

Air Balmy, Homes Modern, in Iceland.

WOMAN TOURIST FINDS PLANTS BLOSSOMING, PEOPLE THRIF-
TY.

Travelers who journey to Iceland expecting to find a lonely land of ice and snow are doomed to disappointment, according to Miss Bertha Halton, a tourist from Providence, who has just completed a trip to that northern land.

A temperature that reaches 68 degrees in the summer time, with soft and balmy air; modern homes with many household conveniences; windows filled with carefully tended and blossoming plants, and a friendly population anxious to extend their welcome to the first touring party they have seen in seven years—these were a few of the things that Miss Smith especially noted.

"When we arrived at Reykjavik, the capital," she said, "the entire population turned out to welcome us. We were more than cordially received as we arrived in the first tourist party to Iceland in seven years."

She described the head-dress worn by the women and displayed a charming knitted arrangement of black with green trimmings and fringe similar to those which the Icelandic women wear on all occasions. These head-dresses are hand knitted and are more artistic than any of the choice hats worn in this country.

MODERN CONVENIENCES.

"Iceland is by no means an undeveloped country," she declared, pointing out that in the house of the plain ordinary people of the island many of the modern conveniences usually found in American homes are seen. In every home, she continued, the windows are filled with growing plants many of which are seldom seen in other than semi-tropical countries.

The population of Iceland, Miss Smith said, is 90,000 and the capital has 15,000 of these people residing within its boundaries. There are 100,000 people in the country. Education is compulsory and literacy is unknown on the island. Speaking of the advances by the people in education, she said the island has a modern university with 25 professors, a seminary, a magnificent library and 14 newspapers. Literacy is universal.


A thrifty people, with a keen appreciation of business, the Icelanders, she said, interest themselves in sheep raising, catching fish and exporting fish and in agriculture.

GOthic IS SPOKEN.

In the schools, she said, pure Gothic is spoken, but many of the people speak perfect English, some of them having either visited the country or lived for some time in the Northwest. Miss Smith, speaking of the courteous manner in which the guides conducted the party on its tour of the island, said she talked with a guide who had lived in St. John, N.B. He had made money in the States and then returned to Iceland to settle down. When she asked him why he returned to Iceland he replied in English, he replied: "This is my home."

When the party arrived in Iceland, daylight season was in effect, with

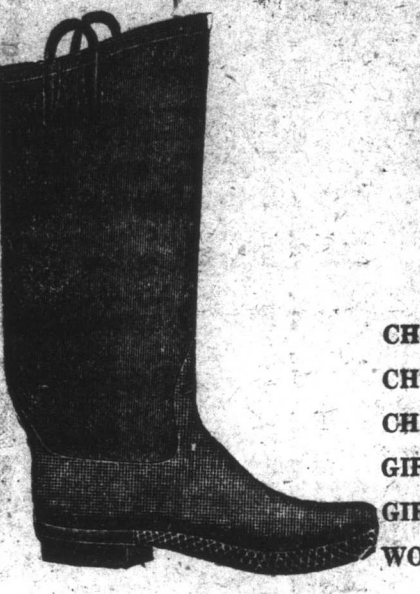
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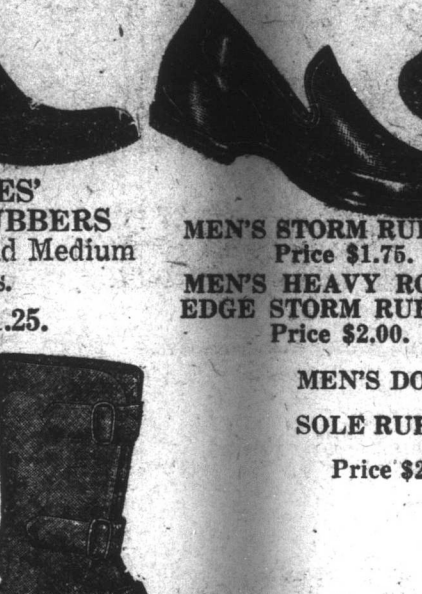
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the sun shining both night and day. For 11 weeks in the year, she said, there is no darkness in Iceland. This phenomenon was interesting to the tourists, many of whom decided they could stroll about at any time, both day and night. She told of the difficulties of sleeping with the motor boats going to and from the ship with their passengers at all hours. The natives, however, did everything to make the stay of the party enjoyable, and consequently kept their shops open all the time to accommodate the sightseers.

SUBSTANTIAL HOUSES.
The middle class Icelanders live in substantial houses with brightly colored roofs. The peasant homes are roofed with thatch and sod, and pres-

ented a beautiful picture when the plants which are growing in the sod burst into bloom. The sod with its brilliant green hue, blends itself into the landscape, she said, often making the whole scene an unbroken painting of green.

"I was anxious to see the interior of the homes," she said, "and I told my guide of my desire. He took the party to his sister's home and I received a big surprise. Prettily decorated, the interior of the house was just like an American home. The furniture was of the mission type and construction, the decorations were simple and tasteful, a heater was in the room and a very modern baby carriage. The woman of the house was well dressed in a slip-on sweater and wore clothes similar to those of American women."

The homely touch met with in many New England farmhouses, as well as in city residences, was evident in Iceland, she said, especially in the quaint mottoes, handworked and framed, which hung on the walls of the homes. One of these she said bore in Icelandic tongue the words, "God Bless Our Home."

KNOW OF AMERICA.
Even in that far-away land, she declared, they have read and still think of America and its great men. She told of meeting an old professor of the university who was consulting the Encyclopedia Britannica in the library to obtain facts on the life of Abraham Lincoln. He was preparing a paper on Lincoln's life and intended to deliver an address before the university body.

Despite the liking of the Icelanders for color in their homes, she said, they, especially the women, are soberly dressed, the majority appearing in black gowns with black brocade aprons and bodices with silver ornaments. They wear little caps placed on their heads with a tressed tassel falling over the ear.

To show that the people of that country are progressive, Miss Smith went on to say they use modern equipment wherever possible. She and several of the party made trips about the capital in a touring car over well-constructed lava roads. The roads are kept in splendid condition, she said, and have good grades. Every nation has its hero and Iceland is no exception of the rule. Miss Smith declared, for every Icelanders reveres the memory of Thorvaldson. She spoke of visiting the cemetery near the capital and of seeing on almost every monument in the burying grounds replicas of Thorvaldson's plaque. The hero's mother was a native of Iceland and his father a Dane. In the capital city, a passageway named after Thorvaldson is located, she said, and here the women of the city bring their handwork for sale, the proceeds being devoted to philanthropic work among the poor.—Sunday Herald.

Hydro Admits Misappropriation.

It came out in a recent sitting of the Gregory Commission inquiring into Hydro matters that after a grant of \$1,700,000 had been made by the legislature to the Central Ontario system it was diverted to another Hydro unit altogether.

"What," asked Commissioner Haney, "was your authority for diverting a Government grant from a Govern-

ment enterprise to a purely Hydro enterprise?"

Mr. Gaby was of the opinion that at the time the Hydro Commission had not considered that it had needed any authority.

This is typical of the irresponsibility of Beck and Gaby to the elected representatives of the people.

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ment enterprise to a purely Hydro enterprise? They would never get the money of investors to expend in that way.

What do Beck and Gaby care? What can the people do about it? What chance would there be of getting these millions back from Beck and Gaby? And the taxpayers and power users of Ontario must PAY! PAY! PAY!!!—Financial Post.

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Beauty is skinned deep.

Grandma will now wash off the heels and get back her becoming gray.

Fads and Fashions.

The center drape is as much used as

ever, the drape being caught with an elaborate ornament.

The sleeve of the new sports frock is rather wide, with a contrasting color introduced in bands.

Most clever is the use of bright colored velvet for the twisted girdles seen on chiffon and crepe frocks.

Among bags, steel-headed cashmere bags on steel frames, tapestry bags and flat purses predominate.

Large green silk roses were placed across the back of a wide-sided hat of almond green velvet.

Jacket blouses of novelty print and bandana blouses have been introduced by an American manufacturer.

New evening gowns are beautifully graceful and youthful in effect; chiffon is the favorite material here.

The wide chiffon sleeve will appear on afternoon costumes and will be

heavily weighed with colored beads.

The three-piece suit is very popular, especially on account of the soft bloused treatment shown in the jackets.

Puffed satin and madras are used a great deal for the costume suits. The jackets have become shorter.

A short, boyish unbelted coat that fastens with four buttons at the front is the most interesting feature in a youthful suit.

Smart spring coats show many tucks and are trimmed with contrasting fabric. The irregular hem line holds among them.

Shoes this season are very plain in cut; even those worn with dressy costumes are not any fancier than the metal buckle makes them.

Figured crepes and chiffons, with beading used to emphasize the pattern of the material, are used for fashioning afternoon gowns.

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Provided it shall not be held unlawful to have in possession any of such birds when the party shall prove the said birds were killed between the twentieth day of September and the first day of January following;—and provided that any person who shall actually have in possession upon the first day of January any Ptarmigan or Willow Grouse, shall be allowed to offer for sale such Ptarmigan or Willow Grouse until the fifteenth day of the same month of January.

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It shall not be lawful for any person to purchase, or to receive in exchange, from any other person any Venison or any portion of the flesh of Caribou, at any time between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of July in any year, and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars or in default to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months.

No person shall hunt, kill or pursue with intent to kill, any Caribou from the first day of February to the thirty-first day of July in any year, both days inclusive, or from the first day of October to the twentieth day of October in any year, both days inclusive.

The season for shooting Wild Rabbit or Hare closes on January 1st.

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