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SHORT SKIRTS.

The subject of women's short dresses still comes in for much discussion in and out of the newspapers. Many persons, both women and men, seem to be convinced that they are improper. It often seemed in the past, as if the women had handicapped themselves terribly for active work, by the old custom of wearing long skirts. How they ever could get around in such messy garments has been a mystery to the men, who would have as soon consented to wear a heavy pack on their backs. Any custom that is thus contrary to nature, and to the free use of the human body, can hardly be considered necessary for reasons of propriety. Our notions of what is proper or improper need to be considerably modified by the demands of health, comfort, and convenience. However, the tendency of both women and men to follow like sheep after the arbiters of fashion is something amazing. The men can't say much, considering the servility with which they follow the latest styles which prescribe a form of uniform for them. Still in the main, the men can not be driven by the style masters beyond a certain point. The women, in spite of their vaunted independence, are a little more submissive on this point. If those mysterious forces that establish fashions in Paris, London, or elsewhere, should order them to wear dresses down to the ground again, they might do so. The short skirt style has made all kinds of havoc in the textile business, and the makers of such material no doubt would like to persuade the women to return to the former styles to some extent. Yet one would guess that the younger women, who have experienced the comfort of less restricting garments, will hardly return to the long skirts without a hard fight.

For the second time in its political history the state of Illinois has seen its purchased choice for United States senator rejected by the senate. Denied, by a vote of 48 to 33, the privilege of taking the oath of office, Frank L. Smith now awaits only the formal verdict on the slush fund alleged to have procured his election before being turned back to the commonwealth that failed to profit by the senate's eviction a few years ago of his predecessor, William Lorimer. The fate of Smith and Lorimer, as well as the forced resignation of Newberry of Michigan, proves that the senate will maintain the integrity of its personnel at all times and that it is absolutely futile for any state to elect to that body any person backed by a huge sum of money, and especially money contributed by personally interested corporations. The senate's action in the Smith case may be taken as an accurate forecast of the fate awaiting Vare of Pennsylvania and probably Gould of Maine, as well, although the latter's case is not quite analagous to those of the others. Party control and prestige may suffer for the time being by senatorial house-cleanings, but in the end both the senate and the party are gainers and most assuredly the nation is better satisfied.

The annual battle between Jack Frost and the broccoli grower will be of more interest locally than the fistic encounter of the flyweights, Clark and La Barba, tonight.

Now that the senators have voted themselves a salary increase down at Salem we hope the state gets its money's worth.

Those cute little anklets the girls are wearing this week to keep their shins warm should be hoisted to the knee cap.

Even at eight bucks a day, the average legislator can realize the necessity of Thrift Week.

That poker game that Uncle Sam, Charley and Lita are playing is a mighty interesting one.

Hang tight, kids, perhaps you'll get to use that sled you got for Christmas after all.

We notice we're having some of that "unusual" southern California weather.

Put on that extra blanket and cover up the geraniums.

Your Boy and Your Girl

BY ARTHUR DEAN, SC. D.
The Parent Counsellor

Dr. Dean will answer all signed letters pertaining to parents' problems with their boys and girls. Writers' names are never printed. Only questions of general interest answered in this column, but all letters will be answered by mail if written in ink and a stamp, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Address Arthur Dean, in care of The News-Review.

Child Redemption

Here's a question folks. Help me with it. A boy's future is at stake. It isn't your boy but it might have been. You might well look upon this youth and say (to paraphrase), "There, but for the Grace of God, goes my son." Read on:

"Dear Dr. Dean:

A year ago a boy who had been in the reform school started coming to our school. The children knew about it but it made no difference in their treatment of him. Last fall, several weeks after school started, he was caught in a nearby city with a stolen automobile, trying to rob a store. He was given a trial and sentenced to confinement until twenty-one. A good Christian neighbor succeeded in having the sentence revoked on the grounds that the boy had injured his head by a fall when a year old and might not be altogether responsible for what he does because of this injury.

"Now he has returned to school. The children still play with him and no one refers to what he has done. But some of the parents tried to have the trustees refuse to permit him to attend school, and (to quote my daughter) "the teacher treats him as though he were poison."

"He is well-liked by most of the children and is practically their leader on the playground. The boy is seventeen years, several years older than any of the other boys. He was in the eighth grade last year and is still in it.

"What would you do?"

"Constant Reader."

I can hear parents say, "Just think of it! Why the idea, having that young devil associating with my children. The trustees ought to throw him out!" I can hear the teacher who treats him with scorn, see her supicious looks, imagine how, if anything happens to the class, she immediately thinks this "bad boy" is the one who started the mischief. I can almost hear the trustees say, "What can I do about it? As long as the boy behaves himself he ought to stay in school. I can't throw him out for what he is not doing."

Notice that the boy is a leader—a leader on the playground, a leader in activity work; he probably lovse leadership. Now aren't the children pretty wise? Haven't they accepted this boy in play and activity work? And isn't he fortunate that he is a leader in good things instead of bad things? And isn't it very unfortunate that the teacher does not realize that this boy can be saved only through giving him something useful to do which will push aside the bad things he would otherwise do?

If he is "reformed," and I think he will be, it will through the children— God bless them!

OUR CONVERSATION CORNER

Tit for Tat

Johnny, age five, was building a skyscraper out of his blocks. Along comes Sister Susan, aged four, and knocks them over. Thereupon Johnny steps on the face of Susan's doll. Such events are a common occurence in our household. Is this the normal conduct of children?

Young Mother.

Answer—Are you provoked by the quarrel or by the noise they make in quarrelling. As Ernest Abbott puts it, "The trouble with us pretentious grown-ups is that usually when we undertake to stop a quarrel beause it is disturbing we elude ourselves into thinking we have some high moral purpose." Punishment in the particular case you cite should be on the basis of lack of courtesy and not on that of fighting. The conduct surely is not abnormal.

She Had Heard Them Before

Little Esther was witnessing for the first time a cat carrying a kitten by the nape of the neck. Running up, she gave the cat a good shake, then said: "You're not fit to be a mother. You're hardly fit to be a father!"

The Diary Again

To one Mother. Somewhere a mother is hiding a secret which is no longer a secret. The secret is in her bureau drawer. It is a daughter's diary which she picked up during the housecleaning season very likely accidentaly and then furtively read, afterwards saying, "I declare it was lost in the mass of house cleaning. I'm sure I don't know where it can be!"

Three years have passed and the little book of "pouring forths" of sayings wise and unwise of early teens rests peacefully in the bottom drawer.

No, mother, I haven't as yet one of those new television things which make it possible to see at a distance; nor is it through telepathy that I know it. I have, however, X-rayed the young girl's mind and what do you suppose I find?

Why do you emphasize home chores so much? Why not save our youth by book study?

Answer—Being a schooled man, undoubtedly you are familiar with this quotation from Ruskin:

"True education is not teaching youths the shapes of letters and the tricks of numbers and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to roguery and their literature to lust."

I am surprised that teacher of youths should want to limit their education to books only. But let Ruskin speak again for me.

"It would be part of my scheme of physical education that every youth in the state—from the King's son downward— should learn to do something finely and thoroughly with his hands, so as to let him know what touch meant; and what stout craftsmanship meant; and to inform him of many things besides which no man can learn but by some severely accurate discipline in doing. Let him once learn to take a straight shaving off a plank, or draw a fine curve without faltering, or lay a brick level in its mortar, and has learned a multitude of other matters which no lips of man could ever teach him. He might choose his craft, but, whatever, it was, he should learn it to some sufficient degree of true dexterity." Even book diploma fellows get into our jails. But how many skilled craftsmen are there?

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Whooey! B-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r!
Gosh dang, but it's coldern' an Eskimo's
Sleepin' porch and our heart goes out to
The poor fellers who are afflicted with
Ingrowin' chilblains and frozen flivvers.

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Somebody got into the mayor of Sutherlin's cider mill and made away with the liquid. The mayor says he didn't mind it so much 'cept that the cider was so ambitious—always willing to work.

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This department of moral uplift and cleanliness has always been a strong advocate of the Satiddy night bath but now comes one of our prominent citizens to take issue with us on the question, quoting no less authority than the good ol' Queen Elizabeth herself. The followin' astoundin' information from a gossip sheet of the time of the dame says, "The Queen hath built herself a bath, where she doth bathe herself once a month, whether she require it or no." So there, from now on let your conscience be your guide.

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Heck Baker, Omar's little boy, purchased some chuck for his cows this week and a near-sighted clerk gave him a batch of egg food mash. Heck fed it to his cows before he realized the mistake and now he's lookin' for a chaser for the brutes. We suggest a shot of moonshine as it doesn't go so bad in an egg-nog.

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Yestiddy p. m. ye ed was standin' down in a hotel lobby and we heard a stranger talkin' to one of the villagers and he was tellin' the home town feller what a fine town this is and how great a county, Douglas is and what a fine state we live in. The stranger was just glowin' with enthusiasm and we all hopped up just listenin' to him and we happened to turn and look at the home town feller's face and it looked just like he had taken a bite out of a sour quince and we'll bet he just ached to ask the outsider to "prove it."

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Some of the boys from the east who migrated to this section of the country in the fall of 1897, bringin' with 'em their bearskin coats, were the envy of the countryside today.

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A set of ear-muffs and a suit of red flannels makes a feller look at the world through rose-colored optics but we can't imagine how the damsels keep goin' with the flimsy stuff they're wearin'. Why only a coupla minutes ago when our nose was drippin' and our ears were numb we passed a local gal gallopin' down the main stem attired in a diaphanous skirt which had a hem at at top and bottom and a chunk of lace between. She wasn't worried tho' but we'll bet she catches her death of knee-mony.

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As we muttered before in this colyum—this is the kinda weather that makes a June bride appreciate her hubby.

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LAFE PERKINS SEZ—

One way to thaw out a water pipe is to take a hatchet and hack at the pipe for a coupla hours. Then place a stick of dynamite under it and place both fingers in your ears.

Are you satisfied with your Appearance?

Chances are you are not and Harth's Toggery is making it easy for you to dress up the first of the year—Start now — start right — you'll feel better — Your friends will appreciate you more —

Those beautiful suits priced as they are certainly make it easy, $40.00 now

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do it now.

Harth's TOGGERY

AMERICANS AND BRITISH HURRY OUT OF HANKOW

(Continued from page 1.)

dren.

Mrs. Price said the outbreak started when the bodies of natives in a convent there who had died of cholera were carried out while a riot was in progress. Seeing the bodies and not knowing the cause of the deaths, the Chinese ran wild and the convent was stormed and looted.

On the day following the trouble spread over the entire city and the surrounding districts, becoming so serious that virtually all foreigners left. Mr. Price remained at his post.

Destroyer Enroute.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The American destroyer Parrott has gone from Shanghai to Foochow where foreigners have been threatened and churches looted. Word of arrival of the Parrott has not reached the navy department.

Special bargains in used cars at the Hansen Chevrolet Company, this week.

Th' trouble with arguin' with a female is that you're wrong if you're right. "Ther wuz lots o' things besides knees covered up in th' ole days," declared Rev. Wiley Tanger this mornin', speakin' hopefully o' th' future.

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Hard Wheat Flour, 49 lb. sack	$2.00
No. 1 Peaberry Coffee, reg. 50c, 3 lbs. for	$1.25
One pound box Fancy Chocolates, per box	40c

Quality Meats

Boiling Beef, lb.	12½c
Beef Roast, lb.	15c
Sirloin and T-Bone Steaks, lb.	20c
Hamburger, 2 lbs.	35c
Pork Sausage, 2 lbs.	45c
Picnic Hams, lb.	22c
Pure Lard, 2 lbs.	40c
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Parnell Mullins of St. Louis is spending a few days in Roseburg visiting with friends. Mr. Mullins is on a tour of the coast and will leave in a few days for Portland and Seattle. He intends to locate at some suitable point on the coast.

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FLYWEIGHTS WILL BATTLE FOR TITLE TONIGHT

Fistic Experts Rate Clark Better Man Than Wilde

LaBarba Risking Title Tonight in Bout With Clark

Flyweight Champion Will Meet European Titleholder

William "Elky" Clark, flyweight champion of Europe, said by some of the experts to be a better fighter than Jimmy Wilde, is to get a chance at the world title when he meets Champion Fidel La Barba in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. Clark will find La Barba mighty clever and courageous, a real champ.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Elky Clark, bristling little Scotch champion of European flyweights, will trade punches tonight with Fidel LaBarba, king pin of the world's 112 pounders, in the first international title match of 1927. The bout is scheduled for 12 rounds at Madison Square Garden.

Speed and hitting power have made the 21-year-old Californian a 2 to 1 favorite despite Clark's long record of knockouts among Europe's little men. The invader, who seeks world honors at the age of 29, has floored 20 opponents in 40 battles staged over a period of five years. Both champion and challenger employ an aggressive style.

Clarke, accustomed to 20-round matches in Europe, is considered at a handicap over the 12-round route, where Labarba's speed is expected to pile up a large margin of points in the early rounds. The bout will start at 10 p. m.

SCOT VS. FILIPINO

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A wee fighting man rfom Scotland, Elky Clark, will try tonight to take Great Britain its first world championship since the days of Jimmy Wilde, the "mighty atom." Clark, holder of the European flyweight, meets Fidel, world champion from California, in a 12-round fray for the crown at Madison Square.

Clark must match the ring sagacity of a scarred veteran at a speed and confidence of youth in his quest for world honors. A 112 pound Scotchman, who won his title from Francois Morracconchi, of France, in a 20-round engagement at London in October, 1926, is now 29 years old. Labarba is scarcely 21.

Clark bases his hopes of victory on furious hitting power. He has scored 20 knockouts in 40 professional bouts. The Californian, however, because of his greater speed and sharp punching, has been made a 2 to 1 favorite. Clark's chance of carrying the title back to Britain would be greater, experts believe, if the bout were of 15 rounds or more.

Fidel La Barba, flyweight champion, is the first titleholder to put his crown to a real test in 1927. He is to meet William "Elky" Clark, Europe's best, in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. La Barba, who won his title from Frankie Genaro, is confident he will be able to repel the doughty son of Scotland.