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THE FASHIONS IN WOMEN'S HATS

Little Heed for the Medium Size—Brims Upward—The Floral Hat the Thing

(Montreal Gazette.)

Flowers, amazing in their wealth of form and color, large and small; in branches, sprays and bunches, in buckles, bandeaus and whole hat crowns—flowers in millions are displayed in a perfect galaxy of beauty in the advance millinery showings for the coming season. It is to be essentially a flower season, if one may judge by these displays, and truly the floral artiste has never before scored so great a success.

Roses are the leading favorites and they are shown in every possible shade, size and arrangement. Buckles and ornaments are massed with tiny buds, especially moss roses, buds with their dainty foliage. Large full blossoms support graceful sprays of half-blown buds. Roses, large and small, are used in masses to form bandeaus, cabuchins, and, in some cases, cover the entire crown of the hat. Novelties in rose, lilac and other flowering shrub mounts, which are regarded with special favor in Paris, and shown in large variety in Montreal, simulate graceful branches broken from the bush. The effect of one of these mounts on a new broad-brimmed picture hat is charming. All the small flowers are in favor, and always in massey effects, while all are almost perfect imitations of the real blossoms. Quite new are the branches of fuschias in natural purple and crimson colorings.

Ornaments are air light in effect, and gorgeous with beads, in which the black and white and coral shades predominate, for coral and al the new tones of blue are leaders in the summer's fashionable colors, and, indeed, are shown in combination in a variety of bandings and ornaments. A large butterfly of silver gauze is beaded in white, An ornament of the same is richly beaded in dark blue beads and corals. Bugle and pearl beads are used to form large blossom shaped ornaments. Ribbons are going to be used for trimming suit hats, especialy the new black and white striped effects. Lace and tinsel and tosca nets will be used largely for draping.

Dame Fashion has paid little heed this season to those who favor medium sized hats, but the variety shown in the close-fitting turban, toque and bonnet effects for early wear especially, are almost as varied in design as are those of the large hats—and they are very large, indeed, with graceful sweeping curves—that are going to hold sway when the first mild spring days have given place to summer. There is something very smart and attractive in these large hats. They soften angles and give an air of distinction and smartness which the small hat seldom achieves. Last season's large hats were shown with all sorts of drooping brims, drooping until the face was almost overdone. The new drooping models are quite the reverse. The brims have been gradually acquiring an upward tendency, curling slightly, or turned abruptly upward, in one place, or all round, and always with the undulating sweep which does so much to soften the effect on the face. While the brims have become wider from side to side, however, they have grown proportionately shorter in front and back, another factor towards becoming effects.

Crowns of all kinds are shown. They are high or low, wide or narrow, with just a suggestion of greater favor, shown towards the higher crowns, which are frequently bell-shaped or dome-shaped, some of them higher in the back than in the front. There are helmet toques and turbans, without brims, or with very narrow ones turned flatly against the crown, and there are others with high, straight, upturned brims facing a draped crown.

Trimmings are used in a variety of ways. A sultan toque of black chantilly lace draped over white malines, is trimmed with a large black heron mount at the back. A flower toque has a bandeau of heavy dark purple velvet and silk pansies, with a tagal straw crown literally stuck full of velvet hyacinths in three shades of vieux blue and three shades of coral. A toque with draped crown of black and white tagal trimmed with a flat bow of terry velvet ribbon and a mass of aeroplane blue pansies at the side. A large picture hat in natural leghorn is overlaid in Honiton lace, and has the brim caught over so slightly in front, while the crown is completely draped in a trellis work of small pink moss rosebuds and foliage strands of the same being looped gracefully on the brim at the edge of the crown.

When the rough board coverings of a new stereotype machine were torn off at Pittsburg there was found written on one of the boards in big, well formed letters this message: "Besten regard to Annie Fischer, laundry in Pittsburg. From Oswald Gerlach, No. 263 Fresh pond road, from Chemnitz. Lost her address and would be very thankful to finder." Oswald is supposed to be a German machinist who helped construct the machine, which was shipped from Kiel more than two months

MUCH DRINKING AMONG WOMEN

London Physician Has Rather Startling Article in Health Publication

London, Mar. 10—Dr. B. Murray Leslie, in the current number of National Health, makes the startling assertion that there is far more secret drinking among upper and middle class women than is generally known. The consumption of whiskey, brandy, and even eau de Cologne, is far too common. In the industrial centres, this Harley street physician says, women are drinking more than ever. In London Glasgow and Dublin the public houses may be seen crowded with women.

On the other hand, when a woman of the upper classes becomes addicted to alcohol, she nearly always drinks in secret.

She soon becomes such an adept in cunning and dissimulation that she is often enabled to carry on the practice for years without any of her friends being aware of the fact.

The most cunning secret drinkers appear to be old maids or married women without children. Loneliness and monotony, with no outlet for the expression of the natural emotions of joy and love, are the main causes ascribed by the doctor inducing inebriety in women.

Among the effects of drinking on women he names the loss of will power and self-control and the blurring of the sense of right and wrong.

In conclusion, Dr. Leslie says drinking women become creatures of impulse which is no longer controlled by judging. They lie, steal, spread scandalous stories and violate the proprieties, to put it mildly, because their power of control has ceased to exist.

A MINISTER AND HIS SALARY

(Winnipeg Tribune).

When the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, called Rev. J. H. Jowett, of Birmingham, England, nothing was said about salary. Dr. Jowett accepted and was informed this stipend would be $12,000 a year. Now, although Dr. Jowett is one of the very great preachers of Europe, his salary there, if changed into the currency of coin on this side would be a little less than $5,000. Moreover, it is becoming, in higher minsterial circles, exceedingly bad form to accept calls that bear an increase in salary. The self-respecting minster, if he has been comfortably cared for by his parish, desires to be able to leave his people as one minister did not long ago, saying: "I do not go for money. I am to receive there what I receive here, not one cent more nor one cent less." But here was an increase of over $7,000 a year offered Dr. Jowett. It was what his predecessor received, and what, in the nature of the case, Dr. Jowett would be entitled to. What was to be done? Dr. Jowett simply writes a letter:

"May I be allowed to add that I shall not need the large stipend you so graciously offer me? When I meet the officers of the church I shall seek their judgment as to what is the equivalent to the stipend I am receiving in my present charge."

Well, the cost of living. And, besides a minster making parish calls afoot among millionaire homes is maybe not preferred above the one who comes up in an auto.

Dr. Jowett is a giant, spiritually and mentally, and his invasion of the high salary field, with his gentle deprecations, will be watched with interest. He is not a man who will allow his people to put that extra $7,000 back in their pockets. He is a man who will preach, as he has always preached, the gospel of giving—not giving to himself, or to a church organization, but to those who need it. There is a Philadelphia minister who receives $7,000 a year which he does not use for himself. He has a private income and he preaches for nothing, but he does not allow that circumstance to rid his people of their responsibilities. He makes them raise that $7,000 that his services are worth to them, and then he distributes it among those who need it. Dr. Jowett apparently chooses another way, but the millionaires of the Fifth avenue Presbyterian church will discover in addition to a man who does not want money for himself, a man who will teach them that the way to help themselves is to put to good use some that they have.

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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Bowling

St. Peters Play Holy Trinity Tie.

Last night in the Inter-Society League St. Peters and Holy Trinity split even, each winning two points. Mahony was high man for St. Peters, and Ryan for Holy Trinity. The scores were:

St. Peters.

				Total.	Avg.
J. Hurley	79	72	84	235	78⅓
Mahony	83	83	80	246	82
Cronin	75	83	74	232	77⅓
Downing	76	95	73	244	81⅓
M. Hurley	73	88	79	240	80
	386	421	390	1197	

Holy Trinity.

				Total.	Avg.
Nugent	77	88	84	249	83
O'Brien	75	84	74	233	77⅔
Ryan	93	87	73	253	84⅓
MacDonald	78	77	74	229	76⅓
Riley	86	83	79	248	82⅔
	409	419	384	1212	

Tonight the I. L. & B. and St. John the Baptist will play.

Y. M. C. A. Defeats Pirates.

In the City League at Black's alleys last night, the Y. M. C. A. defeated the Pirates, winning all four points. The Commercial League game was postponed. The score last evening was;

Y. M. C. A.

				Total.	Avg.
Estey	85	85	77	247	82⅓
Jackson	75	88	70	233	77⅔
Bent	81	88	87	256	85⅓
Finley	87	87	81	255	85
Scott	97	97	77	271	90⅓
	425	445	392	1262	

Pirates.

				Total.	Avg.
Ferguson	75	87	70	232	77⅓
Wilson	75	87	70	232	77⅓
MacDonald	75	87	70	232	77⅓
Howard	85	85	88	258	86
Stubbs	90	96	77	263	87⅔
	400	442	375	1217	

Curling

In a match between the North Enders and South Enders of the Thistle Curling club last night, the latter won 20 to 10. Sixteen ends were played, each player skipping alternately. If the ice remains good three rinks of Moncton curlers will play the Thistles this evening.

Hockey

St. Stephen Won.

The Chatham hockey team, who were so badly beaten by the U. N. B., lost again last night to the St. Stephen Thistles, but by the small score of 3 to 2. The border town boys were without Parks, their best player, and consequently had to fight hard to win.

Skating

In a two men team race in the Victoria Rink last night, Barr and Cunningham won from Longley and Garnett. The distance was a half mile and the time 1.48.

The Horses

Saturday's Races.

There should be some good horse racing on Saturday at Millidgeville, as besides the match race between Jay Wilkes, 2.29 1-2, and Buchanan, 2.16 1-2, there will be a race between Paddy Banks, 2.23 1-2, owned by Wm. McDonald, and Royal Pandect, owned by James Flood. The latter pair will race for $50 a side.

The Ring

Englishman Beat Boston Boxer.

London, March 8—The fight at the Olympia tonight between Bombardier Wells and Dan (Porky) Flynn, of Boston, went 20 rounds, but the Englishman won the decision on points by a large margin.

In the sixth round Wells sent the Bostonian to the boards twice. He put him to the floor again in the nineth, and in the twentieth knocked Flynn through the ropes.

Boxing Notes.

Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight who defeated Billy Papke, will be seen in England soon. There is also a chance of the Australian champion crossing to the States.

Unless Fred Welsh can get Jim Driscoll in another match, there is a chance of the clever Englishman crossing to the States in the course of the next few days. There is some talk of Welsh and Driscol meeting in a return match at 132 pounds.

Contrary to expectations, on his arrival home Digger Stanley is telling how well he was treated while in the States. He says he hopes to return soon and fill engagements.

Frankie Conley, who recently lost a 20-round decision to Johnny Conlon, the self-appointed bantam-weight champion, says he hurt his hands early in the bout and for that reason could not do himself justice. Conlon takes it upon himself to advance the bantam-weight figures to 116 pounds and says he will meet all comers at these figures.

A Bangor Battle.

(Bangor Commercial.)

Not for a long time has there been such an interesting fight in the Gaiety as that waged Saturday night between Andy Morris, champion heavyweight of New England, and Jack Leon of Chicago, known as the Russian Lion. The spectacle of two men, although both of about the same weight, but one towering six inches over the other, and larger in proportion, was to say the least a novel one. After the first few seconds of milling, it was seen that the larger man was hopelessly outclassed in speed, hitting power, aggressiveness, in fact all needed to win a victory except sand. Leon has the courage of a lion, that all will admit.

Morris, who was a great favorite with the crowd, was able to land almost at will on his antagonist. Rights and lefts to the jaw, body blows and others were all landed with effectiveness that would have knocked out a man not in as good condition as Leon. The only time that the Russian could cope with Morris was when he succeeded in holding him at arm's length, and jab him, or in clinches when he hit rather weakly.

At the close of the sixth round, Morris went at the fray in true fighting style, and evidently was after a knock-out. In a previous round, he had closed one of Leon's eyes and blacked the other so that the big fellow was laboring under difficulties, but still kept up his smile, and showed not a sign of yielding. Several effective jaw knocks were landed by the Boston boy, and near the end of the round, Leon was crouching in a corner, taking the count of ten. Getting up he way so dazed that he couldn't see to shake hands with Morris, and walked around in a circle for a moment or so. Morris was mobbed by a half hundred or more admirers from the ringside and floor.

But Leon had the admiration of everyone for his fighting spirit. Considering his short ring experience, he made a fine showing. However, unless he changes his tactics, all seemed to think he will never make a good boxer. He goes at it in the wrestler, endurance style, not looking for a knockout, and as yet without a knockout punch.

Leon went to Boston Monday morning.

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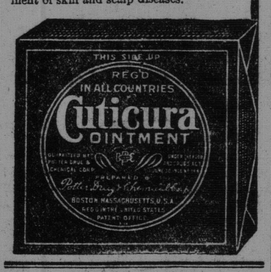

POLICE SEEK FIRE BUGS

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Luckily there was not much stored in the shed, but practicaly all that was stored there was completely destroyed. In the shed at the time were eighty-six barrels and fifty half barrels of flour, ninety-five barrels and fifty-five bags of sugar, or approximately three car loads of goods. This was divided up as follows:

Canadian Cereal Co., seventy barrels and fifty half barrels flour.

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Ogilvie Flour Co., sixteen barrels of Royal Household flour.

W. H. Barlow, fifty-five bags and nine barrels of sugar.

Jones & Schofield, thirty-eight barrels of sugar.

Three carloads of flour and sugar were lying on the siding alongside of the warehouse, but were not damaged. It had been the intention to unload the cars yesterday afternoon, but fortunately the work was left until today. According to the specifications on the I. C. R. waybills the road is liable for all goods stored in their warehouses not longer than forty-eight hours. Nearly all the goods were there only a day.

Under Control at 4.20

The fire raged fiercely until about 4.30 o'clock when it was practically under control. The firemen worked like Trojans and but for their untiring efforts the bonded warehouse of J. Robinson would have been gutted. As it was this building escaped practically undamaged. No. 3 engine was stationed in Smythe street, No. 5 at the hydrant in front of the depot, and No. 2 and 4 at places of advantage. A hoisting scow belonging to J. Cullinan was lying in the slip nearby, but was not damaged. The fire laddies found it quite difficult to get the water into the building at some places as the walls were very thick and could not be broken open.

In spite of the early hour the neighboring wharves and streets were crowded with people. It was thought for a while that the building might possibly collapse, as many of the posts beneath were burning rapidly. A thick heavy smoke arose from the burning shed and the firemen in the vicinity found it difficult to work. Chief Kerr superintended the work of the men.

Although the fire was practically out at 4.30 o'clock, smoke was still issuing from the burning timbers and a crew of firemen were kept at work until about 8.30 o'clock chopping away the floors and smouldering walls.

Firebugs' Work

The conflagration has all the appearances of having been of an incendiary origin. There was only one fire in the shed and that in the part that was least burned. Those who arrived early on the scene say that it seemed to have caught in several places at once. It would be easy to gain access to the wharf underneath the shed as it is nearly all open.

The most damage seems to have been done in the centre part of the shed, where there was not the least possible chance of fire catching from the stove. James Gorham, the man in charge, says that when he left the building at 6 o'clock there was not the least sign of fire. Being in the same vicinity, and coming so soon after the incendiary fires in Gibbon's and Starr's coal sheds, the origin is declared very questionable. However, the police are actively engaged in the matter, and hope to have it cleared up.

When the fire was at its height the horses from No. 1 engine, hitched to a wagon along-side the engine, took fright, and ran away along Dock and up King street and were not captured until they reached their barn. The wagon was slightly damaged, but the horses were uninjured. The city workmen were busily engaged making repairs to the hydrant in front of P. O'Neils, in Mill street, this morning. After the department had gone it was found that the hydrant was out of order.

AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE GEM.

Tomorrow afternoon is especially reserved for little ones to attend the Gem Theatre, and each of the "kiddies" will receive a pretty souvenir, as well as see a fine performance. The picture programme is well varied and of rich merit. "Whiffle's New Sleeve," is one with many a hearty laugh wrapped up in it, while "Saved By Telegraph," is an exciting romance enacted in a Marconi office. "The Mariposa Schoolmaster" is a tender tale of life in California, founded on an incident of a few years ago.

The chief film production for the week end show, however, is "A Sin Unpardonable," a thrilling drama dealing with the lives of two men and a woman, in the heart of the wilderness of Canada's vast nor'west. It is passionate, full of action, and absorbing, and the scenery is particularly commendable. The rugged citizens of the Canadian north are clearly defined, and their simple life well set forth. Tom Waterall will be heard in "Its Moonlight all the Time on Broadway," while the orchestra has some nice new pieces.

PALS TONIGHT, OPERA HOUSE.

One of the prettiest comedy society plays that Myrkle-Harder have in their entire repertoire is "Pals" a play made famous by James J. Corbett. It depicts life in college, and not only requires the leading man to portray a strong emotional lead, but requires him to be a light comedian as well. The comedy situations are excruciatingly funny, and with the rube comedy part of Higgings the piece has what is termed a laugh every minute.

Miss Myrkle is seen to excellent advantage, having the light comedy lead, and this gives her a chance, not only to show her versatility as an actress, but allows her to display three very pretty imported "Worth" gowns. These are said to be creations, and should interest the ladies. The entire production is carried complete by the company.

This play will be given tonight and after the regular performance an amateur contest will be held, giving the local talent a chance to compete for prizes.

THE UNIQUE.

The hundreds who found pleasure in visiting the Unique Theatre yesterday were carried away with Miss MacKenzie's singing of "Every Little Movement," from Madam Sherry. They sat enchanted as the fascinating air reached their ears and fully one half of them left the theatre humming the tuneful song. The stage was elaborately set as a miniature living room and 'neath the glare of the spot light made a splendid effect. Miss MacKenzie was charmingly attired in a pale blue satin gown with silver cloth trimming, which received many an admiring glance from the ladies. In the singing of the song the delightful soprano carried her hearers with her and was forced to respond to insistent encores. This feature will be given today and tomorrow only. Today's picture programme is said to be one that will compare favorably with the best, including a strong film sermon from the Thanhouser Co., "Only in the Way," a Bison drama, "A Sister's Devotion, and an American comedy, "A Quiet Evening at Home.

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The Actor and the Bottle

Cosmopolitan.)

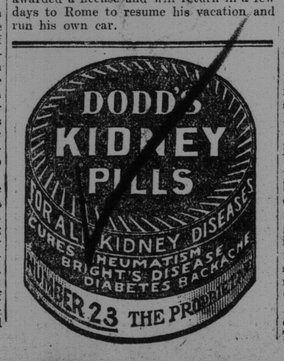
The late James Lewis, the leading comedian for years at Augustin Daly's Theatre, New York, was at one time starring in a repertoire of Daly's successes. In one play he made his entrance with a bottle of whiskey which he drank on the stage. The bottle was always placed by the property man of the theatre on a chair near Mr. Lewis' entrance. On one occasion, in Pittsburg, at the Grand Opera House, through some mistake the whiskey bottle was removed and a bottle marked turpentine substituted. Not looking at the bottle, Mr. Lewis made his entrance, but his first drink from the bottle caused the audience to howl with delight, for the wry faces and grimaces made by Mr. Lewis surpassed anything ever seen by the oldest play-goer. Mr. Lewis finished the scene with the audience convulsed, and when he staggered off the stage had to respond to half a dozen recalls. The stage manager met him as he came off and said: "Jimmie, you outdid yourself; you've made a wonderful hit."

"Hit!" exclaimed Mr. Lewis. "Do you know what I've been compelled to drink? Turpentine! Send for a physician at once.'

The property man was summoned and an investigation showed that the bottle contained the usual cold tea, the only turpentine being on the label. Mr. Lewis said: "Well, imagination is a wonderful thing. Every drink I took from that bottle seemed to burn my throat out; I could even smell the turpentine. After this I'll take no chances, I'll have whiskey."

And he kept his word.

Henry J. Furber, Chicago millionaire lawyer, found such odd laws in Italy regarding chauffeurs that he interrupted his vacation in Rome and returned to Chicago to become a chauffeur himself. He took the examinations in Chicago, was awarded a license and will return in a few days to Rome to resume his vacation and run his own car.



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WHERE THEY MAKE THE MOVING PICTURES

Six Companies Now Operating In Los Angeles, Which Has Become Mecca for Actors Seeking Work

There are now operating in Los Angeles, or in that vicinity with Los Angeles as headquarters, six prominent motion picture stock companies, each employing regularly on its payrolls from fifteen to sixty persons, a total of about 150. These are permanently employed, but they constitute only the smaller part of the army that has drifted to Los Angeles, attracted by the magic lure of picture acting. It is well known throughout the profession that there are always possibilities of employment where motion pictures are being made. The extra persons in a motion picture production very often outnumber the regulars and sometimes run into the hundreds for a single picture. Extra people draw $5 a day each, with pay for rehearsals as well as for the actual days of posing. No wonder, then, that wherever in the great west a player has found himself out of an engagement he has gone to Los Angeles.

The six picture companies that have made Los Angeles their headquarters for Winter operations are the Biograph Company, the Selig Polyscope Company, the hearsals, the Kalem, the Bison (independent), and a company that is operating on a contract with Pathe Freres. The Biograph has its entire picture posing force in Los Angeles, and the New York studio is closed for the present, a commodious studio having been erected in the California city. The Selig Company, besides its Chicago studios, has a permanent Los Angeles studio of large dimensions and completely equipped for all kinds of work. The Essanay, in addition to its home company in Chicago, is also a fixture in Los Angeles, having been operating from that city with its western stock for several seasons.

It will naturally be asked: What is it that has induced so many picture companies to make Los Angeles headquarters for winter operations? Clear, steady weather means the maximum of working days for outdoor pictures, and this is the weather that Los Angeles affords, although it is said that during January there were an unusual number of rainy days that hampered operations.

Next to the climate comes the beautiful and varied scenery within easy reach—the sea coast, the mountain country, the plains, the many magnificent estates, parks and public and private grounds in and around the city, and the modern city street scenes for pictures calling for backgrounds of that character.

Third, and by no means an unimportant consideration, is the fact noted at the end of this article—the presence in Los Angeles of so many professional people, insuring at all times an abundance of material from which to select extra players.

The matter of abundance of acting supply has two sides to it, however. Where so many players gravitate there are bound to be those who will fail to secure even temporary engagements. The demand for extra players is at all times considerable, but cannot be expected to anywhere near reach the supply, so that there is sure to be suffering. But even this suffering is at a minimum in Los Angeles.

NEGLECT OF DUTY.

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In Aberdeen, on a recent occasion, an important witness failed to appear in court and judge was furious.

"Why isn't he here" demanded his honor. "It's his duty to be here. Where is he?"

The official, with true Scotch canniness, replied. "Weel, I'll no say for that, but he's dead!"