

# GOTHAM NEWS LETTER

## Things of Interest Around the Great Eastern Metropolis

New York, June 21.—Between the blackmailing suit of John R. Platt against Hannah Elias, the negro woman who is charged with having extorted seven hundred thousand dollars from the old man by means of blackmail and the mysterious case of "Caesar" Young, the wealthy bookmaker, who met his death from a pistol shot while riding in a cab with Nan Patterson, a chorus girl, there is enough to keep the tongues of scandal-mongers wagging from morning till night. Both cases present features of unusual interest and evoke general comment. Probably the most peculiar feature of the Platt-Elias case is the strange infatuation of a weak minded and amorous old man, decidedly old enough to know better. Everybody who has seen the woman in the case is puzzled, how a woman as unprepossessing and devoid of charms could fascinate any man, no matter what his age. The woman is not an octonary of wonderful beauty as the first reports said, but really a common and ordinary looking mulatto with thick lips, heavy and coarse features and wooly hair. It is expected that the trial of the case will lead to highly sensational and rather disgusting disclosures. Hannah Elias, driven in a corner by the prosecution threatens to revenge herself, by involving several other wealthy and supposedly respectable men in the case. Some persons doubt that there is any foundation for the threats of the woman, but the testimony of eyewitnesses, living in the neighborhood that she was in the habit of receiving elegantly dressed visitors, arriving in automobiles, at all hours, lends some color to the woman's statements.

Public opinion is greatly incensed over the fact that a man of the excellent qualities and high moral standing of Andrew H. Green had to suffer death and temporary suspicion through the contemptible and ridiculous amorousness of a childish old man, far below the intellectual and moral level of Green. Although nobody really believed, that Green was actually guilty of any wrongdoing that would have justified Williams in bearing any grudge against him, there was, after all, some doubt in the minds of many cynical persons. The disclosures in connection with the Platt-Elias case, however, have cleared the mystery, and society is now eager to make amends for having doubted the moral integrity of the late philanthropist even for a moment, by doing honor to his memory. A magnificent memorial will be erected in his honor and the public seems to take unusual interest in the plan.

The circumstances surrounding the death of "Caesar" Young are still shrouded in mystery. Several eye witnesses have been produced, but their testimony, instead of clearing the mystery, have made it deeper than

ever. The theory that Young committed suicide, seems no longer tenable. It has been proved that the revolver with which the fatal shot was fired, did not belong to Young, but had been purchased the day before the tragedy at a certain pawn shop by a man, who was accompanied by a woman. The man who sold the gun was given an opportunity to see Nan Patterson and positively stated that she was not the woman who accompanied the man. The description which he gave of the two purchasers, fitted that of J. Morgan Smith and his wife so well, that the authorities decided, to call them on the witness stand. Smith's wife is a sister of Nan Patterson. An officer was sent out to serve Smith and his wife with a summons to appear in court, but the birds had made their escape. No warrants for their arrests have been issued. If it can be proven that Nan Patterson's brother-in-law and sister purchased the deadly weapon, it would make strong circumstantial evidence against the imprisoned chorus girl. Although the grand jury has declined to find an indictment for homicide against her, she may yet be held on a direct charge by the coroner's jury.

It is surprising, how easy it is for one or more men of nerve to rob the entire contents of a house, was shown the other day by three men, who practically cleaned out all the valuable

contents of Mr. Max Meyer's residence on East 95th street. Three men accompanied by a man with a wagon, drawn by two horses gained admission to the house during, by breaking a window and then went through the whole house from top to bottom, taking everything of value, including clothes, silverware, jewelry, bric-a-brac, money and valuable papers. They packed everything they wanted in bundles, loaded them on the wagon and drove away before anyone suspected that there was anything wrong. Some of the neighbors heard the noise made by the burglars but they were under the impression, that the men were laborers, making some repairs in the house. The police have not been able to find any trace of the burglars.

Al. Adams, the former policy king of New York, who was sent to Sing Sing to serve a term for violation of the criminal laws, has not given up the hope, that he will succeed in securing his freedom. He hopes that he will be released on the ground of illegal imprisonment and his lawyers are forking hard to bring about that result. It is reported that Adams is honestly repentant and that in case of his release he intends to devote the rest of his life to charity, for the sake of his two daughters, who have been ostracised by society in Newport and New York owing to his former business and conviction.

## NEW YORK FASHION LETTER

New York, June 21.—Vacation time is rapidly approaching and thousands who, under ordinary conditions would have gone to some summer resort, to the sea shore, or some favorite retreat around the lakes, are this year preparing to go to St. Louis to take in the world's fair. Among those contemplating a visit of one or more weeks to St. Louis are a great many who have never had any experience in exposition trips and are, therefore, at a loss to decide what would be best to take along. Especially for women the wardrobe question is of great importance and a few practical suggestions will probably be welcomed by many prospective fair visitors belonging to the gentler sex. Unless a person has unlimited means, it is always well to remember that traveling with much baggage is rather expensive. It costs overweight on the railroad and makes it necessary to take a larger room at a hotel or boarding house. Then there is another consideration. There are some women of unlimited means and who go to St. Louis not for the purpose of seeing the exposition and profiting thereby, but merely for pastime and because other society people go there. These women expect to attend social functions in St. Louis as they do at home and as they would at any fashionable resort. Most women, however, who go to St. Louis do not belong to that class. They visit St. Louis to see the exposition and take in other amusements only incidentally. Their means are by no means unlimited and they must be economical with time, to reap their funds as well as with their time, to reap the greatest possible benefit with the smallest expenditure of time and money.

It is for women of that class that suggestions concerning the necessary wardrobe will be especially welcome. The advice may be boiled down to the following two rules: Leave everything superfluous at home. Taking it for granted that the prospective visitor is a business or working woman, it may safely be assumed that she intends to make the most of her time and that she will walk a great deal to see as much as possible of the exhibits. Walking skirts are the proper thing for such strolls and a woman who intends to go to St. Louis should carry at least two in her trunk. The most practical plan is to have skirts of light material, that does not show the dust very much. Three or four shirt waists of washable material and one or two silk waists of a little more elaborate style, for special occasions, should be taken along. A jacket or some wrap for cool weather should not be forgotten. The outfit should also include a light raincoat, perhaps a linen duster, rubbers one or two parasols and an umbrella. Do not carry a large assortment of hats. One simple walking hat with veil and one elaborate hat for special occasions is all that is necessary in that line. Besides that every woman visitor to the fair should be provided with two pairs of stout and well fitting shoes. They should not be too small, or they would make walking a torture. It is

an excellent plan to wear a plain linen suit for traveling and as little hand baggage as possible. Do not neglect to carry one or two suits of a trifle heavier underwear in your trunk, besides several changes of the light kind as change of temperature are liable to take place, particularly after thunder storms.

Linon shirt waist suits are said to be unusually popular among the visitors of the St. Louis exposition. These suits are highly practical and better suited for the hard wear to which they are naturally subjected on such occasions than dresses and waists of other materials. Shirt waists or blouses of delicate and soft materials although, perhaps more dressy and ornamental, soon lose their freshness and look wilted and bedraggled after half a day's wear in hot summer weather. Linon waists and skirts retain their freshness much longer and can easily be washed and freshened.

Never before have China and Japan contributed so extensively to occidental fashions as at the present time. Japan, in particular is well represented among the novelties of the season in various lines. This does not refer to the various styles of kimonos and other negligee garments borrowed from Japan, but to contributions in fields heretofore uninfluenced by oriental fashions.

Several new dress materials in silks and other fabrics, made in Japan or China are in the market and promise to become extremely popular. Then there is a wonderful variety of woven or embroidered trimmings, characteristically Japanese in their color schemes and decorative patterns, which threatens to revolutionize the style of the day. Cherry blossoms and chrysanthemum patterns, in Japan, woven or embroidered patterns of dragons from China, belt buckles of characteristic Japanese or Chinese designs, parasol handles, with Japanese or Chinese carvings in ivory or some oriental wood and even hats of split bamboo and silk, imported from Japan, are shown in the shops and all of those novelties are so beautiful and attractive, that they find ready purchasers.

Shoulder dangles are the latest novelty in ornamental grills and when Woman's Home Companion devotes the following paragraph to it:

"A little new touch that will count in giving a fresh look to a party gown is a shoulder dangle. A simple one is made of narrow black velvet ribbon. There are two shoulder straps and two ends of different lengths. Each end is finished with a rosette of the ribbon, and the two ends are caught with another rosette just at the top of the low cut bodice. The shoulder dangle is worn just at the left side and fastens at the back of the bodice, as well as being tacked in front. This shoulder dangle shows to its best advantage when worn with an all white gown. It also gives a girl an excuse to introduce her favorite color in her frock in an original way. The light, soft ribbons are effective for this very odd little dress accessory. For the girl the design of whose gown will not allow of a shoulder dangle there is a smaller dangle for the sleeve. The sleeve dangle is used as a finish for an elbow sleeve. An exceptionally pretty dangle which finished a sleeve belonging to a gown

of chiffon silver cloth was made of a band of white ribbon, on which was sewed little artificial pale green hops. The band finished the puff of the elbow sleeve, and from it, at the back were three graduated ribbon streamer ends, each finished with a little cluster of hops."

The bridge waist craze, which seems to be quite unabated in England, has led to the creation of a new type of gowns, the bridge gowns, which are becoming more popular every month. It is said that the new fashion has already been transplanted to this country and a number of wealthy New York women have ordered such gowns for bridge parties. As bridge usually follows dinner or luncheon, the gowns bear the character suitable for either of these functions. To avoid unpleasant accidents long, dangling sleeves, that would be liable to catch in the cards are barred. The puff is built from the elbow to the shoulder with a tight fitting cuff below. For the dinner bridge gowns a low decollete would be decidedly bad form and the transparent yoke or the small round neck are preferable. Most of these gowns are made of the soft, clinging fabrics, so popular this season.

Among the new colors shown in some handsome dress materials imported from Paris, is a dull blue, one shade of which is called Eau de Savon. It has the bluish, iridescent color of soapuds. Another new shade is papier buvard, a pink of the color of blotting paper. These shades come in open mesh or transparent fabrics, such as canvas, voile, tulle or organdy and are lined with silks or chiffons matching the material. With these colors corselets of gorgeous colors or white belts with glowing flowers are worn to give touch of brilliancy by means of contrast.

There is a new departure in kimonos, which formerly were made of brilliantly colored bandanas and showed the most dazzling combination of dark blue and white or vivid red and white with scant regard for artistic effect. Now only the most delicate colors are used. The center of the handkerchief shows delicate pink, blue, green or lavender, with a dainty border of pale, Persian colors or Dresden effects, with the color of the center predominating in the conventional or floral design. Another change of style is produced by bringing the points of the handkerchiefs to the neck line and then turning them over, so as to form a small, shawl-shaped collar. Some exquisite specimens of the new style kimonos are shown in the shops just now.



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