

FROM THE MAGAZINES.

In one of the big stores the other afternoon a stoop-shouldered man with a faded brown beard was clawing over the hats and trying them on, one after another, without appearing to find any to fit him.

"What size are you looking for?" asked one of the salesman.

"What size?" he said. "Somethin, I kin wear. I reckon."

"Of course; but what's your number?"

"You don't number a man when he comes in here to buy a hat, do you?"

"Certainly not. I mean what's the number of the—"

"Don't you s'pose I'll know when I come to a hat that fits me? I ain't no spring chicken, young man. I've bought hats 'fore this. You go on waitin' on customers. I'll find what I'm lookin' fur after a while. I've got plenty of time."

"So have I. Time is nothing to me. I can stand here and watch you trying on hats, but it isn't necessary. If you can tell me what size of hat you wear, I can give you half a dozen of that size to try on. It will save you some trouble, and won't be quite so hard on the assortment."

The customer reflected.

"Well, that's reasonable," he said. "Young man, I might as well tell you the truth. I've clean forgot the size hat I wear. I never can remember it. I know I wear a No. 9 shoe though. A No. 9 hat would be about the right thing, wouldn't it?"—*Chicago Tribune.*

A woman arrested in a Paris suburb for illegally setting off fireworks said in court that she was merely celebrating the anniversary of her husband's death.

"Now, ladies," said the chairman of the convention, rapping with her gavel, "remember, please, that we must have order. I must ask you to refrain from whispering during the progress of the meeting."

Still the low, sibilant sound from the group of pretty heads that had got together in one corner of the hall continued.

The chairman looked annoyed and rapped with her gavel more severely.

The group of pretty heads broke up, and the whispering ceased in that quarter, but over in the opposite side of the hall a delegate was seen to lean toward her neighbor, and the disagreeable hissing was resumed.

"Is it possible," said the chairman, "that I must repeat my request? You will refrain from whispering, please."

The offending head nodded approvingly, but the whispering did not stop.

"If necessary," said the chairman, with a touch of anger, "I shall become personal in my requests. Will the delegate from Boston kindly postpone her private conversation with her neighbor till the meeting is over?"

The delegate from Boston straightened up in her seat and flushed hotly.

"Is it possible," she exclaimed, "that you meant me?"

"Certainly," said the chairman; "there was no one else whispering at the moment, I believe."

"But," said the delegate from Boston, "I was only saying to my neighbor what a splendid chairman you made, to stop the whispering of those ladies from Ohio over there. I don't see how you can object to my saying that."

"We will have no whispering on any subject," said the chairman, sternly.

And with that at least a dozen heads in different parts of the hall bobbed over toward their neighbors' desks, and the sibilation grew into a prolonged hiss, from which could plainly be distinguished such expressions as "Served her right!" "The idea!" "What a splendid chairman!" etc.

A look of despair came over the chair-

man's face, and she sat down, with a mute signal to the secretary to go on with the reading of the minutes and let the whisperers have their way.—*Buffalo Express.*

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF UNION FUEL COMPANY.

To Whom It May Concern— Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of June, 1897, the Union Fuel Company adopted and filed articles of incorporation which provide:

1. The name of said corporation shall be the Union Fuel Company.
 2. That the principal place of transacting its business shall be in the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, State of Nebraska.
 3. That the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be that of buying and selling at wholesale and at retail, hard and soft coals, coke, wood, kindling and the like.
 4. That the amount of capital stock authorized shall be \$5,000, all of which shall be fully paid up before the commencement of business by said corporation.
 5. That said corporation shall commence to do business on the first day of June, 1897, and continue for a period of twenty-five years unless dissolved by law or by a majority vote of all stockholders.
 6. That the highest amount of indebtedness or liability of which the corporation shall at any one time shall subject itself shall not exceed two-thirds of the paid in capital stock.
 7. That the affairs of said corporation shall be managed by a board of directors not less than three in number and from whose number a president and secretary and treasurer shall be chosen. Lincoln, Neb., June 17, 1897.
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You are hereby notified that I will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 15th day of October, 1897, and again on the 15th day of January, 1898, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of July, A. D. 1897, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 15th day of July, A. D. 1897.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four weeks successively in The Courier, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court this 2nd day of June, 1897.

[SEAL] S. T. COCHRAN,
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