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Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

NO CHANCE TO WIN GLORY

Youthful Recruit Found He Was Not Adapted by Nature for a Drummer Boy.

The irreverent man had been aroused by talk of the war to tell an anecdote, and those about him really thought that the gravity of the subject would make him reverent this time. He said:

"At the time of the Spanish-American war I was a boy at school. I was fired with tremendous patriotic zeal. I decided to steal away unbeknownst to my parents and enlist as a drummer boy. You see, I was old enough for that, and I was a robust youngster, so I expected no trouble at all with the military authorities.

"So, instead of going to school one morning, I hurried to a recruiting station and told the officer in charge that I wanted to be drummer boy.

"Ah, me! Though years have passed, it is still an awful memory."

He sighed. Those listening were much impressed.

"Didn't they take you on as a drummer boy?" they inquired.

"No," he groaned.

"Why?"

"Because—because I had no ear for music!"

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Activities of Women.

Miss Alma K. Boyd has been appointed private secretary to Lieutenant Governor McClain of Pennsylvania.

Mary Pickford, the moving picture actress, receives a salary of \$2,000 per week for 52 weeks in the year.

The only real profit-sharing industry in the United States is owned by a woman, Mrs. James P. Warbasse of Brooklyn.

German tailors and dressmakers have decreed that the prevailing color for the new spring fashions shall be the field gray of the German army uniform, and in regard to cut the military style will be followed.

Welfare Work.

"Have you any parts of an automobile that you don't want?"

"I have an old tire. What's the idea?"

"You know how our grandmothers used to make crazy quilts for the needy?"

"Yes."

"On the same principle I am trying to assemble an automobile for a poor woman who has none."

Not a Bad Plan.

"What are you doing to allay the suffering in Europe?" asked the self-conscious philanthropist.

"Nothing," answered the unobtrusive citizen.

"What!" exclaimed the other, indignantly. "Have you no heart?"

"Yes, I have a heart, but my means are limited and I'm trying to allay suffering at home by paying my debts."

For old sores apply Hanford's Balsam Adv.

For Her Protection.

"When I said I would marry you you promised to let me handle all your money, but now we are married you handle it all yourself."

"That's because I love you so."

"That's a queer way to prove your love."

"It's a mighty self-sacrificing way. When I made that promise I was not aware that money was teeming with bacteria."

The Unreasonable Sex.

Knicker—Does your wife make you wear rubbers?

Outside—Going out; but she won't let me wear sneakers coming in.

Poverty has its good points. A poor man never has the gout.

HOMETOWN HELPS

MAKING WAR ON BILLBOARD

American Civic Association Regards it as Objectionable Form of Advertising.

From its very institution, the American Civic Association has devoted itself to the protection of the public against three great nuisances—smoke, poles and wires, and billboards. At the annual convention of the association in Washington one of the important subjects discussed was billboards, with a principal address, entitled "The Passing of the Signboard," by Jesse Lee Bennett of Baltimore in which he recounted the steps that had been taken for the legal control of the billboard in all parts of the United States.

Concerning the sentiment against the billboard, Mr. Bennett said: "The feeling against the signboard has become nation-wide and in the past few years the agitation of civic organizations has been so successful as to awaken resentment against it so widespread that, from coast to coast and in almost every state and city, there are now, or have been, vigorous movements seeking the abolition or regulation of these unnecessary and disfiguring objects.

"There has been much agitation, and from it there has been distilled one thing—the recognition of the fact that what is called the signboard problem is a question more complex than the mere removal of the signs. The signboard has been found to be inextricably intertwined with two questions of even greater importance—The awakening of civic sentiment and the recognition by legislators and judges of the validity of arguments based upon esthetic considerations."

Commenting on what ought to be the attitude of the law and the courts toward the billboard, he added:

"It would take our psychologist but a few minutes to show that it is not a question of ear, or nose, or eye, but a question of the brain and of the very consciousness that is life itself. No law should permit any man to intrude or force himself or his business into another man's consciousness to the extent that outdoor advertising has come to permit, an intrusion immeasurably increased by the fact that it is impossible to avoid seeing signboards."

SERVED A DOUBLE PURPOSE

Scheme of New York Man Improved Appearance of Garden and Protected Birds.

Bird lovers often find it a most difficult problem to devise means to prevent neighborhood cats from frightening away their feathered pets and robbing the nests of their young. A New York man who makes his garden an aviary, and who at the same time is not a hater of cats, planted climbing-rose vines about the base of the poles supporting his bird houses. While these added greatly to the appearance of the garden, they also served very efficiently in keeping cats from crawling up the posts. The birds, understanding their security, were no longer frightened from their nests.—Popular Mechanics.

Combination of Property Owners.

A general maintenance tax of two mills per square foot, which amounts to \$4 per year on a lot 20 by 100 feet, besides the regular city tax, must be paid by lot owners in a section of Philadelphia. This special assessment is for the upkeep of the property, and is applied towards the cost of garbage collection, snow cleaning, lighting, maintaining the park and sewerage system, replanting trees and shrubbery, cleaning vacant lots, and repairing streets and sidewalks. The fund is administered by a company and assures the lot owner that all repairs in streets and sidewalks will be promptly made when needed, and will not be subject to the idiosyncrasies of private ownership or the slow methods of municipal departments.

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Among the New Spring Gowns



BECOMING lines are exemplified in this new spring gown of taffeta, which is simple enough for the home dressmaker to undertake and pretty enough for the most fastidious of women to enjoy. Taffeta lends itself to the new, wide skirts, the horizontal tucks and other quaint features in the new gowns, borrowed from a period more than a half century behind us. The days of the crinoline are recalled by the utterly feminine and fascinating demureness of this modest gown.

The wide tucks running around the skirt with a fullness of three to four yards in the width, combine to make the flare that is to be achieved in this particular style. The fullness is disposed of at the top partly by cutting and partly by shirring or plaits into which the material is laid. Many of the new spring skirts, cut with the requirements of the plump figure in mind, fit smoothly about the hips and are widened gradually toward the bottom, where they ripple at the hem.

Another feature of spring styles is the revival of the suspender dress.

And very appropriately accompanying this comes the prominence given to pockets on skirts for street wear. In these fine tailoring plays a most important part. They are all cut ankle length, and the attention given to snappy footwear is not less than that bestowed upon the skirt. Separate skirts are worn with tailored waists of crepe-de-chine.

In either tailored or afternoon gowns there are short jackets and long coats to choose from. The short waist line hardly admits a rival in popularity, and perhaps this accounts for the lack in number of designs which were expected to feature military ideas.

The short jacket that completes the pretty gown pictured here is covered with braiding in self-color. It is just the touch required to enrich the design. Worn over a lacy bodice and with a flower-trimmed hat the toilette leaves nothing to be desired. It is developed in a medium shade of blue with a grayish cast and the hat and parasol correspond.

Millinery in Diverse Styles



HERE are three hats which stand for three very distinct types in the new millinery for spring. But they have several features in common which mark the incoming styles. They are elaborately made and they are considerably trimmed. There is a reaction away from the severely plain hats with a single and sometimes minute decoration, such as grew tiresome during the past winter. At the left of the group is a quaint and picturesque bonnet made of black horsehair braid. Narrow black velvet ribbon and clusters of garden roses and forget-me-nots are used for the trimming. You cannot imagine anything which completes the costume more harmoniously, when it is one of those wide-skirted, colonial looking affairs that are so prettily developed in taffeta.

At the right is a pretty street turban made of braid in satin straw, and having a soft silk crown. An embroidered band about the coronet is bordered with very narrow velvet ribbon and short streamers fall from a diminutive flat bow at the back. At the front a big silk pompon supports a long slender feather which fronts the weather with amazing audacity.

One of those models which is expected to do duty both for street and other wear is shown at the center of the group. It is made of crepe draped over a light frame. The brim is cleverly managed so that an outline of four points results. Midway between these a little bouquet of roses and small flowers is set in a cluster of leaves. This is one of those rare hats that are suited to older as well as younger matrons.

Materials for Coats. The heavy coatings that bid fair to hold a prominent place this spring are, of course, higher in price, but then they are not so expensive after all, for they are very wide, and only a small number of yards is necessary to complete a garment. The rich oriental colors still hold their own in these materials, and for outing wear they are lovely. Even the conservative dresser does not hesitate to don one of these lovely colorful top coats when spending a time at a southern resort or in the country. Dress stuffs are only a trifle less colorful, and at first one might get the impression that white had been excluded in the dress goods plan. This is by no means so, and almost any weave that is found in color is also to be had in plain white. There is this to be said, however, that almost every white gown, unless one is in mourning, has a liberal touch of color introduced in the way of trimming.

With Quaintness of Bygone Days. A harbinger of the mode is this frock of rose taffeta, which exemplifies the double skirt—or the appearance of it—the peplum bodice and the popular absence of trimming.—Vogue.

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