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CONTRAST OF NEW YORK MOM KINS" WITH REAL GRAND-MOTHER OF LONDON

By MARGARET MASON

(Written for the United Press) The Two Grandmothers

In New York town a lady gry Is tripping all the hours away, At the dansants along Broadway. A bottle blonde she is I ween, The rouge pot oft her face hath seen

She has a debutantish mein. Her skirts are short to an extreme. And y t a Grandmama is she Her years they number sixty three.

In Londer wn a lady rare

With gracious mein and kindly air And tender eyes 'neath snowy hair Is w rking all the hours away. Her share in England's bloody fray

To tend the wounded day by day, Though worn and tired she does not

And yet a grandmama is se, ler years they number sixty three.

London, Oct. 26 (By Mail) - In American cities the Grandmother is as extinct as the Dodo bird. To be sure we have a bit of giddy fluff that is turned out daily by the masseuse, the hair dresser, the smart dressmaker and the beauty doctor to fex trot and flirt and Bridge it's way through a butterfly existence. It doesn't even answer to the name of Grandmother however for the youngest generation has been painstakingly drilled to call it either by it's Christian name or a pet one.

Oh where are the Grandmothers of yesterday? The Grandmother of memories and storybooks. In rustling black silk skirts with a bit of old lace at her ivory throat and fall ing over her ivory hands. A wee ace cap on her silver hair and the peace and understanding and love of a double maternity shining in her old young eyes.

And I am a old sleuth! I have tracked her to her lair! I have discovered her in her old time charm and old time lace and her habitat in England!

American parents take their offspring to the Zoo and to the Mu seum of Natural History to see the ichthyosaurus. Surely the next stey shrould be to take them to London to show them a Grandmother.

You can imagine the dramatic situation.

Little Robert meeting a lovely white haired old lady in Hyde Park "Oh mother what is that?"

Mother-That is a Grandmother. My gon"

'Little Robert-"Oh I want to take her home with me."

Mother-"No my child, the air of America is fatal to Grandmothers Her hair wou'd turn red or yellow, she would contract fox trots and be just like your "Momkins."

Little Robert (shuddering) "How

He walks slowly away looking

back sadly And there you are!

Now I don't for a minute mean to imp'y that a woman should not be as young as she can nor on the other hand do I mean that the English Grandmother is an old frump. The true secret receipe for a successful grandmother is one who knows in t when and how to grow old gracefully. The English Grandmother has solved the problem the American Grandmother has not.

Although the English Grandomther is a 'ri, one in all senses of the word she by no means is a back number, suderd she keeps abreast of the times, is up to all the burning questions of the day and is also in the thick of the wonderful war work that the women of England are doing.

I know of one wonderful old gentlewoman of eighty years. She is erect and entertaining and charming and dear. She has had fourteen children and at present four of her sons are in Parliament, two in the House of Lords and two in the House of Commons.

This dear old lady has turned her motor over to the wounded soldiers and goes out behind a plodding old Dobbin because she thinks it wicked to pay the high price for petrol just for her own selfish comfort. In many other ways she is doing her bit for the war and she is but one among many. She of course wears one of those sweet little lace caps on her snowy hair and a bonnet when she snes abroad. To American even it in a n

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ing and surprising sight to walk along the smart shops on Bond st., and glimpse whole windows full of bonnets and little lacy caps not of the boudoir persuasions that we know so well, but real Grandmoth-

Some of the bonnets of course are real bristling and hearse plumed affairs but the majority are soft dove grey or black flecked with a silver leaf or blooming modestly with violets, a purple pansy of sweet laven-

That's two things anyway that England may boast she has and Anorice hasn't- bonnets and Grand



