THE GIRL AND THE LOBSTER.

Possibly Harmless Remark, Though Decidedly Malapropos.

Dorando Pietri, at one of the many Italian banquets given in his honor in New York, talked about professional athletics.

"Amateurism is no doubt more romantic than professionalism," he said, "but we live in an unromantic age."

He smiled.

"Only the other night, at one of your gayest Italian restaurants," he said, "I overheard a dialogue that illustrated forcibly the age's lack of romance.

"It was late. At the table next to mine a rich young Italian contractor was supping with a beautiful young girl. As the young girl played with the stem of her wineglass I heard her murmur:

"'It is true, isn't it, that you love me and me only?'

"'Yes,' said the young man, 'though this lobster is certainly mighty good.'"

TOLD TO USE CUTICURA.

After Specialist Failed to Cure Her Intense Itching Eczema—Had Been Tortured and Disfigured But

Was Soon Cured of Dread Humor.

"I contracted eczema and suffered intensely for about ten months. At times I thought I would scratch myself to pieces. My face and arms were covered with large red patches, so that I was ashamed to go out. I was advised to go to a doctor who was a specialist in skin diseases, but I received very little relief. I tried every known remedy, with the same results. I thought I would never get better until a friend of mine told me to try the Cuticura Remedies. So I tried them, and after four or five applications of Cuticura Ointment I was relieved of my unbearable itching. I used two sets of the Cuticura Remedies, and I am completely cured. Miss Barbara Kral, Highlandtown, Md., Jan. 9, '08."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

A SPEEDY ONE.

Miss Tapps—Of course, some typewriters are extremely expert.

Clerk—Oh, yes. I know of one who married a rich employer in less than three months.

The Common Strain.

The stress of life may touch some lightly, may appear to pass others by, but most men whom we meet, with whom we deal, who work for us or for whom we work, know well the common stress of humanity. If in all our human relations this thought could be kept before us it would revolutionize life. We would be humanized—ennobled. We would care for men as men. We could not escape the transforming realization of an actual brotherhood if we recalled and thought upon the undeniable fact of our own part in the universal brotherhood of the common strain.—Schuyler C. Woodhull, in The Bellman.

Mice on the Pillow.

"I'm not so much afraid of mice as some women," said she, "but I don't like them in my hair. The other night I finished a biscuit I was eating after I went to bed and naturally left some crumbs about, not meaning to, never thinking of mice.

"Well, about the middle of the night I heard scampering, and there were the mice all over my hair, trying to get at those crumbs.

"I tell you, I gave one shriek, sprang up, lighted all the gas in the room and sat up the rest of the night watching that pillow."

HER MOTHER-IN-LAW

Proved a Wise, Good Friend.

A young woman out in Ia. found a wise, good friend in her mother-in-law, jokes notwithstanding. She writes:

"It is two years since we began using Postum in our house. I was greatly troubled with my stomach, complexion was blotchy and yellow. After meals I often suffered sharp pains and would have to lie down. My mother often told me it was the coffee I drank at meals. But when I'd quit coffee I'd have a severe headache.

"While visiting my mother-in-law I remarked that she always made such good coffee, and asked her to tell me how. She laughed and told me it was easy to make good 'coffee' when you use Postum.

"I began to use Postum as soon as I got home, and now we have the same good 'coffee' (Postum) every day, and I have no more trouble. Indigestion is a thing of the past, and my complexion has cleared up beautifully.

"My grandmother suffered a great deal with her stomach. Her doctor told her to leave off coffee. She then took tea but that was just as bad.

"She finally was induced to try Postum which she has used for over a year. She traveled during the winter over the greater part of Iowa, visiting, something she had not been able to do for years. She says she owes her present good health to Postum."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

BY HARRIS FRANCIS NOAKE.

DIFFERENT CALLINGS FIND SAME GOAL.

There once was a Swift young Torrent by the name of Terrace, whom the Doctor had Nearly Given Up. A Post-mortem was not necessary to convince his Folks that some of his Wheels were Missing. Somewhere back in his Teens the Gambling Instinct got a Half Nelson on his Better Judgment, and those who Knew said it Emanated from his playing Marbles for Keeps. At any rate, the fact remained that Terrace had a Storage egg beat to a Froth when it came to being Bad. His parents only slept between Efforts to Hoist him out of the Gulley. On the other hand, they were somewhat Consoled by the Righteousness of an older Son, Billed as Cosmo, which, by the way, is Not an Abbreviation for Cosmopolitan. Although the Parents didn't play any Favorites, they Unconsciously saw to it that Cos. got most of the White Meat. His Graft was a Cashiership in a Trust and Savings, where he was Respected and looked upon as a Credit to any Bible Class. In truth he Headed the young men's meetings every Tuesday, in which brother Terrace was always a Non-contestant. When Terrace Rolled up the Avenue all the Neighbors were careful to Hide their Off-springs for fear he might teach them the Shell Trick. In contrast to this, when brother Cosmo turned the Corner, all the Kids rushed on him, doing a Muscle Grind around his Neck, and feeling Free to go through his Pockets. One night, Cosmo took hold of his Drifting Relative and Shot into his System the old Gag about Honesty being, etc., but Terrace had long before Signed with the Hard Maples and refused to give up any Syrup. Brother Cosmo even offered to find him a Job, but Terry didn't see how he could Bank any money or buy Russian Kimel on six fifty Per. All the Good the Talk did was to Prove that Each had a different Taste, the one, Nectar, the other, Dark Brown. Terrace's acquaintance covered most of the Sporting Fraternity, including the Yeggs and Look-outs. He had them all Panting when it came to Juggling the Gold brick and could have given anybody lessons on how to Gather the Hay, without Mowing. One day Terry's father overheard him bet a Cabman that his Plug had False Teeth. This was the Pointed End of the Limit, so Pop got in Correspondence with a first-class Reform Seminary, determined to Lodge Son securely behind the Grating for fear he might reach the next Stage, namely, Throwing Vitriol. The ensuing week, brother Cosmo Propelled Terrace to the train instructing the Crew to Beware of the Little Pea. When fairly under way, Terry thought he could collect a little easy money, so Crawled over the Coal Bin into the Pilot house and bet the fireman Two bits that the Engineer could knock his Block off. Terry won but rode the rest of the way in a Padded Cell. On arriving at the Reform Works he was taken in tow by a Proff, who knew Terry's father, and to whom Pa had cabled to show no Mercy and to kick the Lining out of Son if he started any Sun Dances. Terry laid low only long enough to Measure up a System for putting the whole Institution into Dry Dock. While these Plans were Budding brother Cosmo stayed home, Eating his way into the Heart of the Bank, until he was awarded the Captaincy. Imagine the parents' Joy on learning that one son held the Tiller in a Coin House, while the other was safely Chained up. Terrace was far too Good to be True, so finally he Crept into a Faculty meeting just as the Session was getting nicely under way, and Ducked under a table, waiting for a favorable time to light the Fuse. The Knowledge Tanks were discussing Pro and Con (mostly Con) an important point in Incubation, when Terry the Turk bobbed up and loudly Bet that none of them could tell why a Chicken preferred a Round to a Square Perch. After which there followed something that sounded like a Board of Trade Pit during a Bull Market. The Limit of the bet was the Roof, therefore the Proffs., not wanting to appear ignorant, Pooled a sum equal to about Nine thousand, made up mostly of Mortgages, Watches, other Knick-knacks and Eleven dollars in Money. The understanding was, that whoever among them guessed the Squib should Divvy with the Rest. Plunging Terry produced a Wad about the size of a Sack of Oats, only larger, laid off Three bills to Cover, then Pushed the Balance back into Darkness. One by one the Heavy Thinkers threw in the Sponge, and when they all Ran up the For Help Flag, Terrace put one Glove over the Currency, and with the other made Signs which meant, You Buy. This Retort nearly caused a repetition of the Boer War and was only averted by Terry's explaining that Chickens prefer to Lay. Afterwards, they found Terrace in a thick Wood, going over the Securities to see that none was Absent. In the meantime Cosmo had gotten too Numerous with the Shekels and had departed without saying where to Forward his Laundry. So Pa wired for Terrace, who got home just as brother Cos. was stepping from the Blue Buggy into the Court house.

A CREDIT TO ANY BIBLE CLASS.

TERRACE'S ACQUAINTANCES.

"JUST AS COS STEPPED FROM THE BLUE BUGGY."

Deduction: The Black Sheep of the Family is Sometimes Underestimated.

Newest Coiffure

A charming coiffure of butterfly wings and coronet in silver gauze, encrusted with silver and pearls.

BRAIDING AS A FINE ART.

Hand Work That Is Really Worth While Doing Well.

Don't hurry and do think. If you do not use your brain you will not be able to braid successfully. Keep your mind on your pattern and on its careful development.

Remember that it is, to some extent, a work of art; anything well designed and thoughtfully executed by hand is a work of art.

In braiding, sew in the stitches so that the needle sticks back into almost the same thread of the braid from which it has been pulled, almost concealing the sewing; sew closely, so the braid does not "wabble." Use your mind at every turn of the braid, always remembering to make sharp corners if they are so designed, never forgetting to keep the shape of the long curves, and, above all, not losing sight of the spirit of the pattern. In selecting the braid have a thought as to its pliability, and don't take a match that doesn't match.

MAKES NECK LOOK THINNER.

Arrangement of Locket Will Be Found to Work Wonders.

A locket down the center of the back when wearing a low-cut frock will make the neck look thinner. This is good news for the girl with a fat back.

If she thinks a locket too exaggerated she can wear a chain with a pendant fastener, whose ends hang down over the nape of the neck.

Another way to improve the appearance of a fat back is to wear the hair in a low knot on the nape of the neck.

The shape of the neck of the dress should be a V rather than round or square, if the shoulders are full and fleshy.

The tulle ruches that have the choux directly in the center of the back, with several ends falling down from it, also have a knack of making the back look slimmer, though they are fatal to the appearance of a short neck.

Dyed Waists.

Many women are having white or ecru waists dyed to match their tailor mades. Net and lace are probably the most used waist materials this season. The soft satins, such as messaline, are a good deal seen, but they are usually heavy with soutache. The vogue for waists of the color of the suit with which they are worn has led to the introduction of colored French crepo and other cottons. Colored pongee is still employed, but when used, even in tailor-made blouses, is sure to be elaborated with braid. Even the nets are trimmed with braid. Some of the handsomest ones, in fact, are so finished.

Fits in a Muff.

Now comes the collapsible umbrella. Closed up in its compact case, it is no more than 11 inches long. Opened on a rainy day or carried carelessly under one's arm, it is just the usual sort of sturdy umbrella. The collapse happens only when certain springs and buttons are manipulated, and after a little practice the umbrella may be opened or bent into its 11-inch dimension at will. Unlike the folding umbrellas of several years past, which could be packed in a suit case, the collapsible umbrella may be tucked in a traveling bag or even into a muff or overcoat pocket.

Lace and Fur.

Some clever person has hit upon an idea of raising the popular fur turban from the commonplace to the artistic by using a trimming of fine black chantilly lace in the form of a large flat rosette set on the left side.

It does not sound particularly fascinating, but the fluffy mass secured to the hat with a pair of handsome hatpins needs to be seen in order to be appreciated. By its side the feather trimmed or flower decked lynx hat becomes actually odious by comparison.

DESIGN FOR TEA GOWN.

Graceful Garment Made Up in Blue Cashmere Satin.

A simple yet extremely graceful gown is shown here; it is in Nattier blue cashmere satin. The sleeves are cut in with the bodice part, and have a seam up the center of outside of arm. The right front wraps over to the left, the fullness being drawn in at the waist by a silver girdle with tasselled ends.

The open neck is outlined with white silk embroidered with silver thread and various shades of blue and pale pink silk; a narrower band of the same embroidery trims the sleeves.

The gown is lined to the hips with soft white silk.

Materials required: 7 yards 44 inches wide, 4 yards white silk embroidery, and a silver girdle.

With Festoons of Baby Ribbon.

A very dainty debutante frock, shown in the window of an authoritative shop, was of cream all-over net, made with small, surpliced bodice and scant skirt in dancing length. About the round decolletage and for several inches above the skirt hem were little frills of valenciennes lace, and over these lace frills were arranged rosettes and festooned loops of pink satin ribbon. The pink note was repeated in a satin girdle and by the big artificial pink rose nestled in the lace of the corsage.—Washington Star.

Worn in the Hair.

Among the new things in filets is one showing tiny white butterflies gleaming with silver and diamond dust and having cluster of large buffles at each side.

Another is in white daisies with crimson tips. Sometimes the satin filet ribbons are fringed with opalescent crystal beads, with occasionally a small spray of flowers or a bow of the fringed ribbon at one side.

A Book Bag.

One of the new inventions for the traveler is the book bag made of leather that looks like a hand bag.

It is really a cover for one or more books, and is most convenient. It has two handles and a sizeable bone paper cutter attached in the inside.

It will make a nice gift for any one who is going on a long trip. The latest novel could be inclosed inside, and the monogram put on the outside in full gold printed letters.

MIX FOR RHEUMATISM

The following is a never failing remedy for rheumatism, and if followed up it will effect a complete cure of the very worst cases: "Mix one-half pint of good whiskey with one ounce of Toris Compound and add one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each meal and at bedtime." The ingredients can be procured at any drug store and easily mixed at home.

Vain Longings.

First Barn Stormer—I say, friend Hamlet!

Second Ditto—Yes, friend Shylock.

First Barn Stormer—Wouldn't it be great if we could only eat all the roasts we get?

Importance of Knowing Positively.

Every one should know positively what causes dandruff, gray, or falling hair so that you can remedy it. Send ten cents for famous book "Hair Science and Care" by Prof. Frederic Goujon. Address Du-Murier & Cie., 723 Lexington Ave., New York.

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