



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. The winds are blustering and rough; the frost keeps at it steady; a little winter is enough, you've had your share already. You're tired of winter, grin and dread, you're tired of all his poses. Cheer up! The spring will soon be here, with nightingales and roses! You're tired of blowing in your role that you may keep from freezing, for cords of wood and tons of coal—it surely is not pleasing. You're tired of toiling day by day, to feed the hungry heat.

SIDE TALKS by RUTH CAMERON

Are you ever astonished and appalled at the power desire for clothes has over the mind of the average woman—over your mind and mine? I am. I love books. I love out-of-doors. I know that friendship and love, a tranquil mind, an unobtrusive appreciation of beauty wherever found, in humanity, in art, or nature, and an altruistic interest in the world's progress are the realities of life. I know that clothes are not one of the vital realities. I know that if I can wear becoming, warm and whole clothing, that is all I should care about. The Dress I Bought Three Years Ago Is As Good As Ever. I know with my mind that since the dress I bought three years ago is still becoming and perfectly whole I ought to have the strength of mind to be contented and not be discontented because it is plainly a past day vintage. And then some day I go into town and look into the shop windows, or I meet women to whom pretty and fashionable clothes are the important things of life. And as if I had been exposed to a contagion, I catch the fever of the desire for pretty things and all that my mind says is forgotten. The Thought of Clothes Intrudes on Everything. I can hardly think of anything else but clothes. The thought of them intrudes upon my work, my reading, my amusement. I strive to push them away, but I can have things that are beyond my means. I plan ridiculous extravaganzas. The realities grow pale beside this unreality. By and by the fever dies down, and I see things more sanely, but alas! I know I shall have it again. Some Women Have This Fever All the Time. I might think I were different from others. I have not caught glimpses of the same passion in them. I have seen women plunged in grief that nothing else could move them from, begin to take a new interest in life at the thought of new clothes. I have seen an utterly ambitious, less girl become a wonderful planner and contriver when her wardrobe was in question. And I know that there are women with whom the fever is not intermittent but continuous. The other day I read a newspaper letter from a working girl who had to support her mother and who must dress neatly but plainly. She said that when she looked at other girls all she could think of was their pretty clothes. What queer little kattle we women are, after all!



THE GIANT WEAVER. Jack Spider, who had a cobweb shop in which he wove parasols for the fairies, was mighty glad to see his big, bird-eating spider cousin from South America. And he was mighty glad that his cousin had reformed. "For you did used to be a terror," said Jack Spider. "I've never forgotten how you came into the fairy forest that time and threatened to eat up my guests!" "Pooh!" said Spiderkin, the big spider. "I'm as mild and meek as you are now. I'm here to help you work, Jack Spider. What am I to do?" "Well," said Jack Spider, "the thing stands this way. I've promised to weave parasols for the fairies, but I didn't bargain to work for a giantess and the other day one appeared. "A giantess!" said Spiderkin. "A giantess," nodded Jack Spider. "And you can see for yourself, cousin, if I had agreed to make her a parasol, every spider in the shop would have had to work upon it. So, as you're a giant spider and can weave a giant web, I sent for you. You are to weave the parasol." "Well, Spiderkin was willing, and after he had looked over the cobweb shop of his cousin, he began to weave the giant parasol. He worked, and he worked and he worked; and then when the giantess herself came to see how the work was getting on, he almost fainted. She was so big. "Jack Spider," said the giant weaver, "she's immense! I'll have to work a hundred spider years to weave a web that big." "But," said Jack Spider, turning pale, "she won't wait that long." "She'll have to," said Spiderkin. "She'll get cranky and put her giant foot down on all of us." "Well," said the giant spider, "I don't know what to do, and that's a fact. If I'd known she was as big as that, I never would have begun this dreadful parasol in the first place." Now at that minute the Wind came blowing by and as usual, hearing the conversation, he had to join in. "Humph!" said he. "That's no problem at all. I know a little old fairy a foot high who fed a dragonfly milk and honey until he grew and grew. And when he was big enough she used him for an airplane." Spiderkin looked at Jack Spider and Jack Spider looked at him. "You mean?" said Spiderkin slowly. "I mean," laughed the Wind, "that all you have to do, Spiderkin, is to eat fairy milk and honey until you grow big enough to weave the giant parasol in no time." And that's just what Spiderkin did.

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AMERICAN DOLLAR AT DISCOUNT. (Associated Press) Mexico City, Jan. 18.—Mexico is one place where the American dollar is at a discount. This discount ranges from 10 to 40 per cent, according to locality. This has been caused by the scarcity of Mexican gold and silver coins and the fact that certain taxes and rents and the wages of employes must now, according to decree, be paid in Mexican coin. "Hidalgos" or Mexican gold ten peso coins in Mexico City now sell for \$5.50 and in some of the remote states the price has reached as high as \$7.50, while they used to sell for \$4.90.



THE REV. DR. MENZIES, (Presbyterian), of Honan, China, who speaks under the auspices of the Missionary Institute, Park Baptist Church.

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How Hearst Gets His News

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Jan. 17.—Argument in the Associated Press injunction suit against the International News Service, controlled by William Randolph Hearst, to restrain the latter organization from selling news gathered by the Associated Press, was again postponed yesterday. The argument was to have begun before Judge Hand in the federal court yesterday having been postponed last week at the request of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the International News Service. Frederick B. Jennings counsel for the Associated Press, requested yesterday's postponement on the ground that the defendants, answering affidavits had been "dumped in on him" on the last moment, some of the documents reaching him as late as 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning and none earlier than 9 p.m. Monday. Mr. Untermyer objected to further postponement, but Judge Hand adjourned the case until 11:30 o'clock this morning.

Caillaux Loses His Passport

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, Jan. 17.—(New York Sun Cable)—M. Joseph Caillaux, the French ex-Premier, has had his diplomatic passport withdrawn by the French Government and is thereby restrained from travelling freely in allied and neutral countries. The efforts of M. Caillaux to obtain a retraction from the London Times, whose Rome correspondent accused him of coming to Italy to plot a separate peace have failed. The London Times and several Paris newspapers late in December said that M. Caillaux was in Italy intriguing with the pacifist element there for a separate peace. His plan was that France and Italy should make peace with Germany, deserting Great Britain, Russia and the other allies. The British and French newspapers denounced the plan.

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GIRL'S DRESS. By Anabel Worthington.

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FRATERNITY NOT TO BE RECOGNIZED

Major League Presidents Make Their Announcement, "Wait" Says Fultz

New York, Jan. 18.—In retaliation for the action of the Players' Fraternity in refusing to grant its players permission to sign, Presidents John Tener of the National League and Ban Johnson of the American League have decided that hereafter their leagues will refuse to recognize the Players' Fraternity or have any dealings with it, it was announced here yesterday. President Johnson left this afternoon for Chicago. "We could take no other action," said President Tener. "We can no longer have dealings with an organization which is guilty of the rank injustice of the present action of the fraternity, in attempting to interfere with, hurt and ruin our business. "Hereafter the clubs will have to deal with their players individually, and we cannot longer deal with any outside body. "By its strike threat the fraternity has of itself destroyed the agreement we drew up with it in 1913, when numerous concessions were granted to the players. The fact that the fraternity admits the big leagues have treated it fairly and squarely, have kept all their pledges, and that it has absolutely no grievance against them, made such action on our part inevitable. "When he learned that the major leagues considered their agreement with the fraternity broken, and would no longer recognize it, President Fultz, the fraternity said, "They will be only too glad to recognize us after this case comes to a head. Perhaps organized baseball would rather deal directly with organized labor, which can know nothing of the fundamentals of baseball law, such as the reserve clause, the release clause, and other baseball factors. I also can see how long organized baseball will attempt to fight the American Federation of Labor and attempt to play semi-professional players as strike-breakers. They had better give in now, as the situation is growing more tense all the time. "The National League announced it had promulgated the contracts of John Murray and C. A. Causey, both of whom signed with the New York club. Murray was formerly a freetern member. Causey is a young pitcher drafted by the Giants from Waco. He is not in the fraternity.

JAP TROOPS MAY COME TO EUROPE

All Resources of the Country Now Mobilized Making Munitions for Russia. London, Jan. 18.—N. Kato, London editor of the Mainichi, at a meeting of the Central Asian Society, said his country had shown she was a trustworthy ally in time of need. To French enthusiasts who whom he last visited the front in France asked why Japan did not send troops to Europe, his reply was that Japan did not deem it necessary for the assured victory of the allies, but if it was found desirable that Japan give such help she would not hesitate to do so. For the production of munitions and military supplies, chiefly for the Russian army, Japan has mobilized all her industrial resources. In addition the Government arsenals and thousands of privately owned factories are engaged day and night, and the greater part of her gold reserves are deposited in the Bank of England.

SOW GOOD WHEAT.

(Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 18.—Wheat-growing farmers throughout the country are cautioned by the Department of Agriculture not to be tempted by the prevailing high prices offered for wheat to part with their good seed wheat and rely upon shrunken and diseased seed for sowing this year. Disaster to this year's crop is predicted by experts if poor seed is depended upon.

PARIS PAWNED LESS.

(Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 18.—The people of Paris in 1915 pawned 17,000 less articles at the minimum loan of three francs each than in 1914, and 23,000 less than in 1913, according to the official statistics of the municipal pawnbroking establishment. These figures are taken as indicating that there is less need among the poorer classes than there was in 1913 notwithstanding the war.

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