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The Evening Chit-Chat

By MITE CARBON

These are things I prize And hold of deepest worth. Light of the sapphire skies. Peace of the silent hills. Shelter of forest, comfort of the grass. Music of the birds, murmur of little rills. Shadow of clouds that swiftly pass. And after the shower. The smell of flowers And of the god brown earth And best of all, along the way, friendship and mirth.

—Van Dyke. Do you daily open your heart as fully as possible to the influence of its serenity and the loveliness of nature? Few people really do, I think. Of course almost everybody nowadays admires nature. To do so is style. But I mean more than admire.

It is one thing to say detachedly, "That is a beautiful sunset" or "How lovely that river and those meadows look!"

It is quite another to be able to feel an actual glow of pleasure at the loveliness of the sunset sky, to be actually soothed into serenity and peace by the tranquil aspect of the river dreaming along through the autumn meadows.

"I have had many things that made me happier in my life," a woman said to me the other day. "I do not know so much that is interesting and exciting nowadays but I find that I have gained one great thing as I have

grown older and my life has become less active and crowded, and that is the power of finding actual happiness in the beauty of nature. There was a time when it took some event, some excitement or some expectation to give me pleasure. I look out on the long golden shadows of late afternoon on my neighbor's lawn, or see an especially magnificent cloud effect down by the river, or hear some lovely garden. I not only admire it, but I feel actually happy over it.

Surely such a state of mind is worth a thousand a year. In a recent magazine article a mother of several children rejoices because she thinks her children are going to find their happiness in "large interests and small pleasures" as she knows that if they get that point of view on life they will always find it easy to be happy.

Among the small pleasures she counts love of nature. Although one might quarrel with the adjective "small," one must surely applaud her philosophy. He who can be happy with "large interests and small pleasures" will always be happy since these are free to any man.

Cultivate a real joy in nature, a real pleasure in its beautiful aspects, instead of a detached admiration for this can be cultivated. Train yourself to open your mind wide to nature's influences of tranquility and serenity—for the mind can be thus trained—and you will have sources of happiness and peace that no circumstances, no possible turn of the wheel of fortune, can ever take away from you.

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Fads and Fashions.

There is without question a desire to bring the normal waist line into fashion again, though the flat hip is still maintained.

The new note in milady's shoes and slippers are that heels are to be in vogue lower than hitherto and toes more pointed.

The use of double-faced material is very noticeable in wraps, some of them being so made that they can be worn either side out.

Coats are longer. Advance models in cloth prove this. Their sleeves have likewise slipped in line, and are just a bit wider and longer.

A new satin, used as a foundation and covered with white tulle or spangled net, is now the extreme of good taste for an evening frock.

Fillet lace jumpers, showing a design worked out in wool embroidery on the front section and sleeves, are among the newest importations.

End-of-summer hats are all more or less simply trimmed with scarf, ribbon band or wings. White veils are frequently worn with these.

Some of the newest frocks from Paris have a narrow ruffle around the bottom of the skirt and show the

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same mode of adorning plain bodices.

The country seems to be silk-borsery mad, and even the finest and loveliest of lisle stockings no longer seem to have any place in feminine affection.

To the mingling of black and white chiffon, or white tulle with black chiffon, there is no end. It supplies many needs and is adopted by many dressmakers.

The question of sleeves has not yet been settled. The great Paris dressmakers have brought out long sleeves, short sleeves, bell sleeves and puff sleeves.

It has been a long time since laces have had such a promising outlook. Fur is to have again a promised place in millinery, and seal and mole will be favorites.

Very many of the new French models in both afternoon and evening dresses have the waist line almost normal. Skirt bands of suite akirts are rarely more than two inches deep.

Little shoulder capes with long scarf ends of fur come as a pleasing mid-season novelty. Some are edged with handsome lace and fascinating silk fringes are likewise employed.

Among the evening dresses there is a noticeable use of black and white and black and champagne laces. This is the emphatic note in materials for evening dresses for the coming winter.

The new summer yokes and other accessories that are made to built up low yokes are of white French tulle, which is exceedingly thin, yet durable. It is usually made double and is untrimmed.

Parisians are favoring tailored costumes of silk worn much like the once fashionable surah. They are very straight and the new white gowns have fringes of black or black and white striped satin.

The vogue for Chzoenne frills, peniums, pleatings and other forms of excitation below the waistline is growing stronger in all garments including

waists, costumes and short silk coats, supplementing the three-piece suits.

Among the new suits for early fall is the Directoire variety, made in tulle or satin. These Directoire models are cut off at the waist line and show how long tabs at the bottom of the skirt in back. These may be classified as extreme novelties.

The great neck ruche has become a most aggressive rival of the wide, one-sided ruffle, which held sway earlier in the season. These bows are immense affairs, spreading in fan shape over the chest and reaching from shoulder to shoulder, caught in the centre with an antique brooch.

Dynamiters Try to Destroy Part of the New Viaduct

New York, September 14.—Dynamiters last night blew up one of the sections of the viaduct of the New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Company, just east of Columbus Avenue, in Mount Vernon.

It is believed that a deliberate attempt was made to destroy one of the main sections of the new four-track electric rapid transit system which the new corporation is constructing.

According to information received by Chief of Police Foley, it is thought that a woman carrying a satchel and seen in the vicinity of the viaduct was a representative of the dynamiters. She was observed walking from Columbus Avenue toward the second pier which sustained one of the steel girders of the viaduct, 150 feet above Columbus Avenue.

The woman was dressed in dark clothing, and immediately following the explosion, which shattered many panes of glasses in the vicinity and threw passengers into panic in a passing trolley car, she was seen to run in the direction of the New Haven Railroad tracks, which almost parallel the tracks of the new railroad.

Among those first to inspect the effects of the explosion were Mayor Edwin W. Fiske and Assemblyman William S. Coffey. The Mayor expressed the opinion that the work of destruction was carried out because of an alleged labor disagreement.

It was learned by Mayor Fiske that the new Third Street Station was being constructed by union labor, while the trolley, one thousand feet distant, was being completed by non-union men.

Chief Foley expressed the opinion that nitro-glycerine was probably used by those who set off the blast.

Roman Dreadnought.

1,700 Year-Old Vessel's New Home. A Roman vessel which has been lying under the mud at the bottom of the site of the County Hall at Lambeth and it was being taken to a "dry dock" at the newly-founded London Museum.

The work of transferring this splendid example of a Roman Dreadnought was begun at three o'clock yesterday morning, and it was fifteen hours before Mr. C. G. Laking, the Keeper of the Museum, saw the precious relic in the shed which has been built for her.

The boat weighs close upon thirty tons of oak and the protective shell that has been built around her brittle timbers weighs another eight tons. It was great task to get her untraced to her new home, and it required two coupled lorries drawn by a team of twelve magnificent cart horses, as Mr. Laking refused to submit the relic of Imperial Rome to the indignity of being dragged through the London streets by a traction engine.

Mr. Laking rode at the head of the procession, which was followed by a motor-car conveying museum officials.

There is no other specimen in the world of a Roman ship with which to compare her. The boat was built, keel, ribs and planking of Baltic oak. When her skeleton was unearthed last year by time and water-logged blackened timbers were so soft that they could be cut with a spade. Since then the work of the carpenter has helped to harden the timber, which has, however, become very brittle and shrinks to a considerable extent. She is to be carefully restored to her old shape.

As the boat passed on her journey to Kensington by the camp of the last "Squid" trade from Aldershot, now on strike service in the gardens, a man of the Camberwell section of the Roman was the vessel passed him. The boat will be open to public inspection almost immediately.—D. M. Aug 25th.

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