



# Society

OMAHA GIRL FINDS SALE FOR STORIES



Elizabeth O'Brien

"Fur Mittens," a short story by Miss Elizabeth O'Brien, 2805 Woolworth avenue, and three articles on sociological study from her pen, have been accepted by the Curtis Publishing company and will appear in some of its early publications.

Miss O'Brien came to Omaha from Wayne, Neb., where she worked on the Wayne Herald, and before that of the Tekamah Journal. She is a University of Nebraska girl and took special work at the University of Chicago.

Miss O'Brien's parents died when she was quite young, since which time she has educated herself and taken care of a young sister.

Miss Helene Bixby, credited with being the sponsor of the movement to have Omaha society girls on the carnival grounds recruiting for the army, said this morning she was opposed to such a plan.

"Major Frith conferred with me yesterday on the matter and I said then I was opposed to the idea of the girls working on the streets in this way. It would cheapen them and perhaps subject them to insults and dangers. In no case should they do such a thing unless well chaperoned. I said if the plan were finally worked up thus I would not be a quitter or a slacker and would do my share, but would not start or manage the movement and did not approve of it.

But Not on Carnival Grounds. "If the girls wish to stay in the recruiting offices or in the tent on the court house grounds, when properly chaperoned, and aid in recruiting that lies with them.

"Major Frith and Lieutenant Bruett conferred with Mr. Judson and Mrs. Kowitz yesterday and then, at their suggestion, with me. I said I thought it would be nicer if the headquarters would send out letters to all girls—not to society girls alone, but to all Omaha girls—telling them how they could help and saying now was the time to do their share. Each girl could be asked to try to bring in one young man from among her own friends, working quietly, but with greater effect than among strangers. "I am willing to do my part heartily, but as the plan now looks to me I think it would not be wise to have the girls on the streets to help in recruiting.

Husband Deserts Wife And Four Small Children. With four small children to feed, the youngest being a baby in arms, which prevents her from going out to make a living for them, Mrs. Laura Ardito, 1410 South Eleventh street, says she has been deserted by her husband.

One year ago Leo Ardito first quit providing for the support of his family, when he deserted them for two months, after which he returned for a short stay. He again left and nothing has been heard of him since. The wife is only 27 years old and the children range in age from 10 months to 7 years. Municipal authorities have taken charge of the family and an attempt will be made to locate the husband.

Grocer Fails to Provide, Says Wife Asking Divorce. Nonsupport is alleged by Lillian Agnes Woods, suing Harvey E. Woods, grocer, for divorce in district court. They were married at Council Bluffs, December 27, 1911.

## New Red Cross Veils Are Being Worn by the Omaha Hostesses



MRS. LUCIEN STEPHENS AND MRS. WILLIAM S. POPPLETON

The above picture shows Mrs. William Sears Poppleton and Mrs. Lucien Stephens, hostesses at the Red Cross work shop in the Baird building, wearing the new navy blue veils and arm bands which recently arrived from national headquarters. Although women in New York and Washington who are working for the Red Cross have been wearing the different colored veils and costumes since spring, the custom has just begun in Omaha. Women making surgical dressings wear all white, members of the refreshment committee a blue and white striped dress, white apron, small hat and light blue veil, the motor section a navy blue uniform and the hostesses and chairman of circles the navy blue veils and arm bands with a white

sided. One must teach oneself to take people as one finds them. Don't try to force your friends to think about or talk about things merely because you want to think about them and talk about them. Don't insist upon leading the conversation all the time. Don't expect everybody to admire your superior wisdom and to be interested in what you have to contribute to the conversation. Take it for granted that other people besides you have ideas and ideals.

Learn to listen. Find out what appeals to the people with whom you are thrown. If you show a sympathetic interest in their interests your friends will probably reply in kind and try to give a sympathetic hearing to the things you care about.

Being a good listener often means putting yourself in sympathetic touch with the thought of the world and there is a great deal to be learned that way. People who think trivially are just as interesting a study as

characters in a book. Take stock of silly little Susie Drake, who only thinks about clothes; notice how her fondness for pretty things is really an expression of an artistic impulse. Let the writer of the letter above quoted observe his own thoughts and see how training and environment abroad gave him one set of mental tendencies and how circumstances here are reacting and changing them. And then gradually he can have a very amusing time directing the attention of his friends to the things about which he sees them thinking.

Queen of Sweden a Good Cook. Probably the best cook among the women of European royalty is Queen Victoria of Sweden. She was educated at the Princess school, Carlsholm, and was taught not only the ordinary branches of learning, but the culinary art, and she now at times dons a cook's attire and makes some of the dishes of which King Gustav is especially fond.

Women's Activities. The women of Porto Rico are agitating for the right to vote. Queen Helena of Italy speaks four languages, including Russian. A regiment of 1,500 women in Texas and Oklahoma formed for service in France has been offered the War department. The Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad is training young women to take the place of men as civil engineers on their lines. Mrs. W. A. Holman, wife of the premier of New South Wales, is a prominent leader of the woman's movement in Australia. At the Elysee Madame Poincare, wife of the French president, occupies the suite of the Empress Josephine, the same in which Marie Louise lived for a brief period. It was from these very rooms that Eugenie de Montijo went to Notre Dame to be married to Napoleon III.

By MELLIFIC A--Sept. 26

### Cool Days Close Country Homes.

Cool, autumn days are bringing some of the suburban and lake-side dwellers back to town and already has resulted in the closing of several country homes, but a hardy western spirit is evinced by those Omahans who have decided to remain yet a while perhaps all winter, at their country home.

"Nashwood," the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Nash, near Calhoun, is already closed for the winter, as the mistress, Mrs. Nash, is ill at St. Catherine's hospital with appendicitis. Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Allison have closed "Rosemere Lodge," also near Calhoun, and Mrs. A. J. Poppleton and Mrs. W. C. Shannon have already come in from Elkhorn, where they live in the summer, and are at the Winona.

The A. L. Reeds, who are at "Aloha," out of Benson, are thinking of remaining there all winter, although they will make no definite decision until next month. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sprague will probably remain in their Benson home for several months yet and then will take an apartment in the Blackstone. Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Fowler plan to remain at "Hillsdale" Florence, until after Christmas, when they, too, will be at the Blackstone.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Love plan to live at Loveland Farms on the West Leavenworth road until November 1, after which they will come into town. They have taken no town house as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Learned make frequent trips to "Walden," their summer place near Florence, but Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Scheidel are among those who will remain all winter at their place on Florence Heights.

Carter lake clubbies are seeking warmer firesides and are moving back into the city. The Clark Cheney have closed their cottage and taken a home at 3017 Meredith avenue.

### Old Acquaintance Social.

Women of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church will give an old acquaintance social Thursday evening, September 27, in the church parlors. A play, "The Old Peabody Pew," will be given.

### Social Gossip.

Mrs. A. V. Kinsler is spending a few days at the Elms hotel, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Slater have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neill of Elgin, Ill.

Mrs. Charles Highsmith of Houston, Tex., is spending a few days with Mrs. E. M. F. Leflang.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Acton are spending a few days with Mrs. Lucretia S. Bradley, enroute home to New York from the Pacific coast, where they spent the summer.

Miss Mary Megeath will leave on Saturday on an extended trip through the east.

Mrs. Winfield O. Shrum leaves Saturday for Des Moines, where she will join her husband, Lieutenant Shrum, who is stationed at Camp Dodge.

Miss Irene Leslie, daughter of Frank Leslie, went to Rigby, Idaho, the first of the month and is teaching school there. She spent two years at the University of Iowa and was a senior at Bellevue college last year. She writes that she is delighted with Idaho and her work.

### On the Calendar.

Vesta chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will give a card party Saturday at Masonic temple. Mrs. Ben F. Marti will be hostess. Miss Margaret Latey is the new worthy matron of Vesta chapter.

### In Clubdom.

The Mothers' club of Train school will meet Friday at 2 p. m. for election of officers for the coming year.

### Great Western Plans To Move Next Saturday

The Great Western is likely to be the first of the Omaha-Chicago roads to move its passenger department into the Range building, that is to become the passenger headquarters for a number of lines. Packing is under way and moving to the new location will probably take place Saturday.

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## Young People and Thinking

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am 19, and I find myself cynical and morbid. Until a few months ago I was what people call a "book-worm." The other evening I went to an affair where there were some very nice young people. During the evening a certain party happened to bring up a book, and given the opportunity to discuss the philosophy of the author and the reasons for his creation of different characters in that book. I took up the discussion. I found that it did not interest them. In fact, someone said: "Drop the foolish argument." I felt flat and within half an hour I left the house rather downhearted.

I have begun to wonder if I have disagreeable qualities and am narrow-minded and a bore. Won't you help me? PERSON R. T.

Of course your case seems fairly easy to diagnose, even on insufficient evidence. I think you talk at people rather than to and with them. I fear you try to lead discussions rather than to join conversations. A great many foreigners who have visited this country within recent years have commented on our lack of the art of conversation. At dinner parties in England and at soirees in France, I have noticed the difference. Perhaps it was politics, perhaps a new philosophy, perhaps a novelist's viewpoint, but some brilliant person would introduce a topic and those who could contribute helped bring out the various angles from which it might be considered, while those who knew nothing about it studied the ideas of those who were better posted than they.

Everybody was ready to learn. No one felt that because they were learning they were being deprived of real amusement. There was an atmosphere of culture and respect for culture.

Our Topics of Conversation. We talk about the latest play, the newest dance step, somebody's batting average, the fashions, Mr. Jones' latest amity or Mrs. Smith's last husband. The personal and the trivial do interest us too much. Since the war, we are interesting ourselves in deeper things, but again I fear they are personal things. Except for our philosophers, we Americans are generally thinking in terms of ourselves, our families and our own communities.

Now our horizons are widening. What Mrs. Jones cooks for dinner on Sunday isn't half as important as the fact that she has bravely given to her country three splendid young sons.

It has been said that there are three grades of mentality. People of the lowest mental grade talk about peo-

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