

# The Chief

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A Chicago woman says American girls are too artificial. It is self-evident.

A Chicagoan who wanted a good long sleep shot himself. No doubt he's satisfied.

A Kansas doctor asks a divorce because his wife constantly scolds him. A mighty thin excuse.

Tuberculosis leads to crime according to a Binghamton judge. Is there anything that doesn't?

Trouser skirts are predicted as the next thing. They have been coming for, lo, these many moons.

From Paris comes the announcement that skirts will not be narrower this season. They couldn't be.

A Columbia university professor says that vacations are unnecessary. Certainly, if salary stops during them.

The price of egg sandwiches has gone up in Washington. Are they getting ready for the inauguration this early?

Here man will be grateful if woman will learn him how she keeps the hobble skirt from bagging at the knees.

A Detroit man wants a divorce because his wife talks too much. But wouldn't this plea, if allowed, clog the courts?

Bachelors are more apt to go insane than married men, says an expert. They don't seem to go crazy to get married.

A man in St. Louis had his heart taken out and sewed up. But many a broken heart has been easier mended than this.

A club has been formed in Chicago for the purpose of excluding cats from grocery stores. And Chicago claims to be a city!

Dr. Charles Dana of New York says love of animals is the latest disease. Now we understand why some women marry some men.

A Los Angeles maniac was arrested for carrying dynamite in a hand organ. Probably he was prepared to play a dead march.

A scientist says he can keep headless cats alive. He a fine breed for the man who is troubled by midnight felines on the back yard fence.

Some insane individual is circulating \$10,000 bills. Watch out, one is easily induced to accept so small a thing as a counterfeit \$10,000 bill.

But even if platinum wears longer than gold in wedding rings it will not necessarily become the universal fashion in this era of matrimonial rapid transit.

A divorce was granted to the wife of a man who did not divide the bed covering fairly on cold nights. Divorces may yet come to follow seasonal causes.

Aeroplanes are now to be catapulted from battleships. Plainly, our boasted strenuousness is but a state of primrose dalliance compared with that which is to come.

Fifteen miles of motion pictures have been exported from this country during the last year. Judging from the ones which remain, most of the 15 miles must have depicted lively chases.

The man with the longest name has been found in Texas. He is Papsous Heodouchounturyonwtopolis. If you cannot pronounce it at the first glance set it to music. It sings better than it looks.

A New York man punched a hold-up man so hard that the would-be robber was identified by his nose. It should be a warning to other hold-up men to keep their noses out of what doesn't concern them.

New York is making another crusade against church bells. The general impression has been that the average New Yorker steals into the house in his stocking feet, Saturday nights, as early as 6 a. m.

If it be true that synthetic rubber for automobile tires can be made out of grain and potatoes, the anxious head of a household will naturally wish to know whether there is any acceptable substitute for food.

A Montana man has been arrested for robbing a butcher. The meat situation seems to be getting desperate.

According to Punch, trousers are about 100 years old now. The man who invented them is entitled to credit, which perhaps is more than can be said of the person who inaugurated the custom of keeping them creased.

In London not only hats are ordered removed in theaters, but high hair dressing is discouraged also. Mere dowdiness is determined that there are some rights he will still fight for, even if they are the little ones overlooked in the sweeping away of big ones.

## RATTLER KILLED BY A GILA MONSTER

### Reptiles Engage in Death Struggle in New Mexico Mountains.

## EVADED FATAL STROKE

### Thrice the Snake Sprang and Missed Before Lizard Shook It to Death; Cat Surviving a Bite Took Deadly Revenge.

Dalhart, Tex.—The "rattlesnake season" last summer in the southwest was unusually destructive of life, and was marked by some startling and dramatic incidents. It is estimated that some fifty deaths from snake bites occurred in the plains country and the mountain regions of New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

E. B. Van Veen of the Pinal mountain district tells of a fight between a rattlesnake and a gila monster. Bob Henry, on returning from his camp by the Pinal mountain road, was attracted by the sound of a rattlesnake. Turning, he saw a rattler about seven feet long and, three feet away, a gila monster sitting on an ant hill. The snake stood up from the ground higher than a man's knee in the shape of an elongated S. The remainder of his body was upon the ground behind him in a straight line. In addition to rattling, a hissing sound issued from his mouth. The gila was standing up as high from the ground as his short legs would permit. His tensed attitude indicated that trouble was ahead. Suddenly the snake sprang at the big lizard, but it evaded the stroke by flattening himself on the ground. The snake drew himself up again and struck and again missed. The third time the snake drew back and struck, but the lizard was two inches to the right. The snake started to draw back for another attempt, when the gila monster made a lightning-like plunge, and the next instant the back of the rattler's neck was in the bulldog jaws of the eighteen-inch lizard, which was shaking it like a rat. Several times the lizard was thrown vehemently into the air, and as often it was dragged on the dusty road, with its feet vainly attempting to find a hold. But the jaws held tight, and in two or three minutes the snake lay dead on the ground.

From Flagstaff, Ariz., comes the story of John Gustafson, who, bitten



The Back of the Rattler's Neck Was in the Jaws of the Lizard.

in the palm of the right hand by a rattlesnake at Russell's mining camp in the Copper Basin district, has fully recovered. Not only that, but in consultation with the deadly venom has cured insomnia, from which Gustafson had been a sufferer for five years.

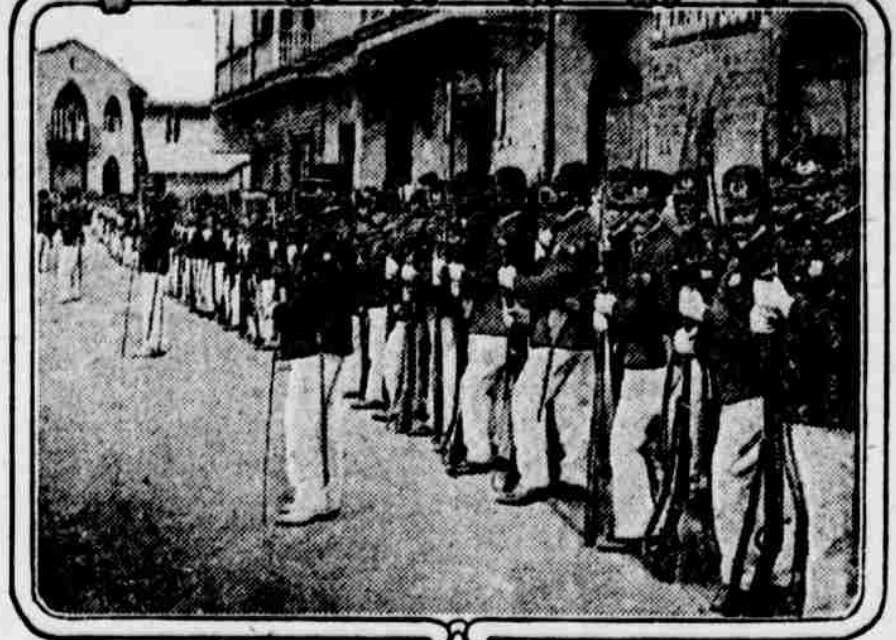
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nelson, of Jerome Junction, Ariz., vouch for a story told of a fight between a house cat and a rattlesnake. The cat, the mother of six kittens, was perambulating among the little mounds of a prairie dog town when she was attacked by a rattlesnake and bitten on the cheek. She retired to her nest under the house and for several days her head was swollen to several times its normal size. As soon as she recovered she set out in the direction of the prairie dog town and an hour later returned to the house with a big dead rattlesnake in her mouth, and showing evidence of a hard fight.

Near Bisbee, Ariz., Alfred Kinney, seventeen years old, encountered a rattler by the roadside and battled with it. After the snake, apparently stunned by the repeated strokes from the boy's riding whip, retreated to its lair and the boy was preparing to mount his horse, it sneaked out of the hole and bit the boy, and he died a few hours later.

### Clever Policemen.

New York.—Two New York policemen plotted robberies and carried them out so cleverly that instead of being suspected they were promoted to first grade detectives for their supposedly good work in connection with the crimes.

# ALL EYES UPON PANAMA



PANAMA POLICE FORCE

THE Panama canal is costing this country \$400,000,000. It is a stupendous sum, but it is as nothing to the money which is being spent for the objects of that canal—ships and shipping facilities.

Take only the Pacific coast of this country. See what Puget sound, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, are contemplating in docks alone and \$50,000,000 will not do more than well start the work. Just about that same sum is earmarked by the three western Canadian ports of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert.

New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the southern ports of the Atlantic coast are putting in port improvements which will cost far more than \$100,000,000; New York itself spending \$70,000,000. This is not taking into account what is projected and being carried out in the gulf ports. Nor does it reckon in the improvement of the Mississippi.

Montreal is spending \$14,000,000 on harbor improvements. Halifax and St. John are following suit—Canada intends to have its share.

### Europe Spending Much Money.

Europe thinks itself vitally concerned, Alfred W. Dyer writes in Railway and Marine News. Especially is this the case with Great Britain, for nearly one-half of the carrying trade of the world is in its hands. London is spending \$85,000,000 on its docks, although those already existing probably represent an outlay equal to that upon the Panama canal. Liverpool, whose docks have cost \$150,000,000, is determined that it shall not fall back and is spending an additional \$16,000,000. Glasgow and Manchester are each providing like facilities to Liverpool. Southampton thinks \$10,000,000 not too much to spend for better accommodations for its passenger traffic. Cardiff believes the extension of its coal and general business worth an investment of \$12,000,000. The little port of Bristol, mindful of the glories of its past when this country was first being settled and Virginia was peopled from its wharves, has authorized an expenditure of \$25,000,000 to bring it up to date.

Germany, France, Holland, Belgium are taking the lead on the continent of Europe. Hamburg, which has spent \$100,000,000 in creating a modern port, thinks that the opening of the canal warrants the expenditure of half as much more and is setting about the spending of that money most busily.

Antwerp, having \$45,000,000 invested, is putting in \$55,000,000 more. Little Havre with a population half that of Seattle is spending \$17,000,000, having already expended \$50,000,000. Rotterdam is in no wise behind.

Yet the list is not half run down. No regard has been taken of Ireland, of Norway, Sweden nor Denmark. Neither have been reckoned in the ports of the Pacific Callao and Valparaiso, Auckland and Wellington, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane; Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya; Singapore, Bangkok, Saigon and Hongkong; of the ports of the Philippines, of the seaboard and rivers of China, of the islands of Japan or of Oceania. There are few, indeed, of these which are not awake to the situation and which are not putting forward their best foot.

Nor has been regarded the expenditure upon ships. At the end of 1909 the gross tonnage of all the shipping in the world was very nearly 42,000,000, steamers and sailing vessels, wood and steel. This does not take into account vessels of less than 100 tons burthen, nor the wooden vessels on the great lakes, neither does it include Japanese and Chinese junks, up to 300 tons in burthen, nor, indeed, multitudinous small vessels, European and Asiatic, trading in the Mediterranean, the Black and Caspian seas and in the Malayan archipelago.

### Shipyards of the World Busy.

That mercantile fleet served the world. It is no longer sufficient. Every shipyard in this country, every shipyard in Europe, is busy preparing. Cargo space is already at a premium, as sound shippers are only too well aware. In addition to that 42,000,000 tons there will have been built by the time of the opening of the Panama canal, mainly to supply its needs, at least an additional 14,000,000 gross

tons, the cost of which is nearly equal to the cost of the canal itself.

It is a significant fact that two-thirds of this tonnage is being built by the British, for themselves and for foreign nations.

But why—why this enormous expenditure? What is it all about?

It is a local idea upon Puget sound that the value of the Panama canal is overestimated—that already it has been discounted. If this were true then the world generally is engaging in the pleasant pastime of fooling itself.

There was a time in history when the Mediterranean was, as its name signifies, the center of the world's commerce. At least the center of the commerce of the western world. Co-existent with the commerce of that day was that of the orient. Of fabled Hind and far Cathay little was known in the way of trade. Mungo Park and Sir John Mandeville took business excursions to the east, but the tales they brought back were regarded as of little worth. Mandeville, in particular, was unanimously elected to the Ananias club, the presidential honors of which he has shared ever since, in the popular estimation, with Baron Munchausen.

But the Portuguese found their way round the Cape of Good Hope to Goa. The route was found practicable. The face of Europe changed almost instantly. A century later Turkey, Spain, Holland, England, France had wrested it from them. Europe fronted on the sea which bore its ships to the orient. For the trade at first was not with the "new world"; it was with the teeming population of the far east. American trade began only to assume its present importance when this continent began to have a population which had the means to buy as well as the energy to sell.

The opening of the Suez canal doubled the trade with the orient in a few years. It has again doubled. Again Italy sprang to the front; again Egypt and the southern, as well as the northern shore of the Mediterranean, are now upon a world trade route, began to assume importance—to be worth fighting for.

It is that backsight into the lessons of the past which has ever favored the opening of the ditch across the Panama isthmus. The early Spanish conquistadores saw its advantage to Spain, in that it would open the south Pacific coast line of America to that country. Today its opening will not only mean that to Spain, but it will mean that to every European nation, and most particularly to the western states of the union. But now the north Pacific coast is more important than the south. There is a great trade in the islands of the Pacific coast with the Pacific with the East Indies, and China and Japan, to be reached through that canal which did not exist when Balboa stood on the isthmus. If the canal was worth something then what must it be worth now?

Such a vision is sufficient to attract the attention of the most inattentive, unseeing of observers. But if its details are examined in a business way it is at once seen that one-half has not been told.

Nearly one-half of the population of the world dwells upon the shores of the Pacific. Among the peoples of that population are three nations of one race, and that a race whose language, laws and activities dominate modern times. These are the Americans, the Canadians and the Australians. Backing these are the reawakened civilizations of China and Japan. Surely an ocean whose borders are so populated must count for much.

The dominant nation is, of course, this country, and to it should come the lion share of the increase.

### Chinese Official Eager for Talent.

Vice-President Li Yuan-hung has sent a strong personal appeal to the following men: Messrs. Lo Chen, Li Kai-shen, Liu Shin, Chang Chao, Lu Kai-fang, soliciting their services for the Hupoh government. He said in part: "The universe is not propped up by a single pillar. In our most important duties of reconstruction now we need all the talents we can find in the country."—Peking Daily News.

## Social Forms and Entertainments



### Questions From "Rosebud."

I found your questions and answers last Sunday. I did not know they were in there until a friend of mine told me about them. I think they are so nice for young folks to read.

I have been going with a girl twenty years old, but she seems to be no older than myself (I am thirteen). We always went with the boys together, but she married recently, and do you think it all right for me to go to theaters at night alone with a boy. My mother does not approve of me having company very much. Do you think it any harm for a boy to kiss a girl? I suppose you think I am rather a flirt, but I just wanted your opinions on it. I hope you won't think I have asked too many questions.—Rosebud.

A mother is perfectly right who disapproves of a thirteen-year-old girl going alone at night to the theater. Don't do it and don't allow boys to kiss you. It is decidedly common and ill-bred and no boy of good birth and breeding who has the least respect for the girl asks her to do it, so if you are going with that kind of a boy you had better stop.

### The Correct Answer.

Please state in your column the meaning of "R. S. V. P." and how to reply to this invitation:  
MRS. J. M. SMITH  
MRS. R. T. JONES  
At Home  
February Twenty-second  
Three O'clock  
R. S. V. P. "500."  
To whom should answer be addressed?—Mrs. W.

The meaning of "R. S. V. P." is in English, "The favor of a reply is requested, if you please;" the French is "Repondez s'il vous plait." It is used to remind us that hostesses wish an answer to their invitations. In the case you mention, regret or accept to the one whose name heads the list, as it is probably at her home where the reception will be held.

### For a Bride-Elect.

I am a young girl of twenty and of very limited means. I have a very dear friend who is going to be married. Could you please suggest something that I might give in her honor. I enjoy your columns immensely.—M. R. J.

Surely, entertain for your friend. Just because your purse is a bit tight is no reason for not giving good times to others. Ask the girls to bring a dish towel apiece and mark the same for the bride-elect, then about five o'clock serve a tray with tea and two kinds of sandwiches, add candies and salted nuts and you will have sufficient, and girls love these cosy times.

### Name for Girls' Club.

Would you kindly suggest a few names for a social club of girls ranging from the age of fifteen to seventeen years?—Poppy.

One of the dearest lot of girls I know, who meet as a little club, call themselves the "Happy Hearts;" so I think perhaps this name will just suit you.

### Concerning a Wedding.

At a home wedding should the groom's attendant deliver to the pastor who performs the ceremony the wedding fees when the marriage certificate is given him, or after the ceremony is over?

Please accept my thanks for your answer through your paper.—A Constant Reader.

Give the minister the fee when the business is settled, just before the ceremony, for usually there is no good opportunity afterwards.

### Initials Always Proper.

Is silver to be given a bride always engraved with the initials of her maiden name? Is her first name permissible to use?—M. L.

Yes, both silver and linen bear the initials of the bride. Near and dear friends sometimes use the first name, and sometimes a pet cognomen is engraved on a personal gift. This is done on silver picture frames, which are much in vogue at present, presumably to hold the husband-elect's photograph.

### To Miss "Brown Eyes."

Begin your letter "Dear Mr. Blank." It is much better than to use his first name until you become more intimate friends, and sign yourself "Sincerely yours."

I think the elderly man can give you something costly without its being jewelry, but of course that is for you and your family to decide.

I see no harm in writing to the friend you mention after he writes to you first.

MADAME MERRI.

## KEEPING FACE FRESH

### Cosmetic Waters Indispensable for the Toilet.

For the Worried Woman a Little, Massaged into the Scalp, Will Be Found to Have a Magical Effect.

Refreshing toilet waters are a real necessity for the woman of dainty habits and many of these cosmetic waters can be prepared at home with little effort and without great expense. Nothing is more agreeable than a spray of cosmetic water after the tub bath at the close of a tiresome day. A little aromatic water dabbled on the face and neck will freshen one up wonderfully and often will prevent the tired drawn look which is very detrimental to beauty.

The business woman and the professional woman, whose daylight hours are spent in office or school or studio, will find it an excellent plan to keep a bottle of toilet water handy and two or three times during the day rub a little over the temples and on the back of the neck and on the hands. A little of the fragrant water massaged into the scalp will sometimes have a magical effect when the head feels heavy and the wits dull.

Some of the best of the purchased waters are violet, lavender, orange and elder flower, but the mixtures for home preparation possess a charm for the woman who likes to be individual in her toilet accessories, and the combination of the different ingredients brings out some very dainty odors.

One of the very delightful toilet waters and one which is really valuable for its tonic effect, is made from simple garden herbs. If these herbs can be procured in the fresh state the results will be more satisfactory, but if not, the dried ones will answer. The formula calls for one ounce of lavender flowers, three-quarters of an ounce each of the fresh tops of thyme, rosemary, rue, sage and mint; one dram each of calamus, nutmegs, cloves and cinnamon, all of which should be bruised; one dram of camphor, two ounces of alcohol and one quart of strong white wine vinegar. Dissolve the camphor in the alcohol add to the vinegar and put all the herbs and spices into the liquid; let it stand for ten days, when it should be strained through filter paper.

An excellent violet water can be made by simply emptying an ounce bottle of the toilet extract into a pint of the best alcohol and shaking the mixture till it is well blended. The same process, using any other scent, will answer the purpose, and lilac, crabsapple and heliotrope are all desirable.

Heliotrope water is made from one-half pint of orange-flower water, four drams of coarsely powdered vanilla, one-half dram essence of ambergris, six drops oil of bitter almonds and the same amount of oil of cassia, and one quart of spirits of wine. Let stand for ten days, then filter through the porous paper especially used for such purposes.

Common cologne water requires one and one-half fluid ounces of oil of lavender, one-half ounce oil of rosemary, one ounce oil of lemon, twenty drops oil of cinnamon and one gallon alcohol. Mix well and bottle for use.

These are all good formulas and will prove satisfactory no matter which one is chosen.

Patsy.—You will find that many cases of baldness are due to the fact that the pores of the scalp are filled with foreign matter which effectually clogs them and prevents the hair from pushing through. The hair follicles may not be destroyed at all, and may be ready to start a growth of hair if the clogged condition could be removed and the hair given a chance to grow. Sometimes there are tiny, and almost invisible plugs of dead skin, and when they are removed with a suitable tonic, the hair grows in a seemingly marvelous manner. It is really very simple, but is not generally understood.

Madge and Ruth.—The hands are rather slow to yield to the influence of a building cream, but if you will use the lilac paste regularly at night and occasionally soak the hands in warm olive oil for twenty minutes you can bring back the youthful appearance again and greatly improve the texture of the skin as well. The lilac paste is prepared especially for the hands and is very agreeable to use.

Jonah.—Baldness is frequently caused by the pores of the scalp becoming clogged, and this not only causes the hair to lose its vitality and fall out, but also effectually prevents the new hairs from pushing their way through to the surface. A tonic which cleanses the pores and stimulates the action of the hair follicles would be likely to start a healthy growth of hair, even on a perfectly bald head. The roots of the hair are contained in the scalp, and are always ready to grow new hair if we will but give nature half a chance. Oily tonics only serve to clog the pores and are not useful as "hair growers."

Florence.—The intense heat used in the drying process is quite likely responsible for the condition of your hair. The hair should always be rubbed gently with soft absorbent towels and when dry brushed briskly for a few minutes. Do not irritate the scalp and do not use a brush which is too stiff.

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