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The New York damsels who have inaugurated a bare-ankle fashion by rolling their hose down to their shoes will be hailed as friends in need by the persecuted Jersey mosquitoes. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HARADA SAYS JAPAN LACKS IN LITERATURE

Karuzawa, Japan, Aug. 2.—Associated Press Correspondence.—Because no writer of first rank in Japan has chosen the war as a subject of writing, Japan is shown to be a peace-loving and not a warlike nation, according to the conclusion of Dr. T. Harada, the President of the Doshisha University of Kyoto. This eminent Japanese scholar, who received his American training in Yale University, delivered this opinion during an address to the summer residents association on "The Current Literature of Japan." His audience was chiefly American.

"What Japan lacks in literature," he said, "as in other departments of life, is a leader or a person of authority for the nation. There is no Fukugawa as a writer, no Nisima as a religious leader, no Nogi at the head of the army."

"The lack of a leader is felt in all professions," continued Doctor Harada, "but most of all in the literary world. However, Japanese literature is in the midst of a transition—a period of change. A nation is not born in a day; much less can we expect the flower of her national achievement, the literary treasures of the country, to be grown in a night. We need therefore not be pessimistic, but must look to the future with great hope and continue in everlasting endeavor."

In regard to the content of current literature President Harada said it reflected with great sensitiveness the thought of the Western world, all of the Western writers of eminence including American being translated and familiar to Japanese readers. On the other hand, there had also been a great revival of old literature, both Chinese and Japanese, due in part to the awakening of national consciousness and partly to the reduction in the cost of printing.

Dr. Harada laid great emphasis on his peace conclusion. All the important literature, he affirmed was directed toward peace and not calculated to awaken the war spirit of the people.

STAND BY PRESIDENT

Senator Hoke Smith Views on Cotton Not Shared by Growers, Says

(New York Dispatch.)

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia doesn't represent the real sentiment of the south when he tries to embarrass the subjugation of other considerations to a demand that England shall let Germany get American cotton in the opinion of W. P. Hollanw, chairman of the Mississippi Bank commission and a leading financier of the Yazoo Delta, who has arrived at the Hotel Biltmore.

"The people of the south, cotton growers and all, want first of all to stand by the president," said Mr. Hollanw. "If it is necessary for the growers to hold their cotton, they will be able to hold half of their crop, anyhow, until such time as they can sell it to advantage."

"As a matter of fact, there is a big demand for staple cotton in this country, and it looks as if it will bring more than \$10 a bale in excess of what was expected when it was first planted. For the next 60 days it will take what money bankers in our section have to aid in moving cotton. While we shall not be able to take any of the allies' credit for the present, I do not see why it would not be possible later on."

"Mississippi has just blossomed out as a wheat raising state. We have been experimenting this year, and our first crop, recently harvested, has proved very profitable. The average yield has been about 30 bushels to the acre. Mind you, no special land in the Yazoo valley was planted in wheat—just the average kind. In some places the yield amounted to as much as 42 bushels to the acre; in some cases it was as low as 25. Still, the average yield netted about \$20 to the acre, and mind you, that despite the fact that few farmers were prepared to thresh, and had to wait until a threshing machine got to them on its rounds, so that there was necessarily more or less waste owing to the delay. The result of our wheat experiment is that more of our farmers will raise wheat next year, and many of them are now buying their own threshing machines. The best years a cotton man only from \$25 to \$35 an acre for the farmer, and the average profit is only \$15. So many have come to the conclusion that wheat is a more profitable crop."

Gasoline for Dry Cleaning. (From The Wall Street Journal.) In estimating consumption of gasoline statisticians usually figure consumption by motor owners as the principal demand on refiners, and lump other consumption as not of great importance. However, President Brace of the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners recently called attention to the great amount of gasoline used by cleaning establishments. He says that the annual consumption of gasoline for this purpose in the United States exceeds 70,000,000 gallons and is increasing all the time. Cleaners, according to Mr. Brace, use gasoline, as laundries do water, and in figuring on the consumption of gasoline in this country he says the statisticians must not forget the great demands made on the refiners by the cleaners.

Couldn't Take Pictures. "You must bring little Gertrude over and let me take her picture some time." "You can't take her picture, papa Lewis." "Why not?" "She's too worried." "What?" "Yes sir, papa Lewis, she squirms all the time."—Houston Post.

In Boudoir and Kitchen

BY S. M. T.

Sauces and Beefsteak. You have all heard the story of the Frenchman traveling in Great Britain who lamented "thirty-seven religions have I found in England, and but one gravy." Many housekeepers, it is sad to relate, have but one idea of gravy, a nauseous mess of grease and unbrowned flour, tasteless, unpalatable and unsightly. I have carefully selected from different sources, some gravies and sauces, that all housekeepers should know how to make. From Marlon Harland, known throughout the land as a great and practical cook, is this recipe for:

Brown Gravy. A tablespoonful of dripping from roast beef to which add a heaping spoonful of brown flour, never use plain white flour. To brown flour put several spoonfuls in a shallow tin, set in oven for a few minutes, stirring from time to time, so it may only brown and not scorch. Set the baking pan with the fat and the flour on top of the range, and stir them until the sauce is thick and smooth. Add a pint of boiling water, and mix this with the bubbling paste, stirring until the sauce is thick and smooth. Season with salt, pepper, onion juice, or chili sauce, or Worcestershire or good catsup. Always bear in mind that there must be no guess working making sauces. The proportions are invariable, one table spoon each of butter, oil, or dripping, and flour to half a pint of fluid.

Sauce Tartare. "Add to a cup of mayonnaise, two table spoonfuls each of the following: Fine chopped capers, olives, cucumber pickles, and parsley."

This is delicious with beefsteak, or served with a roast of any kind of meat.

"Table Talk" gives a wonderful Belgian sauce for omelets or chops, that is well worth preserving by any house wife who takes pride in having good things on her table.

Belgian Sauce. "A few onions minced with a clove of garlic or fried in some butter, and one table spoonful of flour is stirred in to cook until it is brown. Then a little water is added, the juice of a lemon, salt, pepper, and a spoonful of nutmeg. When it has boiled well, remove from the fire, and whisk in the yolks of two eggs, and allow to become very hot again. Pour over hot chops or omelets, and serve at once." I have spoken before of how little regard is given to good cooking, how much good material is ruined by haste and no flavoring. There is an art in cooking, it may not be one of the fine arts, but it is certainly one to learn, and be thankful for.

Take the cooking of that much abused piece of meat, the beefsteak, not once in a hundred times is it properly cooked, it is either fried in floods of grease, until it is of the consistency and taste of a piece of rubber, or it is backed to shreds, and served with an uncanny looking something, that is politely called sauce. Try it this way but once, and you will never go back to the old way. Get a T bone steak, an inch or more thick, wash carefully, while your pan is heating dredge with salt and pepper, put in pan with large spoonful of butter, and some sliced onions, which can be omitted if it is disliked, brown on one side, turn quickly, and brown on the other, it's rich, full flavored, juicy, and good.

What Shall We Wear. It is a wise woman who knows her own mind in regards to fashions, so bewildering, and diversified are the styles, and so contradictory are the authorities on the subject. One says straight lines, another says panniers, one speaks of a bustle, the other hints of hoops. A woman who yearns to be strictly up to the minute, and the latest word in clothes, must feel her brain whirling like the unhappy squirrel in the running cage. I know of no better advice than that of Polonius to his son, "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy."

Take the best style, the quietest, the most elegant, adopt it to your purse, and let the rest alone. A beautiful trimming now in vogue is bead embroidery in bands of Pompeian red, gold, blue, and black, any clever girl can copy it, the Greek key, and the black pattern would work well in beads, it is most fascinating work, and the beads come in exquisite colors. A hand beaded belt, with saak ends tying in front, would give a touch of distinction, to the plainest gown, for instance, a belt, and a bit of the same kind of trimming on a frock of crows wing blue, just a hint on neck and sleeves, and the transformation from the plain dress to the smartest of gowns is complete. The "Peggy Owen" dress is very fetching for school girls. It is a one piece model, box plaited back and front, with belt of same material, bone buttons, six in a group, fastens the box plait, a white collar, and small plaid silk bow finishes this most charming and sensible costume. The word sensible reminds me of a most delightful boudoir gown I have just seen, generally such gowns are flimsy and chilly, and right here the word sensible comes in, this robe is charmingly so, it is of English corduroy velvet, in rose or blue, lined throughout with China silk, it has a large rolling collar and raglan sleeves, it is not only exceptionally comfortable but extremely becoming. Speaking of becomingness I must say

FRENCH TRADE IS IMPROVING

French Commercial Travelers Association Finds Conditions Generally Improving.

Paris, Aug. 3.—Eugene Bolt, president of the French Commercial Travelers' association, says the condition of members of the association, at times almost desperate since the war began, is rapidly improving, which means, he adds, that business in general is on the up grade. A curious fact of this revival of trade is that the biggest orders come from the regions immediately behind the front. Half of the 50,000 members of the Commercial Travelers' association were mobilized; of the remaining half a great many are still out of employment on account of temporary or permanent discontinuance of business by their employers, and it is now proposed to send them abroad to develop foreign trade. This is somewhat new for French commercial travelers, who in the past have been rarely seen in foreign markets. The object in sending them out now is to let them get acquainted with the ways of merchants in other countries and show what France is, or will be able to supply.

A Reminder. Dodson—What does Blifkin remind you of? Hobson—Well, every time I meet Blifkin he reminds me of a little debt I've owed him for over a year. —Wall Street Journal.

a word as to veils, at present they are very fashionable, but never buy one unless you try it on in a good light, for when they are unbecoming, they are painfully so, some faces are captivating behind a well arranged and effective veil, alluringly pretty one has a hexagon mesh over run with a small and graceful vine design so placed that it runs up the cheek by the ears, and across the chin, it neither obscures the face or injures the eyes. A mesh completely covered with a close design, is trying to the prettiest face, and ruinous to the eyes, to see a woman in a large flowered, or coin spotted veil is rather ridiculous, to put it mildly, a leaf makes her noseless, a spot gives her a black eye, a waving vine sets her mouth wandering all on her face, a plain mesh, with a delicate design rightly placed is very pretty, and becoming to most faces.

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John M. Siddall, in the American Magazine.

One Day's Claims

On one day, August 10, 1915 the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company paid claims under five policies, every one of which illustrates the uncertainty of individual life and the ever-present need for protection.

(1) Claim under policy on the life of Mr. Everett A. Cunningham, of Owensboro, Ky., issued March 25, 1913, for \$1,000, on the 20-Payment Life plan, at age 19. Clerk with a hardware company. Mother beneficiary. He died suddenly at age 21, on August 3, 1915, as a result of ptomaine poisoning. Check was mailed to the mother August 10th.

(2) Claim under policy on the life of Mr. John C. Moore, of Bardonia, Ky., issued December 10, 1914, for \$1,000, on the 20-Payment Life Accelerative Endowment plan, at age 20. Worked in his father's office. Accidentally drowned while swimming July 16th. Age at death 21. Claim paid August 10th.

(3) Claim under policy on the life of Mr. John M. Clardy, of Church Hill, Ky., issued November 11, 1914, for \$2,500, on the 15-Payment Life Accelerative Endowment plan at age 23. Occupation, farmer. Accidentally killed July 22, 1915, by traction engine used on farm.

(4) Claim under policy on the life of Mr. Howard F. Litts, of Appalachia, Va., issued January 15, 1915, for \$1,000, on the 20-Payment Life plan, at age 23. Quarterly premium prepaid. Wife beneficiary. Occupation, railroad clerk. Accidentally killed June 26, 1915, by train.

(5) This was the most remarkable case of any. Insured, Mr. Claude Westfall, of Clarksburg, W. Va., signed an application for Mutual Benefit insurance on July 17, 1915, and paid the first quarterly premium of \$6.10 to the agent, taking in exchange therefor the Company's binding receipt. He made an appointment for examination the following day, but his wife, for whose benefit the insurance was taken, tried to dissuade him from adding to his insurance. The agent, however, finally prevailed upon him to be examined and on July 22nd examination was made. It proved favorable in every respect. The application, which was for a Life Accelerative Endowment policy, \$1,000, at age 31, was received at the Home Office July 26th. In accordance with the Company's usual custom in such cases, however, an inspection was called for which was received August 2nd. This being favorable, the application was approved by the Medical Board and passed on to the Policy Department. Policy was issued and mailed on August 3, 1915.

In the meantime, on July 30th, Mr. Westfall was taken sick and his trouble was diagnosed as acute peritonitis. On August 3rd he died. It will be noted that this was the same day that his policy was mailed from Newark, but the first premium having been prepaid the insurance was in force, although the policy itself was never delivered to the insured. The proceeds were paid to his wife on August 10th. Prepayment of the quarterly premium saved this insurance.

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