

# WOMEN'S INTERESTS

## Quest For Excitement Is Cause of Much Smuggling

### To Slip Past the Customs Line With Something Under Cover Has Come to be Greatest Game on Earth—Wealthy Travellers Chief Offenders

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New York, Jan. 6.—The eternal quest for excitement, springing from the school day love of breaking a rule and the "kick" of getting away with it, has led more than half of the persons entering America from abroad during the last 12 months to engage in smuggling—as an industry, art or pastime. To slip past the customs lines with something under cover has come to be the greatest game on earth—played most frequently by wealthy travellers, with no idea of being dishonest, but filled with the love of "sport."

Nineteen twenty-four has been the record year for smuggling, actual and innocent. It has also been the record year for "catches" by the shrewd inspectors who wait for each home coming vessel at New York's steamship piers. Too wide a smile, too willing a manner, too anxious a look or a hesitating answer has turned the game in favor of the authorities.

During the past year tens of thousands of Americans have returned from abroad. More than half of that number have carried tucked away in some odd corner of a suit case or trunk, some few things beyond the official allotment that do not appear on their declaration lists. The large percentage have done it "just for the fun of putting something over"—feeling "perfectly sure that Uncle Sam would never miss those few dollars in customs." And a goodly number have been unconscious smugglers who have not understood the rules of the importing game.

The ladies topped up in hand-some furs, pearls, diamonds and silks are the most frequent offenders. The better known the name, and the more extensive the millions behind the traveller, the more likely there is to be "something hidden," according to officials. The rich folk know a "little fine," if they should be caught, won't matter. Those who are scrupled to make their trip can't afford an extra cent and so pay all they owe to avoid other bills. Christmas, with its attendant rush for home by travellers bringing expensive gifts, always puts more gray hairs in the customs officials' heads.

Silks in mattresses, narcotics in olive oil, diamonds in soap, pearls in tooth paste and other gems in cavernous teeth—these are a few of the daily finds of the corps working under Frederick J. H. Kracke, appraiser of merchandise for the port of New York. The average woman brings back at least one gown. Frequently she wears it for the first time as she leaves the ship—to avoid declaring it as new. One opera singer, entering a few days ago, came trooping in with 55 trunks, about two third of whose new contents she had figured to declare. The average society woman carries at least 20.

Smugglers, conscious or unconscious, who land with the idea that what they wear off the boat is duty free, and troop away looking like the days when hoop-skirts were the rage, have to learn and pay. Recently a young man, filled with righteous honesty and touched up with unholly liquor, assured the inspector that he "had declared it all." Waxing confidential, he proudly boasted, "and you ought to see the gift for my little girl!"—whereupon he offered for unofficial inspection a pearl necklace that must have been the pride of the whole oyster family.

"That isn't on the list," remarked the official. "Why, that's to be a gift!" the young man replied. Followed the leading of a certain, well known customs law, and the passage of a check from traveller to official. They're easy to detect—the amateur smugglers according to Mr. Kracke. Tabs are kept on all purchases made by Americans in foreign shops. And the woman, for instance, who came in with 20 new Paris gowns all bearing the labels of New York dressmakers was informed they had been bought in Paris and politely, but withal firmly, requested to hand over the difference between what she had paid and what the officials wanted.

## Personals

Miss Eunice Goodwin left Sunday night for Greensboro College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bon Goodwin on West Church street.

Miss Gussie Sample returned to Greensboro College Sunday night after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mae Sample, on East Main street.

Mrs. J. Randolph Coupland, Jr., and son, Randolph III, returned to their home in Norfolk Sunday, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Small, on West Church street.

Miss Margaret Nash has returned to Meredith College, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Nash, 206 East Matthews street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Board and daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Sallie Shannon and daughter, Julian, Mrs. B. L. Richardson and children, Ann and James L. Richardson, all of Norfolk, spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Sawyer, 268 Pearl street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Sykes of Norfolk spent Saturday as the guests of Mrs. George Williamson in the Perry Apartments.

Mr. Carl L. Lassiter has returned from New York, New London, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts, after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker spent Sunday at Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Sawyer of South Mills have returned from Norfolk, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. J. G. Whitehurst has returned to her home on North Road street, after spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Gustave Sandin at Washington.

Mrs. Claude Ziegler and sons, Fred and Claude, Jr., have returned to their home on South Road street, after spending several days with Mrs. Ziegler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Frank, at New Bern.

Miss Josie Lee Cartwright and Nellie Davis returned from Norfolk Monday, after spending several days with friends and relatives.

Miss Addie Rea of Wilson spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. George Williamson, in the Perry Apartments.

Misses Gladys and Louise Adams returned Sunday from Norfolk, where they spent the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Lewis and Mrs. E. M. Boeticher spent Sunday at Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Swain and children, Mardell, Irving and Walter, returned Friday from Roanoke, where they spent several days with friends and relatives.

Miss Thelma Twiford of Norfolk returned home Sunday, after visiting Miss Ernestine Ballance, 206 Pearl street.

Miss Adelaide Dunstan left Sunday for Greensboro College for Women after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunstan, on West Church street.

James Moran returned Thursday from Edenton, where he spent several days with Guy Hobbs.

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## Supreme Court All Women



Three women have been appointed by Governor Neff of Texas as a special state supreme court to hear a minor case in which the regular court was disqualified. Mrs. Edith Wilkins (above), a member of the last state legislature from Dallas, and Mrs. Horriense Ward (left), prominent lawyer and suffragist of Houston, and Miss Nellie Robertson of Granbury complete the court.

## OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR PLAYGROUND

### Property on Oak and Beach Street Recommended by City Manager—Council Accepts.

A playground for Elizabeth City now seems practically assured. The City Council in regular session Monday night approved the recommendation of City Manager Perrelee that the lot belonging to the city on Oak and Beach streets be used for this purpose.

In his recommendation the City Manager said that the Women's Club had assured him that they no longer expected to build on this lot.

It was also explained by the City Manager that various civic clubs would take over the matter of supervising the playgrounds. Mr. Perrelee's recommendation, however, included an appropriation by the city of \$131.00 for ornamental shrubbery and trees.

While no statement was made as to when the grounds will be ready for use it is believed that when warm weather sets in Elizabeth City will have a playground in operation.

Mrs. C. W. Mellek, W. L. Cohoon and J. C. B. Ehringhaus appealed to the Council for a playground reservation but did not refer to any specific sites.

In another year, how different that boy or girl will look; but photographs of the children never grow up. Call 84—  
**ZOELLER'S STUDIO**

## Bargains Beckon Feminine In New York Stores Today

### Furs Big Leader in Lower Price Levels on Models Which Have Been Popular Throughout Season—Coats Also in for Share of Price Cutting

New York, Jan. 6.—Bargains are beckoning feminine shoppers here today especially in furs. Few new designs are on view but the models which have been popular all winter in leopard cat, mink, ermine, broad tail, caracul are being sold well below former price levels. The woolen suede fur trimmed coats have been reduced as much as one third, in some instances.

New York, Jan. 6.—There was a time when balbriggan was regarded as a material for mens lightweight underwear. Nowadays, however, it is being extensively used for jumper frocks for Florida and California use.

New York, Jan. 6.—"Out damned spot" would be an unpopular line for even Shakespeare to sponsor at present. For many of the new silks for winter resort wear are printed in polka-dot designs. The dots advance in size from pinhead proportions to blobs of color the size of a half dollar.

New York, Jan. 6.—Women nowadays are selecting shoes with regard to heel widths. That is, a spike heel should go with a foot which is narrow and a broad low heel with a broad foot.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Egyptian influences still is strong in dress for all the Egyptians wore so little. Many of the new kasha straight line frocks are embellished at the hips by embroidery which gives the appearance of the cincture or loin cloth pictured on Egyptian figures in the ancient hieroglyphics.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Whether she possesses a watch or not, a woman must wear a fob with the new coat dresses for spring. At least a narrow pocket is provided for one and in order that she may watch her step it is usually placed above the right leg.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Flouncers are be-

ing extensively used on the one piece day time costumes. These do not break the long straight lines but do break the monotony of the tube design. One such costume is of black taffeta embroidered in black braid. A flounce extends from hip to knee ending in a bank of leopard.

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**What My Neighbor Says**  
Is of Interest to Elizabeth City Folks  
When one has had the misfortune to suffer from backache, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders and other kidney ailments and has found relief from all this sickness and suffering, that person's advice is of untold value to friends and neighbors. The following case is only one of many thousands, but it is that of an Elizabeth City resident. Who could ask for a better example?  
Mrs. O. F. Seymour, 6 Glade St., says: "I had an attack with my back and kidneys that had me feeling terrible. Most of the time my back was achy and even at night, the pains bothered me and I couldn't get my proper rest. My limbs swelled and caused trouble. I used Doan's Pills from the Apothecary shop and they were all that is claimed of them, for they helped me."  
Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mrs. Seymour had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y., adv.

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gloves for evening wear are extensively plain.

New York, Jan. 6.—Where do you part your transformation? That is a burning question among the best dressed women of the stage today. They can change a part in a play, or one in their own hair, but not in the artificial capillary covering. Most of them today part their transformation on the side.

New York, Jan. 6.—Many a man has been asleep at the switch but no women is asleep on the sands at Palm Beach. Never the less, they will wear beach pajamas there, those who obey the old maternal injunction "don't go near the water."

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## BLACK-DRAUGHT

but it did the work. It just seemed to cleanse the liver. Very soon I felt like new.  
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But be sure you get the genuine and original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey, and so other. There have been many imitations, but the original is still the best, as it is scientifically compounded of just the right proportions of pine-tar, honey and other healing ingredients which are the direct cause of the cough, also healing soreness, while the honey both soothes irritation and gives a pleasant taste.  
Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey is only 30c at any good drugstore.

## Weakening Night Coughing Banished Very Simple Way

It is really astonishing how a persistent, exasperating cough that has kept you awake night after night, and is rapidly wearing you down, is usually stopped by a very simple method. Many have found that they can sleep the whole winter without undisturbed sleep the first time they try it.  
The method is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful of this medicine before retiring and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing, with the following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and breaks up the phlegm, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the cough, also healing soreness, while the honey both soothes irritation and gives a pleasant taste.  
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