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## SHOPPERS MANY WOES

By BARBARA BOYD.

She approached the floorwalker, as being the man of knowledge, and asked pleasantly: "Can you tell me where I can find knitted sleeping caps?" He looked slightly puzzled. "Knitted sleeping caps?" he responded dubiously.

"Yes. For outdoor sleeping. One needs something to protect the head, you know."

"Yes, to be sure. They are in the muslin underwear department."

"But they aren't underwear."

"No. But the flannelette nightgowns are there, and—"

"But these aren't flannelette," she objected.

"I understand," he said soothingly. "But all such things are together. Fourth floor; take the elevator."

So she took the elevator, though she thought whimsically that more correctly, it took her, and journeyed to the fourth floor.

"I am looking for knitted sleeping caps," she explained to a saleswoman in the muslin underwear department, "something to wear on the head for sleeping outdoors."

The saleswoman flung out a flannelette nightgown with a hood.

"No, that isn't what I want. I just want a cap for the head. It is made purposely for sleeping outdoors. It is knitted."

"You'll find the knitted things in the Art Needlework," said the saleswoman, gathering up her nightgown.

"But this isn't exactly art needlework—"

"All the knitted goods are there," replied the saleswoman, putting the nightgown in a drawer, and turning away.

So to the Art Needlework fared the searcher for a night cap, and once more told the tale of her needs.

"We have these knitted motor toques," said the saleswoman.

"No, they are not what I want. These sleeping caps are made purposely for sleeping outdoors. They are knitted to fit over the head and come well down over the forehead."

The saleswoman's face showed a gleam of intelligence. "I know," she said. "You'll find them in the Hosiery Department."

"Hosiery!"

"Yes. All the knitted things are there. It's the Subway Gallery in the basement."

So to the basement the woman journeyed and interviewed the stocking counter.

The saleswoman shook her head. "You should have gone to the knit underwear counter," she said with a note of mild reproach in her voice. And as the searcher turned away she heard the saleswoman say to a fellow clerk: "They'll be coming here for washtubs next."

Wearily she leaned against the knit underwear counter. "Have you knitted sleeping caps?" she asked a salesman.

"Notion counter," he said briskly.

He spoke so confidently hope revived, and she turned her footsteps toward the notion counter.

"You'll find them," said the saleswoman in reply to her inquiry.

"No, I won't," replied the woman firmly. "They are not in house furnishings, nor in harness supplies, nor yet in photographic goods nor jewelry. The shoe department hasn't got them, nor gloves. In fact, I don't think they are in the store."

At this the saleswoman woke up. "Why don't you try the office of the manufacturer?" she asked. "It's right down Main street. I'll look up the number in the phone book."

This she did, and confident the quest was now at an end, the worn and weary searcher set forth down Main street. But at the number given there was no knit goods office, and nobody in the neighborhood knew of any. For a moment she looked at a department store across the street. But her watch told her the morning was gone, her feet told her she was dead tired, and her common sense told her to go home and sleep indoors like ordinary mortals.

And when her husband asked her that night if she had been shopping she said, "No. Hunting." Whereat he made some sarcastic remarks about the time women waste fooling around in the shops. But she was too tired to open up an argument.

Royal Origin of "Blackguard." The beard of green cloth is responsible for inventing "blackguard," a word that has altered in original meaning. When first used it was not at all a term of reproach, but referred to the lowly but honorable occupation of carrying coal in the king's palace. Can you find any other bad word in the English language that can boast of such a royal origin?—London Chronicle.

Almost Hopeless Case. Mrs. Flimmins is worried about her new husband. She fears he will never become elegant and refined, because he cannot learn to put on a monocle without twisting his mouth up to one side.

## PERSONAL

J. G. Barnhill, of Robersonville, was in town Monday.

J. T. Barnhill was here from Everetts Monday.

W. H. Jackson spent Sunday in Littleton.

Kinchen Cobb, of Greenville, with Chas. H. McGee, of Richmond, was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellison and children spent Sunday in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Biggs returned Saturday from New York City.

Mrs. James S. Rhodes, Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen and Mrs. Grover Hardison returned from Norfolk Saturday.

Miss May Bennett spent Sunday near Hobgood.

Miss Rosa Baker, who has been employed in the Telephone office for several weeks, left Sunday for her home in Palmyra.

Miss Blanche Mizell, of Smithfield, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Lavenia Williams left for Farmville Wednesday to visit Mrs. Louis Godwin.

Cornelius James was here from Robersonville Wednesday.

Mrs. Sobelia Sitterson has been visiting friends here this week.

W. J. Teel, of Everetts, was here Monday on business.

Mrs. C. B. Clark and little son left for Durham Wednesday. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. R. Fowden as far as Rocky Mount.

Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Roberson and Mrs. J. E. Ward were here from Robersonville Tuesday.

Mrs. James Elmore, of Norfolk, visited Mrs. John D. Biggs Monday and Tuesday.

Ashby Dunn was here from Scotland Neck Tuesday.

James Crowell, of Lexington, has been in town this week.

So the Pope has condemned the tango. Poor tango! It must be awful wicked.

## Hamilton Items

Messrs. C. D. Perkins and P. H. Davenport spent Tuesday in Greenville.

Miss Winnie Nicholson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dan Taylor, left Thursday via Williamston for her home in Washington.

Mrs. Martin Ballard was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle spent Thursday in Scotland Neck.

Harry Biggs with Mrs. Fannie Biggs and Mrs. Wheeler Martin spent Wednesday here the guests of Mrs. S. D. Matthews.

J. M. S. Salisbury is at home after spending several days in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle left Tuesday for Brunswick, Ga., where they will visit Mrs. Robert Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Edmondson, P. H. Davenport, Misses Hattie Floyd and Elizabeth Davenport motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Purvis who has been visiting in Robersonville, for the past week, returned Friday accompanied by Mrs. Gray.

Wilmer Worseley spent Sunday in Oak City.

Miss Stella Hoffman was the guest of Mrs. Dan Taylor Sunday.

W. S. Rhodes and Miss Neppie Slade spent Sunday in Williamston.

## New Ordinance

The Town Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday night passed an ordinance requiring all gates to be opened from the inside, thus avoiding the swinging of gates across sidewalks endangering the comfort of pedestrians. The owners of gates have until June to arrange them. The ordinance, if enforced, will be one of great benefit and the town has needed it long ago.

Gen. Villa is somewhat akin to Ben Butler—takes everything in sight and is already a millionaire by force of arms. The whole trouble down there seems to be a question of money. Huerta lacks a little when debts come due, but no doubt has a hefty nest egg stored away for future use.

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## The New Gaiety

Every night men, women and children with eager faces can be seen rushing down the street. When one stops to look, he finds that they every one is going into the Gaiety Theatre to see movies, which have recently come to town. The whole creation is going daft over them, why not Williamston? They are on for two hours each night and you can see some of the best dramas pictured in an attractive style. There is fun if you want it—tears if you have any to shed—education if you need it. The best pictures just out of the finest theatres in New York are thrown on every night. And while you look Manning's Orchestra renders all of the very latest up-to-the-minute music, such as is heard in larger towns than this. The orchestra is composed of Maurice Watts, pianist, Sam Hardison, cornetist, Louis Manning and John Philpot, violinists, Maurice Moore, kettle and bass drums with triangle. Don't fail to visit the Gaiety tonight, tomorrow night and every other night.

## LOCAL

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## Judge Clark and Suffrage

North Carolinians are usually conservative but it takes Judge Walter Clark to break the rule. And he does this when he boldly advocates woman's suffrage, as he recently did in Richmond. There is no man, perhaps, in all the country who is better prepared to pass upon woman's constitutional right to cast the ballot than Judge Clark. But the Southern women are not asking for the right to vote. There are a few in Virginia leading the fight and Carolina women have not become inoculated yet. It takes time for any great measure like that to become popular. The odd thing about it is that the women oppose suffrage more vigorously than do a great number of men. It is coming, to say the least of it, but the foolishness of those women who passed the President without shaking hands after he had invited them to meet him, clearly demonstrates the truth that some women are not capable of casting the ballot. Women such as those would smash the polling place—they ought to live in England and join the army of rowdies, who are soiling the fair name of English women. Women usually get whatever they work for, as their persistence surpasses that of their male companions, but they should go about it in a sane manner and not like Bowerly roughs. With men like Judge Clark to aid them, the Virginians and their sisters can go after the ballot in a legitimate manner.

This is election year in the county, and already would-be-if-you-will-have-me candidates are smiling extra smiles around and about. It would be much better for all concerned if men would let the people demand that they serve their country. It takes very little effort to secure a candidate, but efficiency should have the ascendancy in public affairs.

Many farmers in Martin County have lost numbers of fine hogs this season with cholera. Consequently the supply of bacon will be short in some neighborhoods. The Agricultural Department urges the use of anti-cholera serum, and it would be well for every farmer to interest himself in the subject of cholera prevention.

Tomorrow is Farmers' Day here and it is earnestly hoped that a goodly number can come to listen to the lecturers and exchange individual views about those things needful to make a successful crop for 1914. Every farmer should have a vision of good times to come and strive earnestly to make it real.

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## Oak City Items

The Misses Emily, Mary and Alta Hines and Clarice Cartwright with J. W. Hines motored to Williamston Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. Wheeler Martin at dinner.

Miss Marjorie Barrett left for Farmville Monday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Purvis from Bethel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurst.

Miss Laura Salisbury spent Sunday with the Misses Pearl and Jefferson House.

Zeb Hyman spent Saturday in Scotland Neck, and during his absence a sneak thief entered the kitchen about 9 o'clock while Mrs. Hyman was in the next room, and took what food they could find.

Mrs. Robert Hooker spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ben Casper.

Miss Mary Hines celebrated her fourteenth birthday Tuesday night by entertaining a few guests at supper. The evening was an enjoyable one spent in playing games, music, etc.

Conference For Social Service

The second annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service will meet in Raleigh, February 13-15, 1914. The purpose of the meeting is: "North Carolina Forward—For Human Betterment and a Richer Civilization." Of the meeting Gov. Craig says: "I doubt whether any meeting has ever been held in North Carolina with such a comprehensive and constructive program for the general upbuilding of our State and its people. Every patriotic North Carolinian, and especially every earnest church member, ought to try to attend."

It would be a wise thing to send a representative citizen of Williamston to this meeting, which means so much for the betterment of the State. Saturday February 14th., will be devoted to Health, Education and Morals—the trio which makes for the upbuilding of any community. The benefit from this meeting should be wide-spread and why not get some good from it in these parts?

Smallpox in Martin

For several weeks, there has been smallpox in the upper end of the county near Hamilton. Dr. B. L. Long, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has had these cases in charge. Monday he was in town in attendance upon the meeting of the Board and brought to the office a photograph of one of his convalescent patients, a negro named Levi Jones, and the pictured condition of the negro is horrible. Dr. Long states that he has vaccinated 300 people and has treated 15 patients successfully. That he exhibited a picture of Jones in his office window, and it caused many to realize that they needed the protection which vaccination gives. The dreadful disease seems to be prevalent all over the country, many towns like Goldsboro and Rocky Mount reporting cases among the whites as well as the colored.

Those who believe in myths must feel awful blue these days for the ground hog saw his shadow Monday, and "they say" we are in for forty days of bad weather. Who ever saw a ground hog?

Paul Gilmore

—IN—  
"Capt. Alvarez"

TO-NIGHT

Prices 50c, 75c, \$1.00 \$1.50