

DEBT IN FRANCE WAS FULLY PAID

But Lender Suffered Consequences of Continued Lowering in Values.

When is a fact not a fact? Let Gerald S. Weller of Tarboro, who was in Charlotte Wednesday morning, answer that riddle in a startling way. Mr. Weller has an amusing story to tell of how a friend paid him a debt in full and yet lacked \$200 of paying the debt in full.

"It happened in France in the Fall of 1917," explained Mr. Weller. "I was a member of the United States air service and had gone over early to complete my training in France. "In the same squadron with me was a fellow who would have been a prince but for his shrewd business head. This fellow got on pretty good terms with

me after I had known him a few weeks. One day he came to me and declared that he was in dire necessity and simply had to have \$2,400 francs. I had brought over a little money with me which I had turned into francs—and I loaned him the amount. He promised to repay me in about a month. At that time francs were worth about six to the dollar, and the francs I loaned him set me back for \$400.

"Being certain that fellow would pay me back, I promptly dismissed the matter from my mind. Only for a short time, however. To my surprise, in a week or so francs went down to about seven to the dollar. Then I thought of that debt. I prayed that the blooming French dough would hold its own for at least a month.

"When the end of the month came, however, my friend came to me and put me off for a week or so longer. This was just what my finch had been looking for. Then the franc began to go down in earnest. I saw my money literally shrinking before my eyes. First, a dollar would buy eight francs. In a few days a fellow could get nine francs for a dollar. It wasn't long before the iron wheel would rake in ten francs.

"If heavens above!" I exclaimed to myself. If this keeps up this guy can settle his debt for about \$3.50!" "And you may bet my kind friend used his head. The faster the franc would fall, the longer he would put off the debt, assuring me that 'as sure as the sun shone he would repay every franc of it."

"Well, to make a long story short, when the franc got down to 12 for one buck the scoundrel accosted me one day and with the air of one who is about to bestow a great favor on a fellow and said in a voice that chilled me to the gizzard:

"O'! top, here's your 2,400 francs! I told you I'd repay you."

"I left France a few days later and cashed them in for \$200. It is needless to say I never heard of that kind friend since, but I've come to the conclusion that if you're going to invest in foreign lucre you'd better do it on somebody else's cash."

BEAUTY CHATS

NEW HAIRDRESSING STYLES.

I should like to be able to say that hairdressing styles are becoming simpler, but unfortunately it isn't so. More and more young girls and women are adopting the bobbed hair fashion so that most of the beauty parlors which do permanent waving now make a specialty for permanent waving short hair. The unfortunate part of this is that short hair has to be cut about once a month so that the wave is constantly being clipped off.

Otherwise the tendency is toward a very sophisticated type of hairdressing; for instance, the hair pulled back from the face as much as is becoming and drawn to a knot that is quite high in back. This is a style that looks very well on young girls and is almost the only style that looks well on the women with a weak or undeveloped chin. Unfortunately it is a style that makes a woman look a little older.

Hair is being waved more this season than ever before. This too is unfortunate because waved hair makes a woman look older than straight hair. But the waving this year is done very lightly, that is, instead of short, stiff and artificial waves, the hair is done very loosely indeed. It is far more becoming and far more natural than the old method. If a woman wishes to imitate this at home, she can do so by moistening the hair and rolling strands of it around very soft, thick kid curlers.

Fortunately no artificial hair is used. Hairdressers tell me it is the position of the knot, rather than its size, which makes it fashionable.

Mary—At 24 years any lines you may have should only be temporary, build up your health and nourish the



Will your hair look well this way?

tissues with a good cream and use as astringent on the skin about twice

each week until the muscles of the face become firm, when these lines will disappear.

Shorty—If you choose a shoe with a long vamp, it will make your foot appear to be larger and more in proportion with your size.

Darkie—Your colors will be all of those found in the Autumn shades. Buttermilk, or the juice from cucumbers will bleach the skin.

Pinkie—It is possible to grow taller after 18 years of age. At that age with height of five feet one inch you have the correct weight at 115 pounds.

All inquiries addressed to Miss Forbes in care of the "Beauty Chats" department will be answered in these columns in their turn. This requires considerable time, however, owing to the great number received. So if a personal or quicker reply is desired, a stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question.—The Editor.

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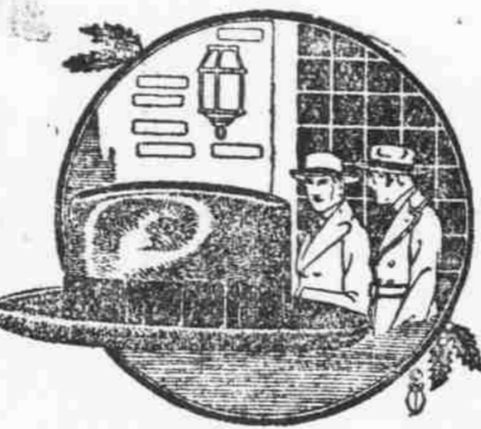
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