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Society

By MELLIFICIA—Nov. 14.

Women Form Military Organization. While the Russian "Battalion of Death" has been greatly admired, I think the Battalion of Death—loneliness among the Sammies is also worthy of great commendation.

Such an organization has been formed among the young society girls of Des Moines. It is the Girls' Volunteer Aid, but they call themselves "Fals." Each letter is the initial letter of the words which are their slogan, "Patriotism, Adaptability, Loyalty and Service."

The workers have a regular army organization. They are divided into companies and regiments with the corresponding officers.

Each division of their "army" gives an entertainment for the soldiers. Little dances and social affairs, which are a sure cure for that "far from home and mother" feeling, are given at regular intervals for the men in khaki.

Mrs. Clement Chase, who is chairman of the National Service League's committee of hostesses for the soldiers, says that the men in training at Fort Omaha must spend so much of their time in study that the officers do not care to have their minds distracted by too many social duties. Then, too, there are no buildings at the fort which could be used for entertainment purposes. Perhaps a little later, when conditions become more settled, Mrs. Chase thinks that something of this sort may be done for the soldiers "within our gates."

Off for California. Mrs. E. E. Newbold left this morning for San Diego, Cal., to join her husband, Captain Newbold, who has been transferred from the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh field artillery at Deming to the aviation school at San Diego. Captain Newbold began the course there last spring, but was called back to Omaha to assist in mustering in the Fifth and Sixth regiments. He was captain of Company M, Fourth Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Leeder and family leave the middle of next week for California where they will spend the winter.

A number of Omahans spent a few days in Los Angeles recently. They were W. H. Smith, J. H. Laughren, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Peterson, E. B. Young, R. L. Brown, Jarbow, Mrs. J. A. Munroe and Miss Elder, who were at the Hotel Clark.

Pleasures Past. Mr. and Mrs. Lester P. Wescott entertained at dinner at their home Monday evening in honor of Mrs. John Libal. A basket of Ophelia roses formed the centerpiece for the table and covers were laid for ten guests.

On the Calendar. The second of a series of dancing parties will be given by the New Century club Friday evening at the Omaha Music home.

Rev. Father Miller will continue his lecture course at the Research club

Autobiography of an Old Shoe

Related to and written down by Adelaide Kennerly

MEMORY? Why, I am an old shoe, with a memory keen as a razor and a life full of up and downs.

My first recollection of shoes playing an important part in life was the day I made my debut into society. It was at a Roman banquet and my master was host. He seldom wore me and it was this day that I learned his reason for keeping me always on a shelf.

His guests were highly blaming him for divorcing his wife. "Was she not good? Was she not fair? Was she not faithful?" they asked.

Holding me up so that all might see, my Roman master replied: "Is this not a new and well made shoe? Is it not beautiful? Yet, none of you can tell where it pinches me."

Then and there my career began. I could not remain under my roof longer so I started out on my travels. Long, long ago, I remember, when every member of the Shoe family was young in evolution and, naturally, crudely built. Our soles were coarse and creaky—our uppers were un-dressed and full of pores.

A shoe, young in evolution, is like a human soul young in evolution. It takes experience, thought, experiment and love to refine us.

Why, I can remember when I was a young fellow that a whole pair of shoes could be purchased for less than one dollar. I have been present many a time when the master of the house lined up his family against the wall, measured the length of their feet by twigs and took the twigs to the merchant who supplied shoes in which the twigs would fit.

One old fellow I remember with a large family and plenty of money objected to paying \$14.87 for ten pairs of shoes, so he bought the leather and hired a shoemaker to make them at a grand total of \$9.15. But they were, as one might expect, coarse, rough, and their only redeeming feature was the wearing quality.

From the original color of black, or near black, shoes ventured out in tan. Finding this quite successful, they took courage and began to appear in brown, ox blood, suede, pearl gray, taupe. It looked for a time as though the conventional blacks would be relegated to the dump heap, but they have managed to hold their own and are growing popular again this year.

These colored boots gave Milady the germ of a bright idea and she began to match her shoes to her costumes. This, of course, meant not one or two pairs of shoes, but dozens. We began to flourish in our popularity and were dignified by trees to keep us in shape; we were sent to the hospital when we became ill or looked at all distressed. We were bathed and groomed and polished and rubbed—we were given more care than anything else in the wardrobe.

I have been spending some time in England where the war is stirring the

market somewhat and for the benefit of our American people I brought a clipping from the London Times which dryly reads:

"In two or three weeks' time the public may expect to find standard boots exposed in the shop windows.

"If one may take the trade opinion as correct, these are likely to prove by no means objectionable in appearance and in wear far more practical than the footwear hitherto available for civilians. The output is likely to be anything from 250,000 to 350,000 pairs per week. They will be in all the usual sizes (though it is not certain if half-sizes will be provided) and fittings. There will also be a certain variety in the lasts on which they are made, but there will be no high heels for women, nothing more than an inch or an inch and a half in height at the outside. It will probably not be possible to raise the heels for those who may want them higher as the pitch of a last is made to carry the heel designed for it. It is not probable that the standard boot will kill the high heel, but it is probable that those who adhere to it in boots of the summer variety with fabric tops will have the worst of it during the winter.

The price of standard boots is not yet finally settled. It will be marked on the soles of the boots, and no retailer will vary the markings. It is not likely that women's boots will cost more than 17s. or 18s. Men's will probably be more, and children's less.

Evening slippers are made of satin and metallic cloth and to prevent fair ladies from catching cold, beautiful spats are made to go with them which can be removed after entering a properly heated reception or ball room.

All this about New York when we want to know about Omaha? Certainly!

I arrived in Omaha last week and, presto! here were the very latest models from New York. They beat me here.

Comfort is one of the main considerations this year, for women play golf and are entering all kinds of sport contests. They wouldn't get very far on stilt heels, but the "hikers" or "military" shoes are attractively made and shout "solid comfort" to every prospective purchaser.

Down through the annals of history I have wandered, over land and sea, climbing mountains and pulling through swamps. Like every other traveler I have known the worst and glimpsed the best. I have trudged on the feet of the poor and danced on the toes of the rich, but never in my experience have shoes been so important, or so carefully selected as now.

There are no more long full skirts to hide us. There are no loose trousers to cover us. Skirts are going up, up, every day and trousers fit tighter as the tailors feel the pinch of the war and the shortage of materials.

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"A standard boot simply means a boot for which a speculation of the material to be used and the form in which it shall be cut up and assembled are agreed upon. It must be of solid leather and not of fabric. The distributors are entirely in sympathy with the public on the matter. The government does not propose to interfere with the distribution, which will take the ordinary course of the trade. The manufacturers are arranging to devote one-third of their output to standard boots."

But nothing so prim and proper for gay New York. I spent several days in Manhattan, where I landed, and discovered a few secrets.

One New Yorker, who is thoroughly posted on shoes, says American

women hate to be common-sensible at too great a price of attractiveness and yet many want to preserve their feet as nature made them. They will heave a sigh of relief and gratitude to the shoe modelers and manufacturers then for the prescribed styles in footwear this season.

I discovered that, vamps tend more to normal length, though dress shoes in the exaggerated length are still to be had by those who demand them. The inner line of the shoe is somewhat straighter and the toes have a freer swing. They are putting a trim Cuban heel on some of the dainty dress boots.

Restaurant owners say that they can easily comply with the request of the food administration committee in regard to the elimination of meat on Tuesdays by substituting various vegetable and fish dishes, which the public will cheerfully accept.

J. F. Letton, chairman of the Nebraska committee on hotels, said:

"Hereafter, no beef, pork, mutton or veal is to be served, according to the plans of the national food administration. I will see to it that this order will be advanced in all the restaurants."

Every Star Should Have Protege and Perpetuate Art, Says Emma Dunn

Emma Dunn, starring in Rachel Crother's play, "Old Lady 31," in New York, has taken under her professional wing Marie Pecheur, a young French actress, who is playing in her company.

Miss Dunn believes she has in Miss Pecheur the making of a great actress, and that with the intensive training to which she is subjecting her pupil in two years' time she will have gained in experience and study what it otherwise would take her years to achieve.

"I am doing this for my little friend," says Miss Dunn, "because so little attention is paid to the younger members of the profession by those who have gained recognition in the theater. When I was a beginner I had to struggle along without any aid from the stage above me. The more I made up my mind that if I ever succeeded I would do everything in my power to help the beginners."

"Garrick said no actress can play Juliet until she has had 30 years of experience in the theater, and when she has had that she is too old to look the part."

"It is too bad that the system of apprenticeship does not obtain in our business. Coquelin, when asked what he considered the greatest asset of an actor, said: 'To know how to listen.' How few have this gift, and yet with just a little patience on the part of those who have acquired the art it could be passed on."

"It is not selfishness that makes actors indifferent to the claims of the younger members of the profession. Rather, it is thoughtlessness superimposed on the traditional fear that some other player is lurking just around the corner ready to grab your job. Actors do not stop to think that the more good actors there are the more interest will they be able to create in the theater. And the more interest there is the greater will be the prosperity and the satisfaction of all of us."

Women Smoke Cigarettes And Sing as They Handle Heavy Freight for Russia

We are sending thousands of tons of freight to Russia through Japan, and all of it is handled by women. At the beautiful port of Tsuruga, the principal port of exchange, the docks are crowded by strong, cheerful coolie women, who unload the freight as it comes in, and move it. They are bare-legged and short of skirt, and they work huge boxes and packages that seem too much for any woman are wrestled with and mastered without serious difficulty. Their presence in large numbers adds greatly to the picturesque quality of the harbor.

Tsuruga seems to be half Russian now, since the Russian frontier is open. Dread of Siberia is over, and eskies in thousands flock to Tsuruga, so that now the signs have to be written in Russian as well as Japanese.

What Women Are Doing

Over 60 per cent of the employees of one of the leading aircraft concerns in the United States are women.

Countess Magri, better known as Mrs. Tom Thumb, the famous mid-get, is still active at the age of seventy-five years.

The War department has decided to send home any American officer who permits his wife or mother to go to France or be near him.

The average healthy woman is capable of enduring a greater amount of fatigue, pain or discomfort than the average man.

Women farm agents are for the first time placed in the larger towns and cities by the Department of Agriculture.

The Colorado State Federation of Women's Clubs maintain a scholarship fund from which \$35,000 has been loaned to girls that they might obtain an education.

Because of the protest of 100 Brooklyn women the College of the City of New York has practically decided to admit women as students eligible for degrees.

A small unit under the auspices of the American Fund for French Wounded have sailed for France, where they will take care of destitute babies.

His Mother's Letter

Glidden, Ia., Nov. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: After walking the floor constantly and crying, "Oh, why did it have to be my boy out of the many thousands over there," and asking constantly for some message or assurance from him that "All was well" and to comfort my poor aching heart, on Thursday afternoon, while alone at home and sending up my unending plea, the answer came and it was this:

"Mother, tell the world that what I told you about the Young Men's Christian association and what it means to us boys here in France," and, oh, I was comforted and all tears have ceased, also his unceasing calling for mother. I have received his message and am only waiting to be shown the way to obey.

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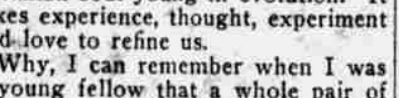
EAT SKINNER'S THE BEST MACARONI

Oliver Eldridge yesterday received a copy of the Japan Weekly Gazette of October 5, published at Yokohama, giving accounts and picturing the awful devastation of the typhoon which struck the island September 30. The paper was sent by Mr. Eldridge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eldridge, who have been traveling in the Orient for the past six months. They expected to return in December, but have postponed their home-coming until next April.

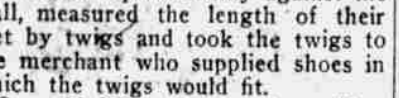
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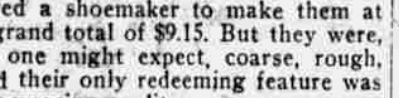
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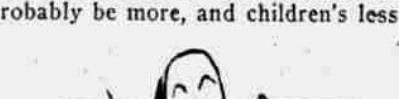
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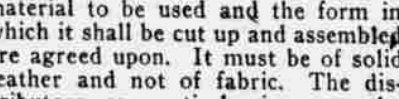
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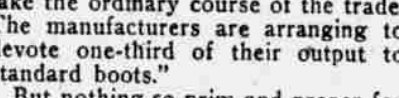
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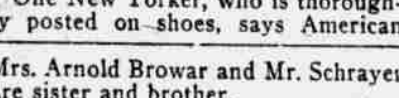
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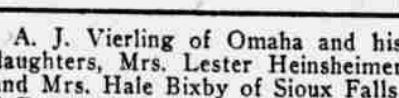
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