

PLAIN FRENCHMENTS

(The Editors of this paper assume no responsibility for any opinion that may be expressed under the head of Plain Frenchments. The fellow who writes this stuff thinks he must get it out of his system and we are willing to lend him The News for that purpose. If you like his practical talks, send around a bouquet; if you do not, send a bottle of chloroform, and we will do the rest.)

Patrons, Faculty and Students of the Pumpkin Center High School:

I am grateful for this opportunity to give you this annual address. Many topics have suggested themselves to my mind, but after prayerful consideration and a dozen urgent requests from Pumpkin Center mothers, I am going to discuss to-day the topic: "The Fashions and Frivolities of Feminine Faddists." Dropping rhythmically from that beautiful old Hebrew love lyric, The Songs of Solomon, are these lines descriptive of a Jewish bride:

"Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet And thy mouth is comely Thy temples are like a piece of pomegranate Behind thy veil."

A lovely description of the rosy hues of abounding health and feminine loveliness. Lips like a scarlet thread suggests health, not lipstick. Temples and cheeks like the delicate pink of the pomegranate blushing behind a modest veil, suggest not the grease paint vulgarity of a movie actress but the modesty of a queen. But something must be behind the face—something of character must the features reveal. So the ancient lyricist says:

"Thy lips, O my bride, drop honey As the honeycomb Honey and milk are under thy tongue And the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon."

Apparently perfume was not unknown to the feminine charms of ancient times, and the lyrics speak loudly the praises of beautiful garments. Queen Esther when about to go unbidden before her royal husband to beg him to spare God's people arrayed herself in her very best. It has always been woman's high privilege to so preen herself as to appear attractive in the eyes her menfolk. So far from being sinful, it is nothing but natural and right. It is a strange provision of nature that in the bird kingdom God made the male of the species more brilliant of plumage than the female. The male cardinal or red bird, for instance, is a jim dandy in plumage compared to the drab coloration of the female. But in the human kingdom the direct opposite obtains. Here it is very apparent that the Creator intended that the female, as Kipling says, should be "more deadly than the male." Her's is the job of holding down the camp; her's the job of so decorating the hut and beautifying herself that the nomadic hunter, her mate, would unerringly return at nightfall to her hut, her home.

If you mothers in Israel who requested me to speak on the erratic fashions of your girls expected that I would administer a sound tongue lashing to them, why bless your deluded souls, you are going to be disappointed. I am old enough to remember how you in your day looked trussed up in bustles and balloon sleeves. I remember full well how hideous were the cockatoo hats you perched rakishly upon your top-knotted heads. Yes, and I recall that then the "clinging vine" type of beauty was the vogue. It was considered proper then for a young girl to look frail and sickly. This effect was heightened by frequent calls upon the flour sack. But bless your dear hearts you were bewitching. I remember how my Sarah Ann—but I see a familiar distress signal. I turn to another phase of my subject.

You will recall, O mothers of Israel, that the balloon sleeves and bustles, like all things feminine, passed away. You will also recall how your own mothers held up their hands in holy horror at your folly and predicted that the world was rapidly going to the eternal bow-wows. But it didn't. I recite this, friends, for the purpose of showing that however foolish the dress or fashion of any particular season or age may be, thanks be to Paris, it soon passes out and gives place oftentimes to something worse.

Just at this particular moment the idol of the feminine heart is the movie actress. Whatever styles she affects and whatever hand-made beauty she may possess that, too, must our young daughters adopt. Personally I am an admirer of hand-painted china, but a hand-painted complexion is so artificial as to be ludicrous. A shiny nose or a sooty neck looks better for a little talcum, but for the life of me why any 15-year old child in good health needs grease paint or a lipstick to add bloom to rosy cheek and ruddy lips I can not for the world see. Lately I attended a big gath-

ing away back in the sticks. There are probably 100 young girls and older women there. Some of the older ones would probably have been improved in appearance had they been judiciously kalsomined but the hog lard and coal tar dye those kids had smeared upon their otherwise beautiful faces produced an effect that was shocking.

I confess, Brother Lumkins, that I am sure there is nothing sinful in the practice, but as a matter of business—good business—this grease paint practice of our girls is having the opposite effect to that intended. Behind the foot lights a movie queen looks like a million dollars. In order to photograph properly the grease paint and lipstick must be used. But in full daylight and on ruddy cheeks this same grease paint is calculated to repel not attract the opposite sex. If you young girls ask your foolish beaus about it they will flippantly yell, "O you peaches, and cream." But go and ask dad about how you look to him. No, don't do that. He is an old codger and don't know beans anyway. Go ask your big brother. Ask him how he likes it. You will get a verdict square from the shoulder. He will tell you that his motto is that lips that are touched by lipsticks shall never touch his.

Oh, no, there is nothing the matter with the feminine heart. It's just as good and pure as was the heart of your mother and mine. These young "flappers" are only doing something different. But our text reminds us that something besides the surface appeal must go along with feminine charm. The male that is worth the greatest while is attracted quite as much by the soul of a woman as he is by her outward appearance. Her lips must drop honey as well as show color, she must have something under her hat as well as on her head. But, praises be, another winter and we will be past this spasm of colored hog fat. Then our little darlings, our little baby girls will go to helping their mas with the housework and by work and brisk exercise will bring back the charm and bloom of youth they now smother beneath a smear of grease.

Deacon Pettibone, please pass the hat.

Chemistry To Produce Super-Men

In the near future, by a process of supplying the human body with certain juices, men and women will retain their youthful appearance and vigor until far along toward the century mark according to Mr. du Pont, noted chemist and president of the large du Pont explosive manufacturing concern. And instead of sleep all one will have to do is to take a small harmless tablet and, presto, it is daylight and time to go to work again. No sleep will be necessary, the pill will tend to that.

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When you are hungry feel in your left vest pocket, fish out a pill of synthetic food, wash it down with a sup of condensed water and you have dined. Moreover, in that happy day the doctor will have discovered himself out of a job. Presumably, altho Mr. du Pont is a little hazy on this point presumably all that will be necessary for one to keep well will be for him about once a year submit to a dose of vaccine which will render him immune to all diseases for a whole year. My, but wouldn't some of the old gourmandic sinners of that day give their kingdoms for a piece of fried chicken or pumpkin pie!

Notice of Sale

By virtue of authority vested in me in a certain deed of trust executed to me the undersigned on October 29th 1922 by E. C. Westmoreland to secure an indebtedness of Three Hundred forty two (\$342.00) Dollars, said deed of trust being recorded in Register of Deeds office, Dobson, Surry county, North Carolina trust book No. 85 page 70, default having been made in the payment of the notes therein secured and at the request of the holder of the notes I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction in front of the First National Bank of Mount Airy, North Carolina, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, 1923, one o'clock, P. M., the following real estate to-wit:

Two lots or parcels of land adjoining the lands of G. D. Holder, R. L. Haymore, H. E. Jones and Frank Sloan.

First tract: Beginning on a maple at the mouth of the branch, on the bank of Little Fish river and runs S. 24 E. 7.50 chains to a small chestnut, thence S. 34 W. 9.50 chains to a pine on ridge, on Holder's line, thence nearly North 6.00 chains into head of a branch, thence down the branch as it meanders with Holder's line 8.50 chs. to a stake, thence on down said branch as it meanders with Holder's line 8.50 chains to a stake, thence on down said branch, N. 43.00 E. 9.00 chains to the beginning.

Second and third tracts. Beginning at a maple tree at mouth of branch at Little Fish river and runs S. 24.00 E. 7.50 chains to a small chestnut tree, thence to Hatcher's line, thence from Holder's line to a Mountain oak Haymore's corner, thence with Jones line to apple tree, thence with Sloan's line to beginning, containing fifty acres more or less.

See deed from Ambrose Senter and wife Dana Senter to M. C. Creasy duly recorded in Surry county in book 87 on page 309, of date Nov. 23, 1921.

Sale made to satisfy balance due on notes with interest and cost of sale to be added. Terms of sale cash. This Oct. 29, 1923. Henry Wolfe, Trustee.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a Judgment of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County approved by the Judge of the district in the special proceedings entitled Mary Alice Holder and others, ex parte, I will sell to the highest bidder, on the premises on Friday the 14th day of December, 1923, at one o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land in Surry County, Stewart's Creek Township, bounded as follows: Beginning at a Maple on the West bank of a creek, runs North 84 deg East with a marked line, 88 chains to a stake in the old line; thence South 5 1-2 deg. West to a stake; thence North 85 deg. West 30 chains 75 links to the creek; thence up the creek as it meanders to the beginning. Containing 16 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, one-third in six months, balance in 12 months. Bonds with approved security required for deferred payments. This 14th day of November, 1923. W. F. Carter Commissioner.

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14th day of Dec., 1923, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,

the following real estate, lying in Eldora Township, Surry County, N. C. adjoining the lands of N. T. Hutchens, Jeff Creed, Cleveland Parker and others, and contains 65 acres being the real estate owned by Jonathan Parker at the time of his death, not including the dower of 25.50 acres allotted to his widow, Sallie Parker.

Terms of sale, one third cash, balance in equal payments of one and two years.

Re-sale made for the reason that J. H. Parker who became the purchaser at the sale heretofore made by the undersigned commissioner has failed and refused to comply with the terms of the sale heretofore made in this cause.

This the 12th day of Nov. 1923. W. M. Jackson, Commissioner

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