

### Hurry, Pop! What's the Reason For All These Fake Whiskers?



Peggy Hopkins Joyce plays hostess to all the Santa Clauses in New York at a luncheon in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Lucky no youngsters were around or there might have been trouble!

What will you answer this Christmas when starry-eyed Junior raises his face and asks: "Daddy, how come I saw three Santa Clauses downtown today?" Or: "Mother, why was Santa Claus riding in an automobile today? Are his reindeer hurt?" Or, looking at a newspaper: "Why was Santa Claus so thin when I saw him on the corner today? He's fat in this picture!" This is the season when harassed parents must think up quick answers or destroy Junior's faith in St. Nicholas. For Santa Claus, though a messenger of joy, can also be a pest. In Omaha a sympathetic mayor last year ruled that the army of fake Santas must leave the streets, thereby bringing sighs of relief from Mother and Dad. But in other towns and cities, papa may restrain an impulse to strangle every red-suited gentleman

he meets on the street. To prevent this mass liquidation, thoughtful persons have now offered a solution which has worked before and should work again. When Junior wonders about so many different kinds of Santas, the explanation is that they aren't Santas at all, but just his helpers. Simply wreath your face in a benevolent smile, take Junior on your knee and repeat the following: "You see, Junior, Santa is a very busy man and he needs lots of help. So he has helpers who ask boys and girls what they want in their stockings." The only trouble is that Junior may answer: "Yeah, but papa, why did that man there say that he really was Santa Claus and that he'd be sure to bring me a big train set, an' a lot of toy soldiers and a drum an' a . . . ?" Maybe the situation is hopeless!

### WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK. — In the pre-war years, about the only sure-enough newspaper man who covered Europe was Henri S. De Blowitz, the Bohemian who became a Frenchman and scooped the world with the full text of the treaty at the conference of Berlin, at the end of the Franco-Prussian war. Although he did this for the London Times, English journalists — distinctly that, rather than newspaper men — seemed to think it wasn't quite cricket and they went on wearing spats, carrying canes, and dodging leg-work. I remember citing to an English friend the De Blowitz book, published posthumously in 1903, in which he told how he got that beat on the treaty—an exciting newspaper yarn if there ever was one. "Bit of a rotter, don't you think?" said the Englishman.

After the war, the English correspondents started shaking a leg, but, with all this Chauvinism loose in the world, we may boast that it was the American lads who set the pace. One press association and a few of our newspapers sent over to the big war news beagles who began retrieving stories right under the nose of the morning coat scribes. They've been getting better all the time, and one of the bell-ringers is Frank Smothers of the Chicago Daily News, the tenth correspondent to be bounced out of Italy for faithful reporting in the last year.

Mr. Smothers was a fast-stepping and fast-thinking reporter in Chicago for nine years before he went to the Orient, as correspondent for the Chicago Daily News and the Boston Transcript. He was close in when the Japanese made their first grab for China and pegged home some of the best stories from that beat. In Italy, he made a similar record.

A keen analyst, as well as news-getter, he is one of a number of American foreign correspondents who have told the story of world catastrophe faster and better than any others at any place or time. He grew up in Roseville, Ill., and finished at the University of Wisconsin, after two years at Northwestern. He is 37 years old.

GEORGE RUBLEE, 70 years old, is beset with a thousand plans for taking care of European political refugees, as he heads the American efforts in this humane undertaking. His fame rests upon his achievements as an international lawyer, of the firm of Covington, Burling & Rublee, of Washington. He was a strong supporter and ally of the late Robert La Follette.

### George Rublee Vet of Delicate Negotiations

Whenever they have had oil trouble anywhere in the Western hemisphere, they have sent for Mr. Rublee. He has straightened out snarls over oil rights in Colombia, Mexico and other countries. He was a friend and associate of the late Dwight W. Morrow and helped him settle a number of oil and banking arguments in Mexico.

He is a native of Madison, Wis., and an alumnus of the Harvard law school. He began the practice of law at Chicago.

THERE was a news story the other day about a thwarted artist, who came through and had a glorious revenge on his thwarters. The Fine Arts Substitutes association, in behalf of teachers flunked by the New York board of examiners, gives an exhibition by which the public is to judge whether the board bopped them unjustly. Among the exhibitors is Max Weber, distinguished artist, represented in the Metropolitan museum, who was among those flunked by the board. With his picture goes a note to the board in which Mr. Weber tells what he thinks of it and cites his success as "proof of their incompetence."

Mr. Weber, a native of Russia, here at the age of 10, was a modernist, so far out of bounds that the academicians would turn in a riot call whenever anybody mentioned his name. He has been marked up more by the critics probably than any other man in America.

The turn in Mr. Weber's fortunes came in 1925, when a discerning New York Sun critic, among others, piped him up as a thoroughly competent artist. His pictures sell. He has a nice home at Great Neck, Long Island.

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### Metal-Threaded Laces Tune To Elegance of the Mode

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THIS is a season of rich fabrics, sparkling embroideries and sumptuous effects. The new lace tune to this era of elegance perfectly, especially the exquisite gold or silver-threaded types that gleam and glitter in a very ecstasy of beauty. Being delicately patterned, the enchanting laces that are playing an outstanding role in the fashion pageant this winter yield to re-embroidery and outline tracery with metallic thread most graciously. We can conceive of nothing more charming in the way of an afternoon dress that will be right for cocktail and bridge dates and for tea-dancing throughout the present social season than the smartly styled frock centered in the illustration. Here Chantilly lace in a horizontally striped pattern is outlined all over in gold metal thread. It is made simply because the lace itself is so superbly decorative. The square neckline with its brilliant clips and the short sleeves will be flattering to almost every figure. You can get this lovely gold-threaded lace in black, wine, brown or royal blue.

Characteristic of the rich fabrics is the brown lace embroidered almost solidly with gold thread that fashions the handsome gown to the left in the picture. The dress is artfully modeled to conform with the favored slender silhouette that takes on a proper flare at the hemline. These entrancing metal-embroidered laces can be used in infinitely fascinating ways. They make up beautifully in the separate blouse to wear for formal occasions, with your floor-length velvet or crepe evening skirt. Grand, too, is a blouse of this gold-worked lace for the costume blouse that glorifies the dress-up afternoon velvet suit.

Have you seen the charming new sequin-embroidered laces? If not you surely are missing a treat to the eye. Wine-red sparkling in flower and leaf motifs on wine red sheer lace excites an urge to yield to temptation of buying forthwith. If your social program does not call for anything so formal as a frock-entire of this exotic lace, then satisfy your longing with just enough for a blouse (mere remnant does the "trick").

Women who needs must limit to one and one only formal gown find a handsome simply-styled lace frock proves excellent choice. A dress that will prove a tried and true friend in any dress-up emergency that may arise is shown to the right in the group. It will meet all dine, dance, dinner, theater and "at home" dates triumphantly throughout the season. This model is simply styled of black lace of handsome durable mesh that gives excellent service, at the same time that it carries the tradition of a lady of high fashion. The accented shoulders and new elbow-length sleeves are high-style features. It is made over a shimmering foundation of silver lame. We suggest also a foundation of black to interchange at will.

Western Newspaper Union.

### Fragile Look Fostered by New Coiffure

By PATRICIA LINDSAY

ARTISTS and poets have raved about the lovely nape of a woman's neck since time began. It is supposed to be one of our most alluring feminine charms! And because fashion repeats itself, napes of necks are bare again, as those new and exciting, brush-the-hair-high coiffures are here for a long stay!

Such a hair-do is gloriously feminine. It has a way of making a woman or a girl more fragile. You know—looking as if she might not be able to take a severe scolding! And that's always a help!

Dame fashion has a way of keeping us on our toes. We can never quite sit back and say, "I'm all



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settled for the next year!" For instance, two things will concern the woman who decides to make this change in her hair style—How to keep the back hair-line trim and appealing, and how to make her hair stay up just after she has trained it into a long page-boy bob!

Take an honest look at that back hairline of yours after you have combed and brushed your hair high on your head. Not very beautiful, is it? What can you expect if you have allowed hair dressers or barbers to hack away at it for years? But you've got to groom it into a smooth even line and train the hair to grow softly and naturally upward. For a time you may use a tiny barrette or small hairpin to keep it up, but by late fall it should stay of its own accord.

### How to Train Straggly Hairs

Each day brush those harsh straggly hairs upward by letting your head hang down and brush toward the crown of your head. If you are not going to business, knot it high in a roll, pin up the ends, and tie a bandanna around it. That holds it in place. Each night before going to bed apply a scalp pomade or a good hair tonic along the hairline. Gently massage it. The rich lubricant will not only feed the starving tissue but the rubbing will stimulate growth.

Don't have your hair cut again—just let it grow. Later on you may have it shaped, once you determine which high style you will wear. Or you may just twist your long hair into becoming puffs on top of your head. Many girls are letting their hair grow long.

As your hairline grows, attempt to keep it curled for gala nights with very small curlers, the iron, or by twisting it on hairpins. We will all have to go through the growing pains unless we have been wise enough to keep our hairline unclipped. During the heart-breaking stage you might pin false curls over the ragged ends. Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

### HINT-OF-THE-DAY

Cologne is Feminine Necessity Cologne is an extremely refreshing body rub and is also a luxurious body deodorant. You will find that an after-bath rubdown of cologne before going to bed will leave a lovely fragrance clinging to your sheets in the morning. This makes for the kind of daintiness that lovely women seek—a faint fragrance that seems to be a part of their personality, exuding from them as they move and breathe.

A good brand of cologne, one with a distinctive personality, in its fragrance, should be used. It should hint at lightheartedness, glitter and gaiety. Cologne, by the way, makes a splendid gift, and for this purpose several brands are available in unique bottles as an adornment to the dressing table.

Stone Age Safety-Pins Many housewives have blessed that simple yet ingenious boon, the common safety-pin. It was invented early in the last century. But was it? Actually, says London Tit-Bits magazine, it was re-invented— for research in the earthworks of prehistoric peoples has brought to light the modern safety-pin whose usefulness had to disappear for thousands of years before the same idea occurred again to another human brain.

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### Colorful Tea Towels To Brighten Kitchen



Pattern 1706 Treat your tea towels to this combination of simple embroidery and applique, or embroidery alone! Pattern 1706 contains a transfer pattern of six motifs 6 1/2 by 7 1/4 inches; illustrations of stitches; materials required. Send 15 cents in coins for this pattern to The Sewing Circle, Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Please write your name, address and pattern number plainly.

### A Visitor

Except for a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book!—a message to us, perhaps, from the dead— from human souls whom we never saw, who lived perhaps thousands of miles away; and yet these, in those little sheets of paper, speak to us, comfort us, open their hearts to us as brothers.—Kingsley.

### ACTS FAST TO BRING RELIEF FROM COLDS

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Try it. Then—see your doctor. He probably will tell you to continue with Bayer Aspirin because it acts so fast to relieve discomforts of a cold. And to reduce fever. This simple way, backed by scientific authority, has largely supplanted the use of strong medicines in easing cold symptoms. Perhaps the easiest, most effective way yet discovered. But make sure you get genuine BAYER Aspirin.

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### Life Is a Working Day

Life is a short day; but it is working-day. Activity may lead to evil; but inactivity cannot be led to good.—Hannah More.

### BILIOUS?

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### THE SPECIALS

### Christmas Toys



KEENE, N. H.—This community is toyland each Christmas season as workers in the toy factories rush to put last-minute touches on miniature locomotives, automobiles—and even auto trailers!

### American Turkey Has Foreign Name

You'll eat your turkey and like it this Christmas, but do you know where this festive bird got its name? The turkey is the only species of poultry native to this country. Its name is attributed by some to its call notes, "turk-turk"; others believe that its head ornaments, resembling the fez worn by natives of Turkey, gave rise to its name. Another explanation is seen in the fact that the first turkeys from America were sold in Spain, largely by Hebrew merchants. Since the bird was frequently confused with the peacock, it is said that the Hebrew traders called it "tukki," their name for the peacock. With the widespread use of this name in English, it easily became the present "turkey."

### Christmas Celebration Dates Back to 354 A.D., Roman Records Show

The earliest celebration of the birth of Christ, December 25 of each year, took place in the Fourth century, and the custom spread from the western to the eastern church. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's nativity and baptism took place January 6.

First mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian calendar," in the year 354, and the first English celebration of the festival was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In 567, the Council of Tours, France, declared a 12-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and later, from 991 to 1016, the laws of Ethelred ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. In Germany, Christmas was established in 813 by the Synod of Mainz, and in Norway by King Hakon the Good, in 950.

### His Last Dime

By Katherine Edelman

DAN DRISCOLL was broke. Well, almost broke. He had one thin dime, hiding in the dark depths of a purse that had once held bills of three figures.

He had held it for 20 years, ever since he had found it while ploughing on his father's farm. His lucky dime—that's what he had called it. Dan laughed grimly at the thought. Lucky! Had anyone ever been so unlucky as him? Here was the whole town preparing for Christmas, shopping, spending oodles of money, and he was a penniless, weary wanderer. A lucky dime!

A little place around the corner caught his eye. Dan entered, his nostrils quivering under the tantalizing odors. He looked around with greedy eyes, his mouth watering with longing. Soup, roast fowl, potatoes, luscious mince pie! But he mustn't think about such things. He had just one dime—the price of a cup of coffee and a doughnut, or a hamburger. Which would it be? The

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queer little man inside the counter waited while Dan weighed the important question. The hamburger won. While it was being cooked to order, Dan dug into his pocket and took the dime from the battered purse.

Hungry as he was, he handed it over before attacking the food. His voice was a bit apologetic. "It's an old timer," he said; "been in my pocket for years and years."

The old man didn't seem to be listening. He was peering through his spectacles at the coin. "You're sure you're telling the truth about this dime?" he queried. "The absolute truth," Dan answered. "But, if you won't believe me, you can have your coffee and hamburger."

A shrill laugh ran through the place. "It's a good thing you ran across someone who knew, and better, somebody who was honest," the little man was saying excitedly. "Do you know that you have one of the rarest dimes at large? It's—it's worth thousands."

"You mean, this thing I've held on to for years is worth money?" "It's worth big money," the cafe owner was waving his hands in the air, the dime clasped between his thumb and first finger. "I've been looking for one of them all my life!" "Hand me that menu!" Dan Driscoll cried commandingly. "I'm going to have a Christmas dinner right now. I'm going clear down the line, from soup to mince pie."

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### Hawaii Yule Greetings Broadcast to Islands

In Pacific Territory HONOLULU.—For the past three years Hawaii has broadcast Christmas greetings on December 24 to several lonely islands which have become potentially important along aviation's equatorial Pacific area.

The messages, from station KGU, go out to the dozen or so young Americans who for three years have been keeping the Stars and Stripes flying on Howland, Baker, Jarvis and other tiny Pacific islands.

### Leather Chic



Notable in the realm of modern costume design is the wide use of leather manipulated in a fabric way. Soft suedes in glorious dyes are deftly tailored and dressmakered into fashionable wearing apparel as successfully and attractively as any yardage weaves. The casual fingertip hunter's green suede coat worn by Anita Louise, film star, as here pictured is just such a type as any woman might covet for campus, for country or even for daytime in town.

It is also the height of fashion to wear accessories of suede or other leathers. One of the novelties brought out this season is the "mad money" buttons. These unique buttons by La Mode are really diminutive coin purses. See these clever leather coin-holder buttons on the sports tailored blouse pictured.

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### New Suits Remain Simple and Smart

New suits and outfits for casual wear are extremely smart, remaining simple despite a clever use of color. There is a three-piece model, a neat coat and skirt in deep wine wool, with a collarless, flaring topcoat of gray Chinese kid, lined with the wool of the suit. A hand-knit ensemble has a dress in red, coral and azure blue, and the jacket with curved patch pockets in azure blue.

Scotch plaids are used for neat little numbers, many of them with fitted velvet jackets or with high, round necks. The three-piece suit of tweed, with topcoat richly furled, is always with us. A suit in purple tweed has the topcoat handsomely collared with gray fox.

### Pink Roses Adorn Chiffon Nightgown

One of the great successes of Biolo, Paris designer, is a nightgown in black chiffon with applications of pale pink silk satin roses scattered over the bodice; the extremely full skirt is edged with a shirred frill. Another in white chiffon is encrusted with enormous black lace bird motifs, the lace re-embroidered in black chenille. It has a rounded neckline, gathered bodice and black velvet sash tying back under a widespread bird motif.

Biolo favors silk crepe, silk satin and mousseline—white, sky blue and pink are the colors favored outside of the shaded effects.

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