

# A Column Which Is Supposed To Be Of Interest To Women

Herein are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

## NEWS OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

We are always pleased to receive any news of Women's Societies, fashion notes, new or tried recipes, etc., which may be of interest to our readers and we will publish same when suitable. All communications for these columns to have name and address (not for publication), and to be addressed to the Editor, Women's Column, The St. John Standard, St. John.

## Red Cross Work.

Something more you need not throw away. Bits of carpet, cork cloth and remnants of heavy cloth. They can be used to make bedroom slippers for soldiers. The soles are made from the carpet or cork cloth, the uppers of some heavy material bound with braid. The ladies make these slippers at the local depot of the Red Cross and would gladly show them to anyone desiring to help in the work. I met a lady on King street carrying a bundle and a pair of shears about two feet long (well they looked nearly as long as that). I asked her if the grass-cutting season had commenced and she informed me that the dainty little scissors had been used to cut out these slippers. She then opened her bundle and showed me a pair of these shoes. They looked most warm and comfortable. She suggested that the idea might be taken up by people who could make fancy slippers of silk and sell them for Red Cross funds.

## Stone Church Circle of Red Cross workers hold an afternoon tea every Tuesday afternoon in the Sunday school room. A small sum is charged. The tea is served attractively on small flower-decorated tables and it is a very nice place to drop into for your "five o'clock tea." These teas have proved a success financially and are very social and pleasant.

## Belgium Day.

If there was anyone in the city of St. John who did not contribute to the relief of the starving people of Belgium, on Saturday, it was not the fault of the Royal Standard Chapter, I.O.D.E. With a large corps of helpers the city was thoroughly canvassed from nine o'clock until four in the afternoon. Automobiles were loaned and everyone assisted in every way they could. Those who took the poorer districts were much touched by the readiness and evident desire to give shown by the householders there. People had their contributions all ready for the collectors and in many cases it was far more in proportion than many a wealthy person. There were very large cheques received, one lady bringing over a nice one for \$100 from a firm who wished to give this splendid sum anonymously and almost everyone gave something. One little girl early in the morning solemnly drew from her own savings bank what she deposited her little allowance, twenty-five cents. Armed with this she sallied forth to be tagged. Another small girl gave a cent which meant a stick of candy to her and these gifts we feel sure will be put down in large figures in the Book where the records of self-denial are kept.

## Young Lady Collectors were

badges of Belgian colors with the portrait of King Albert on a button and carried boxes and baskets decorated with red, black and yellow. All the portraits were disposed of and that means that five thousand at least were purchased in St. John. Fifteen thousand buttons were sold and a committee of ladies were busy making badges of ribbon beside. Reports that have come in from the outside places indicate that the day there was most successful and the response generous to a degree. Luncheon was served in the Knights of Columbus hall where the table was prettily decorated with flowers and Belgian colors. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith was busily directing affairs and she and the whole chapter must be heartily congratulated on the success of this celebration of King Albert's birthday. The city decorated gaily with bunting and the parades of the soldiers added very much to the occasion. Today the money will be counted and the result announced.

## Pantry Sale.

The fund for the Canadian prisoners in Germany is richer today by \$30.00, the result of the pantry sale held in the Dufferin sample rooms on Saturday by the members of the University Club. The president of the club is Mrs. Goodspeed and the following ladies were in charge: Miss Irene Garter, Miss Delinast, Mrs. Clarence Stevens, Miss Barbara Johnson, Miss Margaret Rose, Miss Myrtle Yawart, Miss Gertrude Jones, Miss Corbett, Miss Carrie, Miss Katie Bates, Miss Clara Hay, Miss Mollie Langley. These ladies are very grateful to the many friends who sent in contributions.

## For the benefit of those about to

hold pantry sales it was told to me that cakes and cakes and cakes can be sold, also that there is a demand for

## doughnuts. Biscuits, rolls and nut

and brown bread are also much in demand. An important meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. held a social evening last night. The Hamilton Women's Recruiting league are holding a meeting. At the monthly meeting of the Daughters of Empire. The monthly meeting of Caxton Chapter I.O.D.E. was held. Forcing Branches into Bloom.

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