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SHALL WE PROTECT THE BOYS?

Can it be that men are so indifferent to the betterment of the race that they can view with calmness the violation of the cigarette law, and the increasing tendency of boys to work themselves by the use of the vile poison? Why send men to the legislature to enact laws to punish those who violate?

We see little tots walking along the streets smoking with the freedom of a man. If one of them should be mistreated by an older boy or man, the entire town would arise and demand the punishment of the offender. Is not there some one guilty when the boys under seventeen years smoke cigarettes? What protection have they? Where is the law and why is it not enforced? Somebody furnishes the poisonous things, why not punish him?

Men who study conditions will show you that the boy who uses cigarettes is a dwarf mentally, physically and morally. It has been proven that thousands die annually from the excessive use of the poison. Go into your schools and ask if there is not a difference between the boys who abstain and those who do not. Teachers can detect the smoker at once. Parents seem careless about this all-important matter, teachers do not properly warn and assist them and last, the law is not enforced. Shall we have a race of weak-minded men, incapable of the higher duties of life? Shall the millionaire feed on his boys, growling like a maniac, and shouting: "What a tragedy on philanthropy!" Will millions for the education of boys that have been made by selling tobacco to them and their fellows? Place a lock in one hand and a cigarette in the other—he becomes so stupefied by the one to comprehend the other.

The day will come when the cigarette must go as has the opium. The two evils are twin demons, debauching, destroying, debauching, debasing.

Some day the fathers—of North Carolina will awaken to the great need of a just law and its enforcement.—Williamston Enterprise.

ABOUT SMALL FARMS.

The Times-Dispatch makes timely and interesting comments upon the desirability of the highest cultivation of small farms rather than the poor care of a larger acreage. It says:

"Virginia farmers are ceasing to be land poor and are becoming crop rich. They are seeing the fallacy of the old agricultural order, which bid a man to scrape the surface of many acres on broom-sedge farms and give little attention to a dozen fields. They are discovering that the intensive cultivation of a score of acres by so is more profitable than the extensive neglect of a thousand. They are putting into the bank profits which formerly were charged to the other side of the ledger as taxes."

"A section of Prince William has been transformed by a division into small farms. A colony of Dunkards from the valley settled around Manassas and bought many acres of run-down, neglected farm lands. They divided them into small tracts and applied to them the best principles of intensive agriculture. As a result, 'worn-out' lands are today yielding magnificent crops, a wilderness has been reclaimed and farm villages have been reborn. Virginia lands today, after almost 300 years of cultivation, will yield as bountiful crops as virgin soil if only they are cultivated closely and skillfully. If they are neglected or if they are farmed on a large scale by insufficient labor they cannot be expected to afford more than a bare living for unhappy owners."

"Examples of the latter system are seen everywhere in dilapidated farmhouses, lean stock, and barren fields. Examples of the other sort can be seen in other places than the Dunkard district. Some years ago—so cite

a single instance—a Scotch immigrant bought 24 acres of Virginia farm land, of which eight acres were unusable. On a plot area of less than 20 acres this man raised a year's crop that brought \$1,000. His expenses and the interest on his investment did not amount to more than \$250, leaving him a net profit of \$750 per acre."—Ledger-Dispatch.

THRICE WELCOMED.

The Daily News in the name of the city, extends to the citizens of the county here today, in attendance upon the railroad meeting, a cordial welcome. We are glad to have this fine body of men with us, and trust their stay will be pleasant as well as profitable. The major portion of the visitors are farmers—the yeomanry, the backbone of the country. To them do we owe all progress and to them do all classes look for advancement.

They are here today on a great and important mission—the upbuilding of their county. They have doubtless come imbued with the thought that in order for them to go ahead they must have railroads, and now that, the opportunity is placed at their very door, they propose to take advantage of the offer and resolve to construct the Mattamuskeet road on to Washington.

Beaufort county citizenship always measures up to the high standard of loyalty when the occasion demands; they are never backward in any enterprise for their good and uplift and their coming together today to discuss railroad means that another stone in the monument of development will be placed.

The building of the Mattamuskeet road to this city not only carries with it untold things for Washington, but all along the proposed route from Bechaven to this city it means much indeed for the citizens. The opportunity now is ours. Will we, as a people, grasp it? Can we afford to allow the chance to slip by? Thrice welcome to the delegates. The city is yours.

New York's Latest Fashions

New York, October 4.—The models just in from Paris and representing the output of nearly every great designer or taskmaster in that city give a fair idea of the styles to be worn during late autumn and, probably, the early winter season. In street suits, while many of the coats seem to be short, there are yet many which are very long, and these last will probably appeal to the majority of American women. Each great maker seems willing to endorse both fashions, and each one seems to favor velvet and silk materials for the making. Dressing has made beautiful suits of velvet and alpaca, which might be described as a kind of wool velvet or long-haired alpaca. Martial and Armand have designed some charming suits of alpaca and velvet. Popular, while Rauffitz has adopted as his medium soft cloth of velvet.

In evening gowns the house of Martial and Armand has declared itself in favor of crepes de chine and dull satins trimmed with laces and metallic embroideries. These materials are all draped and caught in panier style, so that it would be easy to imagine one's self transported back through the years to the court of Louis XVI. Afternoon gowns are mainly one piece in style, and most of them are heavily embroidered, a fashion always recommended by Rauffitz. One might say the richest confections are in princess style, but half covered by draped overskirts.

Among the latest importations are some extremely handsome blouses. They are, as a rule, rather close to the figure than otherwise. There is

nothing bunched about them. Outstanding gathers are carefully avoided. The line of the shoulder is undisturbed by sleeve fullness, and the shape of the arm is evident, except when sheer or soft materials are tulle into the cuff and after they have passed the point of the shoulder cap. Frills are permissible about the hand when they prove becoming, and also as a part of the rigot stock when length of neck and a somewhat sloping line of shoulder admit of such fullness.

For very practical blouses to be worn with tailored trotting costumes, the tub models in linen, cotton, crepe, etc., are worn through the winter, but there are good looking models in silk too, rather more of these silk models in fact than there have been in recent winter seasons. The rise of mairie has brought it into the realm of the blouse, and some attractive tailored models are made up of this silk, which is now to be had in qualities of delightful suppleness and lustre. One such blouse offered in various modish colorings achieved considerable smartness on very simple lines because of the beautiful quality and coloring of the silk. It was laid in two plaits on each shoulder, though shoulder lines, by the way, must be narrow this season, and deep plaits falling over the sleeve top are consequently not desirable though usually becoming. The left front, lapped across the right, was fastened in a point with a handsome ornament made from cords covered with the silk. The small V left open in front was filled in by a glimpse of cream net, and a tiny collar of the moire turned down upon the white collar.

Another simple and pretty model in moire is open narrowly the entire length of the front to show tiny frothy frills of Valenciennes set on cream net, and across the bust the blouse fronts are held in place by a lacing of the silk passing through two big embroidered eyeslets on each side of the front and carelessly knotted. This blouse also has cuffs or tiny undersleeves of net and Valenciennes showing slightly around the inner arm to fill an outline in the silk, whose edges are held in place by silk lacing on the same order as that of the blouse front, only narrower.

Faile and bengaline are made up into tailored blouses, though not so new as the moire. They are, of course, handled in somewhat severe tailored fashion. Indeed all of these fancy silks lose by elaboration in blouse models. A good model in bengaline has the plaited shoulder and plain fronts of the moire model described, but fastens straight up the middle front, with odd little small buttons and loops of silk covered cord trimming the front line and a plaited frill of cream net falling along the edge from the throat to below the bust line. A high collar of the silk has a fold of cream net for finish and there is a narrow bit of net at the bottom of the sleeves which are long and close save for a full puff jetting into the outer line from shoulder to elbow.

Crepe blouses in delightful designs are to be found among the imported models and are really the prettiest simple in line but elaborately hand-embroidered in self-tone. Others are merely tulle or plaited and receive smartness from a chic gaiter or cravat and sleeve. One very effective blouse in a warm old crepe of exquisite tone had for its only trimmings narrow lines of drawn stitching, forming a design on front, back and sleeves.

Every new season brings its own exclusive touch on neckwear. This season it is the touch of color on the new stock cravat and jabot. Among all the charming variations of tone and tint, black comes nearest to the Frenchwoman's heart. The merest coat-of-arms fastened under a cravat gives the black touch to the Pierrot collar. Its construction is the simplest possible, being merely a yoke collar with a sewed-on yoke piece, both opening at the back and made of sheerest linen, slightly embroidered. The frills beneath the top and bottom scallops are made of hand-hemmed linen.

Just now the mothers of girls of school age are confronted with the problem of planning dresses for the little ones. The shops display a large assortment of one-piece dresses for school wear. Some of these fasten at the side under a panel and come in white and colored wools or worsted materials, mohairs, cashmeres, as well as rep and English linsens, in

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Corn Test.

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