

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Chance to Carry on Fishing Rod Farm



WASHINGTON. — Raising bamboo for the market is a new industry that the department of agriculture has succeeded in launching. The report of the flourishing condition of the bamboo plantation has come from Florida to David Fairchild, chief of the bureau of foreign plant introduction. The establishment of the crop is the result of more than four years' hard work. The department also has found a way of shipping the bamboo so that the young plants will grow, and this has been the hardest part of the problem.

Raising bamboo commercially has been a flourishing industry in Japan for years. It was felt for a long time that it was a business that ought to do well here, because it furnishes a quick growing timber that is susceptible of a number of special uses. There is as much difference between

the ornamental bamboo commonly grown here and the timber bamboo as there is between a dray horse and a polo pony. It has never been accurately determined just what the structural strength of bamboo is, though the strength is immense for the weight. Some tests are to be made of the new government crop at the bureau of standards. The wood is already much used in the manufacture of aeroplanes, and when it is known just what can be expected of it there will be even a greater demand for it.

It is used very largely in Japan for house building, though it is not expected it will be in much demand as a building timber in this country, except in restricted localities. But there are other uses for it. The wood makes the lightest strong furniture known, and, although it has never been very much used for that purpose here, it is thought that the hard, naturally polished bamboo will make bedsteads that will have all the advantage of brass, besides being quite as handsome, much cheaper and a great deal lighter.

One of the important uses of the wood that has been found abroad is for cheap, subsurface irrigation pipes.

Sent His Glass Eye to the Laundry

A LITTLE white light on the telephone switchboard in a local hotel the other day gleamed brightly for a moment. Then it began to wink rapidly, as if the person at the other end of the wire was jangling the telephone hook in great perturbation.

"Operator," called the young woman at the board.

"Send me up a bellboy. Quick! Hurry! I've lost something!" exclaimed an agitated voice.

"O-oh, what is it, burglars? Shall I send a house detective?"

"No, just a bellboy. Hurry up." A bellboy was dispatched posthaste and found D. A. Malcolm of Butte, Mont., greatly excited.

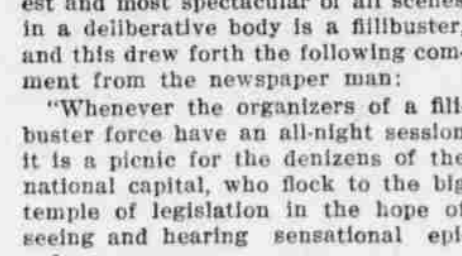
"I left a valuable article wrapped in a white handkerchief on my table," he exclaimed, "and it must have been taken away in the laundry. It is very valuable. Find it for me. Here's a dollar. Hurry up!"

The bellboy, with inward mutterings at the carelessness of guests who leave diamond necklaces or gold cufflinks wrapped up in handkerchiefs, hastened to the package room.

"Did you see a little bundle wrapped up in a handkerchief?" he gasped to the head porter.

"Saw a handkerchief all wadded up. It's just gone to the marking room. What's the matter? What was in it?" But the boy had fled.

Unique Experiences in Filibustering



A VETERAN Washington correspondent of a metropolitan newspaper was telling some of his experiences in the national capital to a group of friends the other night. During the conversation one of the group happened to mention that the greatest and most spectacular of all scenes in a deliberative body is a filibuster, and this drew forth the following comment from the newspaper man:

"Whenever the organizers of a filibuster force have an all-night session it is a picnic for the denizens of the national capital, who flock to the big temple of legislation in the hope of seeing and hearing sensational episodes.

"In the days when Tom Reed of Maine was speaker filibusters by the Democratic minority were far more frequent than now and were marked

with greater bitterness. During one of these seances, a gigantic representative from Texas, Buck Kilgore by name, growing hungry and thirsty, too, no doubt, concluded that he would be better off at home and, forgetting the locked doors, started to execute that idea. It chanced that he sat near the only partition that separated the speaker's lobby, and that was a flimsy door of green balsa, and though the faithful minion of the house had locked it, the Texan, with one mighty kick of his right foot, burst the slight affair as easily as though it had been of paper and out he marched to the steps that led to freedom.

"The incident was duly chronicled and Kilgore awoke to find himself temporarily famous. The sublime nerve he manifested set the whole country to laughing. The thing turned out very happily to the kicker in a way that he had never imagined. From every part of the Union enterprising manufacturers sent him boots of the most expensive kind, accompanied by polite notes begging to be allowed the privilege of naming a brand of footwear after him.

Two Races Compared in Mathematics

THE relative mathematical abilities of boys and girls and of the white race as compared with the black are among the subjects taken up by the United States bureau of education.

"It seems to be the general opinion that the average boy shows more ability in mathematics than the average girl, but also that he does not work so faithfully," said the bureau. "In a mixed class this greater ability of the boy and the greater faithfulness of the girl react most advantageously on each other."

"Another fact that is noted is this: In elementary algebra the girl does as good work as the boy; in geometry not nearly so good. In advanced algebra and trigonometry, the boy shows an ability which is far ahead of the girl. Yet, we are free to confess that his greater natural ability is often outclassed by the steady, patient endeavor of the girl. Perhaps it would be safer to say that the girl does not show as great an ability as the boy, even though she may have it."

"In regard to the relative tendency of boys and girls to choose elective



courses in mathematics answers to inquiries indicate that boys are much more inclined to elect such courses than girls are."

In investigating the relative mathematical ability of the negro race, an examiner was sent to eleven well-known negro schools and colleges in the south.

"Five of the schools feel that there is no difference due to race. Two are of the opinion that negro students generally are not the equals of white students. One school was not able to make any comparison. Three did not reply to the question regarding a comparison of the races. Replies were made by both white and negro teachers who have had years of experience in negro schools and in some cases in white schools."

Latest in Parasols



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An odd shaped parasol is the "peak parasol" of unique design. It is of a deep lace edging made of the same material as the little lace jacket worn by the model. The jacket is worn over a gown of changeable silk. It is for seashore wear and worn without a hat.

COMPLETE COSTUME. PLAIN LINES MOST POPULAR



This Season's Linen Suits Are Made With None or Very Little Trimming.

While the coarser linens are used, those made of the finer twisted thread are liked quite as well. Very little trimming is needed. The lace collar and cuffs or the lingerie frill at neck and wrists suffice, though, of course, buttons and buttonholes, lace and embroidery may figure as trimmings. Oddity of cut is, however, the only thing necessary for those who wish something different. It is surely different enough to have the back of the coat and skirt cut across on the bias or otherwise manipulated. Yet, such manipulations offer no difficulties to the laundress. These suits may be made coat and skirt fashion or in the coat and dress effect. Both styles have their good points, many considering the former the most economical, since a fresh blouse may be donned as often as the wearer pleases. And sleeves and necks do have a way of becoming soiled before it is necessary to send the entire dress to the laundry.

Many dresses are being made, too, in linen and kindred weaves. The severity of these all-in-one gowns is beginning to disappear. While the puffs seen on tassetas are not available there are pipings, inlayings and bands in contrasting fabrics.

Fancy linens and linens with openwork borders are effectively utilized, though one who is at all clever at designing will be able to achieve very fine suits with the plain sorts. It's the design, cut and finish that counts, also the accessories. One girl, for example, is to look smart in her white linens this summer; the only color she is to add is sapphire or coral, as the spirit may move her. Whether she chooses the blue or the odd pink shade she will wear it in the shape of silk stockings, ribbon watch fob and necktie, and no other color will appear except she chooses to carry a parasol in the color she is wearing.

Wired Feathers for Hats.

As the hats are all trimmed very high wired feathers arranged to sew on hats may be purchased, and flowers also in pompon effects. One of these feather tower effects costs \$4.50; others are near the one dollar margin; the price varies according to the quality and kind of feathers. Aigrettes are still in evidence, though more in white than black. In buying white ostrich feathers of the less expensive grade it is well to run one's hand gently down the length of the quill, pressing back the feather to see that it has been properly dyed, as these are apt to show the brown of the natural feather in the outdoor light and the breeze.

For the Summer Resort.

The very thin negligees are so delightful that one sometimes forgets they may not be practical, for many summer resorts are cool at night and in the early hours of the day, and for these places it is better to take something of heavier weight, such as an albatross negligee. These may be had with a deep collar of dotted Swiss, made with Valenciennes insertion and edging and in pastel colors. The sleeves are finished with a deep cuff of dotted Swiss and lace.

Glass Buttons.

Glass buttons are quite the fashion, and come in all colors and sizes; they are a distinctive mark of this season's suit wherever seen. Red and black ones are shown in two sizes; these have the appearance of bone; others resemble clouded amber beads, and are appropriate for the most dressy gown; others come in transparent crystal of all shades, dark and light blue, green and black; and in black there are those which look like shoe buttons. Mother-of-pearl buttons are also largely in demand, square and round; the large square ones with flat surfaces, are 25 cents each.

Serges Are Popular.

Serges are prime favorites for the tailored suits. Poirot uses these modish materials for a number of his best creations. Whipcords in two-tone colors in a great variety of qualities are also popular. Tans, grays and dull blues are the leading shades.

The interest in white, cream and fancy woven serges increases as the season advances.

THEIR MOST JOYOUS MOMENT

Of the Trio, Probably Representative Redfield Had the Best Occasion to Smile.

The talk in one of the cloak rooms of congress turned to the thought of the happiest moments in one's life. Senator Bailey said his came the day he wore his first pair of trousers. And Paul Howard of Ohio declared his big moment of joy was when he was permitted once to drive a chariot in a pony and dog show parade.

Representative Redfield, who is a wise chap, even if he does hail from Brooklyn, said it was when he was going to school and trying to master long division. Three or four aisles over from where he sat a boy yawned. It was not an ordinary yawn, but one of such genuine expression of feeling toward things in general that it attracted Redfield's attention. He was fortunate in having a paper wad right at hand, ready for any emergency, and he aimed this at the boy's cavernous mouth. The wad went right square into the goal and—well, Fourth of July fireworks are tame to the stunts that boy did in the next few minutes.

He says he almost smiled once on ship board when the vessel gave a lurch and threw a platter full of beefsteak, gravy and all, over the open-faced shirt front of a pompous passenger across the table.

THE PEEVISH CHILD NEEDS TREATMENT

When a child sulks drowsily, or is fretful, it is usually due to some slight disorder of the digestive organs, and a mild laxative is very often all that is necessary to restore cheerfulness and buoyancy of spirits.

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