

NEW SHORT STORIES

A Plain Clothes Official. Whether or not Judge Sherman, the newly elected lieutenant governor of Illinois, will appear in evening dress at official functions is uncertain...

The Judge had been asked to speak at the gathering. When he presented himself at the door he wore a business suit.



"YOU CANNOT COME IN WITHOUT A DRESS SUIT, SIR."

The colored man on duty did not know him. He looked the guest over and said: "You cannot come in without a dress suit, sir."

"But I have no dress suit," was the response, "and I think I shall enter without it."

"No, sir; you cannot come in unless you put on evening clothes," said the negro. "If you want a dress suit I can get it for you."

"But I do not want a dress suit," remarked the Judge. "And you may tell your master that L. Y. Sherman is at the door and that it is no dress suit or no speech."

The next few minutes were devoted to explanations and apologies, and the Judge sat at table in his ordinary business attire.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Religious Message. Dr. J. Everett Cathell, a clergyman of Des Moines, Ia., was spending a few days in Montreal while on a holiday. He visited the different churches and in one of them noticed an odd arrangement of the prayer desks.

DOROTHY

"I'd ride like sin and make my pistol blaze," George answered when I asked what he would do if he should happen to fall into the hands of the enemy.

George's letters were infrequent and short, just a few lines scribbled before and after each battle. When we had news of the second Shiloh he was wounded and in prison. Dorothy and I set out.

Ten days after the battle as we approached the camp of the victors, the men of heavy artillery came across the hills. Dorothy leaned forward and struck her horse. I wondered if another battle were on and knew the same thought was in her mind.

The pace she set was hard, but our ride was short. Under a mile we jerked our horses back on their haunches, stopped by the sharp "halt" of a picket.

"We have met before, Captain Kellogg. Women have quick eyes. We haven't been here a minute, yet she had noticed the change in his rank."

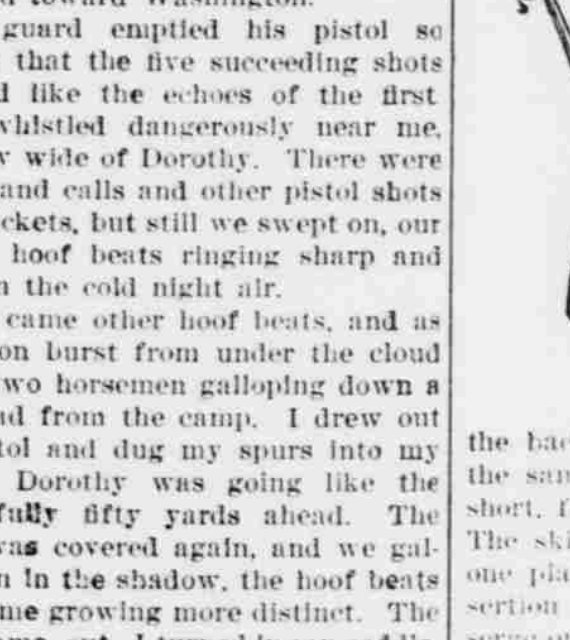
"I wish permission for myself and my younger brother Richard to see our brother, Colonel Fletcher." Then she turned and introduced me.

"As he handed our pass to Dorothy he said: 'As you wish to see your brother immediately, Miss Fletcher, Captain Kellogg will act as your guide.'"

"Will you go to Millview, Dorothy?" I heard him ask, naming the plantation where he had visited us. "Yes," she answered. "It is much cooler and George's wound will heal much more quickly there than in Augusta."

WOMAN AND FASHION

Jaunty Outing Costume. This very attractive bolero suit is made of dark blue linen, the decoration consisting of bands of heavy insertion of the same color.

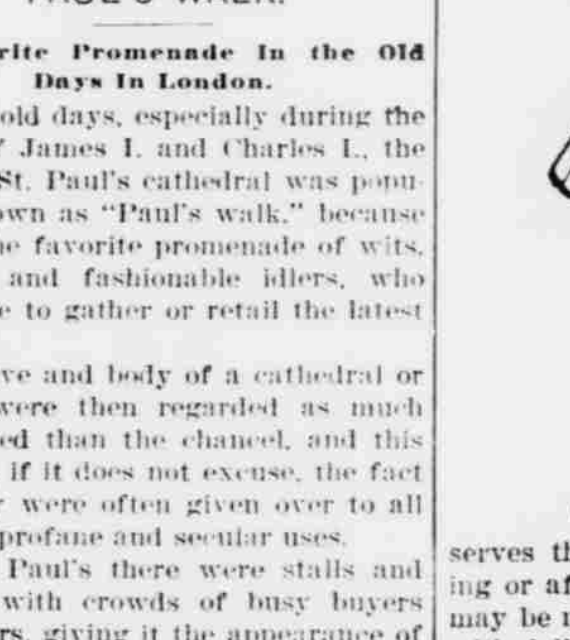


Plaited Bolero Suit. The sleeves are plaited in the back. The boleros are plaited in the same manner, but many prefer a short, full sleeve and a band.

The Plaited Bolero. The plaited bolero is new and more becoming to a full figure than the plaited jacket without this becoming addition.

The Puffy Sleeve. The sleeve whatever its length and whatever its character, simply must be puffy and bouffant at the shoulder.

Ribbon as the Thing. Ribbon, ribbon everywhere. There is hardly an article of woman's outer apparel that cannot be made or trimmed with some of the new soft ribbon.



Girls' Summer Dress. This dress is designed for morning or afternoon wear, since the waist may be made high or low, square neck, with full length or elbow sleeves.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.) Washington is not a city of small things, notwithstanding its limited opportunities in the field of enterprise and manufacturing as compared with other cities.

The new girl seemed pleased, and the mistress was beginning to hope. They walked back into the dining room, and the girl had actually removed one hat-pin from her hat. Then her smile faded.

The Tramp's Revenge. Housekeeper—Here, you, just you leave, or I'll set the dog—Tramp—Please, mum—

Miss Elderleigh. The publisher of this paper ought to be arrested. It's a fraud.

Return of Confederate Flags. Before the distribution of Confederate flags authorized by congress was begun there were stored in the upper rooms of the war department 544 flags of the different states.

Pieneking in the Monument Grounds. Every warm sunny day between 12 and 1 o'clock numerous small pieneking parties, composed of young ladies employed in the bureau of engraving and printing and the department of agriculture, may be seen under the trees in the Monument grounds.

The New Sun Station. The work of laying the stone in the superstructure of the new station road station has begun. The entire building will be constructed of beautiful white granite.

Thanked by Secretary Taft. George C. Ellis, the laborer at the Washington barracks reservation who is credited with having saved the statue of Frederick the Great from damage if not from destruction.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

A New Waitress. After being without a girl for a week the mistress of a Harlem apartment was showing an appetite over the fact.

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Miss Younger—Why do you think so? Miss Elderleigh—Because there are six whole columns in it headed "Proposals," and they are all about measly old building contracts.—Chicago News.

No Help Needed. "Gee, if you try to kiss me I shall call for help." "George—Why? Can't you hold me alone?"

A Slight Confusion. "That young man says he is heart-broken," said the sympathetic girl. "That is a common mistake among young people," answered Miss Cayenne.

Let Off. "Now," asked the lawyer, "have you ever written a musical comedy?" "Must I answer that question?" the witness implored, turning to the judge.

Averaged the Same. "Yes," says the first beautiful damsel, "I had five proposals at the reception last night." "I had but one," remarks the demure damsel, "but it counted the same as five. The man stuttered."—Judge.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

France's national debt exceeds Russia's by one-third. Greece and the Ionian Islands produce more money than any other country on the globe.

The cost of the British expedition into Tibet was \$4,000,750, all of which India will have to bear. Fifty years ago the first steam fire engine built for the city of Boston was exhibited in Baltimore.

Beer in the United Kingdom contains 4 per cent of proof spirit, while the lower beer of the continent contains only 1 per cent. The British admiralty has decided that gray is the best all round color for torpedoes and a change to it is to be made from black.

Drought in the Hawaiian Islands is causing serious loss to the sugar planters. In some districts water for household purposes is being sold by the gallon. In his book on the Congo Edmund Morel estimates that in four years the Belgian soldiers and officials have plundered the natives to the extent of \$30,000,000.

London has discovered, to its horror, that the big electric lamps on the facade of the Mansion House, the lord mayor's official residence, were "made in Germany." Infant mortality is reported to be greater in Prussia than in any other country except Russia. The deaths the first year are 6 to 7 per cent in Sweden, 15 in France and 23.6 in Prussia.

Fox hunting seems to be on the wane in England. Some attribute this to the inroads of the automobile and others to hard times and "the loss of many hunting men during the South African war." The finest spices in India, specially prepared, are sent to the royal kitchen of the British court. Juices come from Calcutta, while special factories in Malta and in Ireland prepare preserved fish and sardines for the royal household.

Captain Leonard of the Indian medical staff has invented a useful instrument for cases of snake bite, which are so common in India. It consists of a small lance mounted in a hollow handle, which is filled with permanganate of potash crystals. A disastrous fire occurred at the winery of Thomas Hardy & Sons, who own the oldest vineyards in South Australia. The nearest water mains were half a mile away, so the firemen played jets of wine on the burning buildings for an hour and a half.

By way of celebrating the centenary of Don Quixote next May the Marquesa de Sotomayor will arrange a great festival in Madrid at which all of the guests as well as the servants will appear in the costumes of the time when the knight is supposed to have lived. Argentina is in a prosperous condition and the national wealth is fast increasing. During 1904 the number of immigrants arriving in that country was 130,000. Numerous railroad lines and other public works are in course of construction and others are projected. The eight ambassadors of the German empire in Madrid, Rome, Washington, Constantinople, Paris, London, St. Petersburg and Vienna are all members of the nobility. Their emoluments are \$25,000 in the first three cities named, \$30,000 in the next three and \$17,500 in the last two. The smallest full grown elephant in Europe is on exhibition in London. He is thirty-three inches in height and weighs 230 pounds. When he was taken to a photographic gallery the other day for his picture he went in a cab. A luncheon of buns and brandy and water was provided for him. Society in Washington seems determined to introduce "the continental Sunday," and ministers and laymen are struggling against the movement. Sunday dinners are becoming more and more popular, and there are Sunday theater parties for evening concerts, followed by gay supper gatherings. Herr Barkmeyer, who occupied a confidential post in the Germana ship-building yard at Kiel, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for selling secret plans of submarines constructed by his firm to rival German yards. He was in receipt of a salary of \$12,500 a year. He sold himself for \$2,750. The British mint has been busily engaged in coining farthings. Until very recently the farthing has been almost an unknown coin in many, perhaps the majority, of the British possessions. They are only coined to encourage thrift in the colonies. By introducing the smallest coin of the realm a saving can be effected on purchases of small quantities of goods. When Major William E. Stewart of Easton, Md., learned that he had an account at a Baltimore bank he wrote the cashier saying that he knew he used to bank there, but supposed that he had withdrawn his deposit long ago. He received the reply that the books showed a balance of 68 cents in 1875 and that there is now to his credit \$27.50 as the result of thirty years' increase. W. A. Frye of Newport, Me., began running for selectman eighteen years ago and always fought a hard campaign, but up to this spring has always been beaten by a few votes. This spring he was a candidate "just from force of habit. Been done so many times I sort of got used to it and looked forward to it as a spring tonic," he said. But when the votes were counted it was found that Frye, the chronic candidate, had actually won. A Waste of Breath. "You can always tell an Englishman," began the Britisher boastfully. "But it would only be a waste of breath," interrupted the Yankee, "because he thinks he knows it all."—Philadelphia Ledger. Qualified. He—Here is an account of a minister's wife who took his place in the pulpit when he was ill. She—Had she had any previous experience? He—Why, I suppose she had frequently preached at him when he was well.



GIRL'S SUMMER DRESS.