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A PRETTY SHOULDER

ALMOST ANY WOMAN MAY HAVE THEM IF SHE LIKES.

How to Acquire the Proper Slope and Plumpness and How to Dress the Different Shapes with Best Effect.

Just one woman in 20 has a pair of shoulders the right shape. These statistics are gathered from a certain beauty specialist. The other 19 have shoulders that are either too high or too low. Many have round shoulders. Others have hoop shoulders. One out of three will have shoulders that extend too far forward. Fifty per cent. have shoulders of unequal height. Twenty-five per cent. have shoulders that would be right if they were carried right. And this list of defects might be carried on indefinitely, so numerous are the faults of those who might have and should have a good pair of shoulders.

If the shoulders are thin there is a diet which will plump them out a little. To try this diet means very little self denial for it consists of food which nearly everybody likes. The basis is chocolate, and the chocolate diet will, in time, make not only the neck, but the arms and shoulders and hands plump.

There is, put away in an obscure but picturesque part of Germany, a little "cure" which is called the chocolate cure. Here the patients go to get stout. They study the scenery, drink chocolate and cocoa, eat it and grow just fat enough.

The beauty of the chocolate "cure" is that the fat settles in the right place. It does not stop at the abdomen. But it settles, rather, in the arms, the hands, the neck and the shoulders. In a very little while the patients become beautiful.

The cereals will plump out the neck, but one must not take too much cream with them. Vegetables also plump the neck, but one must be careful to take them fresh and without too much butter. There are fats which seem to settle in the abdomen and other fats which go toward the shoulders and hands. It is curious to the student of beauty to observe the different direction which the flesh will take. One kind of food, namely potatoes, will make the abdomen full. Another kind of food will make the shoulders stout, while a third kind will cause the cheeks to grow fat. It is a knowledge of these various kinds of food which makes a woman pretty or otherwise. She can really govern her fat to suit herself if she knows what to eat.

If the shoulders are of the sloping or old-fashioned type they should be dressed very plainly. A Quaker handkerchief folded around the shoulders in such a manner as to make them still lower and still more sloping is the prettiest thing in the work. Next comes the Priscilla scarf, which is a sort of plain muslin fichu; and third, there is the plain round low neck, with its neat finish and its delicate edge. All of these serve to bring out the old-fashioned lowness of the old-fashioned low sloping shoulder.

The shoulder of the matron which is the plump, round shoulder, is the shoulder that can be dressed showily. It can be wrapped with furs and dressed with velvets. It can be encircled with real lace and it can be looped and twined with jewels. This shoulder is massaged until it is very plump; bleached until it is very white; pinched until it is full of life, and spat until it is smooth.

The girlish shoulder, which is the slender, delicate shoulder, is prettiest dressed in something fluffy. Tulle, gauze, chiffon and silvered stuffs are loveliest. And the shoulder should be dressed very low so as to show its delicate curves.

If the shoulders, in spite of every art persist in being uneven and ugly there are exercises that can be taken for them. One of these is the weight exercise. The victim walks up and down for 15 minutes a day carrying a weight in her short arm—the arm with the high shoulder. In time this will lower the shoulder. If both shoulders are high she bends backward until they are equal.

The shoulder exercise, the shoulder diet, the shoulder massage and the shoulder treatment will, in time, make any pair of shoulders handsome. And in a short while the worst pair of arms and neck will become beautiful. It takes about four weeks of constant care. But at the end of that time the results will be so good that the patient will not regret the time she spent upon the work of reforming her shape.

Linens Are Soft and Drapy.

This season linens come in much softer fabrics than ever before. They are never as stiff as in former years, and often thinner than we have had them for outdoor gowns in times past, although such gowns are never made of transparent linen.

Favorite colors in linen are pink, raspberry, gray, browns and tans, blues, greens and some manueves. This is a summer of colors, but, nevertheless, the white linen gown is more popular than any other kind.

A Disadvantage.

"Do you think our orators are as eloquent as those of our early history?"

"Quite as eloquent," answered Senator Sorghum. "They are at a disadvantage owing to the fact that it is no longer customary to force their remarks into esteem by putting them into the school readers."—Washington Star.

News from Washington

Spelling Reform Order of the President Causes Agitation in Official Circles—Destruction of the Earth Prophesied—Condition of the Poor to Be Improved.



WASHINGTON.—There is considerable agitation in official Washington over the recent order by the president directing the use of phonetic spelling in all messages and other printed documents issued from the White House. In addressing the order to the public printer the president has gone as far as he can to modernize orthography. He has instructed the public printer to "follow copy" and his cabinet officers will of course fall into line. They will have all the annual reports of division chiefs and other subordinates as well as their own prepared with the words spelled as the president has decided they should be.

The orthography advocated by Banker Matthews and in part approved by the president, while phonetic, possesses the combined advantage of brevity. It will save time in writing and typesetting, and will economize on the printing bill.

In addition to the use of the contracted forms, "thru" and "tho," the past tense is obtained by a suffixed "t" instead of "ed," as "dashed," and silent syllables will be dispensed with, "catalogue" being spelled "catalog," for example.

In contemplating the introduction of the improved system in the various departments, the officials shake their heads in despair and point to the white-haired clerks. They appreciate the difficulty they are certain to encounter. There is a suggestion that the stenographers employed in the departments will find it necessary to organize a night school to master the new system.

The only encouraging part of the order is that the modernizing process is to be gradual. Should the changes in spelling be limited to easy stages of 100 words at the time, the stenographers and others who write the letters and prepare the departmental reports have some hopes of retaining their jobs and keeping out of an insane asylum.

DOOM OF CITIES PREDICTED.

Prepare for shocks. Prophet Edmund S. Stevens, of this city, has prophesied a long series of dreadful catastrophes which will culminate in the destruction of all the cities of the earth in the year of our Lord 1932. Mother Earth is not of plumb, according to this prophet, and all the terrible earthquakes that have occurred and are yet to come are due to the fact that the earth is gradually resuming its proper position. When this stage of transition is reached there will be a new earth and a new heaven referred to in the scriptures.

The prophecy follows:

"CAUSE OF EARTHQUAKES. The earth is out of her place, or upright position. It is gradually resuming it. Whenever there is an accelerated or faster motion then in that period earthquakes occur. We are now in one of these periods, from Mont Pelee, 1900, to 1905. Again from 1925 to 1946 and again from 1965 to 2000 A. D.

"In 1932 the earthquake is of such extent that all the cities of all the nations fall. From 2035 to 3144 A. D. the earth is in continual perturbation and in the latter year settles to its upright position. This brings in the new heaven and new earth. EDMUND S. STEVENS."

Prophet Stevens proves all his predictions by an elaborate collection of charts which are intelligible to him only.

WHYTE A MODERN SPARTAN.



Senator Whyte, Maryland's picturesque "grand old man," who is occupying the seat of the late Arthur Gorman, had a birthday recently, and he is now in his eighty-third year. Whyte is probably the most remarkable man in Maryland to-day.

He has never tasted a drop of liquor nor smoked and has never been inside of a saloon. He is not a member of any club.

He defended 60 alleged murderers and all were acquitted.

He always rides in an ordinary day car on a passenger train and on the street cars in a city.

He framed the instruments on which the unique government of the District of Columbia is founded. He lives outside of Baltimore, yet is able to appear at a trial in Baltimore in the morning and be in Washington in time to answer to the noon roll call of the senate.

Twice chosen United States senator, he has also been governor, mayor, state senator, state representative, city solicitor, attorney general and state controller.

He was defeated for the United States senate by Gorman and then succeeded him. He was a member of the Maryland legislature when Gorman was a lad in Howard county.

He began the study of law while a boy, sitting on bags of burlap in a commercial house, where he worked from seven o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night. He has argued cases before courts in Annapolis, Md.; New York and Boston, within a period of two days.

He will never talk politics on Sunday.

He is unquestionably a gentleman of the old school.

TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF POOR.

Resident of few cities in the country are more proud of their town than are Washington's, but they have been deeply humiliated by the discoveries that have been made recently by inspectors authorized by law.

Within two or three blocks of the Capitol building there are shums where human beings, old and young, exist in great numbers in habitations so small and vile as to stagger belief. It has been stated that these buildings are worse and more overcrowded than any to be found in New York or Chicago. Since the agitation of the question of housing the poor it has been found that the old army barracks, which did duty away back in 1861, '62, '63, '64 and '65, have been constantly occupied by hordes of the colored population. Without any sanitary provision whatever, it is needless to argue that such sections of the capital city are hotbeds for the breeding of pestilential disease and moral depravity.

But recently there has been an awakening to these conditions, and laws have been passed which authorize the destruction of dens of infamy and degradation in the nation's capital. The work has already been begun by the cleaning out of the alleys and the removal of the tottering domiciles, mis-called houses. Their present occupants are to be scattered in different directions, and helped to secure sanitary abodes in localities better suited to their spheres in life.

The commissioners are now armed with authority by law, and it is not likely that they will be dilatory under the pressure of the press for immediate action. Therefore, doubtless, the days of "Queen's court," "Chinich Row," "Nave's Row" and "O Street alleys" are numbered.

OUR BLUEJACKETS BEST SHOOTERS.



American sailors are the best target shooters in the world according to our naval officers. While admitting that the record of the British ship Bruizer's six pounders, said to have made 46 hits out of 64 shots, shows excellent work, naval officers here are not inclined to give the palm to the British navy for accurate shooting. The record of the American navy shows that at least in one instance 22 hits out of 25 shots were made by a six pounder. In discussing the work of the Bruizer naval officers say that before they can make any accurate or valuable comparison between British and American marksmanship it will be necessary to know the size of the target, the rate of speed at which it was moving, and the actual time in which the 64 shots were delivered. The targets used by the British navy are considerably larger than those used on this side of the water.

The latest official statement regarding target practice, which covers the navy's work of last year, shows that since 1898 the size of the target has been reduced, the rapidity of firing has been increased, and the percentage of hits to shots risen from 40 to between 75 and 90 per cent. In main battery guns. The target has been reduced from 100 by 25 feet to 21 by 8 feet, and while a 12-inch gun was given five minutes for each shot it has this year made a record of three shots and three hits within one minute.

Naval officers point out that with the great improvement in the rapidity with which guns on American warships are loaded and discharged there has come a proportionate accuracy in shooting, so that 12 and 13-inch guns are not only fired 15 times as rapidly as formerly, but the percentage of hits has risen proportionately, making the efficiency of the individual gun at least 30 times what it was before.



Harry Thaw, who killed Stanford White in the roof theater of Madison Square Garden, will be brought to trial for the murder in September. The insanity plea on which Thaw's lawyers had hoped to secure his acquittal seems to have fallen flat, as Thaw, himself, will have none of it. The trial promises to be one of the most sensational in the history of the criminal cases in this country. Thaw's wife, Evelyn Nesbit, it is said will tell the story of her life and her relations with White, to the jury in an effort to save her husband from the electric chair at Sing Sing. Society people, millionaires, chorus girls and members of New York's bohemia will contribute to the sensational testimony with which the lawyers hope to secure Thaw's acquittal.

A Queer Hermit Sect in Switzerland.

Eat Only Fruit and Vegetables and Wear But Few Clothes—Go to Bed at Sundown—"Back to Nature" Is Their Motto.

Geneva, Switzerland.—The strange colonies of hermits who have taken up their abode in the neighborhood of Locarno, Ronco and Orselina are increasing in numbers.

One group, which occupies the wooded plateau known as Monte Verita, is 125 strong, and counts in its members six German professors, three military officers, one of whom is married to a countess who also belongs to the sect, two doctors and a priest.

The majority are well-to-do, and some are wealthy. As these pay well for anything they buy and do not trouble about making converts, the inhabitants are on friendly terms with them.

They sleep in caves, are vegetarians, and do not wear ordinary clothing. A linen hood and a shroud of the same material are the only garments they wear. Their feet, legs, arms and neck are uncovered, and the hair is never cut, though the men

trim their beards in a patriarchal way. The women allow their tresses to float in the air.

The motto of all is "Back to nature."

"The height of wisdom and philosophy," they say, "is to understand nature; that alone brings peace and happiness."

They rise at dawn and go to sleep with the setting of the sun; they eat only fruit and vegetables and drink only water. In the summer they have daily sun baths, and in the winter snow baths.

Some of them have extraordinary theories, which they carry out with great perseverance. One beautiful woman of 30, who was formerly a well-known singer at the Berlin opera, refuses to touch money, which she says is the root of all evil. Her theory often lands her in difficulties, from which she occasionally extricates herself by singing to her debtors.

Another member eats only vegetables that ripen underground. A third confines himself strictly to raw eggs and potatoes.

A fourth spends \$25 a week among the poor villagers and keeps the doc-

tors busy by bringing to their notice cases for which he pays.

HEN MOTHERS BABY PIGS.

Illinois Plymouth Rock Fowl Carries Her Maternal Instinct to Unique Extreme.

Arcola, Ill.—A clucking Plymouth Rock hen mothering five little grunting red pigs really appears to be carrying the mother instinct a little beyond its legitimate bounds.

The case in question may be seen at W. A. McClain's farm, two miles southwest of this city. An old hen wanted to sit in the hog shed at the time the little pigs were born, and as she was denied the eggs necessary for the fulfillment of her desires, she determined not to be outwitted, and arose to the emergency by volunteering to accept the responsibilities of motherhood with Mrs. Hog.

The offer apparently was accepted in good faith, and since the day of their birth she has been constantly with them day and night. At evening she always gathers two of them under her sheltering wings, where they spend the night, apparently with the greatest satisfaction. The devotion seems to be mutual.

Beggars Collect Large Sum.

The London Police think that the beggars of that great metropolis collect about \$15,000,000 every year.

TO A LABOR LEADER.

Monument to Founder of Labor Day Unveiled at Camden, N. J.

One of the most interesting events of Labor Day was the unveiling of a shaft to the memory of P. J. McGuire, who is hailed as the Father of Labor Day. The ceremony took place in Arlington cemetery, Camden, N. J., and was participated in by trades unionists of that city and Philadelphia. The eulogy of the dead labor leader was pronounced by Wesley C. Hall of Carpenters' Union No. 8 of Philadelphia, of which Mr. McGuire was a member. That ceremony was to have been performed by President Samuel Gompers, who is absent in Maine, conducting a campaign against Representative Littlefield. James Ryan of the

organization also spoke of the life and work of Mr. McGuire.

There came near not being any ceremony at all, owing to the fact that it was discovered at the last minute that the inscription on the shaft had been cut by non-union granite cutters. The members of the Philadelphia Granite Cutters' Union entered a protest. When it was unheeded, they refused to participate either in the Labor Day parade or the subsequent ceremony. The Building Trades Council, to whom they appealed, decided that it was too late to back out.

P. J. McGuire was born July 6, 1858, and died February 18 of this year. He was not only the founder of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, but assisted in the formation of the American Federation of Labor, of

which he was for 20 years first vice-president.

An Open Two Cent Rate.

The Vanderbilt railroads have declared war upon the Pennsylvania system in the matter of passenger fares, taking action that meets the recent move of the Pennsylvania in issuing a 1,000 mile book for a flat charge of \$20, and goes further by invading central passenger association territory and giving the Vanderbilt book unlimited life.

Swallowed Peach Stone.

A small son of John Rosenberg, a baker of Auburn, swallowed a peach seed, which lodged in his throat, and he could not remove it until several physicians were summoned, who succeeded in dislodging the seed and pushing it downward. The boy's throat was badly lacerated.