

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

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Life Behind the Lines Has Its Humor As Well As Its Pathos

Interesting little stories are coming back to us of Omahans who are serving across the sea. It seems that war is not all horror and desolation and even the black war clouds have

their little rifts when the sun shines through. Dr. Henry C. Aiken, who is now with his unit at Tours, France, tells many an amusing story in his letters of the life behind the lines. Dr. Aiken is at present supervising the remodeling of an ancient chateau into a modern, 200-bed hospital and from his descriptions it is not an easy task. When one cannot speak French fluently many difficulties arise and Dr. Aiken tells an amusing story of this kind. In company with a young lieutenant he was riding along the country road on their motorcycles when the question arose as to which way to go. The young officer suddenly looked up and said: "Why there's Mrs. Astor, we'll ask her?" Of course we might indulge in a little pun right here, but we must finish our story. Walking over to the Y. M. C. A. hut where this patriotic woman was doing her patriotic bit, the two Americans asked her the way to the next town, and Mrs. Vincent Astor very graciously directed them.

Thought for the Day

THE DREAMERS.

War gnawed the bones of nations; Hunger went into the hearts and souls of people. Then The dreamers called their tenderest dreams and sent them out to stay the carnage of brave men. Back to the dreamers came the dreams' Lament, "Oh, take your swords, that we may live again!"

GLENN WARD DIESBRACH, From "Poetry."

My Hat Diary

—BY—

Carita Herzog



Mother received a letter from Aunt Clair, telling us that she would come for a visit. Of course we were tickled to death, because Aunt Clair is such a dear and she always makes it so lively wherever she visits. We all went to the station to meet her. The train was late, so we sat out in the car and waited. Daddy bought us all some peanuts so we could do something to pass away the time. At last the train came in and I caught sight of Aunt Clair. Well, really, she did look lovely. Her hat was deep purple straw, a very odd shape, rather flaring at both top and bottom, tied in the center with a black satin band. Two smart soft quills were placed in opposite directions falling over the front and back. She did look charming and the type of hat she wore would be becoming to almost any face.

A Novelty Sport Coat

By GERTRUDE BERESFORD

If the word "sweater" could only be eliminated from fashion's vocabulary, what a boon it would be! Sport coat is scarcely a synonym, yet the sports coat is rapidly replacing the "sweater" in diction as well as fashion. This sports model is developed of rose charmeuse, with embroidery of tarnished silver thread and tarnished silver buttons. It utters a far cry from the heavy knitted sweaters of yesterday. Silver tassels weight the sash ends, while the neck is completed with folds of silver-gray charmeuse, which repeats the fabric of the silver-gray skirt. Very, very stunning is this costume, which may be developed in rose and white or blue and silver.



Right Off the Reel

In the hill country at Simla where "all things begin and many things come to an evil end" and again at Bombay on the coast, scenes made familiar by Kipling is the setting for Norma Talmadge's next picture "The Safety Curtain."

Enid Bennet is mourning the loss of Hermie, her pet Airedale. Hermie was purchased at the Grand Canyon by Miss Bennett when the latter was honeymooning with Fred Niblo several weeks ago. On returning to Los Angeles, the beautiful star was filmed in "A Desert Womans" and "Coals of Fire," both of which necessitated using the dog. Hermie was "cast" in the parts and gave evidence of being one of the best canine actors on the screen. But he got into a fight with a bulldog—ending his promising career in a few minutes.

Edward Earle is easy to please when it comes to "the ideal girl." As far as he is concerned, it is only necessary—

That her eyes misbehave only in the direction of her escort; that her hair be her own; that she adjust her complexion so that it does not come off on a fellow's coat; that she be neither overdone nor underdone mentally, and that her only decoration be that of the Red Cross.

Cross-country riding is one of the features of "A Successful Adventure," in which May Allison is starred. In this sport Miss Allison is thoroughly at home, as she was practically brought up in the saddle in her home in Georgia.

"Well, well, well, if it isn't our old pal, Roy Stewart. We always go out of our way to see Roy in a western. He sort of throws a thrill into prosaic existence with them quick gun plays and golden smiles o' his'n that makes the day's work lighter. He's some gun-fighter!"

Ethel Barrymore has completed a successful season on the stage and returns now to the screens to be filmed in "Our Mrs. McChesney."

"The Bravest Way" is the forthcoming photoplay in which Sessue Hayakawa stars opposite Florence Vidor.

Did you ever try to light a cigare in a blinding rainstorm? Fatty Arbuckle accomplishes this feat, after many ludicrous attempts, in his latest comedy, "Good Night, Nurse." This laughable stunt is one of the 30 gags which cause a "laugh a minute" in Fatty's new travesty of fun in a sanitarium.

not let her husband do all the thinking for the family. She was safe in doing that a generation or two ago, when clever women singled themselves out by unbecoming clothes and hairdressing that suggested a monkeywrench, rather than a comb. But today cleverness is applied to looking one's best as well as—and let the dull little wife remember this—"inspiring" clever men.

And the wife who is content to let her husband get his mental stimulus from another woman is playing a highly dangerous game with her own hearthstone.

No, she keeps pace, if she does not expect to be left behind—a once-loved tortoise now sitting under her shell and perhaps pensioned, but occupying no very vital position in the life of the forward rushing hare.

The tragic situation of one married partner visibly progressing while the other remains fixed is especially true these days of men who have entered the army and are now in France.

Tremendous things are happening to the soldier—he is helping to make history in a land rich in song and story. He is attending a great school, awe-inspiring sights greet him, and terrible experiences are his.

When he returns, he cannot open the book of life at the same page—he will have gone too far.

In the meantime what is the little woman, waiting at home, doing to keep pace with him?

Does Not Read News. Perhaps she does not even read a paper; she depends on father, brother or neighbor to tell her news. She has the habit of having facts doled out to her—dependent thought is beyond her. She is the tortoise, content to sit beneath its shell.

But it is time for the tortoise to rouse herself, learn something of this wonderful country in which her husband is fighting; let her learn something of its history, something of its language, if only a few words to greet him, when he returns.

Love is the great miracle worker; if she cares enough she will not grudge the hours spent in self-improvement. Let her take a lesson from the woman in the Brooklyn court who said: "The main trouble in our married life was that my husband made no effort to progress—he was content to remain in a rut."

If you care enough about your life partner don't stay in a rut, progress!

Ben Boyse Reported in The List of Injured

Ben Boyse has made good! With this as the theme, a Chicago newspaper Monday published a lengthy article following the appearance of "Ben's" name on the casualty list from "over there." The article detailed the venturesome life of Ben Boyse, son of W. D. Boyce, millionaire publisher, and the hero of many a "good fellow" story that leaked into the papers of the country through his adventures in the world of "bright lights."

Ben Boyse is well known in Omaha. Some time ago he married Miriam Patterson, daughter of D. C. Patterson, one of the most prominent families here. Marital ties became severed, however, and Ben drifted away. Chicago papers say Young Boyce did not wait to see if he could get a commission. He enlisted as a private in the signal corps and was sent across the seas.

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PERSONALS Mrs. Daniel Keane underwent a serious operation Monday at St. Catherine's hospital. Her sister, Mrs. Will Cobry, of Lincoln, is in Omaha. Miss Gertrude Cobry is convalescing in a favorable manner at the Wise Memorial hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Saturday. Mr. Alan McDonald has returned from Washington, D. C., where he has been engaged in governmental work. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are now with Mr. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald. Mrs. Tom Lamphier and two children will leave today for San Francisco. Miss Ada Tobitt, sister of Miss Edith Tobitt, and formerly a teacher in the Omaha public schools, has sailed for France as a member of the American Women's Hospitals established for civilians in the devastated parts of France. Mrs. J. W. Seacrest will leave Thursday to join her husband, who is stationed at the Vancouver cantonment in Washington. Mrs. T. M. Wright of Fairmont, Neb., returned Monday to her home after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Rushton, and her brother, Mr. W. O. Putt. Miss Jessie Seacrest of Lincoln is spending a few days visiting Mrs. J. W. Seacrest at the J. H. Rushton home. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson of Leon, Ia., are the guests of Mrs. Stell E. Robinson. In an endeavor to incite higher standards of achievement during this critical period of the nation's history, the Alabama Federation of Women's clubs has awarded five loans and 53 gift scholarships open to Alabama students in all prominent universities, colleges, private schools, conservatories of music and business colleges of the states of Alabama, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee. Mrs. Myra R. Richards, an Indianapolis sculptor, has been awarded the contract for a life-size statue of the poet, James Whitcomb Riley, to be erected in his native town of Greenfield, Ind.

Married Life Difficulties? By BEATRICE FAIRFAX. "The main trouble in our married life was that my husband made no effort to progress after our marriage and was content to remain in a rut. "I was filled with ambition to better myself in every way, had my voice cultivated and studied to improve my mind. I tried to persuade my husband to do the same thing, but he always refused. "A woman made this secondary plea for divorce to Justice McAvoy, in the supreme court in Brooklyn the other day—the main issue of the case rested on statutory grounds. "I wonder how many marriages have gone wrong from such differences? "One of the pair progresses, takes advantage of every jutting stone to climb the wall that separates the successful from the unsuccessful. The other hangs back, a dead weight on the hands of his more ambitious partner. "The hindering helpmeet is still going around on the same short chain forged by individual incompetence. Mental slackers of this type take the same immature view of things they took in early youth. "They dread a new idea as the aged dread a draught in the back. They have the same thoughts and—heaven help us—the same old stories. "They never add to nor revise their point of view. They are a species of fixed star, but, alas, there is no glitter to them. Alternatives of Partners. The ambitious partner is confronted by one of two alternatives. Either the mental sluggard must be left in his own tracks and the ambitious one must soar alone, thus giving up all idea of the companionship he

Red Cross Victor Dietz, one of the civilian members of the Base hospital unit No. 49, has received orders to report at once to the port of embarkation to join the unit. The women members, including several nurses and clerical workers, have not as yet received orders. Applicants for the motor section of the Red Cross have been received by Gould Deitz, head of the Omaha chapter, who is planning to organize the department. A one-ton truck has been purchased by the chapter to be used by the salvage committee workers. Those who have offered the services of themselves and their cars are: Madames—John H. Higgins, E. A. Higgins, George Durkee, C. R. Belden, Misses—Florence Bahm, Cyril Nelson, Florence Neville, Irene McKnight, Blanche Douel, Eleanor McMillon, Mary McGeath, Corrine Elliott, Daphne Peters, Emily Keller, Gertrude Metz, Gertrude Stout, Hazel Peterson.

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