



Courierettes.

WITH so many weddings in the White House, life for the congressmen and senators is just one wedding present after another.

It is evident that Uncle Sam should fortify the Panama Canal against itself.

Now that saloons close on Sundays in Chicago, the Windy City's Sabbath will be a day of rest—not of arrest.

The melodrama of real life these days is making the stage thriller a back number.

Hen pheasants warned England of approaching Zeppelins recently, thus rivalling the geese, whose cackling saved Rome.

A woman was scared to death by a raid on a gambling den. To her, discovery was more to be feared than gambling.

Mexico announces that she doesn't want a foreign loan. Maybe she couldn't get it.

Sulzer says Roosevelt is a political corpse. Well, they say one corpse should know another.

A Philadelphia girl, chosen as the most beautiful maiden in the U. S., says she isn't. She is certainly the most sensible.

This big war began in the Balkans. Would it not be an odd turn of fate to see it decided there?

Woodrow Wilson will put real meaning into that Thanksgiving proclamation this year.

There are fourteen parties in the Russian Duma. We in Canada might be worse off than we are.

Telephone company comes along with the announcement that it will educate its office boys. The office boys we have met know it all now.

Brooklyn judge hands out a decision that a baby cannot be enjoined from crying. Must have taken a lot of thought to come to that conclusion.

Health expert figures that family of five can live on \$1.05 per day. Perhaps—for a day or two.

Well Named.—"Two is Company" was the name of a play that lacked audiences and died after a couple of performances on Broadway. Evidently at that play three was a crowd.

What Will Happen.—William Jennings Bryan wants the United States to take a vote of the people before it ever engages in a war. While the republic would be taking the vote its foes would take it.

Safety First.—There is safety in numbers. Never depend on one button or a single safety pin.

Evident.—Seth Low, former Mayor of New York, says that many women are unfitted for the ballot. No doubt. We have also seen a man or two to whom the same might apply.

Hard Work.—Brown—"I hear you have a Government job now?" Jones—"Got it the other day." Brown—"Is it hard work?" Jones—"Not after you get it."

In Logical Sequence.—"My Lady's Garter" was announced as the opening attraction at the Booth Theatre, New York. After the advertising had been done the management made a

change of plans and produced "A Pair of Silk Stockings."

Woman on Equal Plane.—Now that the Germans have shown by the Zepelin raids and the murder of Edith Cavell that they treat the sexes on an equality, Hon. David Lloyd George has announced that women workers on war munitions will be paid the same wages as men for the same kind of work. Example is a wonderful thing.

Progressing.—"We have long heard of 'the unspeakable Turk,' but look at this progressing list:

Belgium,
Poland,
The Lusitania,
The Arabic,
Edith Cavell.

Will it not soon be "the unspeakable German?"

WAR NOTES.

One thing there is to the credit of the Turk. He does not claim alliance with the Lord.

A Teuton woman proposed marriage to a Russian prisoner. Yet the Kaiser says this is not a war of conquest.

No doubt President Wilson is more concerned just now with domestic relations than with international affairs.

By the time the war has continued for another year some of us will learn what a kilometer is.

Woodrow Wilson may be too proud to fight, but we note that he's getting married again.

Henry Ford thinks his new submarine will be such a terror that it will end warfare. It should, if it's anything like his cars.

There are no swear words in the Japanese language. That must be hard on the Jap militia minister.

Who said that Bryan would go to Europe and make peace speeches? He couldn't get paid for them there.

Spain will remain neutral. It needs all its money to raise King Alfonso's large family.

About the Greeks.—Those Greek statesmen who have been so long debating the offers of the allies must have among them some men from Missouri.

Consistency.—Modern woman prides herself on her progress and her enlightenment. She is now a feminist. She has broken the fetters of the barbaric age. She is free.

But she pierces her ears. She pinches her feet in tight shoes. She almost chokes herself with collars or else bares her chest and invites pneumonia. She binds herself in things she calls corsets. She paints and powders her face.

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The Hun Motto.—"One atrocity deserves another" seems to be the motto of the modern Hun nation.

Knew What She Wanted.—A school teacher, during the hour for drawing, suggested to her pupils that each draw what he or she would like to be when grown up. At the end of the lesson one little girl showed an empty slate.

"Why," said the teacher, "isn't

there anything you would like to be when you grow up?"

"Yes," said the little girl, "I would like to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."

Kissing the Cook.

I kissed the cook—ah, me! she was divine,
Cheeks peachy, dark brown eyes, lips red as wine,
Long apron with a bow,
A cap as white as snow—
A far too tempting show—
I kissed the cook!

I kissed the cook, this angel from the skies,
And yet I did not take her by surprise;
'Twas mean, I will allow,
But if you'll make the vow
To keep it, I'll tell how
I kissed the cook.

I kissed the cook—poor, helpless, little lass,
The chance so good I could not let it pass;
Her hands were in the dough,
She dare not spoil, I know,
My Sunday suit, and so
I kissed the cook.

I kissed the cook—I might have been more strong,
But then, I guess, it wasn't very wrong,
For just 'tween you and me—
The cook—my wife is she—
So I'd a right, you see,
To kiss the cook!

Quite True.—"Death Threat Keeps Ferdinand From the Front," says a headline. True. It keeps a lot of lowlier men from the front, too.

A Modern Maxim.—The man who boasts that he has not an enemy in the world very probably has nothing else of value.

The Way She Figures It.—A girl in Chicago has married a count who is 74 years old. She has it all figured out, no doubt, that though she takes the count now she will see that he takes the count later on.

Use It Again.—Here's a heading from a daily paper:

"Carnage and Ruin Mark
Great Champagne Battle."

Might be worth while keeping that head set in type. It could be used for a description of a New Year's Eve celebration in Toronto.

Missed Something.—Green was a raw recruit, and in his ignorance of the ways of the Army had committed some slight offence. When brought before the colonel, that worthy was pleased to let him off with only a sharp admonition. The facts of the case appeared in the regimental orders, and when Green read the account he rushed off to his sergeant breathless with indignation.

"Why, sergeant, it says in the orders that I was 'discharged with an admonition,'" he complained. "An' all I got was a good wiggin'." Some other fellow 'as been and kept that admonition and means to do me out of it. Now, I wants to know what it is, for I mean to have it. I don't mean to be cheated out of anything!"

AMBIGUOUS SIGN.

In a Toronto store, on a stand full of umbrellas, is a sign, "Umbrellas, \$1 up."

The other day a chap with a sense of humour strolled in and said to the manager: "They're \$1 up, I see. How much are they down?"

"That's all right," replied the manager. "It's a good joke. A lot of fellows come in here to give it to me. And then they feel that they ought to buy an umbrella—the joke's worth it. That's why we keep the sign there. Which umbrella will you have? This one?"



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