

Two cannon balls from the siege of Yorktown, Va., are still imbedded in the walls of the Nelson House there. The owner himself, American General Thomas Nelson, ordered the shots fired, knowing that Lord Cornwallis was using the house as headquarters.

Engineer To Leave Grants Pass Post

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Robert Laursen, Grants Pass city engineer since 1952, has accepted a position as city manager of Truth or Consequences, N.M. He will be the first city manager for that city.

Gloria Swanson Says French Couturiers American Minded About Ready-To Wear

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for United Press
Paris — (U.P.) — All the famous French couturiers are not French. Balenciaga and Castillo are Spanish; Desses, Greek; Bal-

main, Belgian. The couturiers who no longer have dress houses in Paris are Mainbocher, American; Worth and Captain Molyneux, English, and Elsa Schiaparelli, Italian, who is very active in her new corporation "Signature Schiaparelli," which deals in new ideas.

The present couturiers are getting very American minded about "ready to wear" if what I saw at Dior's boutique is any indication. Naturally, I expected to see only Americans, but was most surprised finding French women as well trying on and examining dresses, suits and coats hanging on racks in differ-

ent sizes. What an innovation! Life is now too active and full for most women, no matter what nationality, to take weeks of precious time for fittings. In Rome I had no alternative, therefore was a wreck having to spend two or three hours daily for 10 days at Capucci. But I needed something new to wear at the Monaco wedding.

In America I always have ready to wear clothes, unless I'm in New York where I have a real sewing room in my apartment. This eliminates the necessity of going from one shop to another. For with the help of a cutter and seamstress I can

create my own wardrobe. And what's more, I have a "stand-in" (dress form) for the fittings. More than one fitting on my real form and I'm fit to be tied.

Most makers of French clothes must be engineers because the designers certainly don't worry about how the lady is going to get into their complicated creations. They leave this detail and problem for the technicians in the workroom. The interior of a French dress is full of tricks and contraptions to separate this and hold up, or in, that.

Fascinating Gown
One time in Dallas, at Neiman Marcus, I purchased a fascinat-

ing strapless evening gown, a French model of Balenciaga's. I had to get into it from the top, feet first, because the skirt was part of two voluminous bloomer legs which had snug elastic around and above each knee.

Had I stood on my head, or even walked on my hands, I would have been more decently enclosed than when standing upright. It was a stunning gown but the designer and engineer had forgotten the laws of nature.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith has appointed Morris Wilson, Gilliam county wheat grower and cattleman, to the Oregon Wheat commission.

Here's where necessity, the mother of invention, came in handy and I became a genius or a magician.



AT YOUR GROCERS

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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How well informed are you as to the history of your home town? Say, for example, you are a Baltimorean or a Brooklynite. Did you know that the Breakwaters was for a period run in Brooklyn? Are you aware that the Baltimore Orioles, possibly the greatest team in Major League Baseball history was, at the peak of its success transferred to Brooklyn? There the nickname "Orioles" was shelved and the team was referred to as the "Superbas." One famous member of the Orioles refused to go to Brooklyn. That was John McGraw. Asked for the reason, McGraw said simply, "I don't like Brooklyn." But these are trivial incidents in Baltimore-Brooklyn history. Did you know that in Prospect park, Brooklyn, there is a memorial erected in honor of the gallant Marylanders, mostly from Baltimore, who fought with such distinction in the Battle of Long Island during the Revolutionary War?

Horses and Women

Can a woman's hip measurement be reduced two inches in six weeks? It is repeatedly said that this is an impossible bit of feminine figure streamlining. But it has been done. It is a matter of record that Bill Robinson, famous masseur and physical culture expert of London, reduced the hip measurement of Lisa Daniely, French actress, by two inches in six weeks. Robinson has many feminine celebrities among his clients. They include Ava Gardner, Linda Christian, Vivien Leigh and Belita, the skater.

Says She

"There are too many pictures published of Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield, Sheree North and Diana Dors," writes a feminine subscriber. "That is too many to suit women. Something every editor should know and realize is that women enjoy viewing pictures of male physical marvels. As for example, pictures of Mickey Hargitay, holder of the title of Mr. Universe. And men endowed with similar physical perfection. Husbands have their pin-up girls. Wives should have a chance to have some pin-up boys."

Safety

Too many people are afraid of air travel. A coast to coast plane I travelled on recently was half empty. On a transcontinental trip you are as safe in a passenger plane as in any other method of transportation. The fact is the chances of a passenger being killed in an airline accident are about 100,000 to 1. On some airlines it is even safer than that.

Please Note

At one midtown Manhattan bar, a bourbon highball is priced at \$1.05. In addition the bartender returns the change on a tray indicating a tip is expected. The retail price of a fifth of bourbon is \$6.56. The average bar extracts 25 drinks from a fifth of bourbon. That would make the return on a fifth of bourbon at the bar discussed amount to \$26.25. That is a profit of approximately \$20 on each fifth of bourbon! How can it be justified?

Please Note

Anita Ekberg, the buxom cinema luminary, has six brothers. How much does having six or more brothers help a girl

in understanding men? Our Horses and Women experts are trying to check this situation. Incidentally, our experts checked the situation in which a young man has six or more sisters. Indications are that such a situation does aid a man in understanding women but inclines to make him somewhat cynical as to the female sex. Young fellows with six sisters or more are very difficult to lure into matrimony. Only a young woman with a very special powerful husband hunting technique can persuade such a man to take the march to the altar.

Passing By

John "Shipwreck" Kelly, erstwhile All-American football star, After his athletic career at the University of Kentucky, Mr. Kelly achieved additional fame by his marriage to Brenda Frazier, the original "Glamour girl." Incidentally, the "Shipwreck" Kelly, was a flag pole sitter who hit the spotlight after being perched for a lengthy period on the top of a pole at Atlantic City, N.J.



BAGGED DOWN — Loaded down with baggage is Lowell Magoon of Tacoma, Wash., as he boards the American President liner SS President Cleveland in San Francisco. Lowell won the 21st annual National Propeller Club essay contest with his "The American Merchant Marine — Key to Trade and Defense." He's on his prize now — a six-week cruise to the Orient.

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