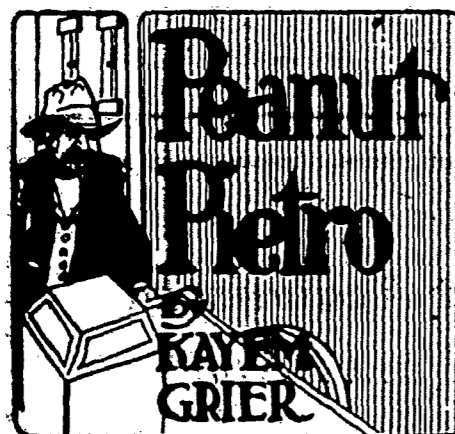


MONA LISA



Mona Lisa is a sweet "movie" actress in real life, playing a leading role in a big, new production. She has been given some of the best parts in prominent motion picture plays that have come out of the West.



POSTMAN GENERAL, Wash., U. S. —Dear Gen: Someday when you no gotta too much work chew da rag I weesh you please geva look bouta telephones. I dunno wot's matter, but seems lika all da phone gotta sematling lika spreenga fever seence you be da boss.

Longa time ago I maka acquaint weeth one leetle girl. She ees gooda for look and I feegure mebbe some day I geeva treat weeth her to peecture show or da ice cream or somatling. She tella me calla her house on da phone.

So one day I try reacha her weeth telephone. But I no can get. I try nexa day, nexa week and nexa mont for longa time, but no can get lika other time. But I gotta accident other day and reacha where she leeva weeth da phone. But I maka mesteake. She ees married now weeth tree keeds and one husband seence I firsta calla her place.

Jusa between you and me and no for spreada round, Gen, seema like only ting you can getta now from telephone company een hurry ees da bill.

You know I never feegure out before why everybody say "hello" when usa da phone. But I gotta pretty good idee now alla right. I think ees so seldom can getta number ees good idee for getta acquaint all over eacha time. Mebbe ees gooda suggest eef we say so longa you're da boss, "please so meet, longa time I no see." But dat ees jusa suggest—I dunno eef ees good or wrong idee.

A Compromise.
At breakfast there had grown up in the family a tendency for a diversified choice as to food. One would take pancakes, another shredded wheat, another puffed rice and so forth.

One morning the head of the house, asserting his authority, said: "It'd be so much easier for mother if we all ate the same."

Martha, aged five, who alone had ordered puffed rice, spoke up: "All right, papa, let's go. You and mama and Virginia and Catherine and Phillip take 'puffed rice.' won't you, please?"



Careless With Money

Few men are careless with actual cash, but many men do not stop to think that the checks and notes they give out represent money and that fraudulent alteration of a check may mean a serious loss. Protect yourself by using paper that betrays alteration—

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BEFORE THE DAYS OF PAPER

Substitutes, Some Expensive, Used by Egyptians and Arabians for the Recording of Events.

Papyrus is what the Egyptians wrote on over 4,000 years ago, and our word paper is derived from it, London Answers states.

Bladebones of sheep were used by the Arabs when paper was unknown, and many famous sayings have been found on these remarkable "paper substitutes."

"Album," used by the Romans, was a preparation of white chalk, with which they covered the wood upon which they wrote. It is from this chalk, viz., white "album," that the modern word album is taken. The Romans carried tablets of wood or metal and a little bit of pointed iron to write with. The iron point was called a "stylus" which suggests the present day "style." Two of the tablets (sometimes covered with wax, sometimes with album), were often joined together by wire hinges, and the backs ornamented with ivory, gold or precious stones. An expensive substitute for a double sheet of writing paper!

Leather was used by the Jews for writing purposes, and they were renowned for their skill in this respect. Linen and silk took the place of paper as "writing materials" in many countries.

Thin plates of gold were used in Java in the production of a book before paper was made. It was written on both sides of these gold plates, and great writers, especially Euclid, traced their designs with a stick on a table covered with common dust.

QUICK TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

According to Woodmen, the Wolf is Capable of Displaying Sagacity That is Wonderful.

A correspondent having written a letter to the Star expressing doubt as to the truth of the story that a wolf, having chased a man up a tree, went away and brought back a beaver to cut down the tree for them so they could get the man, we have been much impressed by the number of witnesses, especially old-timers in New Ontario, who are sending us letters, tending to add authenticity to the story.

Wild animals, these witnesses declare, are strong in instinct, and work out problems instantly which one would suppose could only be done by arithmetic. In one letter the writer, who lives in the Cochrane district, gives his theory as to the manner in which the wolves got the beaver to the tree. According to the story, a dozen wolves went off on this errand. This number was in order that they might kill a deer, and use its hide as a toboggan on which to haul the beaver to the spot and take him back again after he had felled the tree for them. This theory must be accepted as ingenious and interesting.—Kansas City Star.

Animals That Fly.
Among the many odd animals perhaps the oddest are the flying animals. There is the flying-fox or fruit-eating bat. In the moonlight stillness of the forest flying opossums may be seen gliding through the air. The flying mouse, able to sleep in a good-sized match-box, is decidedly Australian. It would be very interesting for all the children of other countries to see these strange creatures. Australia is peculiar also by reason of the animals which are conspicuous by their absence. There are in Australia no apes, no oxen, no antelopes, no deer, no elephants, no pigs, no cats, wolves or bears—none of the animals children in other parts of the world are fond of talking about.

Simple Test of Cloth.
To determine whether any fabric contains wool, mix a tablespoonful of lye with a quart of water in a granite pan. Boil a sample of the material to be tested in the lye solution. The wool in the material will be completely dissolved while the cotton will be left. If threads are left the material is wool one way. If a woven piece is left the material is either all cotton or threads of the warp and filling are cotton and wool mixture. Silk and cotton mixtures may be tested in this manner, but silk dissolves more slowly than wool. If the combination is artificial silk and cotton the fibers will swell, but the material will remain intact.

Chouteau, a Founder of St. Louis.
Auguste Chouteau, who helped to found the city of St. Louis, was an American pioneer of French descent born in New Orleans in 1739. Under the direction of Pierre LaCade Liguette he made the first settlement on the site of St. Louis February 15, 1764. Chouteau, then 25 years old, established a fur trading station there, and later in the same year Liguette himself arrived and laid out a town which he predicted would become one of the largest cities in the country. At first called LaCade's Village, the place soon was named St. Louis in honor of Louis IX of France. For many years Chouteau and his brother, Pierre, were well known as traders in the West.

Endless Tale.
"Mamma, where do eggs come from?"
"From the chickens, my dear."
"Well, mamma, that's funny; papa said that chickens came from eggs."

CONGRESS HEARS DRAMATIC PLEA FROM FILIPINO



Philippine Resident Commissioner Isaura Gabaldon

Washington. — "Must the heart of America beat only for the freedom of Ireland, of Poland and of the Czecho-Slovaks, and not for the independence of the Philippine Islands?" This was the question Resident Commissioner Isaura Gabaldon addressed directly to the membership of the House of Representatives in a speech which was given very close attention and was frequently applauded.

"At one time," said Commissioner Gabaldon, "Congress had before it no less than thirty resolutions expressing sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people, if not actually urging England to grant independence to Ireland. At that time, also the Filipinos were knocking at your door. Out of the womb of war, many European republics were born, and America was rejoiced to uphold the same. And yet the claim of the Filipinos is still unheeded. Must there be exceptions, then, in international justice?"

"My plea, gentlemen of the American Congress, is that you ignore no longer the repeated requests of a deserving people for an independence that rightfully belongs to them. The granting of independence now affords the United States a golden opportunity to give to the world an unanswerable proof of its sincerity, its consistency and its altruism. It will be the greatest example of square dealing in the history of the ages."

"Do not think we are not appreciative of all you have done for us. We are. America has truly treated the Filipino people as no other nation has ever treated an alien race in all history. The high points of the American policy in the Philippines have been consistently inspired by altruism. We know that you were actuated in your labors by the desire to contribute to our own welfare."

"And we love you perhaps most of all for your solemn promise to grant us that which we hold dearer than life itself—our freedom. Independence is our national ideal. It is our all absorbing aim. It grows stronger every hour. For the spirit of nationalism never dies. Much less can it be subdued. We believe that we can never hope to be a sturdy nation if we are to rely forever on the magnanimity of the United States."

"America's task in the Philippine Islands is finished. What you have assumed as your sacred obligation in that part of the world has been fulfilled. A people with a medieval system of institutions has been transformed into a conscious nation, imbued with all that is modern in the activities of nations. And if you give us independence our gratitude to you will increase a thousand fold; it will last forever if you keep faith with us."

"There is but one issue in the Philippine question, and that is: Is there today a stable government on the Islands? In the Jones law you promised independence upon the establishment of such a stable government. Your own Governor-General has officially reported that there is a stable government in existence today, and we also have submitted plenty of evidence to substantiate its existence. Therefore, we hope and expect America will now carry out its pledge."

FINE HAT MAKING A PHILIPPINE ART



This Filipino is making a Philippine hat, which is becoming quite popular with both men and women in the United States, and is usually a source of great pride to the wearer.

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE, BUT NO GUARANTY
(Chicago Tribune).
We do not blame the Filipino people for wanting their complete freedom. It is the natural aspiration of mankind.

FAMOUS ENGLISH RACE HORSE

Eclipse, Bred by the Duke of Cumberland, Was the Sensation of His Generation.

That celebrated race horse, Eclipse, which died Feb. 28, 1789, at the ripe age of 25 years, received his name on account of his being born during an eclipse of the sun, and it became curiously significant and appropriate when in mature life he was found to pass all contemporary horses as regarding speed.

Eclipse was bred by the Duke of Cumberland, a brother of George III, and afterward became the property of Dennis O'Kelly, who on his death bequeathed the animal, along with all his brood mares and other horses, to his brother Philip. For many years Eclipse lived in retirement from the turf, but was in other ways a source of considerable revenue to his owner on account of the many visitors who came to see the renowned hero of the race track who was passing his last days at Clay Hill near Epsom.

In those days it was not the custom to insure the lives of animals, and the fact that Eclipse was insured for an enormous sum only made his popularity the greater. When it became necessary to remove him he was so worn out that a carriage had to be especially constructed to carry him. The secret of his immense success was revealed by the autopsy, when it was discovered that his heart was of unusual size, as it weighed thirteen pounds.—Chicago Journal.

WOMEN MUST AVOID WORRY

Weakens the Body for Its Daily Fight for Health, and So Destroys Good Looks.

Every minute that a woman spends in worry, weakens the body for its daily fight for health. It adds age, it causes deep furrows to appear on the forehead, it injures the digestion and robs life of all pleasures and peace. So if you wish to keep your good looks, don't worry.

Work gives incentive, and thus life and health, to the organs of the body. It strengthens our will, teaches us patience, perseverance and the courage to endure. It has been the salvation of many. The homely duties that are performed by the house mother each day, the sweeping, cooking and home caring, are wholesome duties which lead to health and strength.

But if women allow their daily tasks to fret and worry them, they lose all of the benefit they otherwise would gain. It is not always the actual work that wears out the nerves and temper and ruins the disposition. It is the spirit in which the work is done which allows worry to creep in.—Detroit News.

Earth is Slowing Down.

Happily for our convenience, the process is extremely slow, but all the same the fact is that the days are getting longer.

This does not refer to hours or daylight increasing with the advancing year, but to days as timed by the revolution of the earth on its axis.

The earth's power of rotation, says a writer in the Popular Science Monthly, is growing weaker and as a result its revolution on its axis is slowing up. Which means, of course, that the day is lengthening.

An epoch must eventually arrive when the day will be equal in length to the year; that is, to the time it takes for us to revolve about the sun. Then the earth will always turn the same face toward the solar luminary, just as the moon now always turns the same face toward us, and one-half of our planet will have sunshine all the year, while the other half is in total and permanent darkness.

That is, if the sun still is shining. It may become a dim and chilly orb before then.

Plant Impales Insects.

There is in Cuba a curious grass, *cenchrus echinatus*, which bristles with tiny sharp-pointed spikelets upon which multitudes of insects are impaled by night as well as by day. The wings of the victims are pierced and entangled by the barbed spines, so that the most of them are unable to get away, and thus perish miserably.

Even a large, luminous snapping beetle, which is so strong and active that it can with difficulty be held in the hands, falls a victim to these vegetable bayonets. It has been observed, however, that two species of insects, a large bug, *cebalus*, and an earwig, readily free themselves from the spines. Minute insects are not caught. The grass does not appear to derive any nourishment from its prey. It is found elsewhere in the West Indies and in southern Florida.

Hebrides Not All Gloom.

Occasionally there is a sun in the Hebrides, writes a traveler. Then the Highlander sees beauty. The wild coast grass a brown-green, its seabirds a snowy white and the ocean with its innumerable waves sparkling blue. And on summer nights, when the fishermen go forth, the phosphorescent glow offers a splendid sight. "A stream of fire ran off each side from the bows," says MacCulloch, "and the ripple of the wake was spangled with the glowworms of the deep. Every one dropped diamonds, every fishing line was a line of light, the iron cable went down in a torrent of flame, and the plunge of the anchor resembled an explosion of lightning."

In the Bright

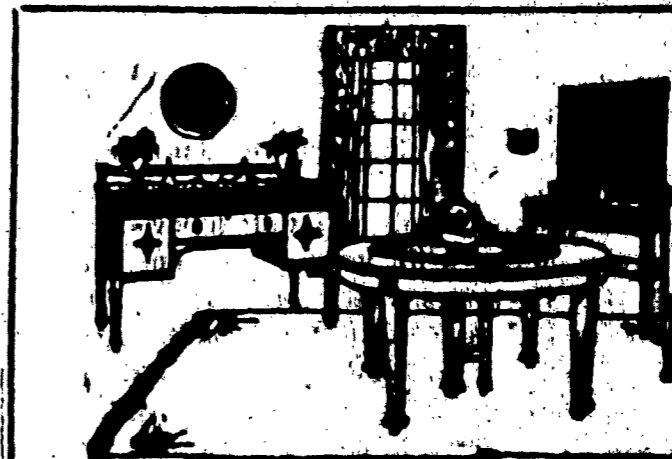


IN THE bright procession of busy gowns that may be worn either for afternoon or evening, there are many that will do honor to the wedding cortege. The theme of bridesmaid gowns makes a fascinating story, full of adventures into strange places, but the chapter that arrests the attention of most people, deals with gowns that will begin their cheerful careers in the wedding procession and continue them long afterward.

One of the loveliest of silk and lace frocks presents its many new style points for consideration here. They include the uneven length of the skirt, the girle and long slash of ribbon that terminates in pointed ends hanging below the bottom of the skirt, the bodice crossed in the back and simplicity of design and lines. Just for the wedding procession an anklet of roses is to be worn, but the wide brimmed picture hat of georgette with a wreath of flowers and mesh, will bear the frock company through a whole season.

For dresses like this there are cream-colored lace, silk, champagne and net-top laces that are made of over-satin, silk or georgette in color or in other colors. One can imagine the gown as picture hat light rose, blue, marine, pale green, orchid or other color as a bridesmaid with a mesh in the same color, made that it may be worn over the finest slips. Silk stockings and slippers to match a color will make good background for the novel gown of small, light pink roses, where the choice in color may be.

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