

OUT-OF-ORDINARY PEOPLE

NATURE STUDY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, chairman of the conservation department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is pushing nature study in the public schools, with the approval of Dr. Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education and the support of the 2,500,000 federated club women of the country. Her 1920 report, which deals with conservation, natural resources, Americanization, tariff, home and school gardens, natural scenery and national parks and other activities of her department, sets forth that the boys and girls of today particularly need those studies that will develop individuality, strength of character and human sympathy. She says:

"Our boys and girls need a comprehensive, practical course of nature study—natural science—that is based quite as much upon actual outdoor nature as upon textbooks. The marvelous of air, water and soil and the life history of animals and plants are valuable to them both as information and as incentive. Interest is the basis of application. Nature study holds a child's interest and utilizes, develops and extends it. This study should have dependent continuity in the grades and should rank with reading, writing and arithmetic in credits.

"With this beginning in natural science the future citizen is more likely to give appreciative consideration to the conservation of the natural resources of his country. Conservation means the best and fullest use without waste or abuse."

AUTHORS TO FIGHT ROYALTY TAXES

Rex Beach (portrait herewith), the Chicago novelist, is president of the Authors' league, and the league has decided to go to grips with Uncle Sam on the income tax. Royalties from books, short stories, plays and other literary work are dividends, the writers have decided.

With this as a major promise, the Author's league has reached the conclusion that writers, struggling and otherwise, are not subject to the burdensome normal tax provisions of the federal income tax, and they have advised their 1,800 or more members to file their returns accordingly.

If they are sustained by the commissioner of internal revenue they will have to pay only the surtax—which is on dividends totaling more than \$5,000.

The league's fight on the "inequalities that now bear so heavily upon the writer and the artist" was started at a meeting of the executive committee, which is composed of Gelett Burgess, George Creel, Owen Davis, Parker Fillmore, James Forbes, Arthur Gulterman, Henry Snyder Harrison, Rupert Hughes, Orson Lowell, J. Hartley Manners, Alice Duer Miller, Harvey O'Higgins, Channing Pollock, Arthur Somers Roche, Leroy Scott and Jesse Lynch Williams.

The letter enjoining the 1,800 members to list their royalties as dividends was sent out over the signature of Eric Schuler, secretary.



BUDGET MEASURE GETS GOOD START



Senator Modill McCormick of Illinois (portrait herewith), chairman of the special senate committee for consideration of a national budget, announced the other day that the subcommittee composed of himself, Senators Keyes, Edge, Simmons, and King, unanimously had agreed upon a national budget measure. The senate bill is a combination of the McCormick bill, introduced several weeks ago, and the Good bill, which was passed by the house last fall.

There will be set up in the treasury department a budget bureau, which shall collect all department estimates and revise them. The secretary of the treasury will approve them to the president, who shall have power to revise the estimates. The president, before the 10th of December each year, must submit his budget to congress.

In order to permit the secretary of the treasury to serve as a real finance officer and not compete with his colleagues in the cabinet as a spending officer, the extraneous bureaus in the treasury will be transferred to other departments.

The bill creates a department, independent of all others, known as the accounting department. This department will review the expenditures made by the departments and report on them to congress, suggesting improvements.

HALE HOLDEN WILL HEAD THE "Q"

Hale Holden (portrait herewith) and Claude George Burnham, have been selected to take the helm of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad and the associated systems when Uncle Sam relinquishes control on March 1. They are among the first of the rail kings to be named for the coming era of American transportation under private control. Both are Chicagoans, and in years gone by they have won their place as leaders of the railroad men in the greatest railroad center of the world by hard work.

Mr. Holden will become president and chairman of the executive committee of the "Q," which position he held before the war. As president of the "Q," he is also president of the Colorado and Southern.

Mr. Burnham will be executive vice president of the Burlington and Colorado and Southern.

Mr. Holden was born in Kansas 27 years ago. Contrary to the traditions of the rails, he did not start in the land. He is a graduate of Williams college and Harvard law school, becoming an expert in interstate law, he worked into the rail-



TASTEFUL FROCKS FOR YOUNG GIRLS



LENT usually finds the children's spring sewing well under way, if their clothes are made at home, or shopping industriously carried out if their belongings are bought ready made. The shops furnish as tasteful things as any one can ask for and as reasonably priced when the cost of labor is figured in. But there is some economy in making children's clothes at home and eliminating the price of labor. Besides there are little individual touches that may be put on by the home dressmaker.

Whatever the means of getting these outfits together, suggestions as to styles are thankfully received at about this time. The more important matter of selecting spring apparel for grownups calls for attention, with Easter close at hand and proves distracting. Two frocks for little girls are shown here with the recommendation to buy them if they can be found—or something similar to them, or to buy materials and copy them exactly. One cannot hope to improve

on the designs but colors may be selected according to their becomingness to young wearers.

All white or light colors in any of the substantial cotton weaves will make the dress at the left with its box-plaited skirt and belted smock. It fastens at the front where it is laced with narrow black ribbon that slips through buttonholes on each side of the opening. A very simple spray of embroidery adorns the smock at each side near its hem and at the shoulders. There is a narrow belt that buttons at the front.

Chambray with collar, cuffs and vest of pique make the pretty one-piece dress at the right. It has a shirred front panel in the skirt with the lines of shirring defined by stitches in black mercerized floss and the remainder of the skirt side plaited. A black silk tie finishes the neck. A mercerized cord, that slips through slides in the bodice and ties at the back, is the particular pride of this frock.

IN THE SUNSHINE



Midnight on Bay Biscayne.

A TIDAL wave of tourists from the North has overrun and alighted during the winter months for the past two years. And it is no wonder. The coast resorts are simply heavenly and have reached that stage where they offer in addition to every comfort, unparalleled beauty to their visitors. A new day is dawning for them, too, for great numbers of people are coming to stay, building themselves homes and taking root, intending to spend the balance of their days in this sunny land.

The coast cities have, besides sunshine, the loveliest waters in bays and ocean that ever were. Sunlit, sparkling, white-capped, they are unbelievably brilliant in color, the most vivid blues and greens and purples. Nearly always a snappy breeze is blowing and the bays are full of pleasure craft and other boats. Then there are the palms in groves and noble avenues and the flowering shrubs and trees, oleander, hibiscus and many vines covered with flowers. Nature does not take much coaxing to make enchanting gardens. There are splendid highways the length of the coast, the joy of motorists, lined with Australian pines and this tree makes a most beautiful hedge also. It is natural that many millionaires have chosen to build their winter homes in such a setting and that new people coming in should make even unpretentious homes, places that are enchanting.

Each of the coast cities and resorts has its own particular attractions. Palm Beach is the mecca of fashionables, a glittering gem, finished and

polished to the last degree. There is a marvelous fashion parade there where one may see the best that art has to offer for the adornment of fair women. And the environment is worthy the best efforts of genius. It is an earthly paradise during its brief season. The larger cities have more lasting attractions; great estates and wonderful homes, with the country about them developed and inviting with miles of fruit trees and gardens. But, after all, only a small part of Florida is under cultivation—a great part of it waits for men to make it a prosperous land.

Julia Bottomly

The Ostrich in Neckwear.

On a high-necked gilet of white silk chintilly lace and tucked net, trimmed with small pearl buttons, a band of old blue inch-wide ostrich loops were used to finish the high collar and the lower edge of the gilet. A band of picot-edged ribbon, sewed at the waistline of the gilet, added the final touch to this unusual novelty.

The Double Tunic.

An attractive suit of wool velours obtains a double tunic effect by means of the flaring coat and loose tunic on the skirt. The bodice buttons straight up to the turnover collar. Some of the material, plaited and held flat by cords, is used for trimming.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

It is the mind that makes the man and our vigor is our immortal soul.—Ovid.
"Tis the dessert that graces all the feast,
For an ill end disparages all the rest."

"No soul can ever truly see
Another's highest, noblest part,
Save through the sweet philosophy
And loving wisdom of the heart."

TIMELY DESSERTS.

For the early spring months, having tired of the heavy, rich desserts which have been popular, we turn to lighter and more easily digested dishes. As pie is the always popular dessert, if one can serve it with one crust, half of the indigestible (to some) pastry is avoided. Lemon, custard, cream and chocolate fillings are all good. The following will be found less common, but very well liked: Take one cupful of any canned fruit, such as cherries, currants, pineapple, strawberries or raspberries, which have been crushed and canned uncooked, with an equal quantity of sugar; add a tablespoonful of water with one of flour, mix well, add the yolk of one egg and cook the filling until smooth. Fill a baked shell, and when cool cover with a meringue made of the white of the egg. Place a few marshmallows cut up or whole over the top to add to the appearance. Put into the oven and brown.

Hot Water Ginger Bread.—Take one cupful of sugar, one egg, salt, one-half cupful of melted shortening, a tablespoonful of ginger, one cupful of flour; mix well and add just at the last one cupful of boiling water in which has been dissolved a teaspoonful of soda. Bake 40 minutes in a moderate oven. Serve hot with whipped cream or apple sauce for dessert.

Caramel Cornstarch Pudding.—Take two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch; mix and cook with one pint of milk. Put three-fourths of a cupful of sugar in a smooth frying pan, melt and stir until dissolved and a golden brown, then stir in the boiling hot cornstarch mixture. Stir until all the sugar is well blended with the pudding; add a pinch of salt, and serve in sherbet cups with whipped cream.

Dainty Dessert.—Take the white of one egg and half a glassful of any tart jelly. Whip until stiff and it will stand alone. It will take about 20 minutes. Serve with a thin custard.

Fruit Sherbet.—Take the juice of three oranges and one lemon, with a bit of the rind cooked in two cupfuls of honey; add a quart of rich milk or thin cream and freeze.

We never know the true value of friends. While they live we are too sensitive to their faults; when we have lost them we think only of their virtues.—Hare.

SALADS OF SPECIAL DISTINCTION

For those who are fond of coconut this salad will strongly appeal:

Benares Salad.—Take two cupfuls of fresh grated coconut, two tart apples, finely cubed, one-half cupful of chopped celery, two tablespoonfuls of grated onion, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley and a dash of red pepper. Serve with French dressing. Use strips of red pepper for garnishing.

Spring Salad.—Slice crisp red radishes in thin slices, add slices of small green onions and a little chopped green pepper. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise dressing.

Banana Candies.—For a dainty salad to delight the hearts of children at a child's party these are simple to prepare. Place a slice of pineapple on a paper doily, placed on a salad plate. Enlarge the hole slightly to insert half of a banana so that it will stand upright, the small end at the top. Use small bananas and dip them in lemon juice after peeling to keep them from discoloring. In the top insert a small cherry to simulate the flame of the candle and make a handle of angelica cut in strips and inserted in a loop at the side of the pineapple. A strip of green pepper or a strip of orange or lemon peel may be used if the angelica cannot be obtained.

Lettuce Salad With Egg Garnish.—Cut crisp head lettuce in quarters; let stand in cold water for half an hour. Drain and shake dry. Take some hard-boiled eggs, put the yolks through a sieve and chop the whites very fine. Over the lettuce pour some highly seasoned French dressing and sprinkle with the whites, then the yolks. This is a very pretty salad for a yellow luncheon.

Pear Salad.—Set half a canned pear on two or three heart leaves of lettuce. Sprinkle with eight or ten cubes of Neufchatel cheese and half as many strips of pimento. Take one cupful of double cream, two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, four tablespoonfuls of pear syrup, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt and four tablespoonfuls of honey. Beat until light. Use as salad dressing.

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