

THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.



Mrs. Bauer—Tell my son-in-law that I thank him for his invitation, but am unable to accept it.
 Servant—Good. He promised me half a dollar if you weren't able to come.

The Main Question.

This story is current in the Arkansas hills. A woman was telling some friends what a delicate childhood was hers.

"When I was born I weighed only four pounds. They put me in a cigar box for a cradle."

"Goodness gracious!" exclaimed one of the listening women, leaning forward with great interest, "and did you live?"—Kansas City Times.

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BRAVE GIRL.

"Saved!" cried the beautiful girl in triumph. "Saved!" The old gentleman in the easy chair dropped his paper in astonishment.

"Who is saved, my daughter?" he interrogated, with alarm.

"The whole city. My name shall go down to posterity as a heroine!"

Still the old gentleman was visibly perplexed.

"But, my dear, I haven't heard of any great conflagrations or earthquakes. In what way was the city in danger?"

It was then that the beautiful girl came over and sat down on the arm of his chair.

"Listen, father, and you shall hear. Twenty minutes ago Percival Van Pickle proposed to me, and vowed if I refused to become his wife he would jump into the main reservoir and end it all. When I thought of those 20 packs of Turkish cigarettes Percival carries in his pockets I knew the water would be poisoned and the people doomed. Then I—I accepted. Don't you think I'm a brave girl?"

The Mean Man.

"Pop," said the farmer's boy, "I have been reading a lot about these Marathons these days and I'd like to enter some."

"All right, my lad," hastened the old man, taking a fresh chew of tobacco, "just you go down to the woodpile and start a wood-chopping Marathon and when you are through you can use the sawdust to play circus. Now, who says I'm not a considerate father?"

Envious Age.

Mrs. Stubb (reading)—How queer, John! The windows of the houses in ancient Egypt never had any curtains.

Mr. Stubb—Gracious, Maria! I should have liked to live in those days.

Mrs. Stubb—Why so?
 Mr. Stubb—Well, when a man came home late he didn't run much chance of getting a curtain lecture.

SOUP MARKS.



Guest—You called "Minna." Is that the blonde, the dark one or the old woman?

Waiter—How do you know our cooks?

Guest—By the soup.

The Pole.

Little drops of water,
 Moving chunks of ice,
 Made it so elusive
 Had to find it twice.

Suspicious of Favorites.

"I understand that politician aspires to be recognized as a favorite son?"
 "Yep," answered Farmer Cornstossel.
 "He 'pears to have some rich ideas."
 "Don't you approve of them?"
 "Not altogether. My observation is that the pet of a family is 'jes' as likely to prove a disappointment as any of the other members."

A Good Reason.

Taper—I'd like a two weeks' absence to attend the wedding of a very dear friend.

Mr. Gingham—It must be a very dear friend, indeed, to make you want that much time. Who is it?

Taper—Well, sir, after the ceremony she will be my wife.—Vogue.

Strictly True.

"I see where a swindler trimmed a grass widow."

"Haw! Haw! With a lawn mower?"

"Exactly."
 "Oh, get out!"
 "It's a fact. He sold her a lawn mower that didn't have any blades."

All Right.

"Do you think it is all right for a young girl to ask a man to marry her?"

"I certainly do. When I get engaged I am going to ask our old minister to marry me; he married papa and mamma."

Quite a Coincidence.

"Remarkable similarity between natural conditions and politics in our country."

"What's that?"

"We need rain terribly and the county's just gone 'dry.'"

A Prudent Precaution.

"Isn't your husband going to take part in that automobile speeding contest?"

"No, I simply tormented him till he gave up the idea. You know, Jenny, I never did look well in black."

A PEEVISH PLAINT.

The learned writers for the press
 Are very, very good
 At proving how we waste on dress
 Or furbelows or food.
 Each writer now who makes his bow
 With other sage's vies
 To show unhappy mortals how
 They may economize.

They tell us of the thrifty French,
 Who all excesses shun;
 But I'm not anxious to retrench;
 It isn't any fun.
 I'm weary of this endless song;
 I wish some seer wise
 Would show us how to get along
 And not economize.

A SOLID REASON.



Mr. Smith—Why do you women want to vote? Don't you know that the majority of the women don't want you to?

Mrs. Smith—That's exactly why we are determined to do it—the cats!

The Application.

Unto those who talk and talk
 This proverb should appeal:
 The steam that blows the whistle
 Will never turn the wheel.

A Roland for an Oliver.

A young Baltimore man, who is quick to see a point and somewhat of a wit himself, walked into a shop the other day and asked for a comb.

"Do you want a narrow man's comb?" asked the attendant, all unconscious of his terms.

"No," said the customer, gravely; "I want a comb for a stout man with rubber teeth."

Just Possible.

"I was born and raised on this farm, said the stranger, "but I haven't set foot on it for 20 years. It certainly has run down a good deal since then."

"Mebby it has," rejoined the old farmer, "but I reckon I'd run down a heap sight worse if yew had stayed on it."

In the Air.

"Where's Willie?"
 "Up in the attic building a monoplane."

"And where's George?"
 "He's in the cellar making a bi-plane."

"And where's Henry?"
 "He's in bed. He tumbled from the roof of the garage in his aeroplane."

More Comfort Then.

"Why do you always postpone your vacations until fall instead of going during the summer?"

"It's easier in the fall. I don't have to fight my way into the dining room or get up before daylight in order to get a chair on the porch."

A Chance for Him.

"I don't know what to do with my son, there seems to be so few opportunities for him. There is no place for a man who is needed and yet has no friends."

"I don't know. Why not make him a baseball umpire?"

Two of a Kind.

"This," said the senior member of the law firm, "is another case of Greek meeting Greek."

"How's that?" queried the junior member.

"One affinity is suing another affinity," replied the other.

A CONFESSION.



Barber—Why, your face is all carved up! What mutton-headed idiot shaved you last?

Patient—I shaved myself!

It's the Price.

It is not looks that make the styles
 That fill the fashion books;
 The sunbonnet has got the peach-
 Basket plum' out for looks.

His Difficulty.

"Jinks seems to be having a hard pull to get along."

"His hard pull is just the reason he can't get on."

"How do you make that out?"

"Because he's a dentist."

Steep, indeed.

Gunner—The milliners have named a new fall hat the "Cook hat." They are going to be two feet high."

Guy—H'm that's nothing like as high as the prices.

Hardly That Kind.

"Pop, tell me one thing."
 "Yes, my son."
 "When they want pets on board of ships, do they take old sea dogs?"

Tapestry Boxes



Boxes and Cases of Tapestry, Silk Lined and Trimmed with Gold Galoon.

When the great ships from over the sea unload their treasures at the wharves, feminine interest is all a-flutter for a first glimpse into the alluring, mysterious boxes. And small wonder that a woman loses her heart over the lovely things brought forth from the depths of the great cases, for they are wonderfully dainty when arrayed so attractively in the windows and showcases of our smart shops.

Among the novelties just over from Paris is the tapestry work—bags, boxes and picture frames, and all manner of useful and pretty things. Of course they are expensive—who ever saw a Paris novelty that was not? But the woman with clever fingers and a little spare time never needs to be discouraged over these prices, for she knows that for a surprisingly small sum she can copy the things displayed, with excellent results. Good taste in choosing materials and lightness of touch in sewing are all that is necessary.

In the sketch are shown a number of useful boxes which the dainty woman loves to have about to hold her little dress accessories. These little trifles of dress may be kept fresh and new looking for a much longer time if they are well cared for, and each has its box or bag in which to be placed when not in use.

Any shaped pasteboard box that one wishes, a bit of pretty tapestry or crotonne, a piece of silk for lining, and old gold galoon for binding are the only materials needed for the most attractive tapestry work. It does not take long to cover a box, and those who have only a little time in the evening for fancy work will find it

most enjoyable—results are so quickly attained.

To make any of the boxes, procure a pasteboard box of the desired shape, cut out pieces of tapestry to fit each section, being careful to select the prettiest parts of the goods, and baste each on the box, near the edge. If the pasteboard is heavy, then it will be better to paste the goods on near the edge, using a white, strong paste. The lining is put on in the same way. Then the gold galoon is put on over all the edges as a finish, sewing down on each edge with very small stitches. All covers are overhanded on after the galoon is applied.

The fancy shaped sewing box in the lower left hand corner is made of pieces of pasteboard, cut out, the lower edges smaller than the upper, and the sides are slanted. The sides are held together with narrow slips of paper and melted gum arabic. The cover is simply a square of pasteboard, tapestry covered. The vell or glove case in the upper right hand corner is made of two box covers.

In the lower right hand corner is a little jewel box, covered in the same way as the others. The little tray is composed of a box cover with several divisions made by covering strips of cardboard with the lining material—the strips just fitting in tight enough to hold in place.

A ribbon and necktie holder is sketched in the upper left hand corner. A collar box and a little divided holder for side combs, shell ornaments and hairpins, are also shown. All the boxes have perfumed pads under the lining.

They are attractive little boudoir accessories, these French trifles, and remind one of the dainty dames of long ago.

SLEEVES OF ALL LENGTHS

No One Rule Has Been Laid Down Concerning This Part of the Costume.

It is a happy fashion that allows a woman to wear her sleeve of any length. This is true this season. Evidently we are not to have one rule which must not be broken.

The full puff to the elbow, finished with a ruffle, seems to be the only sleeve that is not allowable. All other kinds are permitted.

The long mousquetaire is in fashion, but it is a trifle second-class even in afternoon frocks. It has been modified to a wider shape that does not hug the arm so closely, and has more grace than the former pipstern.

Possibly the preferred sleeve for evening is the one that is almost straight from shoulder to elbow, is of transparent fabric and usually different from that used in the gown.

The modified leg-o'-mutton will be highly in favor for cloth sleeves. There is a slight fullness at the elbow, but the sleeve is cut in one length from shoulder to wrist, and not divided at the elbow. As yet there is no evidence of the huge puff at the top attached to the long, tight cuff.

The Black and White Gown.

As soon as dark colors came into fashion the conservative designers went in heavily for all black with a touch of white. There is no gainsaying the elegance of the black gown, unless it is made of cheap materials that do not take a good dye.

Black that is really black is worth the buying. In a good material it serves season after season. It never gives the beholder a chance to remember the date of its first season, for it is inconspicuous. The woman who must be economical finds it her safest choice. She knows that by touching it up with different lace, a bit of gold or silver net, a few yards of velvet or satin ribbon, she can brighten and change it.

Weighted Tapes.

Women who find they must weight down the edges of skirts, and especially coats, will find the weighted tape, which comes by the yard, a boon and a blessing.

Those who object to tape showing even at the skirt hem can place it in the hem. In the coat it is put between lining and outer material, as the ordinary weights are.

Use of Gold Lace.

Gauzy gold lace is a favorite combination in the evening gowns of diaphanous fabrics for the tiny sleeve and tucker, which the smartest modish show. A black liberty satin princess gown, so finished, is one of the season's best models.

IN DARK DAYS OF AUTUMN

Shantung Costume, Light in Weight, Is the Most Appropriate Garniture.

Something that is light in weight, but not in color generally is required in autumn, and for this, nothing can be better than shantung in a rich, dark shade of heliotrope.

The skirt of our model is quite plain and just touches the ground.

The coat is open up each side and



is trimmed with straps of shantung and silk tasseled ornaments; shaped pieces are carried over each shoulder, and the collar and cuffs are faced with velvet; silk cord ornaments are used for fastening fronts.

Hat of heliotrope chip, trimmed with roses of a lighter tone and ribbon velvet.

Materials required for the costume: 12 yards 34 inches wide, 3/4-yard velvet, 8 tasseled ornaments, 3 silk ornaments for front.

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CALLED TO TIME.



"Ain't she all right, Maria?"
 "You might say something nice to me, once in a while, Bob."

CURED ITCHING HUMOR.

Big, Painful Swellings Broke and Did Not Heal—Suffered 3 Years.

Tortures Yield to Cuticura.

"Little black swellings were scattered over my face and neck and they would leave little black scars that would itch so I couldn't keep from scratching them. Larger swellings would appear and my clothes would stick to the sores. I went to a doctor, but the trouble only got worse. By this time it was all over my arms and the upper part of my body in swellings as large as a dollar. It was so painful that I could not bear to lie on my back. The second doctor stopped the swellings, but when they broke the places would not heal. I bought a set of the Cuticura Remedies and in less than a week some of the places were nearly well. I continued until I had used three sets, and now I am sound and well. The disease lasted three years. O. L. Wilson, Puryear, Tenn., Feb. 8, 1908."
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Where Inspiration Sits.

Mrs. Quilluser came tiptoeing softly into her husband's study, rested a hand lightly on his shoulder and peered over at the sheet of half-written sheets on his desk.

"What are you working on now, dearest?" she asked gently.

"On Mary's mittens," he answered pleasantly, but without looking up.

Mrs. Quilluser studied a moment, as if planning. "Dearest, Willie needs a pair of shoes more than Mary does the mittens. I have already promised them to the poor boy. Hada't you better work on Willie's shoes first, dear?"

"All right, Nellie, all right," he replied kindly, turning his eyes up into Nellie's glaring patent ones.

Then he pushed back "An Ode to the Dancing Leaves" and cheerfully began to write a Sunday special on "A New Substitute for Coal."—Puck.

Government Sanatoria.

The United States government operates three tuberculosis sanatoria, one for soldiers and officers of the regular army at Fort Bayard, N. M.; one for seamen in the merchant marine, and others employed in coast service of the government, not in the navy, located at Fort Stanton, N. M., and one for officers and enlisted men in the navy at Las Animas, Col. The first hospital is conducted by the department of war, the second by the United States public health and marine hospital service and the latter by the navy department.

Judge's Sarcastic Advice.

Mr. Choate, having arrived at the "old-sighted age," did not recognize it, or did not wish to commiserate the use of glasses. In pleading a cause he had difficulty in seeing the notes, and in order properly to decipher his manuscript kept holding his paper farther and farther off. On one occasion this so annoyed the judge that he at last burst out with: "Mr. Choate, I would advise you to get one of two things, either a pair of tongs or a pair of spectacles."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Grading Literary Power.

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The U. S. Government has bought 25 Gross (3,600 boxes) of Rough on Rats to send to the Panama Canal Zone, because it does the work. The old reliable that never fails. The unbeatable exterminator. 15c, 25c, 75c.

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