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DENY OPPOSITION TO WEDDING RING

Suffragists Declare Movement Has Not Caused Disregarding of Emblem

Jewellers Say Sales Have Not Decreased, But Rings are Less Conspicuous Than Heretofore

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—CHARGES that the growing custom of young married women in abandoning the use of the wedding ring is a result of the campaign of the suffragists were indignantly denied by jewellers in this movement yesterday. That the custom is spreading is admitted by persons in society, and jewellers said that while there was no decrease in the sale of wedding rings they are now being made smaller and less conspicuous than heretofore.

In the last week the Herald has received several letters from women who call attention to what they call the reprehensible practice and urge that some action be taken to prevent other women from following the vogue.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watrous, whose letter was published in Tuesday's Herald, was the first person to call public attention to the fact that the practice is spreading among young women who "wish to be smart."

"I am delighted to see in today's issue of the Herald that a lady in the correspondence column draws the attention of the public to the growing habit of discarding their wedding rings among young married women in New York who wish to be considered smart. Only the other day I remarked to a young married woman who has two children that she had forgotten her wedding ring. To my disgust she answered: 'Oh, I wouldn't wear a wedding ring! It's so ordinary. I never mean to again.'"

"It was horror-stricken and told her I considered her attitude an insult to her husband, her children and her own good name. I think if you could print this letter it might call the attention of the husbands in question and lead them to insist that their wives stop this very degrading 'practical joke' as it is looked upon by the young women who practice it."

—EVELYN CLARK.

"New York, Jan. 15."

ARE NOW LESS CONSPICUOUS.

Anxious to discover the exact status of the wedding ring at the present moment, a Herald reporter sought information from several sources.

"Oh, yes," said a representative of Tiffany's, "we still make wedding rings in as great an abundance as ever. No wedding is complete without one, but they are no longer the heavy rings that they once were. They are yearly growing less conspicuous. We know nothing of their retirement after the wedding. But the slenderness of the ring now worn might suggest that it was not meant for as long and constant service as was the wedding ring of former days."

"Advocates of votes for women repudiate utterly the idea that their cult might be in the least responsible for the discarding of the wedding ring."

"Never," said Miss Mary Garrett Eley, a suffragist, "have I heard a suffragist suggest that it would be well to lay aside the wedding ring. I am a thorough conservative in that matter and think all suffragists are."

"If the wedding ring is being discarded it is through vanity and not from independence of spirit."

"WORST LUCK IN THE WORLD."

Miss Mary A. Donnelly, secretary of the National Progressive Woman Suffrage Union, the most radical of the American suffrage organizations, not only stood loyally by the unimpaired symbol of marriage, but produced an additional reason why every woman should be faithful to it.

"Doesn't every woman know," she declared, "that it's the worst luck in the world to lay aside the wedding ring? Disaster of all kinds are sure to follow."

Mrs. Gilbert Jones, president of the National League for the Civic Education of Women, an anti-suffrage organization, admitted that she had never heard even suffragists advocate "laying aside of the wedding ring."

"They have asked me why I used my husband's name," she said, "but not why I wore my wedding ring. A few declare that the wedding ring is common and unbecoming, and that therefore they will not wear it, but I have never known society women to lay it aside."

"The reporter then journeyed to the Professional Women's League to see what the women of the stage thought of wedding rings."

"Do the women of the stage wear wedding rings?" was asked of the secretary, Miss Alice Brown.

"Why, really, I never noticed whether they do or not," said Miss Brown, "but as for me, being a single woman, I I had a wedding ring I'd wear it all ways."

A pitiable story is told of an Englishman named Bassett, who came to the city about a month ago, with some little money and now his money having disappeared, he is unable to obtain sufficient work to enable him to support a wife and four children. He is trying hard to be supplied, and the authorities are doing their best to aid him in the effort.

—MONTREAL STAR.

For ten days Mr. Wake says he scarcely ever left Dr. Cook until the latter, oppressed by the terrible weight on his mind, finally flew from the American public and went into voluntary exile from which he will likely never return.

"It is certain that Dr. Cook is now in Europe," Mr. Wake announced to Montreal newspaper men. "He left this continent long before rumors about his hiding here began to spread. He may even have sailed from

Montreal for I know he did not leave by New York, where I said good-bye to him on November 24."

Although according to this announcement, Dr. Cook actually left this continent before his condemnation by the Copenhagen experts, Mr. Wake admitted that long before that, the broken-down explorer seemed haunted and prayed upon by terrible thoughts, until finally calm thinking became impossible for him. That was why Mr. Wake was so constant in his attendance on him before he came into hiding.

"His condition might lead to temporary insanity," Mr. Wake admitted, "I want you to understand, however, the report that I called Dr. Cook a mono-maniac."

In any event, Mr. Wake believes that Dr. Cook's condition in finally leaving the country where he had dreamed of being acclaimed as a hero, was one of the most melancholy in history.

MRS. COOK HAS RECORDS.

Mrs. Cook followed her husband to Europe a short time afterwards, taking with her Dr. Cook's original records which she still has with her.

"I cannot say whether or not she has joined him in Europe," said Mr. Wake, "but I am in a position to state that there is no estrangement between

them."

THE DESERTED CHILDREN.

One of the melancholy features of Dr. Cook's exile is that the disgraced explorer and his wife were obliged, owing to circumstances, to leave behind them their two small children. They are just old enough — one is seven and the other ten — to understand the tragic position in which their "papa" is now placed before the world just as before they were old enough to feel pride in their father when they were told he had discovered the Pole.

An effort has been made to keep from them the worst features of their father's position, and the children are now in safe care at a New York boarding school.

Mr. Wake is himself enthusiastic over exploring, and is a member of the Explorers' Club. Five or six years ago he was on a Hudson's Bay exploring trip when he assisted in rescuing a party of starving Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors in the Abitibi Lake region. Three years ago he formed part of the Wolf hunting expedition in Ontario, organized by the C. P. R.

THINKS COOK SINCERE.

He even had his plans all arranged to accompany Dr. Cook on the trip towards the Pole, but had been obliged to abandon this at the last minute. Even yet, Mr. Wake thinks that Dr. Cook might have been sincere in believing he had reached the North Pole.

"I feel sure he went pretty far north," he said, "but he certainly did not take the proper observations, his case was weak, and he did not prove that he did reach there."

"Do you believe Peary's claims?"

Mr. Wake was asked.

"I will not discuss them, because Peary is also a personal friend of mine."

Mr. Wake left Montreal for New York last night. He had been staying a few days at St. Agathe, where he had been learning to ski.

On the occasion of its annual meeting, to be held on the first day of February, the Canadian Club will hold a St. John evening at which will be discussed the various problems most prominent in the affairs of the city at this most problematic period. Addresses will be delivered upon such matters by several local men most competent to discuss them.

The members will also elect their officers and executive board for the year to follow. At the close of last evening's luncheon and its accompanying address, a nominating committee was appointed as follows to report at the annual C. B. Allan, president; S.

D. Scott, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Dr. G. U. Hay, Richard O'Brien, Dr. J. A. McIntyre, and J. Hunter White. F. A. Kinneir and F. A. Dykeman were appointed to audit the secretary's and treasurer's reports, which will also be presented at the annual.

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The Finance Committee of the Municipal Council met in the office of County Secretary Vincent at 2 p.m. yesterday. The committee considered the estimates for the coming year. The increase will amount to \$400. Yesterday the committee had before it delegations from the General Public Hospital, the Royal Industrial Home, and the Municipal Home.

The General Public Hospital received the heaviest grant, the increase in this particular being about \$2500 more than that of last year. In the case of other items, however, there has been a marked decrease. The allowance for the Royal Industrial Home remains as before.

EATON'S JANUARY SALE VALUES

Men's Coat Sweaters



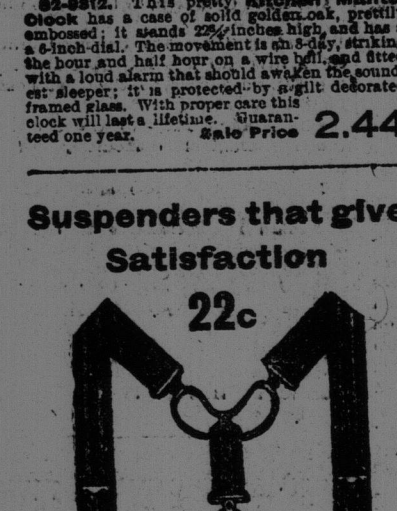
ST-7990. Men's Buttoned Coat Sweater, with two pockets, close ribbed neck in black, black only, with assorted colored trimmings, every front. We have only 100 yards of these to order early. Medium size only. Sale Price, each 76c

Alarm Kitchen Mantle Clock



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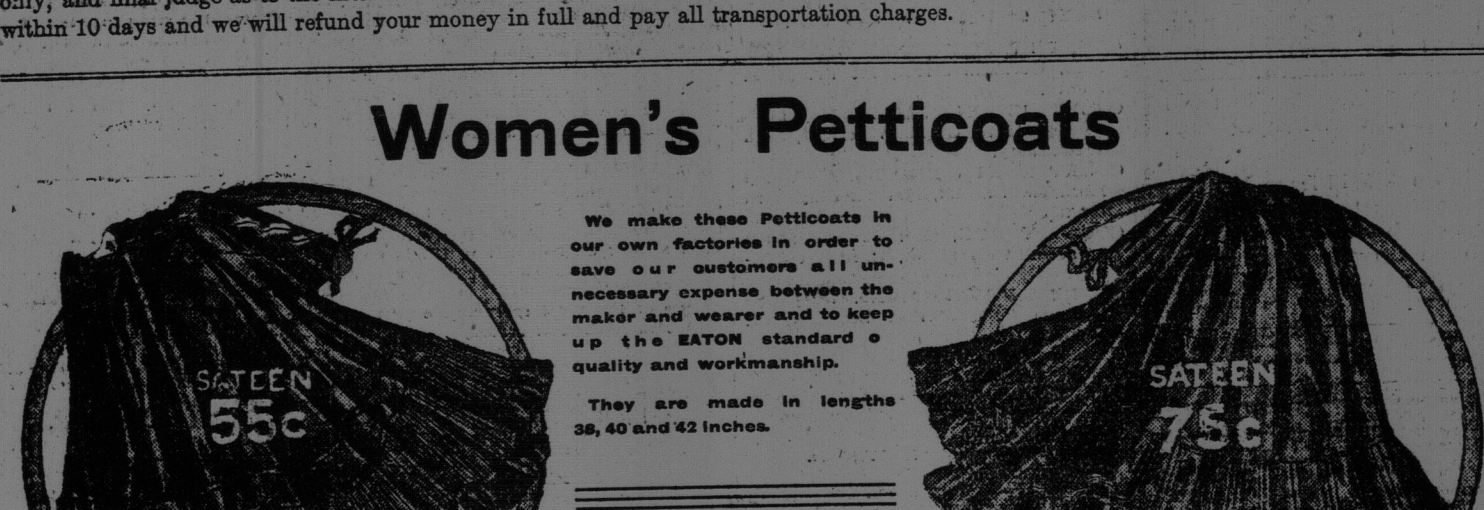
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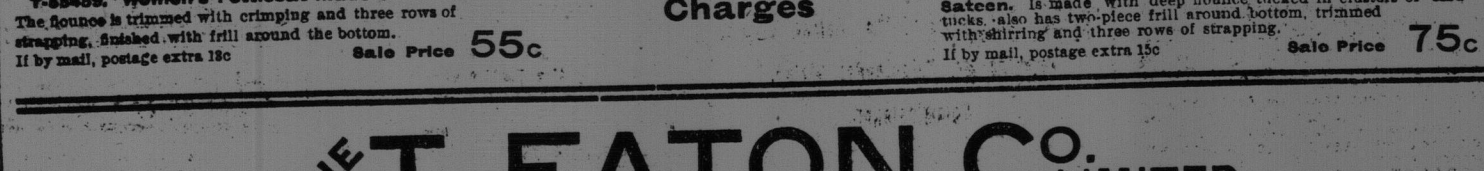


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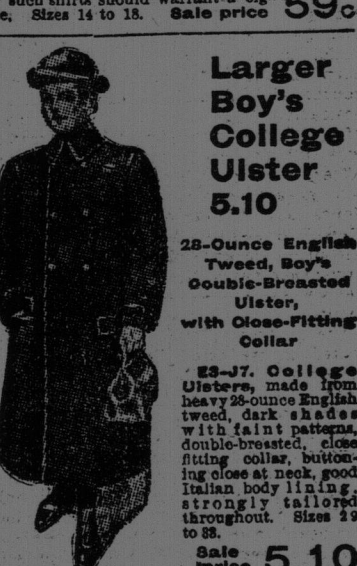
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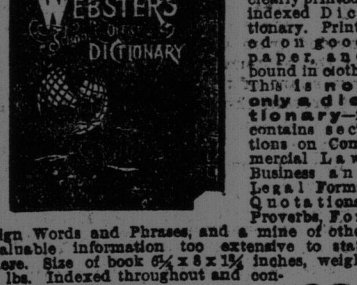
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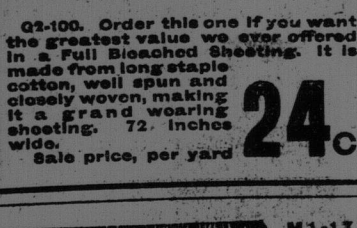
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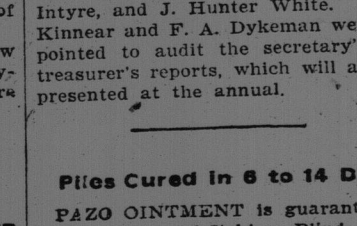
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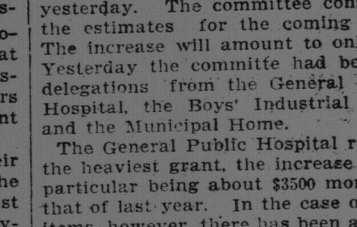
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