

Not everybody knows what a wood witch is, but I do—for the Wind who tells me a lot of things that I tell you described her fully. Green hair and not much of it, smoky-green robes, and fingers just the shape of crooked sticks! No, I don't like her myself.

The wood-witch was furious! For every bit she managed to hang upon the cottage wall, more blew away. And after a while she had to go out and gather more, while the Wind blew around the cottage and chuckled and laughed. He didn't like her. He never had.

Now you know, and I know that

First she found a wild grapevine, and planted a sprig of it just where she wanted her cottage. She struck it on the left side and it grew to the right. Thus she kept on striking here and there with her witch wand so that the tangle of grapevine made four strong and sturdy walls.

After that she found moss and struck it until it grew to a great, great heap. The rest was easy. Or at least it should have been if the Wind, watching, hadn't chosen to bother her. Every time that queer old witch with the green hair tried to hang a bit of moss upon the framework of grapevine, the Wind mped forth and blew it away

More moss the witch piled beside

plucked from her head, tied bits of moss to the grapevine walls that the Wind just couldn't blow away, and where.

We should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking the cottage grew.

By the time the sun set, there it stood, four mossy walls, a mossy chimney and all, tied securely by witch hairs to a framework of grape-

witch cut windows in the hut of moss, and, behold it was done. As for the Wind, he blew away,



My furnace has an appetite that | chilly!" The furnace never takes a passeth understanding. I shovel coal by day and night, and more it is de-manding. I'm always writing soulful odes, indorsed by leading thinkers, that I may have been applied to the control of the cont that I may buy me endless loads of coal and slate and clinkers. And

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rest, it is the worst of gluttons; I shovel coal at its behest until I bust my buttons. I lay me down to take a snooze when I have bolted dinner-for weary hearts and jaded thews, such catnaps are a winner. But ere I've fairly closed my eyes, I hear when I lay my lyre aside—it isn't that I want to—down to the basement I must slide, and feed that furnace, pronto. When I sit down to read some books sensational and shovel coal, to make the old shack silly, my wife remarks: "Gee whiz! hotter, and when spring comes I Gadzooks! The house is growing lack the roll to buy myself a swatter.

R. A. Skinner was elected president of the North and West Oxford Agricultural Society, and J. H. Colton heads the Colborne and Haldi-

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Music and Drama

The Brant

Ventriloquists upon the vaudeville stage to-day are more numerous Hence it is that the ability of one so proficient as Miss Nan Aker now playing an engagement at the musical melange which found favor with a large audience last evening. Winsome Fannie Ward appears a her best in "The Years of the Locust." her latest feature production, which is one of exceptional strength and dramatic possibilities, none of which is in any measure neglected. The serial, "The Shielding Shadow," a series of Mutt and Jeff comedy cartoons, and a showing of the Pathe Gazette serve to round out a splendid bill of attractions.

"FAIR AND WARMER" "Fair and Warmer," the farce by Avery Hopwood which Selwyn and Company will present at the Grand Opera House for matinee and night on January 27, needs no introduction to local theatre-goers, beyond that which has already been furnished them by the ardent admirers who saw and were convulsed by it at the Eltinge Theatre in New York, and who returned to their home-towns with loud praise of it, as the season's greatest treat. The year of its run in New York established the fame of "Fair and Warmer" in all parts of the country. The demand for it had begun even before the end of the first Hamilton. capacity month. It is one of those

Selwyn and Company will present the famous farce here with a cast ideally suited to its proper interpre-

DIDN'T WANT TO BE A VILLAIN Although Robert Whittier, Metro leading man, can play villainous parts when called on to do so, he balked recently when told he would

balked recently when told he would have to abuse Ethel Barymore in "The Awakening of Helena Richie."

"I admire Miss Barrymore as being a noble type of womanhood," protested Mr. Whittier. "Really, it is asking too much." Director John W. Noble reminded him that he was to be only a "stage villain," but still he held back. Then Miss Barrymore spoke to Mr. Whittier:

"I want you to be as harsh as you possibly can," she said. "You are forgiven in advance—provided you are harsh and even brutal in the play." So, Mr. Whittier took the part of Frederick Richie and was "harsh and even brutal"—so much

'harsh and even brutal"-so much comes so quickly,

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fast helps us look and feet clean, sweet, fresh.

bright, alert-a good, clear skin and a natural, rosy, healthy complexion are assured only by pure blood. Now you know, and I know that the witch's cottage of moss had been devoured by a strange swarm of witchy grasshoppers, and she had to move on and build another. And as it was the Wind who bothered her a lot because he didn't happen to like her. I know just how she built it. The Wind watched and told me.

First she found a wild granging.

More moss the witch piled beside the walls of grapevine. And the Wind watching, wondered what she planned to do. This time, the bath, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls, with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "runger and green. tudes of "nerve wrecks," "run-downs," "brain fags" and pessimists Hair after hair, hair after hair she we should see a virile, optimistic

An inside bath is had by drinking each morning before breakfast, glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting those who provided in the sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting those who provided in the sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting those who provided in the sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting these we would talk about the stronger appeal than beauty; stronger appeal th health and appearance, awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside acteristics in men which make an apacteristics in men which make an apacteristic in men which make an apacteristi cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not Women Like Broad Shoulders

Women Like Broad Shoulders blood while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

so that Mr. Noble congratulated him on his "brutality."

line was called upon to hold a squalling infant for one of the big comedy scenes of the production. As the infant was handed out Chaplin gingerly grasped it by the shawl enveloping it and held it wrong side up until they were ready to start. up until they were ready to start The child evidently thought that

it was being very ill-treated and let out a most unearthly yell and screwed its face into the worst possible contortions. Nothing daunted, Chap-lin kept a firmer hold on the babe and finally got it in a comfortable

The babe kept on crying but fin-ally a light seemed to light the litthan the prevarications in a German tle tear stained face and the howls war statement, yet of those whose talent in the art is more than mediocre there is a conspicuous abfuzzy adornment on his upper lip came off and also a part of the said

Finally in order to go on with the filming of the scene Chaplin had to now playing an engagement at the Brant Theatre should suffice to draw record attendances. The title enjoyed by Miss Aker of "the unequalled woman ventriloquist," is proven to be deserving by the performance given by herself and her assistants in a number which is replete with fun from beginning to end. The Adanac Trio offer a classy musical melange which found favor

Bowling

In a bowling contest on the Y. M. C.A. alleys last night between the leagues latest addition—the Steel Products team and the Waterous club, the latter succeeded in winning two out of the three games played Earl Braund was the "strong arm" man of the night with 514. Waterous:

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capacity month. It is one of those rare farces with so universal an appeal, and so pronounced a trick of making laughs, that every known kind of person rises to call it blessed.

d. Madden, 18, and Maurice Monnier, 22, both born in France, were arrested for crossing into Canada via the high cantilever bridge at the Falls, but were released, as they came to enlist

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County Council Gives to the Patriotic Fund

Grant of \$30,000 for Year 1917 Is Made After Long Discussion Upon Subject

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Canadian Patriotic Fund.

It will be of much importance to the Fund if the Councillors should have full confidence that the people will heartily approve of liberal grants. We have no doubt that the ratepayers of the Province are behind the Fund to whatever extent may be necessary.

vince are behind the Fund to whatever extent may be necessary. For 1917, owing to the increasing size of the Canadian armies, the demands of the Fund on Ontario will reach six million dollars, every cent of which will be spent in this province. But this is more than we raised for 1916, so it will be necessary that we contribute even more liberally than in the past.

The work the Fund is doing in caring for the families of the men at the front must not be hin dered by lack of money, and we would suggest to all patriotic citizens that they take every opportunity of encouraging the county councillors to see that the sums voted level up to the standard of the best paying counties in the province. There is perhaps no fairer way of spreading over all the people in the rural districts their share of the burden of carrying the Fund than is afforded by county council taxation, and we the Fund than is afforded by county council taxation, and we should be too proud to let any other part of the Province bear a larger proportion than we are bearing, and certainly too proud to let any other province help out Ontario in caring for its own people. Residents of Brantford and Brant County will have an opple. portunity to give to the Fund in the coming campaign here



and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle, but I suppose that depends on the instrument of all kinds, especially properties the stronger of the stronger appeal than beau stronger

For instance, I think the average and attractively feminine.

CHARLIE LOST HIS MUSTACHE During the filming of the latest Chaplin two-reel comedy entitled "Easy Street." the inimitable Chartile Chartil part of her heritage as a woman.

The "Handsome-Homely" Type.
Beauty of features in a man does not make the same appeal to the op-

posite sex as beauty in a woman. To my mind, there is something almost objectionable about beauty in a man. The "handsome-homely" view.

regular type of face? Strength, qualities, and women are attracted by men's character. It is an unusual thought, but worth mulling over.
That Caressing Manner.

There are two manners in me woman likes a broad-shouldered that appeal to women. One is the man. There is something in broad caressing, protective manner. A wo-shoulders as typical, attractively man will forgive much to the man masculine as curves are typically who will put her coat about her shoulders in a protective The average woman, other things that makes her feel that he is interested in her well-being.

combines bullying and outspoken adlove anyone else, but her natural miration. I simply cannot describe

Now, if any of my women readers think I haven't answered this question properly, I should like nothing

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LADY'S FOUR GORE SKIRT.

By Anabel Worthington

Whether a woman stays home or travels about, has less or a her neighbor for her clothes, she can always find use of the separate skirt, because she intends to cling to the separate

The clever blending of style features makes for the success of this attractive walking skirt. It is cut in four gores and has the front and back gores gathered to yokes at centre front and back only, the sides not showing this feature. A plait at each seam where the side gores join the front gore is a good point, since it neatly arranges the fulness, hides the seam and increases the long line effect that is of such importance in styledom. The button and loop decoration to almost hip depth is an up to date trimming feature. The closing is at the right side of front and a raised waistline is used. In size 24 the width of the lower edge is three yards.

Wool checks, plaids, also serge and cheviot, are suitable for this model. If The skirt, pattern No. 8,131 cuts in



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LADY'S SHIRT WAIST.

By Anabel Worthington.



wide box plait in each front and in each half of the back cannot be overlooked. The sleeves are set in with slight gathers at the shoulder and with fulness all the way to the wrist, where a roll cuff finishes. Under a girdle of silk or satin the waist is bloused very full.

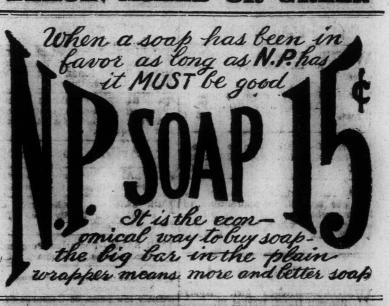
If contrasting goods are used for the cuffs and to outline the collar they will give a softness to the plain, tailored lines, and button decoration of the collar and of the fronts will be very neat and appropriate. Satin, silk, cotton poplin and the like

are suitable materials for developingalso butcher's linen for the most practical wear. This is an ideal model for the usiness woman or tidy housekeeper. Making a few box plaits is a simple matter, and that's about all there is to copying this design; the pattern is named and marked so that it is the only guide needed by the home seamstress.

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