

PIERRE MILLS WRITES OF THE FUNNY FRENCH DUELS

He Has Fought Many, Has Acted as Second in Many More and Déplôres Practice

Says the Second is the Man Who is Really Entitled to Consideration

Paris, Sept. 19.—M. Pierre Mills, who has fought in duels and acted as second for others, gives his impressions, not as a duelist, but as a second, and the conclusion would be that the practice had better be abolished for the sake of the seconds, if not for the principals. He had just been called upon to be one of the seconds for a friend of his when he sat down to pen his feelings. "A duel," he wrote, "is nearly always for some trifling or other. The practice keeps one busy either preparing to fight one's own self or to account some of our friends. You sit down to your desk and find a lot of work before you. The day is not long enough to finish it, but you go at it with zest, thinking that this time nobody will disturb you. The bell rings, and a letter is handed to you. It is from a friend, who has himself received the following letter: 'We have been commissioned to demand from you an apology or reparation in loyal combat. There is no time to lose. All work is over for that day, and for some days to come. You have to tender your friend the service required. Another second has to be found. Where is he to be got at this season, when all Paris is empty? Telephone calls, telegrams, messages—everything is tried. It is no use; you have to go out yourself and look for the other second. You drive about town in company with the friend who has been challenged. He is the most unpleasant companion at such a time. He thinks of nothing but his case; he turns it over; he discusses it in a thousand ways, and when it has done he begins all over again. If he would only consent to talk of something else—descriptive geometry would be more interesting.

"Finally the friend is found, and we breathe. But not for long. The adversary's seconds have to be met. Being for the challenge, they have the right to choose the weapon. Naturally, they choose the sword, an instrument your friend never handled. You wish about, doing things with an air of great gravity, and usually with a pair of gloves. I am always for conciliation—first, because a duel seems to me ridiculous; and secondly, because it may be dangerous. I invent all sorts of excuses, stratagems and tricks to get my friend out of the scrape. He obstinately works himself deeper into it. The duel has to be fought; though he never held a sword before. The question then is to give him some hurried advice. Time for practice he has none. We tell him to hold his sword straight before him, at arm's length. He does it, and saliently stretches his arm forward holding his sword proudly, as it should be. Now, let things happen as they will. The adversary dances about, swings his sword, thrusts it here, there and everywhere, but, of course, he cannot approach you. Each bout is two minutes. They are an eternity for two anxious seconds who know that their man is done if he should forget his instructions. The end of the fearfully long minutes comes at last, and we breathe for a like space. Then the second bout begins, and our nerves are again strung to the highest pitch. Suddenly the director of the combat calls a halt. The two adversaries have mutually pricked each other in the forearm. The four seconds look grave, but in the depth of their hearts they say, 'What luck!' They put on their coats, drive somewhere for lunch, and honor is satisfied."

But what an amount of time has been lost! Still, seconds may sometimes get fun, even out of a duel. "Remember one of my friends," says Pierre Mills, "who had never handled a sword before. He did as we told him, held his sword at arm's length. But the brave adversary, for some reason or other, backed away. Our man stood still and looked at us. 'What shall I do now?' he asked. 'Follow him,' I suggested. He advanced step by step, and still his adversary recoiled. 'What shall I do now?' asked our man again. 'Give him a shove,' I said. He did so, and wounded his antagonist in the wrist. Honor was again satisfied, but our man was so proud of his achievement that he drove home with us, brave enough to fight the whole world. He imagined that duel would always be that way."

ICELAND DECIDES TO LICENSE A LOTTERY

Copenhagen, Sept. 18.—With the view of increasing its revenue, the Icelandic government has granted a concession to a lottery promoting syndicate. As the Icelanders have little or no money to spare for lotteries, the syndicate has obtained the right to sell tickets in Denmark, where a more profitable field is afforded for their enterprise. Lotteries are increasing in favor in Denmark, and the Danish government, which already guarantees four such ventures, reaps a substantial revenue from this source, and also from gambling on race courses, of which the state gets a fixed percentage.

BUSINESS \$100,000,000; PROFITS ONLY \$150,000

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Although it sold \$100,000,000 worth of farm implements, the International Harvester Company last year made only \$10,000 in profit, or fifteen-hundredths of one per cent, according to R. C. Hasbina, the president, who testified today before a special examiner in the government's suit to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Questions were asked by the government attorneys to allow that the International Harvester Company of America was merely the selling agent of the International Harvester Company of New Jersey, and that the latter company was to make all the money.

"Is it not your object to buy from the New Jersey corporation at such a price as to enable you to sell so that you will have neither a loss nor a profit?" asked Edward P. Grosvener, special assistant attorney-general.

"Our object is to buy as cheaply as we can and to make as much as possible. We are to buy from the New Jersey company at prices we would from any other company," replied Mr. Hasbina.



# Fall Opening

## OUR "STYLE SHOW" FOR FALL & WINTER 1912-13, WILL BE HELD THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, & FOLLOWING DAYS

This great shopping centre now announces its entire readiness for preparing Calgary's citizens for the brisk Autumn days, and for the season of frost and snow. European and Eastern fashion centres have contributed an authoritative reflection of the season's correct modes in costumes, fabrics, and accessories of the toilette and wardrobe down to the minutest details. There is a comprehensive exhibit of dependable merchandise throughout, which impressively demonstrates the resources of this establishment and illustrates its commanding position as a distributor of the worthiest merchandise. Accept this announcement as a cordial invitation to visit the store and see these displays of bright new merchandise.

### The New Fall Millinery

These September days have set you to thinking of new headwear; and our formal opening whereat will be shown many of the pretty European styles as well as the best from Eastern fashion centres, is a realistic lesson to us just what people are wearing, and what will look best on you. We don't expect every person who comes in to view these opening displays to buy, nor will we importune you to do so; but we are satisfied that when you see the pretty hats displayed, you will concede that their equals—in point of beauty and of price—are not to be found in Calgary.

### Calgary's Finest Showing of Tailored Suits

Our collection of tailored suits is not only extensive, but of infinite variety in style and price. It comprehends the modest and the luxurious, the suit of utility, and the suit of beauty—and every grade between the two extremes.

### Our Best Display of Women's Coats

The general comment made on our display of WOMEN'S LONG COATS is that in every way it eclipses any showing ever made in this department. The variety is so great and the range of prices so comprehensive that we can satisfy any taste or purse.

### The New Dress Goods and Silks

"Dame Fashion" herself must have conspired with the silk and dress goods section when this exquisite collection was assembled. All that is new, that is rich, and all that you yourself could wish for in high grade materials may be found here now, and the very extensiveness of the showing is responsible for the generous prices that prevail.

### THE FAVORED FABRICS FOR STREET SUITS

#### Chinchilla Velours

Paisley velvets, new herringbone velvets, most fashionable of all pile fabrics, silk finish, deep fast pile, very soft 'non rub' finish, exceedingly smart.

Black, navy, and New Colored Serges, Broadcloths, Tweed Suitings, exclusive suit lengths, in the very newest and fashionable tweed suitings, in new weaves, colors and mixtures, Scotch, English, and French makes, strictly exclusive at moderate prices.

#### Evening Goods

Silk Crepe de Chenes, Silk and Wool Taffeta, a leader for style, wear and comfort. New Shot Messalines and soft Glace Silks, in wide widths. Double width Silk Marquisettes, exceedingly fashionable. Oriental satins, 36 inches wide. Superior range of Messalines, Satins, 36 inches wide. Two leaders for evening dresses, bridal and reception gowns. 1—New Crepe Flotieuse, 4 inches wide, new shades apricot, cream, sky and black. 2—Liberty Satin, 42 inches wide, ivory, khaki, reseda, new Nile, apricot, tans, green and navy.

### The New Laces

Yards upon yards of the new laces are here in innumerable style and patterns. Everything that's correct, everything that fashion sanctions, from the prettiest novelties to the styles that border on the staple. We've never invited you to select from quite so large, so comprehensive and so beautiful a lace stock as our present one. It holds high interest for every woman who would know what is newest in the lace world—and who desires to choose from a stock whose attributes are lavish quantity, great variety, character, worth and the fairest of prices.

### Fall Models in Corsets

Here's a list of corsets that will give women an idea of the standard lines of corsets we carry, besides our own exclusive lines, the "Pryjo" specialties. Gossard, lace in front, \$4.75 to ..... \$10.00 Nemo Specialties, \$3.75 to ..... \$5.75 American Lady, \$1.50 to ..... \$4.50 Crompton's, \$1.75 to ..... \$5.00 Bais Filled, \$1.25 to ..... \$4.50 Pryjo Specialties, \$1.25 to ..... \$3.00 De-be-voice Brassieres, 65c to ..... \$2.50

### Girls' Coats and Dresses

Your daughter can be fitted out to best advantage here. Our buyers have made a careful study of the wants and needs of growing girls, and the coats and dresses we're now showing demonstrate how well they've succeeded in their undertaking.

### Women's Fall Gloves

Fashionable women demand gloves that fit correctly. They're the finishing touch that distinguishes a smartly dressed woman. It has been our aim to make this an ideal glove store. From the best makers we have selected those that have given satisfaction—and as for style—you may depend on getting the newest modes here.

### OUR WINDOWS Are literally mirrors of the NEW FASHIONS

If you wish to view the favored styles, note the displays in Pryce-Jones' windows.

### Men's Clothing

The departments devoted to Men's Wear are not one whit behind the others in their readiness to meet your fall and winter needs in stylish and comfortable apparel. The styles are right, late and correct; the quality of material is of the best; the tailoring is extra good hand tailoring and, we have sizes to fit everybody, no matter what your build is. See our leaders in Men's Suits at ..... \$15.00 and \$20.00 Men's Fall Overcoats ..... \$10.00 to \$30.00

### Footwear for Men, Women, Girls and Boys

The finest productions are here for your selection. We keep in touch with the most dependable makers of America and Eastern Canada. We gather in the worthy styles as soon as produced, and back them up with a guarantee that means just what "sterling" means to silverware.

### New Furs, Coats, Sets and Neck Pieces

Although furs are not yet in demand, they soon will be, and the earliest call will find us well prepared, with a much finer gathering of well selected furs than we have hitherto shown, beautiful coats in Hudson seal, Russian pony, beaver, and other beautiful effects, fur sets and neck pieces, representative of practically all fur bearing animals of the world; in short, our splendid stocks afford opportunity for most discriminating selection and prices, as always, are decidedly in your favor.

Store Opens 8.45 a.m. Closes 6 p.m. Saturdays 9.30 p.m.

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