

THE OLD-FASHIONED GIRL.

The Oregonian: There has been discovered somewhere in Los Angeles, of all possible places, an old-fashioned girl. She yearns for country quiet, and Sunday walks, and modest clothing, and she is as Victorian as she can be—at heart. But you never would recognize the young lady. Her disguise is perfect. She is disguised as the swiftest product of a very fast age, and none will dance longer at a wayside tavern than she, and none is quite such a mistress of the modern slang. To all appearances she is the type that sets maiden aunts to weeping for the decorum of their own girlhood, and furnishes shocked ministers with themes. The reason for her disguise, she confesses, is not far to seek. She must conform to the age of jazz if she would be popular. But at heart she is as sim-

ple and winsome as a violet of the dell. Her confession is food for thought. Perhaps, after all, we have been grievously misjudging the modern maidens. It seems reasonable to believe that many of them keep the pace that others set because they feel that it must be kept if they are to have the least contact with youthful gaiety. One perceives that it is probable that some girl who cherishes a secret fondness for dressing dolls, on rainy days, may be spurred on to outshine all other girls in the spurious smartness of the moment. She may smoke a cigarette with loathing and drink a cocktail with inward contempt of herself. She may do all these things that are required by the age of jazz and yet long merely to lead the normal life that is denied her. We believe that such girls, reluctant captives of jazz, greatly over-estimate the value of keeping up

appearances. It may seem to them that their social opportunities and their matrimonial prospects depend on their participation in amusements that are far from amusing, but the truth is that the hazard is always greater than the gain. Assuming that there are other girls like the Los Angeles maiden, one would advise them that the country is looking for old-fashioned girls. It would wear them in its heart, and gladly, and only with the utmost reluctance has it ever admitted that they were gone. Why, such a girl, coming into the company of her bizarre sisters, would cheapen them in a twinkling. There wouldn't be any question of her standing. She would be genuine. And any number of eligible young men would gaze upon her with distinct approval, for it is more than likely that a great many of the swains of today are just as lonely and dissatisfied as the penitent young woman of Los Angeles. We would not hold this possibility out as a reward of merit—since merit, like virtue, should be its own reward. But it is our sincere belief that the experiment would pay. The country is lonesome for the old-fashioned girl.

or may not be true; but it certainly does not hold good in the gas industry. In the great plant of the Astoria Light, Heat and Power company, of New York, there burns the same fire which was started more than 100 years ago in the plant of the old New York Gas Light company. On the eve of the abandonment of the old plant, in the 1850s, a mass of live coals, which had been ignited more than 30 years before, were placed in a large container and transported to the new plant in another section of the city. This performance was repeated in 1906 when the world's largest gas plant was set in operation. So today the fires which burn in the Astoria plant are those which were started more than a century ago. Back of the men on the operating floors of the nation's gas plants, the meter men, the thousands of men and women who are putting the spirit of gas into more than 9,000,000 American homes, stands one of the nation's finest traditions.

HIS HANDKERCHIEF IS OVAL

Hindoo Prince Tampering Where More Famous Fix Laws of Style. A Hindu prince has started the fashion of oval pocket handkerchiefs. But why should he want his handkerchief oval? Another ruler, far more famous, invented the square handkerchief. When Louis XVI ascended the throne of France handkerchiefs were oblong. Before that they had been round, with a deep bordering of lace. It was only the high born and the rich who owned handkerchiefs at all in those days, says London Tit-Bits. When Louis XVI had reigned for about 12 years he considered that the time had come for another change of shape and doubtless Marie Antoinette had something to do with the idea. It was decided that the reign of the square handkerchief should begin. By letters patent given at Versailles on September 23, 1784, it was decreed that the length and the breadth of the handkerchief should be equal. Three months later the French parliament gravely confirmed the absurd decision.

Oregon Prunes to India.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18.—The fame of the Oregon prune is becoming known the world over. An order has been received from Cleveland, Ohio, for a 25-pound box of prunes to be sent to Kurki, a town in the interior of India. Six tons of prunes were sent to India last year and nine tons to the Straits Settlements. In all there were 2713 tons of prunes sent out from Portland by water direct last year, with many more tons going by rail to eastern ports for delivery to steamer there.

Bad Roads Make Garage Business.

More springs have been broken this winter in driving over the Row River road than in any year in the history of the automobile business, according to a garage which has had a large part of the spring repair business. This may be due in part to the fact that there are many more automobiles using the road than ever before, but those who have had to have their springs replaced by it largely to the condition of the road. The road around Knox hill has gone to pieces on the grade for the first time since it was laid a number of years ago.

Lane Display Is Returned.

Lane county's display, which attracted so much comment at the sportsmen's show at Portland and the educational exhibit at Corvallis last week, has been returned to Eugene and has been stored at the county fair grounds. The display will be kept intact and will be placed on exhibition at the county fair this year. Thousands of visitors at the two shows last week viewed the display of live Mongolian pheasants from the state game farm, which was a feature of the Lane county booth.

A New Spoke in the Hub.

The first day of school a little girl presented herself who looked very much like a true daughter of Italy. "You're an Italian?" asked the teacher. "No'm," was the astonishing reply. "But wasn't your father born in Italy?" "Yes'm." "And wasn't your mother born in Italy?" "Yes'm." "Well, you must be an Italian." "No'm, I'm Irish. I was born in Boston."—Open Road.

Why He Was Sad

"Why do you look so sorrowful, Dennis?" "I just hear-r-d wan man call another man a liar, and the man that was called a liar said the other man would have to apologize or there would be a fight." "And why should that make you sad?" "The other man apologized."

Thoughtless.

Effie: Why hasn't daddy much hair? Mother: Because he thinks a lot, darling. Effie (pause): But why have you got such a lot, Mummie? Mother: Get-on-with-your-break-fast!

How We Help.

America is a nation of progress and radio is one of our new rack-ets. Marconi may have discovered it and thus made it possible, but we are making it impossible.—Baltimore American.

Less Liquor for L&L.

Garage man—How much d'you want? Driver—A gallon. Garage man—Wot's the idea—wosain't it?—Life.

A Gentle Hint.

"Is that clock right?" asked the caller who had outstayed his welcome. "The visitor!" he remarked. "What a curious name for a clock!" "You see," the hostess explained, "we call it that because we can never make it go."

A Long Way Off.

A group of visitors were going through the county jail, and a burly negro trusty was called to open doors for them. "How do you like it here?" one of the women asked. "Like it, ma'am? Huh, if Ah eveh gits out Ah's gwine so fah fun heah it'll cost loben dollahs to sen' me a postal cahd."

Remarkable If True.

Teacher—Tommy, tell us something about Abraham Lincoln. Tommy—He was born in a log cabin which he had helped his father to build.

Why, Indeed?

Jr.—Pop, what is an ancestor? Sr.—Well, I'm one. Jr.—Yes, I know, but why do people brag about 'em?

No Centipede.

Absent-minded man: I want to buy some oacks. Clerk: What number? Absent-minded man: Why-ah, two, of course.

Oil Spreader for Rough Seas to Help Ships in Storms

To calm rough waters around ships caught in storms, a southern man has invented a spreader that sprays oil



over a large area around the vessel. Pumped from a tank on deck, the fluid passes far out from the boat to umbrella-like devices of canvas that are set floating in the sea. It can be used for large or small craft, or from lifeboats while making their way through heavy waves in the event of disaster. The illustration shows the oil spreader being used from ships and shore to subdue breakers and protect passengers, vessels and breakwaters. A close-up of the spreader is shown in the inset.

Poles of Elastic Concrete Bend Without Breaking

Hollow, concrete poles, designed to carry electric transmission lines, are being made by a process that allows them to bend under heavy strains without breaking. The top of a 64-foot pole will swing 7 feet from its normal position and back again without in-

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sounds reaching other than the listener's ear. Thus, it does away with the need of individual booths and aids in saving floor space in a store. It has the appearance of an ordinary instrument and can be attached to a counter or table.

Snowfall of Today as Heavy as in Grandpa's Time

Official records, according to the weather bureau, will not support the assertions that "we don't have such heavy snowfalls now as we did when I was a child." According to the figures, the winters now are just as severe as they were in the days of our grand-parents. It is a fact, say the experts, that the deep snow remembered by the man who was a boy in the '70s or '80s, which reached his shoulders, would be less than knee deep compared with his present stature. For example, the statistics show that in New York City and Albany, N. Y., the heaviest snowfalls occurred more than 30 years ago, but there have been few winters with more snow than fall at those places in the season of 1915-16. Records at Springfield, Ill., dating since 1884, indicate that the greatest fall, 43 inches, was in 1913-14. In New Haven, Conn., the heaviest occurred in 1915-16, although there seems to be a gradual lessening of the total each season. Boston's best figure,

Spreading Beauty.

Tramp: Would you please sub-scribe half a crown to my fund for beautifying the village? The Vicar: But my good man, how are you going to beautify the village? Tramp: By moving on to the next town.—The Passing Show (London).

Aside From That.

Author: Have you read my new book? Friend: Yes. Author: What do you think of it? Friend: Well, to be candid with you, I think the covers are too far apart.—Calgary Herald.

Cheap Work.

Doctor's wife: I see in the paper where a man was killed for three dollars. Doctor (absently): What a small fee! The fellow who did the work must have had a fake diploma.

Lucky Dog.

He: Ah, your little dog has an enviable position. She: Do you mean because he is always with me? He: Not exactly, but I was just thinking how happy I would be if I had someone to pay all my taxes for me.—Kaspar (Stockholm).

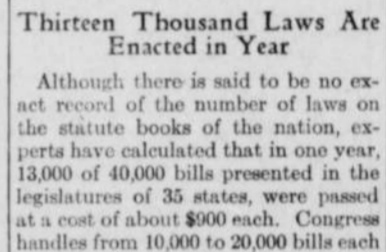
Mistress—And what's your baby's name, Mandy? Colored maid—Hallud. We named him from the bible. Mistress—Hallud! I never heard that before. Maid—Oh, yas'm. Ain't yo' nev-er read "Hallud be thy name"?

Not So New.

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Combination Rotary Harrow and Drag

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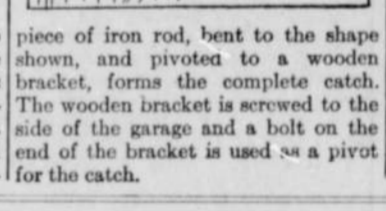
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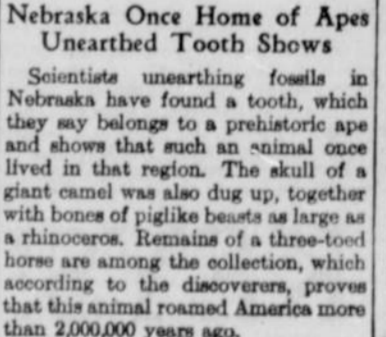
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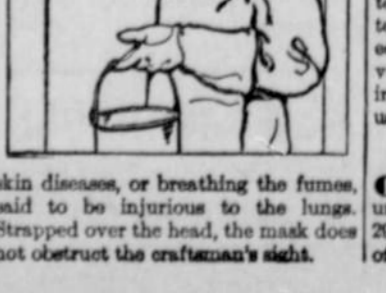


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skin diseases, or breathing the fumes, said to be injurious to the lungs. Strapped over the head, the mask does not obstruct the craftsman's sight.

Delayed Repentance.

A Wisconsin man attending a revival was pressed to repent. He wavered for a time, but finally rose and said: "Friends, I want to repent and tell how bad I've been, but I can't do it when the grand jury is in session." "The Lord will forgive," shouted the revivalist. "Yes, but he ain't on that grand jury."—Success.

The Village Complete.

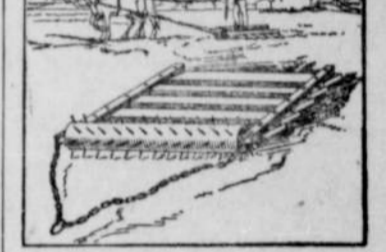
Stopping in a small town a traveling man said to a prospective customer: "It has been twenty years since I was here last. Many buildings gone up since then?" "No," replied the resident, "none that I know of." "Any gas or electric company here?" "No." "Planning for any?" "No." "Well," said the traveling man, "I've been all over the country, and this is the first town I have seen that is what you might call actually finished."

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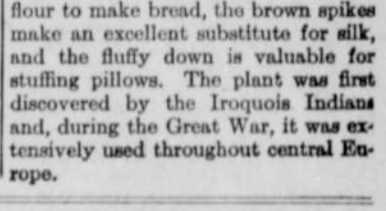
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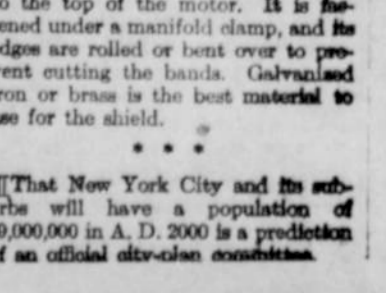


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