

# Woman's Section

## Good Speech Better Than Diamonds

By GABBY DETAYLS.

ARE you one of those "gimme" persons, or the "lemme no" kind? Do you gargle your words? Do you twang them? Do you nasalize them? One authority calls good enunciation the latch key to social prestige.

If you do these things, you will never be a leader among women. You will never have a strong personality for you can never rise higher than your speech.

Did you see the play, "Pygmalion and Galatea," by Bernard Shaw, if Gabby's memory isn't up to tricks? Mrs. Patrick Campbell starred in it about 10 years ago. In the play, two men discuss the value of speech: One man says he can pick a woman off the streets and by training her speech, pass her off as a lady of high degree.

That he did. A flower girl of no education or accomplishment was selected in an haphazard manner for the experiment. For six months she was trained in exquisite pronunciation. At the end of that time she "made good" as a real British lady among most critical and discriminating of royalty.

To hear that woman say "influenza" made you want to have it. It didn't matter what ridiculous statement she made, it seemed to have subtle meaning because of the dignified, irresistible beauty of her words and voice.

There was more to the story than that, of course, for cynical as he is, Bernard Shaw had to mix in a little romance. And somehow or other, when the curtain dropped on the last act, you had felt that the woman's soul had grown in just the proportion that her speech had changed.

"Words, like arrows, should make directly for their mark. They should travel lightly, clearly, gracefully and with purpose.

A beautiful speaking voice is rather to be chosen than a string of diamonds.

**S**PEAKING of speech, Gabby recently had one of the shocks of her sweet life. It was her privilege to witness a scene in the filming of a movie, the dramatic excellence of which depended upon the way a girl left the room. By merely walking out, she had to attract a man, who, according to the plot, followed her. The right girl was chosen for the part. She moved a veritable goddess. Gabby was entranced. "What carriage! What noise! What a girl! Shortly after the scene was filmed, Gabby was introduced to the girl, nothing but a good constitution kept her from fainting.

"Hah!," said the goddess, "hah!—like the movie bizness? Her speech was ghastly! Only noise and nothing more.

Yet while she sawed out her words, she stood with perfect poise, chin tilted just right, shoulders perfect and a backbone which was really holding her up as backbones are supposed to do, it was uncanny. She looked like a queen, but her speech proved that her mind was slovenly and her ways unrefined. Yes, the girl had learned to walk. That was her job. What a glorious creature she would have been had she been able to talk as well.

**E**VER notice how much better results you get when you speak with a pleasant voice? Try it some time. Step up to a clerk and ask her in a peevish, half-sick tone to do something for you. Try the same thing in a pleasant voice. The injured voice arouses antagonism. The pleasing voice is one of the highest arts of persuasion.

Gabby once knew an employer of two women. At different times in the year each one asked for practically the same thing, a week "off." One got it; the other did not. One, in a happy, cheerful, confident tone of voice told her employer she would be very glad, etc., etc. It sounded attractive. Her employer gave immediate and gracious consent. The other employe put a whine in her voice and a snarl in her words. The minute she spoke her employer was on the defensive. A dozen reasons why she could not be spared popped into his mind. Her request was refused.

**T**HERE is only one objection Gabby can think of to a rarely charming voice. One becomes so enthralled with enunciation that the subject matter is forgotten.

Gabby attended a Drama League luncheon a few weeks ago. Three speakers were distinguished for their choice speech and voice. One in particular, who reported on a certain matter, spoke with such exquisite beauty that Gabby completely forgot to listen to the remarks. She sat there in rapt attention, enchanted, with sheer joy of sound.

After all, why should the speech not be musical? What disposition would be saved. Eutopia at last!

**I**N a very few days, a pretty young blonde, engaged to a prominent business man, will don a band of gold—not given to her by her fiancé. But she will not wear it on the third finger of her left hand. And why? Because it is supposed to be worn on her teeth. That is, the crooked are to be made straight.

Gabby's curiosity is now running riot trying to determine whether it is the vanity of the girl or that of the man which has made this miss decide to have the dentist aid Venus.

**T**HE Fine Arts society serving a strong beverage at luncheon? Great Scott, surely not, you say. But they did, and that isn't all. They entertained a swindler, not to mention the presence of a brogan at the table, which is, as you know, a stout, coarse shoe. It was an elegant luncheon, too, and elegant women



## Attractive Omaha Sisters

Mrs. Fred Hamilton and Miss Anne Robertson, most attractive Omaha sisters, left Saturday with their mother, Mrs. E. L. Robertson, to spend the remainder of the winter in California. Upon their return to Omaha in late spring this trio will make immediate preparations for a tour abroad. They plan to leave Omaha in June for a visit of several months on the European continent.

Mrs. Robertson and Miss Robertson recently returned to Omaha from Erie, Pa., where they visited Mrs. George Campbell, also a daughter of Mrs. Robertson.

## Many Affairs for Omaha Singer's Opinion of Denver

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Clarke entertained at dinner at their home Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. T. H. Reynolds of Denver, who is visiting Mrs. William Hill Clarke and Mrs. Benjamin Bates of Denver, who are visiting her cousins, Mrs. Henry T. Clarke and Mrs. James L. Paxton.

The guests included Messrs. and Mesdames William Hill Clarke, Herbert L. Gannett, James Love Paxton, James Fitzgerald, Dr. Paul Luddington, Stockton Heth and Daniel Baum.

Among the events arranged for these visitors are a family dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. James Love Saxton and a supper by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gannett; a bridge-luncheon Monday by Mrs. J. F. Fitzgerald and a dinner at the Omaha club, followed by an Orpheum party Monday evening by Mrs. Charles Beaton and a dinner-party at the Athletic club Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. William Hill Clarke. Mrs. A. I. Root will give a luncheon Tuesday for Mrs. Reynolds.

## The Invisible Guest

The Y. W. C. A. cafeterias and lunch rooms all over the country are to turn over the gross cash receipts from their noon meal on February 1 to the European Relief council to help the starving children of Europe. February 1 will be called Y. W. C. A. Invisible Guest day and at least 450 associations are planning to make this a community appeal and urge everyone who can to lunch in these cafeterias that noon to swell the fund. In some cities where the association has no restaurant the church or club women will be asked to serve a noon meal in some downtown location. The idea of the invisible guest and empty chair at each table is to be carried throughout. The special Hoover meal, sold at a generous price, will be served to those who wish to give money in this particular way.

The Omaha Y. W. C. A. is making large and special preparations for the day. Not only will the regular cafeteria be oiled and smoothly running, but the special lunch for business girls will be served on the second floor, as usual on Tuesdays. Five hundred girls can be accommodated and the authorities are hoping the capacity will be tested on that day. The hostess for the day will be Mrs. J. H. Davis. Music will be in charge of Prof. Lee G. Kratz. The hours are 11:15 to 2 o'clock.



## Mrs. Sheldon to Address Club Women

Mrs. A. E. Sheldon of Lincoln, director for Nebraska in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will speak on "The Children's Code Commission" and "The Value of Parent-Teachers Associations," at the open day meeting of the Omaha Woman's club Monday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium. Mrs. Philip Potter, chairman of the educational committee, will have charge of the program, which will be followed by tea.

The directory will meet at 1:45 o'clock, and the business meeting will open at 2:30 in the auditorium.

Mrs. Potter will give an informal luncheon at her home Monday noon complimentary to Mrs. Sheldon.

## Sixtieth-Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, January 30, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Smith will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to Omaha about 10 years ago from Davenport, Ia., and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in this city. They were married in St. Louis, Mo., in 1861.

The anniversary will be the occasion of a family dinner when four of their six children will be present. The children are Mrs. Arthur Metz and Arthur S. Smith, both of Omaha, Mrs. A. S. Weiss of St. Louis, Mrs. George W. Knorr of Louisville, Ky., William C. Smith of Huron, S. D., Dr. Ferdinand Smith of Little Rock, Ark.

William C. Smith will be accompanied here by Mrs. Smith and their daughter, Miss Olga.

Dr. Smith and Mrs. Knorr will be unable to attend the celebration.

## Society for Relief of Disabled Re-Elect Officers.

Mrs. Frank Judson was re-elected president of the Society for the Relief of the Disabled at the annual meeting Friday noon at the Athletic club, as were all other officers. Those re-elected include: Mrs. W. J. Hynes, first vice president; Mrs. Louis Clarke, second vice president; Mrs. Victor Rosewater, third vice president; Mrs. John Redick, secretary; Mrs. A. C. Stokes, treasurer, and the following committee chairman: Mrs. A. L. Reed, membership; Miss Daphne Peters, vocational; Mesdames William Archibald Smith and E. S. Westbrook, transportation; Mrs. Barton Millard, finances; and Mr. Frank Brogan, legal. Mrs. Irving Cutler is the newly appointed publicity chairman.



## Visitor From Wyoming

Mrs. John E. Patrick of Sheridan, Wyo., left Saturday for her home after a visit of two weeks in Omaha with her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Brown, and her cousin, Mrs. Henry Wyman, at the Blackstone. Mrs. Patrick's name is well known throughout the state of Wyoming for the splendid "farm bureau work" she has done there under state and federal auspices. Her personal endeavors have been centralized in her own county of Sheridan. Once a month several hundred women gather from the ranches in the city, where they exchange ideas and enjoy a social time. Annual dues in this organization are \$15 per family. Mrs. Patrick is working for a membership of 300 families in the county. She is keenly interested in this great national movement, believing as she does, that it supplies a real need in the life of the rural woman.

## Get Acquainted Club Program Of Interest

The Get Acquainted club will meet Sunday evening, 7 o'clock, at the First Unitarian church, Thirty-first and Harney streets.

A one act play, "Her Neighbor's Creed," by Margaret Cameron, will be presented by Miss Geraldine Olson and Dwight Cramer of the Unity Players. Music will be furnished by the West Sisters' string quartette, and there will be community singing and games. Refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

Strangers old and young, regardless of church or creed, who wish to make friends are cordially invited.

The club, which was organized four weeks ago by Mrs. Paul Harlan, is proving successful, and has increased its guests from 75 to more than 200.

Mrs. Harlan and her assistants plan to continue the programs every Sunday evening.

## Music Department Announces Date Of Concert

The Omaha woman's club chorus will give its annual concert Tuesday evening, March 15. The names of local artists assisting will be announced at a later date. It has not been definitely decided where the concert will be given.

The chorus will hold its weekly rehearsal Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium.

The following program, under direction of Mrs. A. Anderson, will be given at 8 o'clock: Piano duo, "Movement from a Beethoven Sonata," Miss Winifred Traynor and Mrs. Ray J. Abbott; reading, Marion Crawford's "In Old Madrid"; Mrs. O. Y. Kring; soprano solos, "Nymphs and Fauns," by Bemberg, and "Spirit Flowers," by Campbell-Tipton, Mrs. E. B. McQuillen, accompanied by Mrs. Luella Davis.

## Isaac Sadler D. A. R.

Major Isaac Sadler chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday afternoon, February 5, at 2:30 o'clock, in the parlors of the Fontenelle hotel. Mrs. William Archibald Smith, regent of the chapter, will be the hostess.

At this meeting the chapter will elect the delegates to the continental congress to be held at Washington, D. C., in April, and to the state conference, to be held at Columbus, Neb., March 15, 16 and 17. Important amendments to the chapter by-laws will also be voted upon.

Mrs. E. M. Syfert, president of the Drama league will give a talk on "The Drama, Colonial and Modern."

The chapter will celebrate George Washington's birthday, Tuesday afternoon, February 22, with a colonial tea at the home of Mrs. Harry G. Kelly, 3122 Burr street, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

## Canteen Co. A Reorganized

Company A of the Red Cross canteen, Mrs. L. J. Healey, captain, met Friday afternoon at the Fontenelle hotel to make plans for the coming year.

Those in the company who have not taken first aid will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in Mrs. Mary Conant's apartment in the Conant hotel, to organize a class.

Social meetings will be held the last Friday afternoon of each month at the home of one of the members. The company has a membership of 20.

It is the plan of the company to be ready at any time for emergency calls and to aid in local charity work when ever needed.

## Celebrities Arrive at Capital

Washington, Jan. 29.—(Bureau of The Bee)—An unusual, but not at all curious combination of circumstances regaled Washington society throughout this week. The defeated candidate for President in the recent campaign, with his wife, former governor of Ohio and Mrs. James M. Cox arrived here less than twenty-four hours after the wife of the successful candidate, Mrs. Warren G. Harding, the next first lady of the land, and with her shared the honors of public attention. Mrs. Harding came on a business trip, arriving on Sunday about noon. Former Governor and Mrs. Cox arrived on Monday on a pleasure trip, to visit their old friends, Judge and Mrs. T. T. Ausherry of Ohio. Mrs. Harding plunged into the work of packing and moving, or rather over-seeing the work of packing and moving their household goods to storage for the forthcoming few weeks before she and Mr. Harding settle down in the White House for the next four years, at least. They expect to sell or lease the pretty home they have occupied as members of the senatorial circle. The Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge will not occupy the house. They will for the first few weeks of their Washington life, occupy a suite of rooms in a hotel. The President-elect and Mrs. Harding will go to the Willard upon their arrival here for the inaugural ceremonies, and occupy a suite on the avenue side of that house until the auspicious moment when they are transformed into "President and Mrs. Harding."

It was an interesting situation that while Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh was entertaining Mrs. Cox, her daughter, Mrs. Edward Beale McLean, was entertaining Mrs. Harding. Mrs. Walsh, it will be remembered was a member of the District of Columbia Democratic committee, and in that capacity went to the convention in San Francisco last summer. Mrs. McLean went to Baltimore on Sunday morning to meet Mrs. Harding and return here with her and Miss Kathleen Lawler, who accompanied Mrs. Harding from Marion in the capacity of secretary. Miss Lawler, who has been prominent in the work of the last two Republican campaign committees, has been with Mrs. Harding most of the time since the election. She made the trip to Texas and Panama with her, and will continue with her more or less until the final public announcement is made of the name of the social secretary at the White House for the next administration, probably when the other and more important announcements are made by Mrs. Harding. No official appointment of a secretary to Mrs. Harding has yet been made, but friends and the daily press have made several.

On Monday Mrs. Harding took luncheon with her cousin, Mr. Kling, at the Willard and, while she thought she would have a quiet little chat and visit with him, she found herself recognized and in a twinkling was the center of an impromptu party. Mrs. Harding, who thought every one around the hotel was a special acquaintance and for an hour she was detained by steady handshaking and pleasant greetings. Mrs. Harding did not break her intention when she came, of accepting no invitations and receiving no social attention. She was some of her old friends, quite informally and lunched and dined with them here and there, but in the quietest possible way. She spent nearly all her time in the Wyoming avenue home, really busy and at work, for there was much to be done that no one else could do. She left the middle of the week for New York, ostensibly for a shopping trip, and will join Mrs. Harding a little later at St. Augustine.

Mrs. Harding brought with her a couple of servants who have been with her since she was in the White House. They rendered very efficient help in dismantling the house, much of which, in fact, had been done by this very exceptional housekeeper when she was here after the close of the Chicago convention. Mrs. Harding, when she returned to her home during her recent visit, was looking particularly well, as though the honors which have dropped upon her were setting well. They are most becoming to her. She wore at the Willard for luncheon a gown of dark blue silk and a large black hat. A stunning diamond ornament hung from a broad black ribbon about her neck, which was especially noticeable, as Mrs. Harding usually wears little jewelry. It is said to have been Mr. Harding's Christmas gift to her.

The vice president and Mrs. Marshall have made their plans for a trip to Europe sailing early in May. They remain abroad as long as the spirit moves them. They are the much entertained officials this season, and have a record almost unbroken for dinner parties and receptions.

The flying grandmothers of Nebraska, Mrs. H. H. Wheeler of Lincoln and Mrs. Draper Smith of Omaha, were very constantly entertained during their stay in Washington after they delivered the electoral vote of the state. Mrs. Wheeler left on Wednesday night for New York, going thence to Syracuse en route home, but Mrs. Smith was detained yet, as she has decided to remain here until her trunk arrives. Otherwise she feels there is little hope of ever catching up with it again, and so far, she has had all her social festivities, clothed in her traveling clothes. They were good looking ones to be sure.

On Tuesday afternoon the ladies