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MARSHALL BROS.

To Make Things Interesting.

By RUTH CAMERON.



There are few things the average man enjoys more than taking a fling at woman's dress. He loves to talk about the rapid change of fashion and the folly of such winter combinations as furs at one end and pumps at the other. Most men, too, will surely have something to say on tight-lacing and high-heeled shoes, with fine masculine superiority to the fact that tight lacing isn't done any more, and that a great many women wear common sense shoes for common sense purposes.

One would think, to hear the man talk, that his own dress represented the acme of common sense and utility and beauty, and that if he found it did not measure up to this ideal, he would defy the conventions and regulate it to suit himself.

The Critic Criticized.

Whereas, as every woman knows, the exact opposite is true.

In the first place, there are many things about men's dress that represent the acme of foolishness and uselessness and ugliness.

In the second place, men are far more afraid than women to make individual variations from the form, or even to follow a new fashion.

Take, for a glaring instance, the matter of men's collars. Could anything be more uncomfortable and more ugly in the summer, than that hard, white linen thing men wear about their necks? We women used to wear something similar, and then the fashion of open-throated waists came in, and women settled upon it and have refused to let it go despite attempts to bring the high neck back. They don't want to be comfortable.

Most men, on the other hand, firmly refuse to accept a release from the bondage of the stiff collar. To be sure, the soft collar has unquestionably made some headway; but the prejudice against it is still strong. Just recently I heard of an employer who wouldn't permit a single clerk in his employ to appear in the office with a soft collar. Think of that! True, the soft collar is not as bo-

coming to some men as the higher line. It is unsatisfactory because it is a halfway line. But if the halfway measure is not satisfactory, why not go the whole way, and have a V-neck for men as well as for women? I can just hear the hoot of masculine derision that goes up at that! Too funny for words, isn't it?—to suggest substituting a beautiful, healthy fashion for an ugly, unhealthy one (doctors say that the general health of women has improved immensely since they have ceased to wrap up their throats). As for the beauty of it, I love to see a man with a flannel shirt open at the throat. I think a good-looking man never looks handsomer.

The Most Hideous Headgear Ever Invented.

No, I have not the least idea that I shall ever live to see men wearing V-necks. Any more than I shall live to see them discard that most hideous headgear ever invented by savage or civilized tribe,—the derby; or adopt some more beautiful garb to grace the festive occasion than that strange monstrosity,—the dress suit. I just suggested it to make things interesting!

I bought a horse with a supposedly incurable ringbone for \$30.00. Cured him with \$1.00 worth of MINARD'S LINIMENT and sold him for \$85.00. Profit on Liniment, \$54.

MOISE DEROSCE.

Hotel Keeper, St. Philippe, Que.

Cheap Clothing.

The Philadelphia Bulletin says: A remarkable achievement has been put through by the British Government in co-operation with the wool dealers, cloth manufacturers and clothing makers, by which \$75,000 worth of clothing for men, boys and youths is to be put on the market at low prices. Suits for men are to cost \$16, with lower prices for youths and boys, while overcoats are to range from \$15.50 downwards—all these at retail. This provides clothing for at least five million persons, and the samples are said to be precisely of the quality, and much of the style, of the suit which King George bought recently. Better and finer suits will cost more.

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THE SECRET FLAUS.

Seems like I'm never goin' to be The man I'd like to make o' me; Get started well, an' then I fail, An' carelessly I spoil it all. My whole life through, somehow, it seems.

I've been a wrecker of my dreams. I've had my share o' joy, and yet I've done so much that I regret.

It's not the faults that others see That've greatly troubled me; When I have fairly tried an' failed, I am not bitterly assailed. By thoughts of shame, I've done my best.

An' go to sleep at night an' rest. The flaws that put my peace to rest Are those that no one knows about.

The little petty things an' mean That possibly have passed unseen, Bring more regrets, I think, to me, Than all the flaws that others see. Sometimes a hasty word o' mine Has spoiled a day that should be fine An' all my sighs an' all my prayer Can't wash away the blot that's there!

Seems like I'm never goin' to be The man I want to make o' me; I think I'm doin' well, an' then I stoop to selfishness again. An' when, at night, I'm all alone, That deep I am ashamed t' own. The world may think my record fair; But I know every blot that's there.

A Wonderful "Fourth."
The King at Baseball.
Universally and wholeheartedly Great Britain, and London in particular, celebrated American Independence Day.

Early morning saw American flags on all sides, notably on the Palace at Westminster, in Pall Mall, and in the City. American soldiers and sailors from rest and training camps poured into the town, and by 10 a.m. a huge crowd had gathered at the Eagle Hut in Aldwych to cheer the raising of the flag. The band of the Irish Guards played national airs while brakeloid after brakeloid in khaki and blue

drove gaily away, cheering and cheered, to visit London, East and West.

The Stock Exchange suspended business to cheer for the President; Lloyd's and the Baltic sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King."

London churches offered prayers for blessings on our American Allies and a lasting friendship. The Dean of Westminster conducted a special service in the Abbey. At the City Temple, where Dr. Fort Newton preached, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were hung behind the pulpit. The Lord Mayor presided over a Y.M.C.A. prayer meeting at the Mansion House. Dr. Jowett was at Westminster Chapel.

The High Court Judges wore their scarlet robes in honor of Liberty Day. The Anglo-Saxon Fellowship meeting in the Central Hall, Westminster, with Lord Bryce in the chair, was a huge success; hundreds were turned away. Mr. Churchill's "No compromise" was hailed with enthusiasm. While the band of the Grenadier Guards played American airs, the fraternal feeling between Americans and Britons was genuinely shown.

With the bells of St. Paul's and of Southwark Cathedral ringing, with American flags waving, American soldiers riding through the streets, and with passing-by wearing American emblems, the celebration of the "Fourth" became universal.

Early in the afternoon men began to stream towards the football ground at Stamford Bridge for the great "ball game." As a group of American soldiers and sailors passed Buckingham Palace they stopped to give three cheers. The King and Queen stepped on to the balcony and smilingly acknowledged the demonstration.

Their drive later to Stamford Bridge was one long ovation which culminated when they entered the grounds to the strains of the National Anthem from the Welsh Guards. More than 38,000 people passed through the turnstiles to see the match, which ended in a victory for the U.S. Navy over the Army.

In most large towns in England the day was recognized. Historic cathedrals and chapels, St. George's Windsor, and King's College, Cambridge, among others, saw services. Liverpool was decked in flags and a review of troops was a feature. Manchester opened a Stars and Stripes Club. At over two-score points in England baseball games were played.

Last night London hotels and theatres gave themselves over to celebration. American menus were in evidence, and theatreland made the American fighting man feel it was his particular night.—Daily Mail.

Tommy Atkins, Philologist.

Mr. Thomas Atkins has further enriched the English language with war words and phrases. They may not creep into future dictionaries, remarks London Answers, but they will certainly remain as part of the common language of everyday use. "Narpoo," coined by Tommy from the French "Il n'y a plus," is now our general expression for "nothing doing."

It is safe to assume that the expression "over the top" will become part of our language, to be used when man must be put to the supreme test. "Anzac" is another coined word that will remain for all time. A "scranger" for a forager, "buck-shee" for anything extra in the way of rations, and "Conchy" for the shirker, are hardly likely to be forgotten.

THE KAISER.



KAISER WILHELM II.

The Kaiser makes me wear old duds, and drink the cheaper grades of soda, and smoke punk torches that, after, tastes like a shoe or rubber tire. Oh, once I always bought the best; I had an ample treasure chest; I drew on Cuba for cheroots, and sent to Lunn for my boots; a Paris triumph was my hat; the Kaiser put a stop to that. I buy my things in pawnshops now; a battered derby shades my brow; a suit of mohair drapes my frame—the hanged old war lord is to blame. I used to scan the bill of fare and choose the richest viands there; a big planked steak was just my size, topped off with divers kinds of pies. Now to a chop-house I repair, and eat the cheapest victuals there; they will not let me have a steak, they have no flour to make a cake, they dole out sugar with a spoon, and cut in halves the luscious prune. The Kaiser's hand is everywhere; it even grips the bill of fare. The Kaiser's landed on our shore, his shadow darkens every door. Your every care and every ill you may charge up to Kaiser Bill. And he'll overshadow every heart until we wipe him off the chart; all other chores we must eschew until that mighty task's put through.

Milady's Boudoir.

KEEPING THE ELBOWS BEAUTIFUL.

Perhaps there is nothing easier in the way of increasing beauty than to have pretty elbows, yet how seldom we see them. They are usually rough or there seems to be dark circles about them, or they are unhappy. Any of these faults may so easily be rectified that it seems too every care and every ill you may charge up to Kaiser Bill. And he'll overshadow every heart until we wipe him off the chart; all other chores we must eschew until that mighty task's put through.

Almost every woman has the falling of leaning constantly on her elbows no matter where she is, or what she is doing. This results in hardening the skin, and causes it to become coarse and brown.

A jar of good cold cream, a stiff complexion brush, and a cake of white soap, which every toilet chest possesses are the only necessary "first aids." Night and morning Milady of the unsightly elbows must apply the old cream generously and gently massage the hard discolored skin. This massage should be a "pinching" not readily to the fingers.

When bathing the arms do not simply bathe the elbows, but scrub them well, and give them a brisk brushing until they tingle and cry for mercy. A few weeks of this simple home treatment will cause them to become soft and delicately pink. Beautiful elbows are rare, and should be cultivated.

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