

Marries Hindu



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL ALFRED

who shocked New York when they were married recently. Alfred is a Coney Island East Indian mystic. He has appeared in various cities in connection with theatrical troupes.

Harsh Words for Minnie

I had spent most of a hot spring afternoon in my garden, spading and planting. Feeling quite proud of myself, I went out after supper to view the result of my labor. What a picture met my sight! There in the middle of one bed was "Minnie," our

little boy's pet chicken, and seed and soil were flying in every direction. "Minnie," I shouted, "get out of that garden or I'll break your legs." Just then beyond the fence I saw our neighbor in her garden. And the look she gave me! Her name was Minnie. I turned and fled, too embarrassed for explanations.—A. L. G.



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Two of East's Favorite Daughters Now on Coast



Above are two of the favorite musical comedy stars of the East, who are now winning new laurels on the Western Coast. At the left is Miss Harriet Calloway, late star of "Blackbirds," who made a jump from Seattle, Washington to Los Angeles. At the right is Miss Alma Travis, now in San Diego.

SIFTING THE NEWS

By RALPH MATTHEWS

WOMEN MAKE NEWS

Women and feminine affairs occurred often in the news this week. Good news and bad news. Not the least of these is the announcement of corset manufacturers that a large increase in the sales of that commodity over previous years is noted. To the initiated this indicates a very definite trend towards what might be termed a move on the part of woman to jump out of the fire into the frying pan. Ever striving after slimness and the boyish figure, they choose the lesser of two evils—the girdle over dieting. Thousands of women and young girls trying to remain thin have resorted to the process of starving themselves to death. A pickle and a dash of fruit was supposed to do the work of a good beef steak.

Yet while fickle, frivolous fashion was partly responsible, not all together blameless was the economic conditions under which our own girls and women are forced to work. Their earnings are often insufficient to buy both food and clothes. Women being women preferred to look good outside even though they felt bad inside. Now they can eat and stay thin and shapely with the once discarded corset.

THEY GET THE BLAME

To the feet of women great economists have laid the cause of the depression. The buying power of the nation is largely in the hands of women, although men are the breadwinners. Love for silk hose, silk what-ya-ma-call-'ems ruined the cotton market. They say the resources of the Southland were reduced. Northern manufacturers were likewise affected. They could not buy from the West. The West in turn could not buy from the East and the cycle was completed. Women's abstinence from fattening foods also put the farmers on the blink.

Interesting is the news about the woman, 108 years of age, who is picking strawberries at Taylor Island, Md. Mrs. Amelia Keene is her name. The question one naturally asks is, where are the children of a woman 108 who permit her to go out and pick strawberries for a living. While we do not know to what she attributes her old age, we will wager that she neither wore corsets or dieted and wore clothes of wool and cotton in winter instead of going half naked, just to be in style.

HOW MANY CHILDREN SHOULD A WOMAN HAVE?

Even more interesting, perhaps, is the case of Mrs. Cora Jones Long, of Charlotte, N.C., who at the age of 40 has just given birth to her twenty-third child. Modern young women shudder at the very thought of having one child. Besides being costly propositions they are also a bother when one would like to stay out all night dancing at a cabaret. One such mother in Chicago, put her five-year-old son, Robert Gray, on the train, placed a tag on him reading, "To Grandma," and sent him to Washington, D.C.

Authorities are now trying to either locate the "Grandma," who doesn't seem to exist or else find the mother whose name and place of abode is unknown. Cruel, perhaps but not quite as cruel as Baltimore's Vincent White, who is now on trial for slaying his own seven-month-old child to get even with his wife.

CAN A WOMAN HAVE LOVE AND A CAREER, TOO?

Into the news this week also comes evidence to shatter the old belief that women are more gentle, more kind hearted than men. In New York, Magistrate Jean Norris, Gotham's female jurist, is on trial for aiding and abetting greedy police to frame innocent girls and send them to jail on trumped up charges.

"She made me change the testimony to suit her ends and not as it was given in court," stated the court stenographer in telling how the woman magistrate (who should have extended a mother's sympathy to unprotected girls alone in New York) not only sent them to jail but altered the records to prevent them from obtaining an appeal.

This same method was employed by the court stenographer in the famous Scottsboro, Ala., legal lynching case where eight boys are to be electrocuted for the alleged rape of two white girl hoodlums.

FRAMING INNOCENT GIRLS

Quite different from New York's woman magistrate was the action of Baltimore's Judge Eugene O'Dunne when Agnes Champion, just here from the country was brought before him on a similar trumped up charge.

Said Agnes: "I was in my home and a white man, who later turned out to be an officer in plain clothes, came in. He forced his way into the house and a few minutes Officer Hitzelberger, who had sent the man in, pounded on the door. 'Where is the white man who just came in here?' demanded the officer. I looked around and the first officer had slipped out of the parlor where he was getting the moment before and was hiding in the bedroom. He came out sheepishly declaring that I had offered to sell myself to him."

The first officer was none other than Officer John Barry, Northwestern District clubber, whose hobby has been beating up unprotected colored citizens.

Baltimore's Judge O'Dunne not only dismissed the girl but severely reprimanded both officers for their pains, warning them never to come before him again with such a put up case.

The case of New York's woman magistrate may prove that when a woman becomes ambitious to take her place in the world beside men, when she enters politics, places a career before making a home she loses the finer qualities with which she has been endowed.

THE
WHAT-CHA
COLUMN

By W. I. GIBSON

"After graduation—what?"

Here is a question which, during the month of June, has been asked by many persons, including the thousands of graduates themselves.

The writer sought out Carl Murphy, editor of the largest all-colored weekly in the world, to ask him what advice he would give to graduates, particularly those of schools of Journalism, and here 's what he said, in part:

"I would advise these persons to go to the South if they are looking for opportunity. There is a lot of hard, and sometimes distasteful, work on a newspaper, and the South is in need of much of it.

"There is a need for community service on the part of the newspaper. It must become the spokesman of the people of its community and of the race at large. If this practice is followed, the paper will gain circulation and advertising and will make money.

"Rewards come slow, and persons entering the field should keep this in mind when they think of material gain. In the North, a great deal may be said by colored newspapers, but it is in the South that there must be vigorous editorial expression and accurate news stories about the conditions there. So, paraphrasing Horace Greely, I say: 'Go South, young man.'

Here you have some sound and timely counsel. The colored graduate in almost all branches is finding greater and greater opportunity in the Southland.