

New York Letter

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NEW YORK, April 13.—Almost every unhampered male adult in the country has tried "new" ways of getting out of jury duty. It remained for a Manhattanite to discover a truly new one—which works. It isn't sick wives or government necessity. It's whiskers! Just good substantial whiskers. The Manhattanite had been unusually pursued by juror-servers and had reached the desperate stage. So he tried thinking. And as he thought, he realized that never yet had he been present when the opposing attorneys had done more than perfunctorily questioned any bewhiskered salesman and then excused him "by consent." He started in immediately and recently when he came up before Justice Barlow S. Weeks, he had a full beard with which to confront the court and lawyers. The counsels looked at him once, smiled at each other, and he was excused. No one knows why it works, but it does.

Indication of the demand for American-manufactured products and raw materials from foreign countries is contained in cable advices received in New York within the last few days from foreign agents of American export corporations, specifying the goods wanted and the terms of payment. A report made the other day by one of the largest of these corporations says that inquiries have in instances resulted in orders, owing to the fact that prospective purchasers were in position to deal on cash or short-term credit basis. Many other inquiries have come to naught because of demand for long-term credits.

The exchange situation makes the matter of credits a prime one in any discussion of export trade and methods of pushing it. Long time credits and the exchange question in its various angles will be one of the important subjects of consideration taken up at the National Foreign Trade council convention in Cleveland this May.

Max Rosen, the well known violinist, was amusing himself at the phonograph recording laboratory by playing over a jazz number with a syncopated orchestra. One of the ragtimers, unaware of the violinist's identity, took the instrument from him and said: "Pretty good, but let me show you how to play this stuff. Just the same, you got talent, I'll say."

Gotham is now eating its fruits from South Africa. Shipments of plums, nectarines, peaches, pears and honey-dew melons from far-off Cape Colony are helping the city to keep her reputation for ignoring seasons in the matter of food. Strange crosses of peaches and plums and apples are among the shipments, resulting in colors of deep red splashed with yellow in odd shapes that are unfamiliar to most of us.

There is loud cheering by the tenants' chorus—as many of them have heard this story. For it's entirely true. The hero of it rented himself a house which needed decorating. Even the landlord admitted there was patchy-looking bits of wall in some rooms, but no, he wouldn't decorate. "Well, then," said our hero, "you ought to let me have it for less money. Tell you what I'll do. Take off ten dollars a month and I'll decorate it myself." The landlord agreed, which shows the state it was in. Then the hero's heroic proportions developed. He did do it himself—literally—and painted every wall and piece of woodwork dead black. The landlord gasped. "You've ruined my property," he wailed. Then he went to court. "But no," the judge declared, "if nothing was said as to color and black is the color this man wanted, he is perfectly within his rights." So rather than let his property be ruined the landlord did the whole house over. Then he tried to get the original renting price. "No, here is my lease," said the tenant, "agreeing to ten dollars a month less. And that's all there could be to it."

Convinced of the strong influence of "mine own people," the National Board of the Young Women's Christian association has chosen true, thoroughbred American Indian girls to lead the organization's work among the people of that race. The success of the idea has already been proven

by Miss Ella Deloria, daughter of a Sioux chief, of Standing Rock, South Dakota, who has left for the Pacific coast to give a series of talks on recreational and other branches of Y. W. work. Miss Deloria, who was graduated from Columbia University in 1915, has been physical director in All Saints' school, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, since her graduation. It may seem a bit like carrying coal to Newcastle for what was primarily a city organization to go out and give physical training to Indian girls, but it has worked splendidly. Miss Deloria assisted in putting on a pageant at an Indian gathering last year, which she wrote and directed, telling the history of her tribe, and she is planning to do more work of that kind. Another Indian girl recently added to the Y. W. forces is Susie Meek, who had been trained by the Friends, but whom they could not employ as a worker because their rules insist upon married workers and Susie is as yet unattached. She explained frankly that after she was married she might prefer to stay at home and take care of her husband and home and babies and so she'd better go where they could use her now.

The Hon. Sylvia Gough is the latest member of the English titled circle to make her debut on the professional stage. She has chosen for her medium the chorus of "The Right Girls," a new musical comedy just opened here. The Hon. Sylvia is the wife of Captain Wilfred Gough, son of Sir Hugh Suttie-Gough, and she is said to have been induced to become a climber after theatrical laurels through the success of her friend, Lady Diana Manners, in the cinema field.

"Have you any children?" Harry Sherman, 12 years old, asked a policeman who had just arrested him on a charge of stealing from a 5 and 10 cent store. When the policeman said "Yes," Harry handed him two \$20 bills and said, with a generous gesture, "Here, buy them some presents." Upon being asked the source of his wealth, he explained it was craps. So now he has two charges instead of one to answer before the Children's court.

Any one who thinks music is unappreciated in "the commercial atmosphere of New York City" ought to have been among those present when William Mengelberg, Dutch conductor of the Concert Grebown, set sail for Rotterdam the other day. The sceptical one would have realized that what true musical affection can mean. Six women fainted in the jam of the 2,000 gathered to say farewell, most of whom tried to kiss the overwhelmed conductor. He, himself, managed to escape injury, but he was sadly disarranged.

The Young Mother

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when he finally got safely aboard. His collar was missing completely, and his coat torn, but he knew that he was appreciated, at least.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Even after all these years of sophistication, New York society simply cannot prevent itself from getting all keyed up about real princes and princesses. It has obtained considerable sent from the presence here this last season of various members of the nobility who were, nevertheless, quite a ways from being royalty. So now the news that the Princess Anastasia of Greece, formerly Mrs. Leeds of the U. S. A., will come to Newport for a part of the season, has sent social thrills down many spines. For her husband is of truly royal birth and brother to the present king. Everyone is getting up her former acquaintance with the one-time Mrs. Leeds and dusting it up all ready for use. It's going to be a pleasant occasion in more ways than one, it would be thought, for the handsome women who used to be half-snubbed by some of the present enthusiasts, under the title of the "tin-plate heiress."

In spite of the cables and news reports it begins to seem as though the great war were actually over. Foreign mail steamboat service has just been re-established in New York bay and harbor after four years of discontinuance. The service transports mail from incoming trans-Atlantic and coastwise mail steamers from Quarantine to the North river pier, to expedite delivery. It was abolished April 21, 1917, "for the time of the war."

The recent verdict in the case of a New York department store against a talking machine company is of general interest because of the contest which has sprung up at various times over the same principal of a manufacturer's being able to control the retail price of his product. R. H. Macy & Company sued the talking machine concern because it has refused to sell the store its machines after they cut the price on them, charging violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. The jury in the federal district court awarded Macy & Company \$49,698.71 damages. The verdict will probably be appealed.

The race is not dying yet. A few hardy souls remain. For instance, Edward Quinlin of Brooklyn, fell from his window on the third story of a hospital; but instead of upsetting his nurse and everybody by getting himself killed or seriously injured, he hurt his wrist slightly and let it go at that.

"Frankie Bailey is back on the 'big time' How many years ago was it that she was a Weber and Fields favorite? So long, at least, that she had vanished from everyone's thoughts. And now she's back! She is to head a vaudeville company of eight, in a stunt put on by her old friends, Joe Weber and Lewis Fields.

When you have a particularly silly dream, you need have no hesitancy in telling it. It isn't your fault how absurd it was; it may have come

from Jupiter. So said Dr. Hereward Carrington, author and psychic investigator, in a speech the other day. Jupiter, he pointed out, is probably inhabited entirely by spirits; it's too far from the sun to have ordinary physical people get along on it. And these spirits phone us, as it were, while we're asleep.

ENGLISH HORSE RACING REVIVING AFTER WAR

LONDON (By Mail)—Horse racing, the Englishman's favorite sport, has begun and this season promises to be a record one. The pre-war standard as regards the number of horses in training has not yet been attained, but there are plenty of horses and another year or two should bring the turf back to its original standard.

Never were such large sums of money offered for blood stock as now and there are no signs of a slump. It was the owner-breeder who saved the situation during the war. With few exceptions all big breeders kept their studs going, with the result that today the whole turf situation is better than might have been expected.

Race-courses are overcrowded and the executives are perplexed as to how they can accommodate the thousands of people who now attend.

Nowhere else in the world is horse-racing quite so "exciting" as in England. The raucous shouts of the book-makers, the picturesque gipsies, the glare of color as the horses go flitting past, the frocks of the society dames in the grand stand, from the roof of which the "tick-tack" men send their mystic signs down to their colleagues in the ring, the deftness of the three-card tricksters who reap a golden harvest among the unwary, the frenzied shouting and stamping of the betters as the horses dash past the winning-post—all of these things go to make an English race-course one of those "sights" so dear to the hearts of tourists.

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