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THE LIBRARY HABIT

Some persons never go to the library. They have never acquired the library habit. They have a few books at home, books which they were pestered into buying by some book agent, which stand on their shelves, idle and unread, catching dust and germs. They read a few trashy magazines. To these persons a library, instead of being an institution full of life, vibrating with interest and freshness, is a huge monument of dullness, full of dry books, a place for the highbrows.

This is one of the problems of the librarian, to bring the library in touch with all the people, to make it a part of their lives and to make it actually useful in their daily life and development. Great steps are being made in this respect. The library is now a part of the state system. A person reads of a new book, sees it advertised in a newspaper or magazine, is seized with a desire to read it. All he has to do is to ask his local librarian for it. If it is not in the local library, the librarian will send to the state library at Salem and get it. This is real, actual service to the public. Men who are engaged in technical pursuits, who are at work on inventions, who are studying nights to improve themselves in their professions or to acquire new ones, can receive valuable assistance in the loan of books and magazines by consulting the local librarian.

You can build libraries and fill them with books, but you can't make people read. The way to do that would be to pass a law forbidding people to enter the library and read. Then what a rush there would be to get books.

The Pacific Coast is at last coming into its own and the bureaucrats at Washington are beginning to realize that there is such a place as Oregon. It is fortunate for the West that Hurley of Chicago and Hoover of Oregon are in the thick of affairs. Hoover has already prevented the throwing of the Oregon apple into the discard as an article of food. Hurley has checkmated the plan to buy all of the lumber needed for ship building in the South and has recognized Oregon lumber. The war department has also sent men to Oregon for Oregon spruce. The government is paying a good price and will build the largest spruce mill in the world at Vancouver, Wash. Oregon is only too anxious to do her best. The towns and ship building plants on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers are ready and equipped to build ships, but it was disheartening to have such ambitions blocked by antiquated old red tape artists in Washington. With the infusion of some new blood into the ship building corporation, we have a chance to have that corporation get down to business and build some ships. Oregon will help.

Sit down today and write that letter to the soldier and sailor boy you have so often thought about.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

Easy Patriotism

You undergo no grievous strain when you observe a meatless day; so don't get all swelled up and vain, because you shooed the steak away. I hear so many people boast of little self-denying tricks; because they did without a roast, they think they're heroes, noddies, bricks. And one man has a swollen head, his Sunday hat it has outgrown, because he cut out wheat bread, and filled himself with

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



hot corn pone. Great Scott! Before this war is done, before Red Bill's an also ran, we may be thankful for a bun composed of sawdust, hay and bran. Oh, let us take ourselves abroad, and tell the starving people there, how we have felt privation's prod, by cutting down the bill of fare. Let us address the Belgians gaunt, and say, "Your sympathy we seek; we, too, have known the pangs of want—we've cut out beef one meal a week. Our children cry for wheaten bread, appeal to us with streaming eyes, and they must hungry go to bed, because we've naught for them but pies. We've sounded all the depths of grief, we've known all throes that men may feel, for once a week we cut out beef, and eat some fish instead of veal." Then would the Belgians realize what anguish with the bark on means, and they would say, "These hungry guys may have our share of pork and beans."

POLITICAL NOTES

Portland, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer on a platform of economy and efficiency.
Adams Makes Announcement.
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Elegance in Broadcloth Coat



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The coat is cut in the modish length, is semi-fitted at the back and hangs straight in front. It has lapped seams, and slit pockets, cut in a curve. The only stitching, put in solely to be ornamental, appears in several rows below the pockets and running parallel to them. There are long shoulders and roomy sleeves cut in the plain coat-sleeve fashion.

No other fur would do quite so well for the ample collar and cuffs as beaver, although seal or mink or kolinsky

all make a good finish. But the beaver fur keeps the coat all in one color, for even the long, semi-transparent buttons are of the same color as the cloth. The designer could not afford to have them commonplace and their unusual size is warranted by the character of the coat which is altogether out of the ordinary. This is one among a good many attractive coats this season that will serve for many occasions, just as a fur coat does. It is certain that no winter has brought with it more becoming wraps or cloths better adapted to graceful styles.

Julie B. Smith

Cocked Hats.

The "cocked" hat again is noticed. One comes in the sheer variety of black velvet, and is trimmed with two huge pom-poms of clipped material uniting trim in their effect. The hat worn high on the head looks extremely well when worn with the closely fitted fur pieces, and gives the wearer a chance to display some head length even if her neck is completely hidden.

PARISIANS PLACE BUSTLE IN FRONT

No Woman Designer Had Anything to Do With Creation of New Feature.

STYLE ACCEPTED BY PUBLIC

There Seems to Be Not the Slightest Idea of a Return to Fullness in Either Frocks or Coats.

New York.—France puts a bustle in front of a gown, and America puts it in the back. Such is the interesting struggle going on between designers. Two men, one of this continent and one of that, were responsible for the 1917 bustle, and it may be confidently asserted that no woman designer had a part in its creation or development. It took the public just six weeks to level the fashion to the commonplace. It is because of this public acceptance that the style must be dealt with generously by the reporters.



Suit of green velvet and cashmere, with jacket that has the upward tilt at the back and is finished with a high-waisted belt. Waistcoat of bottle-green suede. The gown was made for a descendant of the famous Annie Laurie.

of fashion who usually can give only passing attention to each new idea as it is shot across the battlefield of apparel. One man's idea attracts attention, but that attention is deflected by every other man's idea, but when this individual idea is multiplied a thousand times by buyers and sellers, by women who pretend to be fashionable and by those who care nothing about the word, then the fashion becomes "the style," as we term it in this country.

If you talk earnestly with those who deal in exclusive clothes, you will hear them say that the silhouette must change and that it is more than probable that the bustle will become more of a feature in the spring among high-class designers than it is today.

There is no disposition on the part of the American woman to save in the buying of clothes despite all the propaganda on this subject, and no matter what comes later, if the war continues, the process of buying goes on merrily today.

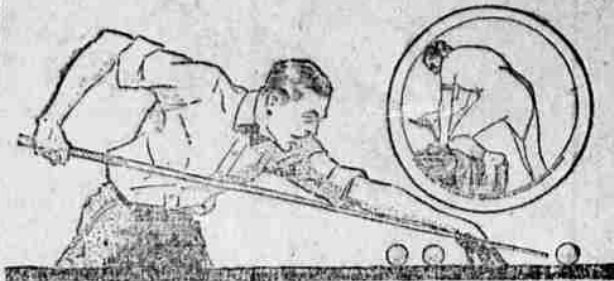
No Return to Fullness.

There is not the slightest idea of a return to fullness in frocks or coats. There are two good reasons for this announcement—a scarcity of material in certain quarters and the wish of the various governments of the world for strict conservation, and also the fact that we have been over-enriched with fullness in gowns and the very sight of such a gown gives us a squeamish attack of sartorial indigestion. It is almost unbearable today to look upon a lapped, padded, be-furled or belted costume. We were hoopedsters, even though they were disguised under the name of the farthingale, until we felt ashamed to look at a barrel, and it is not possible for either the French or the American designers to compel us to turn our attention to such clothes in the immediate future.

We want slimmest, we look our very best in slimmest, and we are quite willing to wear less material than since the Civil War, but we are tired of tunics. Our trouble is that we don't want a return to the small waist, we will not have more material put into our clothes and we insist upon a straight line from armpits to hips, but something must be done with our skirts if our palate for clothes is to be tickled any further.

Under the influence of this impatience and annoyance with a continuity of line in clothes, there is no

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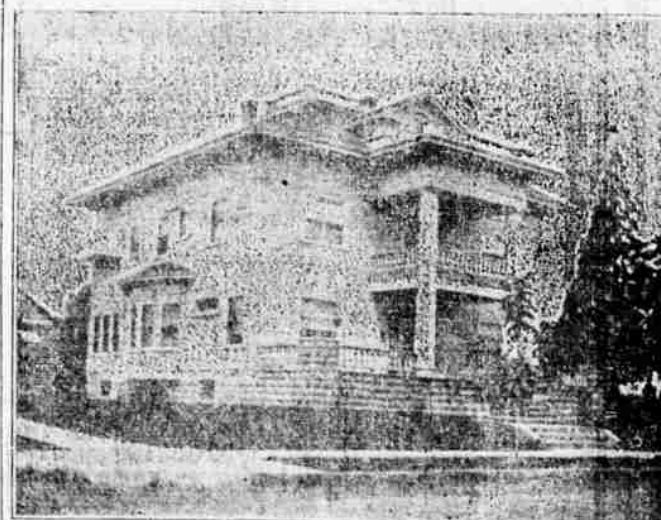
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