

THE WAGWORKER

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A ton of oil has been obtained from the tongue of a single whale.

And wise is the man who agrees with his wife rather than argue with her.

The heart surcharged with love and benevolence is ever happy and successful.

The European monarchs are taking the rest cure. The king business has fallen on strenuous times.

The woman whose affections are priced at \$1,500,000 by the husband she is divorcing is certainly a dear.

In Boston the automobile scooper is not entirely an evil. He has given the city a revenue of \$6,715 in three months.

An Illinois man has exploded the theory that one can safely carry both gunpowder and matches in the same pocket.

New York is to have a poultry show. It is generally understood that there are some pretty game birds in the metropolis.

It is up to some automobile company to attempt to break the record made by Pedestrian Weston—with a machine one-tenth as old as he is.

A food expert says that it is foolish to live on peanuts exclusively. But according to the experiment of a man who attempted an exclusive diet of peanuts, people don't live on it. They die on it.

It has been discovered that mice are dangerous, as they carry pneumonia. This gives the gentler sex a really good excuse for getting upon chairs when one of the little creatures makes its appearance.

A Chicago doctor prescribes ginger snaps as a cure for insomnia. Thus vindication comes at last to the unprofessional gentlemen in Kansas who have long been accustomed to go to sleep on a pint of extract of Jamaica ginger.

A spool of thread is a little thing, but the aggregate sales make a big showing. One of the leading thread companies in the country announces that it will pay a 30 per cent. dividend this year, its profits amounting to over \$15,000,000, which is considerably larger than in 1906.

Chinese women of aristocratic families presided at the tables where refreshments were served at the reception given by the Chinese residents in Shanghai to Secretary Taft on his recent arrival in that city. This is the first time that women have taken such a part in a social function in China. The spirit of progress is evidently working in the orient.

That was a novel experience enjoyed by the two men who went up in a balloon from North Adams and descended in New Hampshire. At one time they struck a snow squall, but were falling so rapidly that the flakes appeared to be going up instead of down. That seeming reversal of nature's practices must have given the impression for a moment that the world was turning topsyturvy.

Panama is the place for unattached women to go if they wish to marry, says Miss Boswell, who lately returned from a tour of the canal zone which she took at the request of Secretary Taft. Many bachelors are there and they are all lonely, she declares. Of course if any young woman visit Panama after this, it will be understood that their motives are purely altruistic. Nothing distresses a woman more than the thought of a lonely man.

A schoolmaster in Pennsylvania has been sued because he punished a twin for a misdeed of the other twin, or, rather, he punished both for the misdeeds of one of them. Or—it was like this: One was bad, and the class teacher whipped the other. Then she thought she had made a mistake, and started to whip the one, but he changed seats with the other, so that the other was whipped twice. The principal, to make sure, whipped both. Then the parent brought suit.

The late Mr. Barnum had an elephant plowing on a Connecticut field, in view of passing railroad trains. To a farmer who asked if the elephant was a profitable beast of labor for this country, the showman replied that it was not unless he had a circus to advertise. Contractors in a New York town, engaged in extensive building, have imported two work elephants to pull dirt cars. It may be, however, that the contractors have caught Barnum's spirit, suggests the Youth's Companion, and have sent the story to the newspapers for purposes of advertisement.

Prof. Brander Matthews modestly calls attention to the fact that Columbia has not specifically adopted the system of spelling with which his name is more or less conspicuously identified. It has merely directed that the orthography authorized and endorsed by the Century Dictionary shall henceforth be used in the publications of the university. Score another for the professor, who never lets slip an opportunity to demonstrate that simplified spelling is indorsed by very distinguished authority.

Washington Gossip

Interesting Bits of News Picked Up Here and There at the National Capital

BROTHERS IN OPPOSITE PARTIES IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON.—The Fulton family is well represented in the Sixtieth congress. There is a Fulton among the Republicans in the senate and a Fulton among the Democrats of the house. The senator is Charles William Fulton, of the state of Oregon, the member of the house, Elmer L. Fulton, who comes to Washington as a member of the first congressional delegation from the state of Oklahoma. The oldest officeholder at the capital fails to recall another case just like that of the Fultons. Brothers have served in congress before. In the last congress Charles B. Landis and his brother, Frederick Landis, represented districts in Indiana. But both are Republicans.

Some years ago there were two brothers in congress at the same time, one in the senate and the other in the house. They, too, belonged to the same political party. But the Fultons are the only brothers who have come to congress together but divided against themselves politically.

Senator Fulton was born in Lima, Pa. It was there, too, that the future Representative Fulton was born.



From there the family went to Pawnee City, Neb., where the brothers studied law and were admitted to the bar. Charles later went to Oregon and was elected to a lot of offices as a Republican.

Elmer went first to Stillwater, Okla., then to Pawnee, and finally settled down at the practice of law in Oklahoma City. In 1903 the term of Senator Joseph Simon, of Oregon, expired and Charles Fulton came to the senate as his successor.

When congress passed the bill admitting Indian Territory and Oklahoma to statehood Elmer was announced as a candidate for the house in the Oklahoma City district. He was nominated by the Democrats and was elected, defeating ex-Gov. T. B. Ferguson in what was supposed to be a Republican district. He was assisted in his campaign by William J. Bryan. Pawnee City is Mr. Bryan's district, and he had known Elmer Fulton there. Bryan made five speeches for him in the campaign, in each speech emphasizing the fact that Fulton stood well with the people of the Nebraska town.

MUCH TROUBLE IS SAVED BY SOCIAL SECRETARIES



THE season of social gaieties which was ushered in by the opening of congress again calls attention to an eminently useful personage in the realm of fashion—the social secretary.

Although the social secretary is a creature of modern development, and a most interesting one at that, her place in the fashionable universe of the national capital has become firmly fixed and there are more positions at good salaries than there are social secretaries to fill them. The demand is so great and the pay is often so aluring that a number of Washington girls whose social status is near the upper edge of the top crust, but who are not as well favored financially as some of their sisters in society, are preparing to take up this as their life work.

Some one has said that "good social secretaries are born, not made," and there is much truth in the observation. She must be a natural born diplomat or she will not be a success, but she must be more than that. It is necessary that she shall know intimately the society with whom her patron will

have to deal. She must not only be able to segregate the social mountebanks from the real factors of society but she must have an exhaustive acquaintance with the maze of precedents and formulas and distinctions for which Washington society is noted. A good social secretary has all of this information at her tongue's end and is able to steer her patron's social bark past all the reefs and rocks that render navigation so uncertain and dangerous for the tyro.

Fashionable Washington is coming nearer every day to the belief that a good social secretary is as essentially a part of the household equipment as a good cook. This view is accentuated by the sorry spectacles presented by women of the ultra fashionable set who come to Washington to establish reputations for polite hospitality, only to end in sad failure because they have no one to inform them as to the real members of the smart set, and the pretenders, or to point out the numerous social distinctions that are peculiar to Washington life, the infraction of any one of which is counted an unpardonable mistake.



was issued granting Col. Davis leave until February when he would be retired by age.

Too fat, as fat as Taft, is the charge against the Davis board has brought against Col. W. L. Marshall, of New York, in charge of the Ambrose channel work. The preliminary examining board could find nothing the matter with Col. Marshall, but Gen. Fred Grant excused the big fellow from the ride out of sympathy for the horse. The last board to examine him could find no disability except his corpulence. His retirement has been held in abeyance until Taft's return. The secretary and the president will decide how fat a man can be and yet be serviceable in constructing a big channel. Meanwhile Col. Marshall is said to be reducing his weight by the delicate process of rolling on the floor. Officers are scarce in the engineering corps and a retirement of half a dozen would create havoc.

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT TO DECIDE OFFICERS' WEIGHT

CONFLICT of expert opinions as to what kind of army officer should ride a horse has brought about such a state of confusion, especially in the engineer corps, that the president and Secretary Taft will be compelled to solve the problem. For instance, one board appointed to determine the fitness of officers to take the equestrian test prescribed by President Roosevelt, decided that the exercise would cost Col. Charles E. L. Davis, otherwise known in the army as "Alphabet Davis," his life. He was accordingly ordered here from Detroit, where he was in charge of river and harbor improvements. Try as hard as it could it appears the board which has been known as the Davis retirement board, found no physical disabilities which would warrant his retirement.

Oddly enough a testimonial from the Lake Carriers' association came along, telling what wonderful work Col. Davis has been doing. Then an order

YOUNG QUENTIN A TRUANT; IS FOUND BY DETECTIVE

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT, aged eight, one time the protector of Pete, the White House bulldog, and charmer of snakes that terrified cabinet members and sent chills up and down the spines of diplomats, gave the White House another jar the other day.

When time came to dress for dinner, which is seven o'clock, Quentin was nowhere to be found. Garret and cellar were searched, but no Quentin. Then the grounds and the offices were hunted for traces of snakes or bulldogs or bonfires, but never a trace. The secret service squad was called out next, and a search of all Washington was begun for the truant.

With knowledge born of experience, a couple of men were dispatched to the humble home where lives a pretty



little dark-haired, dark-eyed lass of 12 or 14 years, the object of Master Roosevelt's affections. But he was not there; he had left two hours before, bound, so the girl said, for a snake and bird emporium. But he was not at the emporium.

Quentin was finally found playing in Massachusetts avenue, a couple of blocks from the home of his little sweetheart and near the school. The detectives hustled him home.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt has given his check for \$10,000 to St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal church, in Portsmouth, R. I., near his Oakdale farm. Half is for the endowment fund and the other half is to be used for any purpose the officials deem necessary.

Useful Blouses



The first consists of a blouse of lace worn with an overbodice of cashmere to match the skirt; the edges of overbodice are bound with silk, the fronts being connected by points composed of silk strapping, each point ornamented with little jeweled buttons. The lace sleeves are trimmed with pointed straps of the silk. Materials required: Four yards silk for the blouse, one and a quarter yard cashmere 46 inches wide for overbodice, one and a quarter yard silk on the cross for trimming.

The second is a simple skirt blouse of white winsey; the back is cut with a yoke pointing in the center, the front has three deep tucks and a box-pleat; stars are worked with green washing silk in long stitches up box-pleats, and just inside the stitching of tucks; the deep cuffs of the bishop sleeves are ornamented to match. Material required: Three yards winsey 30 inches wide.

The third sketch shows a dinner blouse of spotted silk muslin, it is gathered at the neck to a high lace collar-band, the elbow-bands also being of lace. The over-bodice is of pale pink and pearl gray chine silk, edged with plain gray silk, on which are worked knot stitches in pink; the points are finished with silk tassels. Materials required: Four and a half yards silk 22 inches wide, one quarter plain silk on the cross, eight tassels, two and a half yards silk muslin 40 inches wide.

TAKE PROPER CARE OF FACE AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE

Many Women Have Poor Complexions Because They Neglect Simple Precautions.

Woman Makes Mistake Who Appears at Morning Meal Unbecomingly Or Untidily Attired.

One of the greatest evils that beauty doctors have to contend with is the fact that women do not properly dry their hands and face after washing. Nine women out of ten thoroughly wash their face with soap and water, carelessly wipe it off with a stiff towel, then go right out in the wind. It will take you days, and sometimes weeks, to undo the harm that this carelessness has caused. If you have not time to dry your face and hands then do not wash them. Rub a little cold cream on your face and wipe that off with old towel—this will answer the purpose if you are in a hurry. Then, too, do not wash in "hard" water. If the only water you have is "hard" then add a few drops of benzoin to the basin every time you use it, or throw a handful of bran or oatmeal in the water. Any of these will soften it.

Be liberal with your use of cold cream on the face and hands. Use a little of it every time you wash, wipe it off the face and apply a good quality of powder. Powder does not hurt the face if well washed off every night with warm water, so that the pores are left well open while you are sleeping. The use of good powder properly applied, never hurt anybody. It is the girl who buys a highly scented powder with a fancy name, dabs it on in spots and never thoroughly washes it off, who has a muddy skin caused by the use of powder.

For the hands that are badly chapped the following pomade is good:

One ounce of cocoa butter, one ounce of oil of sweet almonds; one drachm of oxide of zinc; one drachm of borax; six drops of oil of bergamot. Heat the cocoa butter and the oil of almonds in a double boiler, and when they are well mixed, add the borax, and also the oxide of zinc. Stir these four ingredients until all cool and then add the oil of bergamot. The oxide of zinc contained in this formula has wonderful healing properties.

NEW FASHION HINT.



A new jumper effect made of embroidered black voile bands over green taffeta and finished with two large tassels.

Gold Net.

In the Brussels mesh there is a rich gold net for gowns, and laces for flouncing have the design and edging worked in gold thread.

The finest compliment we have ever heard told to a woman was by her husband, and he said, in speaking of her: "We always think of her as a morning glory, because she looks so bright and cheery and pretty at the breakfast table."

How many breakfast tables are presided over by women who make no efforts to be dainty? and there are a great number who are at once untidy and even uncleanly to look at.

The claim that household duties keep women from looking well in the morning is easily disproved, for in many a household where the lady gives a helping hand in the kitchen a big apron will thoroughly protect her dress, and then, too, cooking, unless one makes it so, is never dirty work.

That woman commits an error who looks uncared for and badly dressed in the morning. The other woman who wears any old thing to the breakfast table, is also making a mistake, for that is the time when the men of the household ought to see a woman at her best, and not specially rely on her appearance in the evening, when the soft and charitable light of the gas will hide many defects.

Old-Fashioned Hair Tonic.

One of the best tonics in the world to stop the hair from falling, nourish it and induce luxuriant growth is an infusion of the leaf of the common sage. The leaves should be as fresh as possible and guaranteed by one's druggist to be grown the year they are used. A liberal quantity should be placed in cold water and allowed to stand in a porcelain or agateware dish in some place where they will not boil, or boiling water may be poured over them and then be set aside for several hours. They must not be boiled at all; an infusion, not a decoction, is the thing needed. When cold strain the tea and add to each half teacupful a tablespoonful of fine French brandy, bottle, and keep in the ice box or a cool place. It should be made fresh every week. It should be applied as often as convenient, once a day if possible, for several weeks to get a good start, and twice a week after that.

Immensity of Muffs.

Sumptuous is the only word that expresses the newest muffs. Some of them are simply immense in regard to size and all are of the richest furs. Even the fancy muffs are extremely large.

One on this order fashioned from caracul was made with flaring ends faced with black satin, box-plaited and edged with a ruching, black silk cords adorning the front, a regular granny muff, indeed.

Chinchilla and black lynx muffs resembled veritable pillows and ten pellets of the little ermine went to make a single muff, while a fashionable one in Persian lamb took as much fur in its construction as a small coat.

A Hatpin Fad.

One of the latest fads of ultra-fashionable women is to have their waist coat buttons, their hatpins and their umbrella handles all to match. One sees the loveliest sets in pink and purple quartz set in tiny rose diamonds or in crystal set in thin rims of gun metal. All hatpins are now very large, and in all cases they must bear special relationship to the hat with which they are worn.

On the Make. Some men who believe in making the most of their opportunities unfortunately regard every other man as an opportunity.—Philadelphia Record.

How to Make Furniture Shine. Take four tablespoonfuls of turpentine, two ounces of white wax, four ounces castile soap. Place together in a clean enamel saucepan and dissolve slowly over a gentle heat. Next add a sufficient quantity of boiling water to form it into a cream.

Death Grip of Octopus. Measuring ten feet six inches, an octopus, while being killed at Tooradin, Victoria, entwined a tentacle so firmly around the foot of one of its captors that the membrane had to be cut to free the man.

Hopful. "I begin to realize," said young Mr. Kallow, "that I am no longer a mere youth, now that I've got a little hair on my lip." "Yes," said Miss Pert, "and I suppose in a month or so you'll have another one."—Philadelphia Press.

Nitrogen in Animal Charcoal. Why animal charcoal removes the color from colored liquids, while wood charcoal has no effect, has not been understood. A European chemist now finds that the action of the former is due to the presence of five to seven per cent of nitrogen.

New Government Monopoly. Germany's government has decided to monopolize the manufacture of brandy throughout the empire. It will guarantee the manufacturers market prices for their spirit, but the price of brandy to consumers will be raised. The net profit to the government will, it is estimated, be about \$17,500,000 in the first year.

Pension for Mothers. The pensioning of mothers by the state is advocated by a University of Chicago lecturer. The professor thinks the pension should increase in amount up to the third child, and then decrease until the advent of the sixth, when it should cease. This seems to be a sort of compromise between anti-race suicide and socialism.

Secret of Happiness. Keep true to our best faith and dot the day with deeds which love and kindness prompt. Be just in your dealings, and keep from stain of sin in thought and word, and you shall wear the crown of an approving conscience and know the secret of the happy life.—I. Mench Chambers.

Everyday Woman. About the everyday woman there can be no mistake; she stands outside of all isms and ologies; she thinks of the day as it is, of people as they look, of her surroundings as they are; the great aim of her life is to live through every day with all the quiet, comfort, and the dignity that she can.

Too Sharp a Dividing Line. Elder (discussing the new minister's probation discourse)—In my opinion he wasna justified in dividing folk into the sheep and the goats. I wadna just say, Jamie, that I was among the unco gude, and I wadna say that you were among the unco bad. So whar do we come in? He'll no do for us, Jamie. We'll no vote for him.—Punch.

Good Work of Electric Clock. The world's best timekeeper is said to be the electric clock in the basement of the Berlin observatory, which was installed by Prof. Forster in 1866. It is enclosed in an air-tight glass cylinder and has frequently run for periods of two or three months with an average daily deviation of only fifteen-thousandths of a second.

Extremes in Brazil. Brazil has no middle class. There are but two classes there—the rich and the poor.

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