

GOTHAM GIRL'S BLUE CAT PROVES COSTLY

Dyed Feline Episode Among Week's Blue Events.

YOUTHS HELD SLANDERED

Reports That Boys of Metropolis Are Averse to Marriage Are Declared Groundless.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Things have come to a pretty pass when a girl cannot have any shade of cat she fancies—a matter which, by the way, helped to make this blue week.

There was the Gainsborough "blue boy" who was fined for \$750.00 by Henry Huntington of New York, which arrived a day or two ago and is being dusted and cleaned for exhibition in the near future.

There was the bill introduced at Albany making it a misdemeanor to have one's shoes shined on Sunday. And there was Otto, the cat. Otto was by far the most striking and the most recent item.

Though, of course, Miss Owen was a trifle blue also.

It seems that Margaret Owen has the cutest blue curtains and rugs in her three-room apartment downtown.

To go with the curtains and rugs she bought a blue hat, a blue suit and blue stockings. But Otto was a discordant note, a bridled and white spotted cat in the general harmony of shade.

What, then, was more natural than that Miss Owen should dye Otto to match the curtains, which matched the rugs, which matched the suit, which matched the hat and pair of stockings?

For a couple of days Otto was a bright blue cat, so well matched with the rest of the ornaments that when he lay on the bright blue ottoman he couldn't really tell which was the cat and which was Otto.

But when Otto through an inharmonious little pink tongue into the color scheme and began to bathe himself therewith he speedily became more blue than bright. Indeed, he lost his color completely, and just when Miss Owen noticed this the humane society notified Miss Owen.

Court Chides Margaret. The magistrate chided her "spoiled child" and a "prima donna" using the terms practically as synonyms.

Then he made Miss Owen promise to visit her father in Florida and not return until she had a guardian with her who would see that she kept out of the prima donna's line.

She stays with the humane society until he gets over the blues.

Somebody meanwhile has been maligning the youths of Gotham with the slur that they are not anxious to marry. Somebody has been picturing them as selfish, indifferent, and in halls, toddle tops, business careers and anything but matrimony.

It's all a big lie. Look at the young man who has had 25 suitors a day for the past two days, not to mention letters dripping with love. Theresa offered to marry the man who would provide \$1000 for the support of her parents and her six brothers and sisters.

The man, mark you, for Theresa had no idea there were 25 of them a day, all willing to wed and all possessed of \$1000 or able to raise it. Five young men rang Theresa's doorbell at one time and stood glaring at one another.

The very young lady—who is 17—has bought a car and is listing her catch according to age, occupation and height.

Old Argument Dashed. One thing at least has been shown to a skeptical world in New York: there are many young gentlemen who think \$1000 a bonus for a wife and home. What, then, becomes of the good old argument that jazz and flapperism have made wedding bells as scarce in New York as snailshells?

It must be discouraging to carry a 25-pound sack of flour and, after the trouble of cracking it, discover it contains only \$180. That is what happened to a bevy of hard-working crackmen in Brooklyn the other night. The venture hardly repaid them for the expenditure of nitro, muscle and time.

Fred Bohde, for example, showed a conspicuous want of consideration and regard for the ethics of the game when his Madison avenue grocery was held up a few nights ago. Mr. Bohde, who is 79 years old and not large of build, was supposed to be in the shop when two husky negroes entered with revolvers drawn and commanded him to throw up his hands.

Yeggs Actually Caught. Locking one assailant in the eye, Mr. Bohde obeyed. But he put up his hands with such enthusiasm as to knock the revolver to the floor. Not only that, but Mr. Bohde did the unsportsmanlike thing of throwing the yeggs when the latter were no longer armed. His son dashed out of the bookkeeper's cage, hurled himself upon the yeggs and drove them to the door, chased them on foot and in a taxi, and with lamentable lack of esprit de corps drove the yeggs to wherever it is, actually caught them and turned them over to the police.

The status of begging is not as good, either. Here was John Burrey, who went to all the trouble of dressing in his sister's clothes, raising his face, acquiring a little phonograph and a tin pail and soliciting money on the Brooklyn rapid transit for "starving Russians." Murray was standing out "Navy Little Bit Added to What You've Got" on the phonograph and had collected \$1.10 in the tin pail when a policeman noticed beneath the ronge a two-days' beard. In night court Burrey was fined \$100 for the part about wearing Russians to make it sound well, but that actually he was collecting funds for his starving sister and nephews.

SIX FIRMS INCORPORATE

Wool C. Taylor Company Files Papers at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The Fred C. Taylor company, with capital stock of \$15,000 and headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by J. W. Chandler, C. H. Madcock and Fred C. Taylor. Articles were filed in the state corporation department here today.

The National Tea company has been incorporated by Alfred S. Wilcox, Dorval Z. Irvin and A. C. Emmons. The capital stock is \$15,000 and headquarters will be in Portland.

George Berry, Harriet Berry and Walter Sommerfeldt have incorporated the Standard Marine, Granite & Stone company. Headquarters will be in Portland. The capital stock is \$5000.

The Medford Tire company, with headquarters in Medford, has been incorporated by L. D. Jones, Ethel J.

HISTORICAL TOWN BECOMES NEW RENO

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BAR IS INVESTIGATING

Three Inducements—Cheapness, Noiselessness and Quickness—Are Offered by Village.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—No one ever would have suspected it of staid, drowsy, dignified old Alexandria, in the center of which stands Christ church, of which George Washington, father of his country, was a vestri-man.

One could forgive Reno for that sort of thing, for Reno is in a new country, where laws were quickly and perhaps loosely drawn, an outpost of the later centers of the country with a shifting population of adventurous spirits.

But that Alexandria, 227 years old, steeped in the historic lore of revolutionary days, should suddenly have been exposed and held up to public contempt as possessing one of the most high-powered and rapidly revolving "divorce mills" in the entire western hemisphere, has proved a shock from which the old dominion will not recover for many a long day.

Divorces Are Investigated. Here in Alexandria, just six miles down the Potomac from Washington, a committee of the bar association is investigating the charges that divorces have been obtained without any actual residence in the state on the part of the petitioners and upon the flimsiest sort of evidence.

The situation has been so real and so surprising to those actually conversant with conditions in this city during the last few years. The surprise has been that the outside world has been so slow in finding Alexandria out. The reason for this, however, as already stated, is that no one ever would have suspected Alexandria, with its wonderful old colonial homes, its ivy-covered churches, its wide streets and stately trees, and its seemingly sleepy old courthouse.

But three large inducements have been offered by Alexandria—cheapness, quickness and noiselessness. Let's take them in order.

Market Quotations Vary. First, cheapness. Market quotations for divorces vary from day to day, but the range is not wide. One authority is quoted as fixing the figure at \$200 and a nightgown; another makes it \$150 and the cost of fixing, the costs cited amounting to about \$25. In general a man or woman having an economical turn of mind ought to make \$175 or \$200 cover the whole cost of the fight for freedom, judging from such data as has been piled loose by enterprising newspaper sleuths during the last few days.

Now as to speed. The man or woman who wants a divorce wants it in a hurry, particularly when he or she expects to meet No. 2 outside the courtroom. Speed, therefore, is important. The residence requirement in the state of Virginia is a year, but H. G. Wells and his time machine never took any such liberties with the calendar as have been taken by those who have been freed from matrimony bonds in Alexandria.

Calendar Year Compressed. Sometimes a show comes to town, blaring the announcement that it has played "one entire year on Broad-

SOCIETY OF CAPITAL SETTING FAST PACE

No Rest to Be Taken Even for Today.

PARLEY THING OF PAST

Rounds of Dinners and Luncheons Follow Functions at Arms Limitation Conference.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Lord Riddell, one of the outstanding foreigners of the arms conference, was particularly amused with a word which he said was typically American, which he said he heard "every time I turned around."

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THYE THROWS GARDNER

ONE FALL ENOUGH TO DECIDE UNDER NEW RULES.

Match Is Livened Up Bit by Altered Regulations—Three Other Falls Are Averted.

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