

# First Opening of SPRING MILLINERY

You are cordially invited to attend our Spring Opening and see Fashions Favourite Fancies in

## The Latest American Millinery.

The exhibit is most comprehensive and authoritative, embracing some of the most striking designs imaginable, yet an immense showing of smart, becoming models for those whose tastes are a little more conservative. Our Millinery Hats have always been noted for

**Variety, Style, Quality and Moderate Price.**

We are opening New Goods daily and advise you to see them as soon as possible.

**Marshall Bros**

### Shopping by Letter.

By RUTH CAMERON.



"It is such a nuisance being tied down, so that you can't get into town," a woman said to me the other day. "Now, the children were crazy for one of those sets of materials to make valentines with that they had at D's, and it would have been so nice for me to have had some amusement that way. But you know it is simply can't get off." "Why didn't you order it by telegraph or mail?" I asked. "Oh, I couldn't," she said. "She meant she wouldn't."

Which is it "Won't" or "Can't?" I realize that is a pretty strong argument for me to make about another's affairs. As I have said in these columns before, we are often wrong in estimating what another person can or cannot do. But here's the question, decide for yourself whether you should "won't" or "can't."

The woman in question has a telephone at the shop at which the materials are kept; also has a checking account if she cared to order by mail. She only to write a letter and send a check, and a clerk would have filled the order. Had it been something of personal taste and selection was involved in buying, she would have some justification. But it wasn't.

Thinks It Can't Be Done.

The explanation is, that she is one of those people who never had the habit of doing things by mail or telephone, and hence have an idea it can't be done.

I think there are a great many of these people. And I think they make mistakes in not using these channels of communication as well as the common method of personal contact.

Speak with some authority, for it is only within the last few years that we have adopted this habit myself, and can't tell you how much it has saved.

Let the Letter Do the Waiting.

For instance, if there is a mixer, on

### CHEESE

On Spot:

50 only P.E.I. SEPT. CHEESE,

also,

50 Whole ONTARIO CHEESE.

**Soper & Moore**  
Wholesale Importers and Jobbers.



THE HILLS OF TO-MORROW.

The hills of to-morrow are waiting for us, a little bit farther to go— And now as we stand on the peaks of to-day a hint of their beauty we know: We catch but a glimpse of the splendours to be with the birth of another new day. And the joys we shall claim and the goals we shall reach if only we keep on the way.

The hills of to-morrow are calling to us as higher and higher we climb. We pause in our tents on the peaks of to-night and sweetly we rest. But the morning shall wake us to struggle anew, and never we'll turn to go back. We must come to the top, for the dream that we hold, however we lighten our pack.

Behind us are strewn like the wreckage of ships the things that we thought we should need. There are customs and manners and habits thrown out and many an old-fashioned creed. For the higher we climb the more clearly we see and we change as we broaden our view. And the cumbersome burdens we carried of old we drop for the things that are new.

We're not what we were when our journey began, we have groped through the ages of night. We have lightened our packs of the errors they held as slowly we've climbed to the right. We have changed in our value of silver and gold, to our children new lessons we teach. For ever we turn from the false to the true as the hills of to-morrow we reach.

### Household Notes.

In using canned vegetables for cream soups, the liquor should be discarded.

Mica can be cleaned with a cloth dipped in equal parts of water and vinegar.

Thick blotting paper under doilies will prevent hot dishes from marking the table.

Worn table napkins are useful for drying the lettuce, when preparing it for salad.

### Shell Eating Fish.

Scientists have much difficulty in settling the point as to whether the light of day penetrates the obscure depths of the sea; and the fact that some animals found at a depth exceeding 700 fathoms have no eyes, or a very faint indication of them, while others possess very large and protruding eyes, helps to make the dispute all the more lively.

When the inhabitants of the lower depths of the ocean possess any colour at all, that colour is usually orange or red, or reddish-orange. The surface of submarine mountains is strewn with shells, like the virgin seashore, showing that it is the feasting-place of vast shoals of carnivorous animals.

When a codfish eats, it takes an oyster in its mouth, cracks the shell, digests the meat, and ejects the shell. Crabs crack the shell of their smaller neighbors, and suck out the meat. This accounts for the mounds of shells which are found beneath the waves. And, as further illustrating the constant destruction going on in the ocean depth it is said that if a ship sinks at sea with all on board, it will be eaten by the fish, with the exception of its metal portions, and not a single bone of its crew will remain longer than a few days.

### Schools and Their Customs.

The majority of public schools still keep various old customs that have been in existence since the foundation of the school itself.

At Rugby, custom forbids a boy of less than three years' standing to turn up his trousers, and every new arrival at Marlborough requires a "dish," which is really a cushion, and his inseparable companion in school-time.

Every Shrove Tuesday the Westminster School boys toss a pancake, and the successful competitor in the ensuing scramble for the largest fragment receives a guinea from the headmaster.

Shrewsbury School is notable for its "hall elections," at the beginning of each term, for the posts of hall-crier, hall-constable, hall-postman, and hall-scavenger; and new boys at Rugby must either sing or swallow a mouthful of soapy water.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

### T. J. EDENS.

By Adolph and Coban:  
30 crates New Cabbage.  
40 boxes Wine Sap Apples.  
50 boxes Cal. Oranges.  
40 bags Onions.  
5 cases Cal. Lemons.  
5 cases Grape Fruit.  
5 brls. Parsnips.  
Turnips.

**MOIR'S**  
FRESH CHOCOLATES.  
1 lb. CAKES.  
6c. BARS.

New York Corned Beef.  
Pork Loins.  
Family Mess Pork.  
Jowls.  
Spare Ribs.  
Pigs' Tongues—Corned.

By Rail to-day:  
30 Barrels

Kelligrews Potatoes.

**T. J. EDENS.**  
151 Duckworth Street.

### Unique House.

Goodward's famous "Shell House," which has recently been entered by burglars, is unique of its kind.

Another unique dwelling-house is that locally known as "Teapot Hall," near Horncastle. It was built in the shape of a teapot by the captain of one of the old fast-sailing tea clipped engaged in the China trade years ago.

A house that is more than half boat exists near Gravesend, and is locally said to be the original of Pegotty's boat-house at Yarmouth, described by Charles Dickens in "David Copperfield." Dickens lived for some years, it will be remembered, in the neighborhood of Gravesend.

### Flowers and the Weather.

Many flowers are excellent barometers. For instance, it is when the blooms of dandelions have seeded and are in the fluffy, feathery condition, that the weather-prophet faculties come to the fore. In fine weather the ball expands to the full, but when the rain approaches it shuts up like an umbrella. If the weather is inclined to be showery, it keeps shut all the time, only opening when the danger from the wet is passed.

The ordinary clover and all its varieties, including shamrock, are the barometers. When rain is coming the leaves shut together like the shells of an oyster. For a day or two before rain comes their stems swell to an appreciable extent, and stiffen so that the leaves are borne more uprightly than usual. This stem swelling when rain is expected is a feature of many flowering grasses.

The fingers of which the leaves of the horse-chestnut are made up keep flat and fanlike so long as the fine weather is likely to continue. With the coming of rain, however, they droop, as if to offer less resistance to the weather. The scarlet pimpernel is known as the poor man's weather-glass, and opens its flowers only when it is fine.

### The Laughing Plant.

There is a curious plant that grows in Arabia and is known as the "laughing plant."

This name comes from the fact that anyone who eats its seed cannot control his laughter. The natives of the district where the plant grows dry the seeds, and reduce them to powder. A small dose of this powder makes those who eat it act in a very strange manner. The soberest person will dance, shout, and laugh like a madman, and rush about cutting the most ridiculous capers for an hour.

At the end of this time the reaction comes. The dancer is exhausted, and a deep sleep comes upon him. After a nap of several hours he awakens, with no recollection of the antics he has performed.

### SPRING SOUNDS.

How pleasant are the sounds of spring, when roosters crow and hornets sting, and all the skies are bright! The music of the babbling stream is like a song heard some long winter night. The wind t h a t rustles through the trees is singing of the sunny seas from which it doubtless came; there are no wintry blasts to roar around the shaking cottage door, with their cheap arctic game. But all the sounds are sweet and smooth, and they unite to heal and soothe the wounds that winter made; and so we whistle as we go to ply the muzzie loading hoe, and do things with a spade. I hear the honest watchdog bark as he attempts to leave his mark upon the agile cats; I hear the bearded farmer swear while currying the old bay mare, which kicks him in the slats. I hear the dippy ducks cry "Quack," as though some doo were near their shack, all loaded down with pills; I hear the bleating of the sheep, the distant lowing, long and deep, of cattle on the hills. It is a chorus glad and gay, the music of a bright spring day, made up of many sounds; the creaking of the rusty plow, the shrieking of the hungry sow, the baying of the hounds.

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