

WAYS OF SOCIETY SPIES

Majority are Women and Exceedingly Clever.

REASONS FOR SECRECY

Means Used by Some to Get Wanted Information—Those Who Sell Exclusive Designs Must Always Be On the Watch—Smart Advertising Trick.

About 12 months ago a man was arrested in Paris charged with bribing an accomplice to steal some of the latest millinery models just invented for the forthcoming winter season by a famous French milliner. At his trial it appeared that he represented an English firm and had been, in fact, endeavoring to procure, for practically nothing, patterns worth a very large sum of money.

Such patterns, indeed, represent an expenditure of thought, labor and hard cash on the part of the select firms who originate new fashions of which the ordinary man has no conception. Skilled artists have to be employed and paid very high salaries. Indeed, few draughtsmen anywhere make such good incomes as those whose work is to design new hats and bonnets.

The models, whether of dresses or hats, are prepared long before they are required, and are guarded as jealously as a government guards the secret plans of its forts and submarines. They are shown to none but a few wealthy well-known customers, and even these are allowed to see only the models likely to appeal to them personally.

For these precautions there are only too good reasons. Enterprising and unscrupulous firms, who cannot or will not employ fashion artists of the first class, and yet do not wish to be behind the times, will stop literally at nothing to obtain the new designs. They usually employ a spy or pirate, whom they send out with a roving commission to get hold of anything fresh, either by fair means or foul. Of those spies only a few are men; the majority are women, and amazingly clever women they are.

No later than an afternoon of last spring the proprietor of one of the smartest shops in the West End of London noticed a lady walking in the park attired in a dress almost an exact copy of a brand new model of his own, a model which not half a dozen people had seen besides its inventor and himself. The design had been registered, but the copy was just sufficiently altered to steer clear of legal difficulties. A most searching inquiry revealed the fact that the culprit was a lady who had always been considered one of the firm's smartest and best customers. Her birth and position were less impeccable than the state of her finances, and she had accepted the offer of a Berlin firm to dress her on condition that she supplied them with the very latest "creations" that found their way from Paris to London.

Leaving the entrance of the innermost sanctum of the London firm referred to, she had taken advantage of their confidence in her to draw their designs from memory and post them to Berlin. The London firm had no legal remedy whatever. All they could do was when the autumn styles were due, and the lady called again, to inform her courteously that her patronage was no longer desired.

Last summer a lady arrived at a smart seaside hotel—the sort of place where people stay for the whole season. She was pretty smart and perfectly turned out, so well dressed, in fact, that other women, filled with envy did their best to find out who was her dressmaker. But though she frequently boasted that the people were perfect treasures, and that her bills amounted to next to nothing, she steadfastly refused to disclose the name. One day, however, she accidentally dropped an envelope inclosing a bill from the mysterious dressmaker, a bill artfully "faked" so as to show prices of startling cheapness. Within a week the firm who employed this clever lady welcomed a dozen new customers.

Hotels, too, find the lady tout most useful. Last autumn a very pretty girl arrived at a certain Scotch hydropathic establishment with her mother. She was smart, well dressed, a clever musician—just the sort of girl to be thoroughly popular with both sexes. At once she became the center of a large coterie of admirers. Then, after a few days, her vivacious expression gave place to a look of unutterable boredom. "I can't stand this place. It's so deadly dull," she said over and over again. Finally, one evening she announced that she could not support it an hour longer. She was going.

"Where?" was the question. "Back to Blythenington," was the decided answer. "It may be a little dearer, but you get your money's worth there. One has such a good time there." And she proceeded to dilate at length upon the advantages of the place.

Next day she left, and before the week was out a large proportion of the friends had followed her.

IRON THROATS WARN MARINERS

Their Introduction Has Saved Many Lives and Ships.

A storm at sea! How the ship rolls, tosses and plunges on the great angry waves. And in the distance—what is that weird moaning, unutterably sad sound? A dirge for men lost? Such it might seem, for it is so filled with unearthly mournfulness.

Ask the captain No, he will tell you. It is a warning voice. It is a voice that saves many ships from destruction, a faithful and vigilant guard at dangerous shoals and rocky coasts. It is nothing more than a whistling buoy.

The whistling buoy is the invention of an American, J. M. Courtenay, of New York. Buoys have been placed in dangerous places along the coast for the welfare of seafaring people and to the dismay of people living along the shores.

Usually the lighthouse board is besieged by protests whenever it places a buoy in a new locality. The sound is so mournful and eerie that the people say it is unendurable.

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PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Their Disposition to Live Near the Coast Line.

In the Philippines the density of population is sixty-seven to the square mile. In the United States it is twenty-six to the square mile. The inhabitants of the Philippines are usually found on or near the coast, except in the island of Luzon, where about half the people live in the two rich valleys in the interior. Only one-seventh of the civilized population live inland; but the wild people are confined almost entirely to the interior.

In the archipelago there are 13,100 barrios or villages, with the average population of 500 inhabitants. The average size of the barrios varies widely in different provinces. A number of adjacent barrios form a pueblo, or municipal unit, and thus there is practically no rural population. Three-fifths of the population live in villages of less than 1,000 inhabitants and 4 per cent in towns of over 5,000.

There are four towns with a population exceeding 10,000 each and thirty-five with a population exceeding 5,000. Manila is the only incorporated city in the islands and its inhabitants number 219,928.

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Substitute for Cream. When unable to procure fresh cream to serve with fruit, beat the yolks of two new laid eggs and strain them into a pint of new milk, with two small lumps of sugar. Put it on the stove and stir one way until it becomes as thick as cream. Remove it instantly and cease stirring or it will turn to a custard.

BOW GERMANY GETS TRADE.

Leaves no Stone Unturned in Order to Get Lion's Share.

The American people have no conception of the vigor and aggressiveness with which Germany is urging her claims in the foreign markets and circumventing so far as possible the efforts of other countries to secure a share of the foreign trade.

It is German influence, exerted through certain well-known channels, that has helped to defeat our ship-subsidy bills, and other plans and measures designed to develop and promote our foreign commerce. It is the same policy that has led to the formation of the German syndicate to help defeat Mr. Chamberlain's protective tariff. Alert, shrewd, resourceful and indefatigable, the manufacturers and business leaders of Germany are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to capture a lion's share of the world's trade.

The reports of our foreign consuls located in German cities and in the trade centers of Africa, South America and Asia, have been filled for several years past with accounts of the means and measures devised by the German Government and German business men to push the sale of German goods in every quarter of the world. Of a score of recent consular reports all except one devote a large amount of space to describe the work that Germany is doing in the development of her trade interests abroad, frequently contrasted with our feeble and inadequate efforts along the same line. Leslie's Weekly.

Moth Proof Clothes Basket. The moth-proof storage receptacle will soon be sought by every housewife for winter woolen apparel and blankets, etc., have to be disposed of for another season. The difficulty with most of these devices is that they are not tight enough to prevent the entrance of moths and bugs. Boxes or chests with loose fitting lids are no satisfactory, as the objectionable insects manage to discover the smallest crevice, and the apparent security is a mask for their undisturbed destruction. A Western manufacturer overcomes this difficulty by the use of a practically hermetically sealed receptacle, which is secured by the use of a packing of rubber gas tubing. This is placed inside the rim of the cover, and the tubing or packing being of such a size as to make a tight fit all around the cover, and hereafter always dispose of the old members of the flock.

Value of an Education. The value of a thorough education fitting a young man for his life work is no longer a debatable question. The recent report of the United States Bureau of Education shows that a boy with a common school education has practically one chance in 9,000 of general recognition as a successful man in some department of human endeavor and usefulness. A high school education increases his chances of such success by about twenty-two times, due not so much to the scarcity of white collar jobs as to the few young men about ten times the number of the high school graduates who are able to secure them. The work in the woods has been steadily opening to a boy with only a high wages for the past few years. A common school education. Scientific American.

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A NEW ANAESTHETIC.

It Lasts Ninety Minutes and Produces Numbness Only.

"Chlorhydrate of Dimethylamino benzoylpentanol." Such is the awe inspiring title of the latest anaesthetic. In order not to unduly alarm his patients, Dr. Fournier, its French discoverer, has renamed it "Stovaline."

It is injected into the spinal fluid, and within five minutes produces complete anaesthesia in the body below the point of injection. The patient, however, does not lose consciousness. Its effects last for an hour and a half, and no unpleasant results have yet been observed, though it has been tried for some time in more than one Paris hospital. English doctors are reluctant to experiment with it. "Once you have injected your 'Stovaline' into the spine," said a prominent F. R. C. S. yesterday, "you have no more control over it, but with gaseous anaesthetic it is possible to stop the administration before the danger point is reached. As the quantity needed of any anaesthetic varies with the individual patient, the importance of this control may be easily realized."

In addition, there is always a danger of septic poisoning in hypodermic injections, and in this form of injection—into the spinal fluid—the consequences would be most dangerous. London Mail.

Building up a Flock of Fowls. Begin by killing every rooster on the place. Then decide upon some breed which will best meet the requirements and purchase from a reliable breeder roosters of this breed setting one cock for every fifteen or twenty hens in the flock. Then buy a setting of eggs of this breed, but these are unrelated to the roosters purchased. Set these eggs under a good mother hen and at the end of a year kill or sell off all the original roosters, replacing them with those resulting from the setting of eggs. At the end of the second year kill or sell the males and repeat the operation each year, never keeping them more than one year and never buying a rooster related to the hens. Do not forget to kill or dispose of the pullets hatched from the setting of purebred eggs, as they are of course related to the roosters of the same hatch and their retention would defeat the end sought. As rapidly as possible kill or sell off all the original scrub hens and hereafter always dispose of the old members of the flock.

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