

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Tables Were Turned for U. S. Senator Luke Lea



WASHINGTON.—Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee is congratulating himself upon having turned the tables on his colleague, Senator William R. Webb. When Mr. Webb found himself suddenly lifted from the presidency of a disciplining school for boys to a seat in the greatest legislative body in the world he sent for Mr. Lea, who, while still a young man, already is a veteran in legislation. He wanted advice from the man of Washington experience as to how he should conduct himself upon his first appearance in the senate.

Mr. Lea complied most willingly, telling the professor-senator that he should wear a Prince Albert coat, fasten his necktie down in the back, allow himself to be escorted to the presiding officer's desk by his colleague, and how, then, he must shake hands with the president pro tempore.

"That," said Mr. Lea by way of final remark, "is the formula for becoming

a senator—after you get to Washington."

Mr. Webb was profuse in his thanks. Indeed his thanks partook of the nature of an apology.

"You would not apologize to me if you only knew what delight you have given me," responded the younger man. Then he told his new colleague how during all the years of his school life he had lived in dread of being sent to the Webb school.

"It is one of the best schools in the south," he said in explanation, "and the professor has the reputation of being the finest disciplinarian in the country for boys. When I was a youngster I was not looking especially for discipline, but my father had different views, and many times was on the verge of sending me to Professor Webb to be straightened out. This fate was the dread of my life."

"And that," he added, "is the reason why I felt so delighted to aid him with a bit of advice about his initiation into the senate. When it really came to the point of his sending for me and asking me to instruct him I knew that at last I had reached the period of life where I need no longer stand in fear of being sent to Professor Webb for discipline. I had the best of him, and I felt really meanly triumphant."

Rolls of the Immortal Orators Are Still Uncloued

DO the boys still "speak pieces" Friday afternoons in school? Do they still shatter the atmosphere with such diabolical oratorical dynamics as are created when the schoolboy mind grasps the full power of "Somebody to the Gladiators?" Do they still recite "Abou Ben Adhem?" Is "The Helmet of Navarre" still held up as the oriflamme of a host of maimed battle-axe artists upon the pleasant lands of France? Is Webster's reply dead? Are the rolls of the immortal orators of a silk-hat generation clouded over with the dust of an unappreciative schoolboy generation? Or do they declaim—as we used to—while that grandest of teachers, Charles Bedford Young, looked on?

Because if they do—here's a piece from a real orator. It fell from the lips of one of the most interesting men in congress, Judge Adamson of Georgia. He is the man who is said to have dressed in a whirlwind and never to have rearranged his toilet, but the typhoon interfered not a whit with his wit or speech. Just imagine you are a schoolboy, the prize speaker of that Friday afternoon class in oratory, the punch and ginger, couldn't you tear the air if you had this? Try it.

"If maledictions mean hatred the fierce denunciations of the dual and clamorous minority in this house would destroy every patriot here and



permit the return to power of that horde which has held high carnival of misrule discrimination and robbery with short intermissions and slight hindrance for fifty years. That gallant old king, warrior, priest and poet, the Psalmist David, said in his wrath, 'All men are liars.' As it was easy for him to get forgiveness, I have no doubt he was forgiven for that unkind remark, but if he had lived in this day and familiarized himself with the jargon of protection apologists he would have been able to conclude in his sober judgment that some men in high places are careless about their information and reckless about their statements. He might have been tempted to sing in the sweetest strains of sacred verse his religious opinions about the heterophemy of divided political camps quarreling over the method of their destruction while railing at the victors and indulging in the wildest flights of hyperbolic language. Selah."

Seeing the Wheels of the Government Go Round



ONE of the big hotels was crowded with women and girls. It was one of the numerous excursions which sweep down on Washington in the spring, in the summer, in the autumn and in the winter. These excursions are a great educational aid to the excursionist. They see the wheels of government go round, they exercise their proprietary rights in the national city, they get a better balanced idea of the magnitude of the American government and of the machinery of government, and they strengthen their pride in Washington.

But, while one, and also many, of the hotels were packed tight with these woman excursionists, and while the clerks behind the office counter wore bouilloniers and happy smiles, talked their sweetest and showed their best manners and their best clothes, the young man at the cigar

and newsstand looked pensive and unoccupied.

"You don't seem to be selling many nickel cigars for 10 cents this evening?" said the Rambler.

"Man, the ladies may have adopted many many traits and notions, but they have not yet as a class become heavy smokers. I have some sensational newspapers on my stand which publish Sunday articles about how women have become enslaved to the cigarette and to Lady Nicotine and all that, but if I depended on their trade I would be as hard up as those gentlemen who sit around this hotel office every evening and discuss million-dollar deals. With this house full of fair guests my trade is confined to the sale of United States postage stamps—and one-cent stamps, at that. You perhaps know that the profit on the sale of postage stamps is not large."

"The ladies—God bless 'em—do not even buy from me the post cards on which they put the stamps. These excursionists get loaded up with Washington post cards on the trains coming into Washington. When they reach here they have nothing to do but write on these cards 'I wish you were here,' address a bunch of them, buy the stamps from me, and incidentally get all my small change."

Capital Wayside Signs Are Fast Disappearing

ONE of the changes that has come over the roads around Washington is the decline in the number of wayside signs—the advertisements of tobacco, clothing, lumber, etc., which it was once the custom to tack on fences and trees. Once upon a time roadside trees were tagged with tin signs announcing that it was ten miles to John Doe's store, the best place to buy hats, caps, shoes, shavers, overalls, lumber, lime and hardware. Coming into the city a mile farther on you would see the same character of sign announcing that it was now nine miles to John Doe's store. Of course John Doe's store was not the only store advertised by these mile signs on the trees and fences. Many other stores were thus advertised, and then a great deal of general advertising—that is, of non-local establishments—occupied the trees and fences, and urged investment in many kinds of pa-



tent medicines, chewing and smoking tobacco and red liquors.

It used to be quite a business, the tacking up of these signs. Men and wagons traveled up and down the country roads carrying on this work. They not only tacked up signs for one business concern, but would carry "side lines," as it were, or a wagon load of tin signs advertising other, though not competing, wares. This work is going on today, but in a much smaller way.

Dainty Designs for the Young "Smart Set" of Paris Society



Two fashionable members of the younger Parisian "Smart Set" wearing elegant lingerie and lace dresses with ribbon bows and parasols to match.

PROPER COLORS FOR WALLS SAVES TIME AND TROUBLE

Always a Few Rules That Are Well to Keep in Mind When Decorating.

If we redecorate in a thorough way our first puzzle is the choice of a color. A few rules are useful. Blue, green, brown, and gray are excellent colors for sunny, well-lighted rooms. If the room is on the north side of the house or is ill-lighted we may need to use yellow or yellow tan on the walls in order to produce the sunny appearance the room otherwise lacks. Tan is a good all-around color and is usable in well-lighted or poorly lighted rooms.

All these colors are best if soft. For example, a sage green wall is much more pleasing than a bright green or a leaf green wall; a Copenhagen blue is better than a vivid blue; the most agreeable gray for walls is brownish gray in tone. Tan in a great variety of shades is always a favorite.

Bright red should never be chosen. It is crude in color and tiresome to live with. A soft mulberry red is sometimes a desirable color, and a brownish or Indian red is also in good taste.

As a wallpaper always looks darker when hung on the wall than it does in the sample, we must take care to select medium or light shades, if we want cheerful rooms.

Case for Delicate Centerpiece Not Hard to Make, and is Especially Valuable.

It is sometimes a difficult matter to keep centerpieces from becoming crushed after laundering, so many women make a case in which to roll them. Purchase a piece of cretonne one and a quarter yards long and at one end turn up a hem wide enough to cover a pole an inch in diameter and in length a trifle shorter than the width of the cretonne. When choosing the material select a dainty design showing alternate stripes of flowers and a delicate color.

Bind the three sides with half-inch washable ribbon, stitching it neatly either by hand or on the machine. Attach three pieces of ribbon to the end. These are used to tie the case when the centerpieces are rolled in place.

This is an especially useful article, and should be added to the linen chest, and there will never be any need of pressing a centerpiece before it is fit to place on the dining table. It requires only a short time to make an attractive case of this variety, and you will never cease to sing its praises when it has saved you much inconvenience.

Now that you have supplied a case for the centerpieces, provide like articles for the dollies of your luncheon set. From cardboard cut two circular pieces an inch wider than the plate dollies and two others an inch wider than the diameter of the tumbler dollies. Cover these with cotton wadding and sprinkle with lavender.

Using Cretonne to match the centerpiece case, cut circular pieces enough to cover the top and bottom of the disks. Allow a half inch for turning in all around, and neatly whipstitch the two together or baste roughly and bind with the half-inch ribbon. At three places attach pieces of ribbon with which to tie the cases shut when the dollies are placed between the two sections. A set of cases for a luncheon set would make a most acceptable gift to a prospective bride or to the systematic housewife who likes a place for everything.

EXQUISITE BRIDAL COSTUME



Model of white liberty satin with draped and slashed skirt and pointed train. Deep square décolleté corsage with drapery of rhinestones.

Japanese Crepe for Children.
Among the newest dresses for children are those made of Japanese crepe. The use of Japanese crepe is directly in accord with the current fashion for materials of a crepe character. Moreover, the Japanese variety is decidedly superior, both in durability of effect and in quality, to any other crepe, because it is woven by hand and the crepe feature is produced in the weaving, while in some other instances it is brought about by a process of shrinkage.

Dainty Garments for the Newcomer

All the best layettes consist of simple garments made entirely by hand. The expectant mother who knows how to do neat sewing may prepare for her baby a layette good enough for a prince, and of the same materials as would be used for any little royal highness. The fabrics chosen for little slips and dresses are fine, sheer linen or cotton weave. Where considerable dainty hand embroidery is to be used, linen would best be chosen, as it is durable enough to make the work worth while. It has the advantage also of keeping perfectly white after much laundering and ironing smooth without starch. Lawn, either linen or cotton, in fine qualities, sheer nainsook and French batiste are preferred for making the baby's dresses and petticoats.

From an Old Raincoat.

An apron with a bib can be made for wash day, or when you give the baby a bath. A bathing cap, and bag to carry your bathing suit, and little utility cases dear to the suitcase of travelers, may be made from a discarded raincoat.

Starch for Laces and Muslins.

Mix a small quantity of corn flour smoothly with cold water. This will be found excellent for lightly stiffening all delicate and lacey fabrics, including veils and neckwear of sheer materials.

A man's sins find him out eventually, but his wife usually beats them to it.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children: Coughing, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc. A bottle 10c.

The Logical Situation.
"Here, some fellow says that the aufragists are women who haven't got husbands."
"Then I suppose he holds it is the ants who get the uncles."

You're Out!

If you have not perfect digestion, liver activity and bowel regularity. These should be daily functions in order to maintain health.

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters

will help you when those organs become weak and lazy. We urge a trial today. Insist on Hostetter's.

London and Its Lumber.

London is the most conservative city in Europe, if not in the world. It loves its lumber. You may still see those notices attached to lamp posts which announce "Standing for Four Hackney Carriages," or whatever the number may be, though for ten years (in one case, to my own knowledge for twenty-five) no vehicles of any kind have stood there. Perhaps it is as well that these relics should remain; they are a tiny part of our social history. They will probably remain when we are flying to dinner or the theater in omni-aeros. By that time people won't know what "hackney carriage" meant, and there will be discussions in the "Notes and Queries" of the period. For each generation hands down to the next certain nuts to crack.

England's Oldest Bowling Green.

Which is our oldest recreation? There are not wanting archeologists who profess to be able to trace references to football and baseball on Egyptian moral tablets. However, when it comes to actual records, the fine old English game of bowls would appear to be as old as any.

Southampton, Eng., has records showing that one of the local bowling greens was in existence in 1299.

Many interesting customs are associated with the game on this historic green. Every summer a "fire jack" competition is held, and an order of knighthood is conferred on the winner, who kneels in the center of the green while the other players gather round him and the master touches him with a sword and dubs him "sir."

For the Ironing Board.

Pad the ironing board with a thick quilt or old blanket, then lay the board on the table and cut a piece of heavy muslin so it will fit the board loosely. Seam it up, leaving the slip open at each end. Make two of these slips and change them frequently, says Mother's Magazine. Thus the ironing board is always clean, and the padding will not have to be changed for months.

Its Species.
"That pettison is certainly a bird."
"Of course. Isn't it a round robin?"

Please the Home Folks

By serving

Post Toasties

They are among the good things to eat, but not in the cook book, because they require no cooking.

Toasties are always crisp and appetizing—ready to eat direct from the package. You save heaps of time and avoid hot work in the kitchen.

Some rich cream—sugar if you want it—or cool fruit juice, with these fluffy bits of corn and you have a dish that is fascinating for any meal of the day.

Toasties are sold by grocers everywhere.