

# CHICAGO FAT MEN AND WOMEN STAGE REDUCING CONTEST

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Chicago, April 23.—Miss Nellie Leonard, champion fat girl, lost two full pounds today, thereby arousing the envy of every other fat woman entered in the great Chicago "we will get thin" contest.

More than 400 fat women have now entered the various public health contests which are the year's sensation in Chicago. Nearly 60 fat men are making equally strenuous efforts to shed excess weight. Every gymnasium in the city resounds with the puffs and undignified but honest grunts of heavyweights with one eye on the scales and the other on pictures of Venus de Milo and Adonis.

**WILL TELL TRUTH**

Tuesday a "we will get fat" contest was started—under the direction of Dr. John Dill Robertson, with Chicago newspapers assisting in the movement. Every skinny man and woman in the city is urged to come and learn how to put a layer or two of real flesh on their ribs.

"When we get through, Chicago people are going to be in uniformly good condition," said Dr. Robertson. "Some of us are on the point of dropping dead from too much fat. Others are in equal danger from emaciation. We will get them all."

The most startling development of the day was the agreement between 300 fat women that there was to be no more camouflage about "when is a woman fat?"

When the contests started, the contestants deprecated their double chins, refused to tell ages, would not allow their pictures to appear in the newspapers and acted like women who "know

they are a little plump, but fat—my word, no!"

**WELLIE STARTS MOVEMENT**

Miss Nellie Leonard, weighing 323 at twilight, stripped this attitude of its pretense as follows:

"We fat women have no more privacy than a goldfish, anyway," she said. "Why should we try to hide behind a corset? We cannot get away with it. Let's be honest and start right. I am fat as a pig and so are lots of sugar-eating women. I weigh 323 pounds. If a woman weighs 150 and should weigh 130 she is as bad off as I am. Half the women in America are flabby from too much pastry and too little exercise, or are too skinny from eating pickle lunches and taking no exercise. Let's get together and go from here."

"This appeal was the women of Chicago to the movement."

**CROWD THE OUTDOORS**

Physical condition is now the chief topic of discussion in Chicago women's clubs. Thousands of business girls are walking to work. Lincoln park is filled afternoons and evenings with fat men and women striding along at marathon speed.

There are now nearly 600 city gardens under cultivation by the reducing enthusiasts of both sexes clad in overalls.

And every minute of the day Dr. Robertson is issuing instructions from his office on diets, exercise, the harmfulness of corsets and tight shoes.

Three newspapers have engaged experts to conduct classes and there has been an unprecedented rush for enrollment in gymnasium classes.

Miss Leonard, who lost two pounds today, tonight was given more attention by her achievement than the slices taken off Turkey by the allied powers at San Remo. She is heroine of the ever-increasing double-chin battalion.

**SHE'S PASTRY FIEND**

"Everybody in the world has a notion what it feels like to be fat," Miss Leonard told 32 anxious reporters. "But everyone who is not fat is wrong in their notions."

"Some fat woman said that the comedy of fat is in the eye of the beholder and the tragedy in the heart of the possessor; but being fat is more than a secret tragedy—it is a public and disgraceful exhibition. That is why I am dragging my poundage before the public. I am a horrible example of the candy-eating, pastry gulping fiend. Beware of my fate as you would of drugs."

**GIVEN DEMONSTRATION**

"This is no age to be fat. Everybody

# FORD INTERESTS TO REINCORPORATE FOR \$100,000,000

Detroit, April 23.—(I. N. S.)—Ford automobile and tractor interests will be combined and reincorporated as a \$100,000,000 Delaware corporation, it was indicated today as the result of papers submitted to the secretary of state.

New corporate powers of the company, according to these papers, will permit it to engage in the manufacture of aircraft, internal combustion locomotives and all manner of vehicles used in transportation.

The reason for incorporating under Delaware, are laws, it is said, that organization of a company with more than \$50,000,000 capital stock is not permitted in Michigan.

It is believed that the capital stock of the new company will not be opened to public sale, but that it will be held by the incorporators of the Henry Ford & Son corporation.

**Dr. Hinson Is Speaker**

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 23.—Dr. W. B. Hinson of Portland spoke at the college convocation today. Music was furnished by the college Mandolin club and by members of the faculty-student minstrel cast.

is too sophisticated. Everybody reads the doctors' columns in the papers, and when they see a fat person they begin to worry about his or her thyroid gland and kidneys."

Whereupon the lady showed the audience how a fat woman should roll on the floor to flatten the padded curves. "Watch me, boys," she said triumphantly. "This is hard on the chandeliers downstairs but I am out to help Chicago, as well as myself. In 60 days—poor Lillian Russell."

# Youngstown, O., Population Gain Reported 53,292

Washington, April 23.—(I. N. S.)—Preliminary population figures were announced today by the census bureau as follows:

Springfield, Mass., 1920 population, 129,338; increase since 1910, 40,412, or 31.3 per cent.

Youngstown, Ohio, 1920 population, 132,358; increase since 1910, 53,292, or 40.6 per cent.

Portsmouth, Ohio, 1920 population, 33,011; increase since 1910, 8,350, or 25.3 per cent.

Elmira, N. Y., 1920 population, 48,858; increase since 1910, 8,129, or 16.6 per cent.

Kalamazoo, Mich., 1920 population, 48,858; increase since 1910, 9,421, or 19.3 per cent.

Russellville, Ark., 1920 population, 22,697; increase since 1910, 2,222, or 9.8 per cent.

Tomball, Ala., 1920 population, 1,986; increase since 1910, 1,110, or 55.4 per cent.

Wright, Mass., 1920 population, 1,037; increase since 1910, 57, or 5.5 per cent.

Gardiner, Me., 1920 population, 16,690; increase since 1910, 2,261, or 13.6 per cent.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1920 population, 60,760; increase since 1910, 20,315, or 33.3 per cent.

Pittsburg, Mass., 1920 population, 41,018; increase since 1910, 3,187, or 7.8 per cent.

**Brakeman Fractures Arms**

Falling from an engine tender at Oregon City, Lyman McCarthy, 25, brakeman for the Southern Pacific, suffered fractures of his nose and both arms early this morning. McCarthy resides at 420 Williams avenue.

# EXIT MISS VAMPIRE, ENTER MISS FLAPPER, PRIMED FOR ROMANCE

(By United News.)

New York, April 23.—Take your last lingering look at the vampire lady with her black satin gowns and black, fur-trimmed millinery, because she's going

away for a long, long journey and may never come back.

Then slick your hair and fix your tie for the millinery chamber of commerce is waiting to introduce the boys to Little Miss Flapper, young, pretty and summery, who is to be America's girl for some time to come.

The flapper was introduced as America's new love during an exhibition held by the millinery chamber of commerce today. She will wear very light, pinky-pink things called voile and organdie, with hats to match in color and lightness. While the new type smiles in contrast to the vampire lady who always seemed to be thinking of her sad past, it is understood that she won't be so simple. The new styles are intended to make old girls younger and young

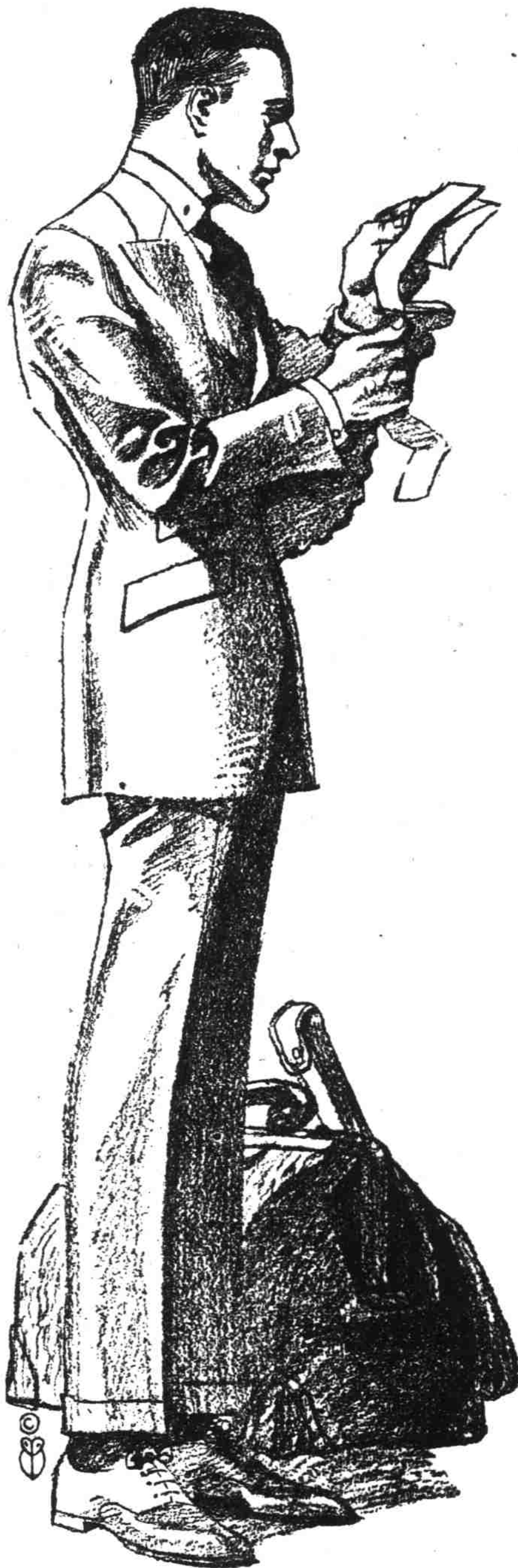
girls just the right age for summer romance.

The idea of this exhibit is to divide the year into four style periods and discourage the manufacture of fur-trimmed satin hats and gowns in summer and light gowns and straw hats in February.

The 30,000 members of the millinery chamber of commerce are said to have pledged themselves to show hats and gowns always in combination and to try to sell them the same way, on the theory that harmony is hard to achieve if the hat be bought in one shop and the gown in another.

Six varieties of seaweed are used by the Japanese in the manufacture of vegetable isinglass.

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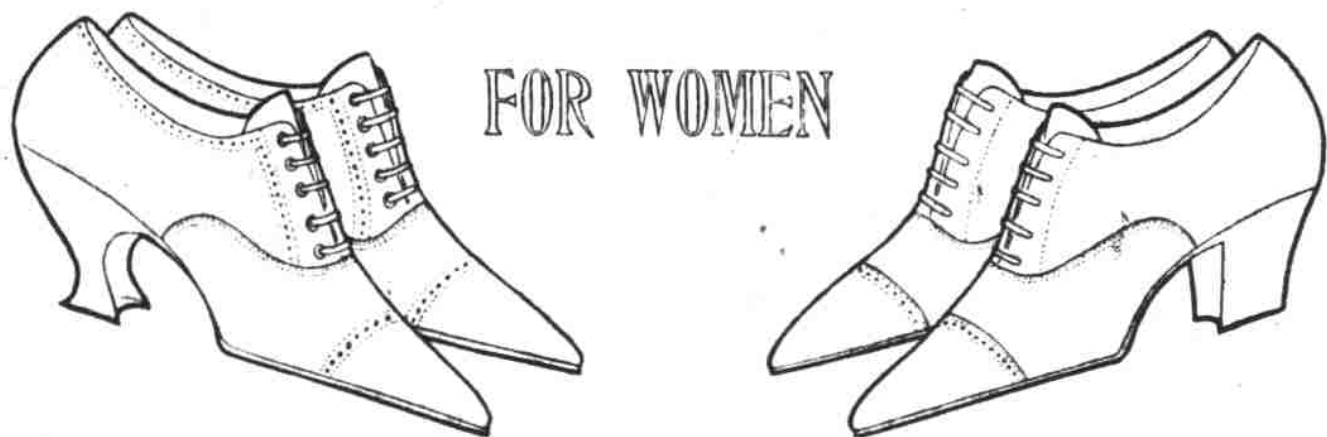
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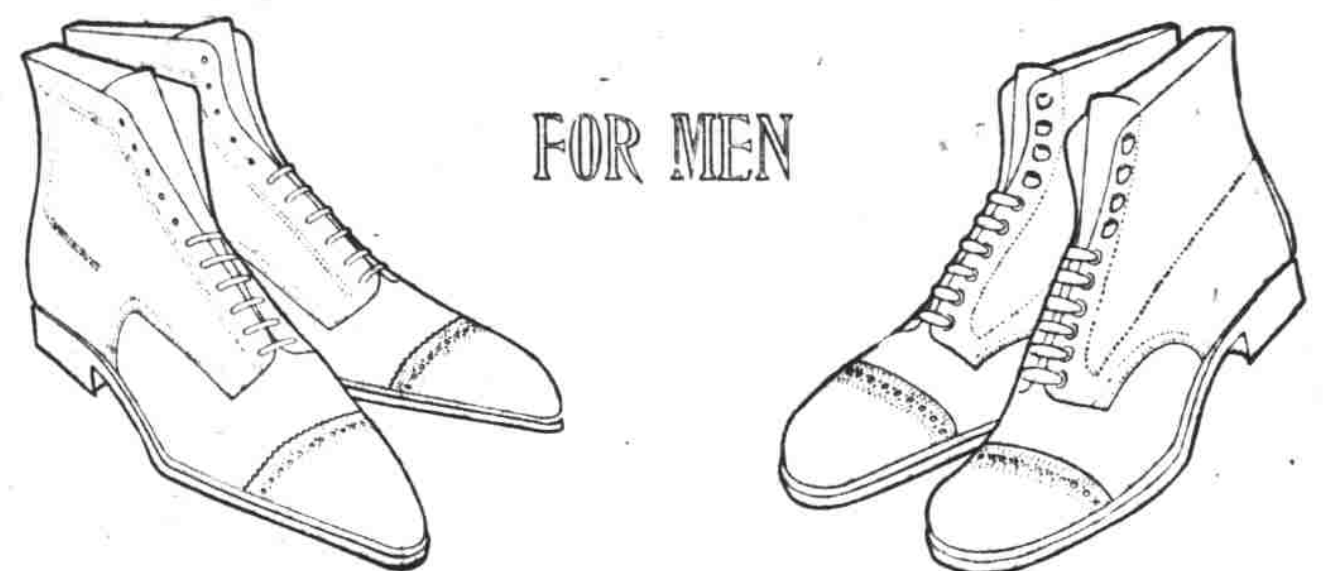
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