

FLASHLIGHTS

One way to avoid the bitterness of being is never to play. It is better to refuse the request than to break the promise. Overwork is often merely a misnomer given to over-indulgence. Facts are stubborn, but they usually have the truth on their side. Some folks seem to have lost the art of having a good time at home. When a young man makes a mistake, age should give him credit for having tried. One can be a success in this life and still play a miserable game of bridge whist. As a rule the man who loses his temper today is the one who will be around apologizing tomorrow. A good-natured man may get the worst of it now and then, but nobody ever goes out of his way to give a rough guy the best of it.—Detroit Free Press.

FROM EARTH'S CORNERS

England has nearly 900 women magistrates. The state of South Australia is found to be as big as France. In Iceland whistling is forbidden as a breach of the divine law. Alaska has the largest active volcano in the world.—Mt. Katmai. A cypress tree with a trunk 50 feet in diameter exists at Santa Maria del-Tule, Mexico. China has 225 people to each square mile of territory, Japan has 370 and Australia less than two. Coca, a shrub growing in Peru, contains stimulant enervating its users to a greater extent than opium. The Aland Islands are located in the Gulf of Bothnia and have been awarded to Finland by the League of Nations. Canada has not provided a bonus for her soldiers, but has lent over \$200,000,000 to the soldiers for agriculture purposes. Rumania had a population of about 1,000,000 before the war, but with its annexed territory it is now more than 1,500,000.

POLITICAL DEFINITIONS

Statesman—What you call a politician who agrees with you. Back—The money expended on public improvements in some other town. Adherent—A follower who has not yet obtained all he expects. Senate—A body of elderly gentlemen charged with high duties and with loading on the job. Influence—Something you think you have until you try to use it. Machination—Fancy synonyms for any scheme of your opponent to defeat your aims. Craft—Any pecuniary advantage enjoyed by some one not in accord with your political views. Doubtful State—One always distinguishable by the absolute confidence with which both parties claim it.—Boston Transcript.

TURKISH PROVERBS

With patience sour grapes become sweet. The master of the house is the servant of his guest. If you have to gather thorns, do it by the stranger's hand. By the time the wise man gets married the fool has grown up children. He who would steal a misarret must first prepare a hiding place for it. If a dog's prayer was heard, there would be a shower of bones from heaven.—Boston Transcript.

IN OTHER CITIES

London has probably had, during its history, a greater number of names than any other city in the world. All dogs in Morgantown, W. Va., have been vaccinated as a precaution against rabies. One of the big hospitals in London has many as 5,000 visitors some arriving to see patients in one ward. In the fourth century, a man was the first to attempt to light the

BOOSTS THE "GOLDEN STATE"

Report of Director of Agriculture of California Cannot Be Otherwise Than Encouraging. In his annual report, Director of Agriculture G. H. Hecke states that the value of the farm crops of the state in 1922 was \$387,820,000. The production of the year was the greatest in the history of the state, but, of course, values do not equal that of a somewhat smaller tonnage at peak farm prices. The values given are farm values. With all the development of our fruit industries, the value of field crops has hitherto exceeded that of our orchards and vineyards. But in 1922 our fruit crops brought \$194,816,000, as against \$186,722,000 for field crops. This was due largely to increased fruit acreage coming into bearing, but fruit prices were relatively better than prices of field crops. A large crop of wine grapes at \$75 to \$100 a ton helped a lot. Concurrently with the report of the director covering last year's output, the crop-reporting service states that the outlook for the current year is excellent. Director Hecke states that California is now experiencing the most rapid agricultural development in our history. Not only is cultivated acreage increasing, but better and more intensive farming is getting better yields. Also more people are arriving to help till the soil. During the last two or three years we have frequently had occasion to say that California was the most prosperous spot in the world. That situation still continues.—San Francisco Chronicle.

SOUNDED FAMILIAR TO HER

Letter of Old Sweetheart Had Frenzied Reactions That Created Embarrassing Situation. It was while attending college that I met a young man who was a veritable Hercules. Then, too, he was a westerner and affected a broad, rombero in which he was especially noticeable. Indeed, many fair young girls wore their handsomest smiles when he passed, which I had occasion to notice on my frequent walks with him. Naturally I felt singularly blessed in receiving his undivided attention and was soon hopelessly in love. I had reason to feel my affection was returned.

One weekend I went to visit a former classmate who was teaching in a nearby town. While there I received a letter from my admirer. It was a thriller and I wanted to share it with my friend, so I read parts of it. Suddenly I noticed she was laughing. I asked what she thought so amusing. "I thought you were reading one of my old sweetheart's letters, for it sounds just like 'Dan.'" "Dan who?" I asked. "Why, Dan West. There aren't two of him." Men are deceivers ever.—Detroit Free Press.

New Source of Electricity

Electricity from brown coal is the bold undertaking now being put through by the government of Victoria. The scheme provides for the erection of a generating station on the coast with an initial capacity of 50,000 kilowatts, but capable of doubling. The estimated cost is about \$12,000,000 for the initial development and over \$20,000,000 for the final project. The first section will include four 12,500-kilowatt turbo-alternators running at 3,000 revolutions per minute with an 800-kilowatt set for starting up the bigger ones. The boilers and the steel for the buildings are actually under construction, and preliminary steps are being taken for the erection of the high-tension transmission line of 122 miles to a point near Melbourne. This line is to operate at 132,000 volts and will consist of aluminum-steel reinforced cable strung on galvanized towers 1,000 feet apart.—Solen tide American.

Old English Custom Revived

An ancient custom of "rocking" the baby, in his church that had been allowed to lapse for a century, was revived by the vicar of Mildworth, England, at the Sunday evening service following Candlemas. The latest born baby boy of the parish was taken to the church by its parents and placed in an old wooden cradle decorated with candlemas flowers and with two candles on either side, that was dedicated by the vicar (a bachelor) who "rocked" the cradle several times, inside the altar rails. The "rocking" is not a legend, but an important village ceremony that recalls Christ's presentation to the temple, and calls Christ's parents to offer their infant to Christ. The ceremony died out because Candlemas was a bad time to expose a baby, for February breezes touch infant cheeks very roughly.

Judge and Interpreter

In a recent trial in London Mr. Justice Darling examined a witness in Italian, and translated the answers to the jury. He is also well known as a lawyer, poet, painter and huntsman. Yet in a debate at Inner Temple hall on whether education was a handicap in life, he said: "I never went to school; I never went to a university; I am not an educated person." It will be fifty years next year since he was called to the bar, and he has been a judge for twenty-six years. On another occasion he told an audience that he began as a spectator, but found the life too tedious, and became a barrister because it was the most idle life he could lead.—London Mail.

A Moving Picture While You Wait

By CLARA DELAFIELD

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When Mr. Harvey Peterson came to board at the Hill farm, saying he was a city man who'd been run down through overwork, and how the doctor had told him he must find complete relaxation in a quiet, old-fashioned place, naturally folks looked upon him suspiciously.

There'd been a good many crimes in the city the past few months, so it seemed reasonable enough not to welcome a city fellow with open arms. His story was that he was something in charge of the "movies," and naturally that sounded fishy. We folks like the "movies," and we get some good ones; there was a Harris Pedro film, full of those stunts of his, drawing all the town at the Strand that week, and I guess "movie" folks are as good as any. But it's a cover for a good deal of crookedness, too.

The only person who did take to Mr. Peterson was Kitty Hull. She fell for him at first sight. Crazy about the pictures she was, and hankering after being a second Mary Pickford. Kitty ran the farm for her ma, whom she bossed and nursed now she was beyond work.

Well, there was two or three fellows calling on Kitty. There was Abner Trull, and Vincent Light, and Will Mack. They hated each other pretty bad, but they come to hate Mr. Peterson worse when they called and found Kitty sitting in the hammock, and Mr. Peterson beside her, swinging a fan in his left hand.

When it became known that he'd offered her a tryout in the "movies" things began to bump.

"It might be genuine," I said to Abe "and when again it mightn't. There was that girl, fellow that lured a girl out to Chicago and left her there. You read about that."

Abe scowled and went away. Then Vin came and asked my advice, and I gave it same as I'd given it to Abe. Kitty was a feather-headed little thing but I wasn't going to sit by and see the girl's life blasted.

End of it was, Abe, Vin, and Will Mack put their heads together to save Kitty out of Harvey Peterson's clutches. There wasn't no use warning Klutche. Her head had been completely turned by the fellow's city ways. Regular dude he was, walking with her to church on Sunday in his dean collar and city suit and shining boots, and not over five feet four. Kitty swooned over him by a couple of inches. And there was Kitty, prouder than Punch of him.

"You show him up proper," I said "Get a bit of tar and a pillow or feathers, and catch him in the quarry tomorrow afternoon."

Mr. Harvey Peterson always took a long walk by himself as far as the old quarry every afternoon, to think of new ideas he said, though I guessed other he was planning some deviltry.

So the three of them put their heads together and waited in the quarry with a pile of warm tar and a pillow of feathers. I was so hot up about it I could hardly keep from talking, but I only told Mrs. Bligham and Laura Rullins and—let me see—yes Fred MacIntyre and Mrs. Chambers and I knew none of them would give the game away. And about four o'clock I got to feeling a bit lonesome, so started off for a ramble, and before I knew where I was I found myself approaching the quarry.

And who should I see ahead of me but just about half the population of the town, slinking along to snoop. Them folk had given the game away I always say you can't trust people.

But I hadn't time to be mad, for a sudden there came the most blood-curdling screams from the quarry, and I knew that Mr. Harvey Peterson was getting what was coming to him.

You can bet we all ran to see. And what did we see? Why, Abe with a black eye and Vin Light, his face covered with blood, and Will sitting on the ground. And all three was sousing from head to foot with tar and Mr. Harvey Peterson was standing over 'em and emptying his boots on them.

And went him stood Kitty, laughing fit to explode.

Then Mr. Peterson turns and makes a funny sort of little bow, and all at once some one yells out: "By Heck, Harris Pedro!"

That's who it was—none other than Harris Pedro himself, as any one might have known when they saw him make that cute little shuffle and bow, like he does on the films. And in a minute everyone was roaring and doubling up. Harvey likes Kitty by the hand "Ladies and gents," he says, "after this unhearsed little comedy, permit me to introduce you to Miss Kate Hull the new star of the Pedro company and the particular star-to-be of the Peterson Domestic Performance, which is booked to run forever."

With which Kitty and he walked off arm in arm. Wouldn't that jar you?

Goggles Used Many Centuries Ago

The Roman emperor, Nero, used to wear goggles in order to better view gladiatorial combats. Roger Bacon, that remarkable sixteenth century monk, who anticipated so many the theories of modern science, pointed out that a spectrum of a transparent sphere aided the aged in reading. At Treviso, Italy, is a painting done about 1352, which shows a bishop reading with double glasses—the first attested proof of the use of spectacles. The first spectacles were mounted in leather, and the writer shows that the "pince" of today were one of the earliest forms of spectacles.

FOR SPORTS WEAR

Knitted Suits to Be Among the Spring Favorites.

Wool and Silk Are Combined in Dresses Which Have Marks of Designer's Models.

Domino patterns in sweaters and suits are very much the fashion, notes a fashion writer in the New York Tribune. This effect is obtained by using silk and wool of the same color in tiny alternating squares.

A three-piece knitted suit in domino pattern is of silk and wool. The blouse top of the dress is all of silk delicately trimmed with a sort of knitted wool braid. Both the skirt and the jacket, the latter in Chinese mandarin form, show the domino pattern.

Wool Jersey suits for sports are made with borders in angora effect called laine grisee. There are interesting new knitted dresses which have all the marks of dressmaker-made models. Very attractive are those of white silk with beautifully wrought patterns in white wool.

Some attractive suits are of knitted wool in brown, beige and black, in chine effects. These consist of two pieces, a skirt and a straight box coat, the bottom of the coat being in loose girde effect with brown bands. An exceptionally attractive model just brought over from Paris is of a soft sea-foam gray, with an embro-



Wool and Silk Three-Piece Suit Knitted in Domino Pattern.

ered pattern in tobacco brown. Another in gray has the pattern brought out in black. Many of these frocks have capes knitted in a matching pattern.

Another striking model is in yellow and black wool, showing a border trimming in black silk interwoven to give the effect of embroidery. Beige chine wool is used for a one-piece knitted dress which is trimmed with panels of beige silk.

PEARLS TIGHT ABOUT THROAT

Rich Beads Are No Longer Left to Hang Loosely in Long and Repeated Strands.

Pearls, so the newest dictates state, are worn tight about the throat. They are no longer left to hang loosely in long and repeated strands. This is entirely a new idea, but quite consistent with the styles of dress that we have been adopting with such zeal and with the culture arrangements that have developed to go along with them.

For the bobbed heads supplemented by switches of various sorts there are those wreaths of silver and gold meant for evening wear. They wind round the head in great severity or indefinite straying lines, according to the style of dress and the type of face. Some of them are merely wide bands of ribbon, some are twisted together and still others are made of strings of ribbon flowers in many varying and contrasting colors. Some girls are even stringing strands of pearls through their curling locks and there are any number of jeweled bands showing the colors of the gowns or keeping to the sparkle of crystals, if that seems a better combination.

SPRING COLORS TO BE GAY

Reds, Blues, Greens and Grays, Pale and Bandanna Effects Promise to Be Popular.

Millinery trade authorities agree that this spring will be a season of color, and the indications where more than one shade is used lean more strongly to somber effects than to harmonizing contrasts. Reds, especially berry, and the full family of browns top the list of popular hues at the moment, and give promise of holding their position throughout the entire season. The call for the various reds is accepted as a reaction from a season of blues, and the favored colorings include all the red, rose and pink shades. Lavender green continues in favor, and fog gray is a new hue that is well liked. In the combinations, pale and bandanna effects have the call.

THE CHARMING SPRING FROCK



Here is a chic spring frock made of moire taffeta with venice lace yoke. It is trimmed with plaited-ribbon and a colonial bouquet of pastel shades.

COLORS WOMEN MAY WEAR

Black Becoming to Those of Fair Complexion; Blue Flattering Shade; Pink Youthful.

There is an idea very general among women that wearing black has an aging effect on the appearance, but this is far from the case. Naturally with black, as with every other shade, a great deal depends upon individual coloring, but a fair woman, provided her complexion is not sallow, often looks considerably younger in black than she would in some bright color. The material chosen should not, of course, be very thick and heavy, as heavy black materials are very somber-looking and therefore far from youthful in appearance.

With few exceptions, blue is the most flattering color any woman can wear, and unless she is unfortunate enough to have chosen the wrong shade a woman will always look younger in a blue gown than in any other color. Very fair women, with ash-blond hair, should choose the pale shades of blue, light tones of sage and gray-blues, while those with dark or golden-brown hair can adopt the deeper shades, royal and the lighter tones of navy-blues.

Green, especially in its brighter shades, is an ageing color, and the only woman to whom it is really becoming is the auburn-haired.

Any shade of yellow is apt to add to one's appearance of years, especially the deeper tones of orange and flame, therefore they are only for the decidedly youthful wearer.

Pale tones of pink are not only becoming but very youthful in effect, especially under artificial light.

Brown, which is often considered dull, is, if the right tone be obtained, rather inclined to look youthful; but when deciding on the exact shade the light in the hair should be taken into consideration. A russet-brown gown worn by a woman with similar tones in her hair is wonderfully becoming.

Before deciding on a color it is a good plan to drape a piece of the material round the head and notice whether it makes the eyes look brighter and brings out their color. If it does, you may safely wear it, knowing that you will be looking younger and prettier than usual; but if it appears to rob the eyes of their brilliancy discard it, no matter how pretty it may be or how well it may look on some one else.

Color for evening wear should be chosen in artificial light, and those for day use in broad sunshine, for it is quite useless selecting a "perfectly lovely shade" under circumstances for which it is not intended. Some materials alter considerably in artificial light—especially taffeta and charmeuse—which takes on quite a different tint and appearance when seen beneath electric light.

CAPES, VOGUE FOR CHILDREN

Garment in Fancy Knit Goods Comes in Cold Colors With Stripes That Contrast.

Wool capes for children in fancy knit goods are having a vogue at the present time. They are convenient for an extra wrap to slip on and off. They come in solid colors with stripes of a contrasting color and with a deep white brush wool collar. One pretty model with sleeve holes is in pink with white collar, cuffs and lapels, and a little simple embroidery on each of these.

New for spring for the little people is a three-piece knicker suit. It differs from the winter suit, which has the bifurcated lower garment, full length, fastened with straps under the feet. The newer suits have real knickers finished at the knee with a tiny cuff with buttons. There is a sweater and knit cap. They are pretty things and come in the more solid and useful colors, among them the Harding blue.

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