

## SOME SAUCY CHAPEAUX



### "Germ-Resistance"

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It has been estimated that 50 per cent of all of the diseases about which medicine knows most are caused by attacks on the human body by germs capable of causing disease. If one includes all of the diseases which represent complications and after-effects of infections of the human body, the percentage is probably much greater. Students of infection are inclined to include four factors as chiefly responsible for infection of the body: First, the presence of a germ with sufficient toxic power to grow in the body; second, a sufficient number of these germs to overcome attacks by the body against the germ; third, some special condition in the body that makes it possible for the germ to live and grow; and fourth, some method of getting the germ into the body.

Were it not for the fact that human beings develop within their bodies conditions which make it difficult for germs to live and grow, the human race would long since have been destroyed by the bacteria.

However, the resistance which the human being has because of these conditions is not absolute. In the first place, the condition of the human being changes from time to time and there is evidence that resistance is decreased when the body is greatly undernourished, or when a person is exceedingly fatigued, or when he has been exposed to sudden severe changes of temperature, or in several other ways.

Therefore, the line of defense varies in its strength from time to time and when the enemy is sufficiently numerous, or sufficiently strong, it breaks through.

For this reason, even in the most severe epidemics, some people escape although there are conditions in which practically everyone attacked is unable to resist the invasion.

Such conditions occur, for example, when a population among whom a disease has never previously appeared suddenly comes in contact with the disease. This occurred in the Farie Islands when measles was brought by a ship carrying white men, at which time more than half the population of the islands died of measles.

It sometimes happens that the resistance of the body to one disease is broken down by a mild attack of a previous disease.

For instance, a person who has had influenza or diabetes or tuberculosis, or some other chronic disorder, may thereafter develop pneumonia or tuberculosis much

easier than he would have previously.

### Lighted Match Is Costly Searchlight

Fresno, Cal. — (UP) — Antonio Ascrizzi won't look for his night-shirt with a match hereafter.

One night recently, when he looked in the clothes closet for his sleeping garment by the light of a match, he set fire to the clothing hanging there. Fireman estimated the damage at about \$100.

### Simple Dignity



Style experts call this combination worn by statuesque Anita Louise, screen player, the ideal color scheme for fair skinned women. Over an evening gown of sheer black velvet, Miss Louise wears a bolero of white Irish lace, which proves to be the perfect complement for the black velvet of the gown and Anita's fairest skin.

### Farmers Make Own Thresher and Tractor

Elba, Neb. — (UP) — When the big threshing machine at the Kyhn farm, near here, belches forth great quantities of straw, young Martin Kyhn takes a personal pride in the event. He built the machine. And not only that he constructed the home-made tractor which furnishes its power.

Martin spent seven years building the threshing machine. He did his regular farm work, did odd jobs to earn money with which

to buy needed materials and utilized his sparetime in assembling the machine. The tractor was built from discarded parts, purchased for small sums. The threshing machine was first used recently to thresh some cane seed on his father's farm. It's successful operation resulted in plans to use the machine for threshing small grain next summer.

**TREE GROWS FROM DEAD TREE**  
Freepport, Me. — (UP) — A tree is growing from the limb of a dead tree 10 feet from the ground near here.

## YOUR CHILDREN

By Olive Roberts Barton  
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### BE MERRY WITH THE CHILDREN

I asked a middle-aged woman recently if there was anything she would do differently if she had a chance to bring up her children again.

Almost before the question was out she answered, "There certainly is something I would change. I would be more foolish with them, play with them and make nonsense part of our daily life."

"Well — didn't you? Perhaps you forgot?"

"No, I didn't forget. Of course there were times when we all laughed and were happy, times I played with them and all that. But when I say 'nonsense' I mean 'nonsense'."

"I always had my practical old head in my way. I couldn't let myself go. Everything had to have a reason, even our fun. Besides, usually I was worrying too much about clean hands, or jam on the table cloth, or the last bite of spinach to let anything as unnecessary as nonsense interfere."

**Too Much Dignity**  
"I think I would have been a better mother in every way if I could have forgotten my dignity for a moment and looked upon more things as a joke."

"Well, you are right, of course." I admitted. "Nonsense is necessary to all of use and especially to little children. It eases the nerves like a bromide, lets us have fun without even thinking what it's all about, and is a fine antidote for trouble."

"The children used to talk gibberish," she went on, "and I always shut them up because to me it was silly. I thought they would turn into imbeciles or morons. Now I see that what I should have done, at least something was to enter into the spirit of it and answer them in the same way. I was just one chance to laugh — we all missed. I could at least have pretended it was funny when they thought so."

**Joy Cements Friendship**  
"Emily was the family cut-up. No sooner would we sit down to the table than she would start rhyming about the food. Her father and I thought it silly and stopped it always."

"What we should have done was to add a verse apiece and let the other children try a hand. We all would have a gay time, dinners would have digested more easily and more than all I think they would have loved us better."

"Well, that is true enough. Two real tics the world over are gaiety and sorrow. People who have a good time together are never strangers again."

**Children Demand Fun**  
To moralize a little now, let me say there is still another fact that we should recognize. There is something in children, a sort of fairy lightness that demands fun — sheer nonsense — if you like. Just fun without thinking.

They love foolish little rhymes and jingles. They love what seems to us, senseless talk and even senseless behavior — anything with a lilt and a laugh in it. They outgrow it soon enough.

It is not lightness and joy that makes children irresponsible in later years. Too often it is the lack of it. Starved for it, you see. Mix duty and seriousness with fun all you like, but let it be there. My friend was quite right.

### Teacher Reads Poetry To Pacify Her Pupils

Boston — (UP) — To pacify her pupils during a severe thunderstorm, Miss Wilhelmina Crosson, of Grade 4 at the Hancock School, read them poetry.

So popular was the feature that later verse was introduced as a regular part of the curriculum, and now the children, between eight and ten years old write poetry themselves.

Samples:  
"In desert lands from town to town  
The camel travels, big and brown."

"The elephant. With clumsy feet,  
Has only the jungle for his street."

**SOME FATHER!**  
Columbus, Ohio—There is a father in Columbus who lacks the proper paternal spirit. When Judge Pfefferle learned that Mrs. Catherine Righter was in the Maternity hospital expecting an addition to the family, he released her husband, who had been held in jail on a wife-slapping charge. An hour and a half after the Righter baby arrived, the father had not been seen at the hospital.

**O. Does a tree grow in winter?**  
L. B.

A. A tree does grow in winter. The rate of growth is of course much less during the dormant period of deciduous trees in the winter months, but the tree is nevertheless growing and if a careful measurement is made at the beginning and end of the dormant period this fact will be clearly brought out.

### Motherhood Ages Show Wide Range

Sacramento, Cal. — (UP) — Registrations here of mother's ages, along with birth certificates, show that motherhood ages range from 13 to 51 years, according to Mrs. Marie B. Stringer, state registrar of vital statistics.

Although such age limits represent the extremes, Mrs. Stringer said state records show that 13-year-old mothers are reported "every once in a while."

## TO GATHER CELTS UNDER ONE BANNER

### Movement Has Autonomy for Its Goal.

The movement to restore the ancient Brythonic tongue of Brittany to popular usage and literary recognition begun by Le Gonidec, a rebel against the French revolution more than a century ago, appears to have flowered into an agitation for Celtic autonomy. What brought the movement to light was a campaign undertaken by a society of Breton hot-heads to spread the propaganda by terror. Their first stroke was the dynamiting at Rennes of a monument commemorating the union of France and Brittany, on the four hundredth anniversary of that union.

Other societies committed to more pacific methods are known also to be in existence. One of them has for its remarkable goal the creation of a Celtic empire embracing Brittany, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man and presumably Cornwall! But weird as the idea may be, it serves to call attention to the ancient affinities of the inhabitants of these lands.

The Celts, as distinguished from the Teutons and the Mediterranean tribes, are a middle race, darker and broader than the Scandinavian and German peoples, but lighter and heavier than the South Europeans. They seem to have spread and mingled both east and west of the Central European mountains. The pure modern survivors are descendants of tribes that lived from immemorial times in what are now the British Isles.

These fall into two language groups, Goidelic (Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man) and Brythonic (Wales, Cornwall, Brittany). The Bretons are descendants of tribes who fled into Armorica in the Fifth century from the Angles and Saxons. There are today nearly 1,000,000 of these people who retain vestiges of Druidic and primitive beliefs, speak a language half Celt and half French, and

form a conservative group stubbornly resistant to modern change. Their traditional hero is Nomenoe, who defeated Charles the Bald, in 846 and forced him to recognize the independence of Brittany. Reunion with France came in 1532, but up until the revolution, Brittany retained its own estates, or parliamentary body.

Celtic culture in Brittany is analogous rather than related to Welsh or Irish. Its literary aspects are comparatively recent, early fragments being mostly folk lore and tradition. Like Welsh, which enjoyed a rebirth when Methodist preachers defied the Anglicized bishops and carried Protestantism to the people in their own tongue, Breton popularity has been increased by governmental disfavor. It long has been barred from public schools, but its use in written form has spread under the urging of the Union Regionaliste Bretonne. The prospective "martyrdom" of Theophile Joussot, young artist who threw the bomb at Rennes, marks a mile-

stone in the progress of a movement hitherto distinguished chiefly by its obscurity, and by a pacifism strange to Celtic uprisings.—Detroit Free Press.

### Bugler's Megaphone

The lesson the radio "croonera" have taught is being put to practical use at the Scott Field (Ill.) army camp. There the bugler sounds his reveille, mess and taps calls into the mouth of a huge megaphone, hung from a metal pipe and adjusted to the proper height. The calls can be heard easily in remote parts of the camp.

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