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### Posed For Suffragists.

A feature of the mayor's celebration in the New York city stadium on the evening of the Fourth was a symbolic tableau representing Victory 1917 bringing the ballot to the women of New York. Womanhood, Justice and Motherhood made an appeal to the en-



BLANCHE YURKA.

throned Empire State in the name of all women. These were symbolized in all the trades, professions and occupations of women. The principal figure in this group and the one which gave it real significance was Miss Blanche Yurka, leading woman with E. H. Southern in "Lord Dunsinore" and lately appearing with him in "Two Virtues."

### Home Cooking

**Tomatoes and Cheese.** Select good sized tomatoes, smooth and round. Plunge them in boiling water and remove the skins, then chill. Cut them in thick slices and arrange these on a dish with lettuce. Cover the top of each slice with grated American cheese. Then add a spoonful of stiff mayonnaise and top with a stuffed olive.

**Creamed Fish in Cucumbers.** Flake some cold cooked fish. Make a cream sauce rather thick and add the fish with a dash of lemon juice and a dash of hot water. Cut three or four large cucumbers in two lengthwise and scoop out the inside. Drop the shells in very hot water and leave them until heated through. Then lift out and wipe dry. Fill these while hot with the fish and serve at once on small heated plates with a little watercress or parsley.

**Shepherd Pie.** The leftover meat should be sliced instead of chopped for this recipe. But a baking dish and cover the bottom with hot mashed potatoes. Pour on the gravy and sliced meat and cover with more mashed potatoes. Bake the potatoes on lightly and leave the top uneven. Dot with butter and place in hot oven for ten minutes.

**England Has New Money.** In an experimental way banknotes are being printed in England on silk waterproofed by a secret process which employs no rubber.

### Test Fabrics at Home

There are many housewives who always depend on the clerk's judgment in the quality of material when buying, says the Farm and Fireside. She never realizes that there are a few simple tests which she could make at home and would prove economical.

Linen is a material which is rather difficult for some people to distinguish from cotton. The linen thread is firm and smoothly twisted, breaks with a snap, is stronger than a cotton thread, but does not burn so quickly. These tests may be made by taking two or three warp threads (threads running crossways of material) of the material which is to be tested.

Cotton threads appear fuzzy. They are not as firmly twisted as linen. When thread is broken the ends are fuzzy and burn quickly. The oil test is a good way to distinguish between cotton and linen. Place a sample of the material to be tested on a piece of glass, apply some oil, let it stand for five minutes and hold up to the light. If the sample appears transparent it is linen; otherwise it is cotton.

Artificial silk is often sold for true silk. The true silk thread is smooth, has a high luster, is tightly twisted, much stronger than the artificial and when burned there is a small ball of ash left as a residue. Artificial silk is nothing but cotton. It has a high luster and resembles true silk, but when tested it gives the same results as cotton does.

Woolen material is often sold for wool. When one buys or more of it is cotton. When testing a piece of material always test both warp and woof threads, because the material is apt to be wool one way and cotton the other. Take two threads of material and burn. If an odor of burning hair is produced and a small ball of ashes appears on the end of the threads it is wool. Make the same test with some worst threads. Cotton thread or fiber is loosely woven and soft and fuzzy in appearance.

### Chinese Logic.

In the neighborhood of Shanghai an English sailor on his way to the "signers' burial ground" to lay a wreath on the grave of a former comrade met an intelligent looking native carrying a pot of rice. "Hello, John," he hailed. "Where are you going with that rice?" "I take it on to give a glass of my rice," said the Chinaman. "Ho, ho!" laughed the sailor. "And when do you expect your friend to come up and eat it?" "All time same your friend come up and smellee your flowers," replied John.

### Bits of Wisdom.

"What you haven't in your head you must have in your heels."  
"Plan your garden with a view of having the vegetables most commonly used nearest the kitchen door."  
"It is praiseworthy to be economical in material things, but much more laudatory to conserve your strength and energy."  
"Tired to your work? Well, be sure you are tired to the right end."

## The Children's Play Corner

**"Have You Seen My Sheep?"**  
For this game the players stand in a circle. One walks around on the outside and, touching one of the circle players on the back, asks, "Have you seen my sheep?" The one questioned answers, "How was he dressed?" The outside player then describes the dress of some one in the circle, saying, for instance, "He wears a red necktie. He is dressed in gray and has low shoes." The one questioned then names the player whom he thinks this describes, and, if right, at once begins to chase him around the outside of the circle. In this game a player must be very alert to recognize himself in the given description, for immediately he must be chased by the player who guesses his description. Should the runner be tagged before returning to his place he must take the questioner's place, running around the outside of the circle and asking of some player, "Have you seen my sheep?"

**Boy Scouts Incorporated.**  
President Wilson recently signed a bill incorporating the Boy Scouts of America, and giving the organization the exclusive right of the use of that name. Colin Livingston, president, and other officials of the organization and a group of ranking Washington scouts witnessed the signing. The president was told that the membership was 182,000 boys and 42,000 men.

**Charade.**  
My one is a boy, full of frolic and fun; One and two put together are same as my one.  
My three's what you want when you get new clothes.  
If you didn't get them you'd growl, I suppose.  
If one and two should have three-oh, year.  
His mamma would worry the rest of the year.  
My whole we receive every day that we're living.  
I hope that you counted up yours at Thanksgiving.  
Answer.—Ben-e-fit-benefit.

**Boy Scouts of America.**  
There are now 182,982 scouts registered at the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America, with about 43,000 officially enrolled as leaders. This group of 225,000 men and boys is larger than our combined army and navy and almost as large as the proposed new army. Each member is carrying out a definite program under the motto, "Be prepared," and all are committed to the scout's obligation to their duty to God and to their country to obey the scout laws, to help all people at all times and to keep physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

**What Is This?**  
I wear a crown, but I'm not a king. I bear a roof, but I'm not a flower. When cut I bite, but never fight. I'm oft called sweet, but never sour.

Get me with trouble, lose me with pain. Go right to work and have me again. Guard me and prize me, and yet some day. Pay somebody well to take me away.  
Answer.—A tooth.

### THEIR FIRST VISIT TO THE FARM



PLUCKING THE FOWLS.  
"Do you take their clothes off every night?"

### MOSSBY AND HIS MEN.

#### The Old Warrior's Attitude Toward Reunions After the War.

The late Colonel John S. Mosby differed from many military men in that, instead of being pleased at being given a higher designation than he was properly entitled to the conferring of the higher title was extremely obnoxious to him," remarked Henry D. Rose of Norfolk.

"People who, thought to please him by calling him general instead of finding favor lavoked upon themselves the resentment of the old partisan chief. 'I never was a general, sir. I heard him once say with great warmth to a young Virginian who thus addressed him. 'I am Colonel Mosby, and I never attained any higher rank than colonel, so please don't call me general.'

"As brave a spirit as ever lived, the old warrior was full of eccentricities. One of his peculiarities was his persistent declination to attend any of the reunions of Mosby's men. He probably gloried in the fact that these reunions were held, but no amount of persuasion could get him to be present.

"He used occasionally to indulge in a little grim humor regarding the number of those who attended the reunions. As the years went by naturally many of his old followers would cross to the great beyond, but curiously enough, according to the colonel's own statement, there seemed to be just as many of Mosby's men at these annual gatherings a generation after the war as ever he had enlisted in his command at the height of its numerical strength."—Washington Post.

### WORLD'S LARGEST CLOCK.

Its Dial, Forty Feet Across, Carries a Twenty Foot Minute Hand.

The largest clock in the world is in the tower of the Colgate building, on the Jersey side of the river, writes the New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

This clock, which is illuminated at night, can be seen by persons using any of the ferry boats leaving from the lower part of Manhattan and those plying between the New York and New Jersey shores. Staten Island dwellers coming to or leaving New York city and commuters from New Jersey points use it as their official timepiece and regulate their watches by it.

The clock was built at Waterbury, Conn., and so gigantic are its parts that it was necessary to bring the hands from the factory on a flat car and use a box car to transport the work. The minute hand is twenty feet long and weighs half a ton, and the hour hand is fifteen feet long.

The weights of this monster timepiece are more than a ton. The dial is forty feet in diameter, surpassing by thirteen feet six inches that of the second largest clock in the world, in the Metropolitan tower. It is fifteen feet greater than that of the clock in the tower of Philadelphia city hall, the third largest in the world, and it doubles "Big Ben," on top of the house of parliament, London, which is perhaps the most widely known clock in the world.

**Where a King's Clothes Were Kept.**  
St. Andrew's-by-the-Wardrobe is a conspicuous waymark in Queen Victoria street and derives a grotesque distinguishing title from former proximity to the king's great wardrobe. This was originally the town mansion of Sir John de Rochamp and purchased from his executors by Edward III. for the keeping of the king's apparel.

"There were kept," says Fuller, "the ancient clothes of our English kings which they wore on great festivals." Shakespeare in his will left to his favorite daughter, Susannah, the Warwickshire doctor's wife, a house near the Wardrobe, "wherein one John Robinson dwelleth." The present Church of St. Andrew's-by-the-Wardrobe was rebuilt by Wren after the great fire and became the city center of the evangelical revival under William Holman Hunt.—Boston Herald.

**Anecdotes of Richter.**  
Mme. X. was singing at a rehearsal and was decidedly out of tune. Dr. Richter stood it as long as he could, then turned to her. "Madame," he said, "will you kindly give the orchestra your A?"  
At another rehearsal one of the instrumentalists made a mistake. "No," said Dr. Richter; "it goes so (humming)—rum-tum-tarum!" The same player made another mistake. "No, no—rum-tum-tarum!" At the third mistake Dr. Richter momentarily lost patience and cried, "Why do you make so many mistakes, Mr. —?" Then quickly recovering his habitual good humor, "Ah, I know why it is—you like to hear me sing!"—Manchester Guardian.

**Why He Was on Time.**  
Benzinger was one day complimented by a lady on the punctuality with which he kept his engagements. "It is a pleasure," said she, "to invite you to dinner, for you never make us wait."  
"I am no longer young, madam," replied the poet, "and experience has taught me one thing—it is dangerous not to arrive at the precise hour, for the guests who are waiting for you will pass the time in discussing your faults."

**A Rising Concern.**  
"So you've invested your money in a new ship company?"  
"Yes. If our ship goes up the stock will go up."  
"But suppose it doesn't?"  
"Then the company will go up."—Boston Transcript.

**What Portland Cement Is.**  
Portland cement is defined by the Scientific American as a product made by burning limestone and clay, mixed in certain proportions, and grinding the resulting clinker to powder.

### ARBOR DAY IN SPAIN.

#### A Custom That Was Copied From Our Tree Planting Festival.

You are prone to think, since America is the youngest of all the nations, that all our customs are derived from some older people, in whose national life a part of our population had its source. Did you ever hear of an old European country adopting a custom that originated in the United States? When you read of the Fiesta del Arbol in Madrid you are more than likely to assume that it was the tree planting day that gave a suggestion for our annual Arbor day.

Would you be astonished to learn that the Arbor festa was patterned directly after our American festival or holiday, when trees are planted by the children of the public schools? That it was copied after our custom is not difficult to establish, for the first Festival of this kind was held in Madrid in 1886, having been inaugurated by the young king and his mother. At that time we had been celebrating Arbor day in the United States for more than twelve years.

In that country the event has come to be of real significance, since it is national, whereas in our country it is under the direction of the individual states. Every year the school children are not only commanded to plant young trees, but they are taken to inspect the planting of previous years and are impressed by their teachers with the importance of conserving the forests of their native land. In his first Fiesta del Arbol address King Alfonso announced that the idea was borrowed from the United States, and it was regarded as of so much value that not even the rancor of the Spanish-American war sufficed to interfere with its observance.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### LUCKY GREENSTONE.

It Is Found Only in a Wonderful Mine in South Africa.

Situated in the beautiful Kaap valley, in the Jamestown district of Beaufort West, Transvaal, there is a mine known by the name of Vesilite. The name was given to it on account of the peculiar green stone found in the mine, which is unknown in any other part of the globe. Articles of jewelry and ornaments are made of Vesilite, and it has been called the lucky greenstone of South Africa.

The greenstone is a silicate of magnesia, or talc, colored green by nature in the course of its formation. Green silicates of magnesia may be mentioned here, peridot, serpentine, malachite and steatite. The mine, at Vesilite, consists of three varieties of talc—green, white and black.

But a peculiar fact is that in the black talc there is present pure gold. Some of the finest specimens of gold-bearing rock have been found at this mine. Every one knows that gold is found in quartz, pyrites, or even in water, but scarcely ever has it been mentioned in books that gold exists in talc.

When the verdite rock has gone through the ordinary process of crushing and the gold has been extracted the waste (or what is called the slimes of a gold mine) is used in the manufacture of soap, grease, paint, paper, toilet powders, gas jets, electric insulators, crayons and many other articles of everyday use.

In fact, one might say that every thing got from this mine can be obtained for some commercial purpose.—Chamber's Journal.

### Surprising the Bullock.

In times of crisis and worry a kind word has been known to have surprisingly good results. The unexpectedness of such a word is perhaps the secret of its force. A book, "On the Wool Track," backs the moral with an anecdote.

A team was working on the Broken Hill road, and a bullock—the bullock of the team—had gone obstinate, and the coach was passing. The whip was swinging, and some apt remarks were just forming on the back of the teamster's tongue when he caught sight of a clerical hat on the front seat and just in time thought better of it. He coughed politely.

"Ahem—Bullock," he said, "proceed!"

To his obvious astonishment Straw-berry proceeded.

### The Period of Adjustment.

"Why do they say that the first year of married life is almost the most difficult?"  
"Because that's the time she has to get used to the fact that he isn't making all the money in the world and he has to adjust himself to the discovery that his little angel has a temper and uses it at times."—Detroit Free Press.

### Two Packages.

"Ah! A package of old love letters, tied around with a faded pink ribbon. I could shed tears at the sight of them."  
"Piffle! For true pathos nothing surpasses a package of canceled checks."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Realistic Cakes.**  
"Do you call this sponge cake?" asked the lady of the house. "Why, it's as hard as a rock."  
"Yes, ma'am," replied the cook. "That's the way a sponge is before it is wet. Soak it in your tea."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

**The Box Was Obed.**  
Wife—Wasn't that a good box of cigars I gave you of your last birthday?  
Husband—Yes; I never saw a better box, my dear.

Never let familiarity exclude respect.—Vanbrugh.

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