored beads all one size, with two or three dozen big ones, a packet of pins, and you have all you want except a small skein of wool. Slice up the corks crosswise to make the seats of the chairs and the table tops. The bungs will do for the sofa seats. Slip half a dozen of the beads on a pin, putting a big one on first of all, and dig the points into the slices of cork to make the chair legs. The chair and sofa backs are made with plain pins and the wool laces across them from side to side. If you want the furniture to be very grand the cork may be painted with enamel or gilded.