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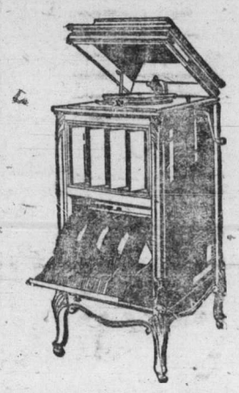

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Short Skirts, Low Necks and Pumps for the Moment.

New York, Feb. 23.—Whether the cause is common sense, fear of influenza or a change in the styles, there has been a great change in feminine apparel on the so-called streets in the last ten days. Pumps and silk stockings practically have disappeared. Skirts have lengthened to what used to be called "sensible," and now barely clear the shoe tops. Furs have been fastened at the throat and rouge and powder have not been so noticeable.

Experts in these lines are inclined to blame the change upon the weather alone. It is said that no question of health has entered into the calculation—that it is merely a matter of a change in style being forced by excessive discomfort. No matter how trim the foot and ankle it has been impossible to wear pumps in the slush and snow. They come off. Short skirts are still adorable, it is said, but their real purpose is to display silken hose, and when it is impossible to wear these limb draperies who wants to show a yard of heavy woollen or cotton yarn? Furs are still intended for adornment and not for warmth, but wet snow, sleet and rain are most uncomfortable upon bare feminine chests.

If we could only have dry zero weather, it is said, the feminine wardrobe would bloom again in all its summertime glory.

$20,000 WORTH OF DRUGS SEIZED

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—Drugs, the wholesale value of which is estimated at $20,000, were seized by the police here last evening in the home of a Chinese, known as James J. Wing, or Chanchin. Letters were also found from Spokane, Seattle, Butte, Tacoma and Denver requesting shipments at prices varying from $75 to $80 an ounce. Diamonds, rings, watches and expensive furs, presumably bartered for drugs, were also discovered.

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CANADIAN MINES STAND TO PROFIT

Fine Opportunity to Dispose of Gold and Silver at Exceptional Prices.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Because approximately thirty billion dollars' worth of unbacked notes are in circulation in the various countries of the world, the view is expressed here that for some years to come gold and silver mines in Canada will have an unexampled opportunity to dispose of their product at exceptionally high prices. There is not enough silver in the world to stand behind the unsupported paper based on silver, and so nations will be very eager to get as much as possible. This is believed to be the case with gold as well. China and India are draining this continent of supplies, as the shrewd Chinese and Indian merchants demand that their trade balances be settled not with paper but with the precious metals. As exchange cannot be expected to right itself while the currencies of the world are depreciated, the products of mines which a few years ago were not commercially workable propositions can now in many cases be mined and sold at a good profit.

The gold production in Canada for 1919 is valued at $16,275,000 as against $14,463,689 in 1918, and $15,272,992 in 1917. For the nine months ending December 31st last the export of Canadian gold totalled $3,384,952, as against $7,549,862 in 1918, and $11,197,749 in 1917. The bulk of this, $2,786,907, went to the United States, and in previous years practically all went to the United States. That there is great possibility of expansion by starting up mines now lying idle and developing promising properties seems to be indicated when one remembers that the production in 1900 was 1,350,057 fine ounces, valued at $27,908,153.

Productio nof Silver.

In the case of silver the production for 1919 was about 13,500,000 ounces, as against 21,383,979 fine ounces in 1918, valued at $20,693,704, and 22,221,274 in 1917 valued at $18,091,895. Prices have thus been increasing rapidly while production declined. It is expected that with the present prices production may go up again, especially as China shows no end to her demand for silver. Of the silver produced in 1919 there has been exported to the United States 7,609,509 ounces valued at $8,567,236, as against 10,845,059 ounces, valued at $10,845,059 in 1918. To the United Kingdom there was sent 2,912,055 ounces valued at $3,210,960, or about one-third that of previous years. The export for December was 200,574 ounces valued at $251,500, as against 1,397,786 ounces valued at $1,429,746 for December of 1918. China took 841,163 ounces, however, and the Orient will take the place of the British Isles.

The total export of precious metals for the nine months ending December 21st was $14,302,470, as against $21,462,708 in 1918. It is interesting to note here that the Royal Mint in Ottawa has been running overtime fotr eight months on Canadian coinage. During the war it minted for the British treasury several million dollars' worth of South African gold to support sterling exchange there. When that stopped the pound began to drop in value as measured by the American dollar. The twenty million dollars' worth of gold sent to New York by the Canadian Department of Finance for the same purpose and other secret shipments such as the South African gold do not appear in the trade returns.

PETITCODIAC, N. B.

Petitcodiac, N. B., Feb. 19.—The entertainment and basket social under the patronage of the Dramatic Society was well attended, and $165 was realized, which goes towards the Memorial Hall.

Mrs. Harry Wilson and Miss Lena Keith went to Montreal Monday. Miss Keith will visit her sister, Mrs. Wilson. Before returning to her home here she will visit friends in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. John Hirtz and niece, Miss Jennie Bent, went to Boston Wednesday. Mrs. Hirtz will visit friends for a fortnight. Miss Bent will enter the Cambridge Hospital to train for the nursing profession.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the returned soldiers' club room Tuesday evening, when about seventy-five ladies and gentlemen gave the boys a surprise party. Mrs. Charles Munroe was the leader of the scheme. R. M. Owen looked after the entertainment. After games and a programme of readings and music, refreshments were served. The boys are enjoying their comfortable room, which was rented for them by the citizens and furnished by the Women's Institute and Orange lodge. A lamp and table were given by private individuals.

Rev. Frank Boothroyd, secretary of N. B. branch of Dominion Temperance Alliance, spoke in the Baptist vestry last evening. A local branch was organized with officers as follows: Edgar Colpitts, president; Mrs. E. Crandell, vice-president; N. Hughson, secretary-treasurer; Miss May Tingley, Mrs. Silas Hicks, Mrs. Guy Mann, Revs. Gregg, Mason and Saunders members of the executive.

Charles Munroe is in New York attending the fur sales. Mr. Munroe will sell some valuable fox pelts this year.

Miss Bessie Coates is suffering from influenza. Her case is not reported as serious.

Mrs. Gunn is slowly improving from a severe illness of heart and nervous trouble.

The friends of Arthur Burns regret to learn his condition is quite serious.

Edward G. Hefter, a St. Louis business man, reported to the police that $120 had been stolen from his desk in his absence from his office, and that evening he called them up again and said that when he got home he found that burglars had ransacked his apartment, taking many valuable articles.

Queen Mary carried a gray fox muff when attending a meet of the West Norfolk fox hounds. Just before the pack was started one of the hounds spied the muff, let out a yelp and made for it, followed by the other dogs. The master of the hounds had hard work getting them away.

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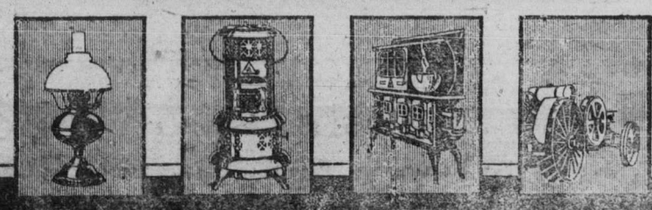

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True Knights of Faith

(Continued.)

"Ha, it is the sign of the Wiltshire Stourtons! And there beyond I see the red and silver of the Worsleys of Apuldercombe, who like myself are of Hampshire lineage. Close behind us is the moline cross of the gallant William Molyneux, and beside it the bloody chevrons of the Norfolk Woodhouses, with the amulets of the Musgraves of Westmoreland. By St. Paul! it would be a very strange thing if so noble a company were to gather without some notable deed of arms arising from it. And here is our boat, Sir Oliver, so it seems best to me that we should go to the abbey with our squires, leaving Master Hawtayne to have his own way in the unloading."

The horses of both knights and squires were speedily lowered into a broad lighter, and reached the shore almost as soon as their masters. Sir Nigel bent his knee devoutly as he put foot on land, and taking a small black patch from his bosom he bound it tightly over his left eye.

"My the blessed George and the memory of my sweet lady-love raise high my eart!" quoth he. "And as a token I vow that I will not take this patch from my eye until I have seen something of this country of Spain, and done such a small deed as it lies in me to do. And this I swear upon the cross of my sword and upon the glove of my lady."

"In truth, you take me back twenty years, Sir Nigel," quoth Sir Oliver, as they mounted and rode slowly through the water-gate. "After Cadsand, I deem that the French thought that we were an army of the blind, for there was scarce a man who had not closed an eye for the greater love and honor of his lady. Yet it goes hard with you that you should darken one side, when with both open you can scarce tell a horse from a mule. In truth, friend, I think that you step over the line of reason in this matter."

"Sir Oliver Buttesthorn," said the little knight shortly, "I would have you to understand that, blind as I am, I can yet see the path of honor very clearly, and that that is the road upon which I do not crave another man's guidance."

"By my soul," said Sir Oliver, "you are as tart as verjuice this morning! If you are bent upon a quarrel with me I must leave you to your humor and drop into the 'Tete d'Or,' here, for I marked a varlet pass the door who bare a smoking dish, which had, methough a most excellent smell."

"Nenny, nenny," cried his comrade, laying his hand upon his knee; "we have known each other over long to fall out, Oliver, like two raw pages at their first epreuves. You must come with me first to the prince, and then back to the hostel; though sure I am that it would grieve his heart that any gentle cavalier should turn from his board to a common tavern. But is not that my Lord Delewar who waves to us? Ha, my fair lord, God and Our Lady be with you! And there is Sir Robert Cheney. Good-morrow, Robert! I am right glad to see you."

The two knights walked their horses abreast, while Alleyne and Ford, with John Northbury, who was squire to Sir Oliver, kept some paces behind them, a spear's-length in front of Black Simon and the Winchester guidon-bearer. Northbury, a lean, silent man, had been to those parts before, and sat his horse with a gid neck; but the two young squires gazed eagerly to right or left, and plucked each other's sleeves to call attention to the many strange things on every side of them.

"See to the brave stalls!" cried Alleyne. "See to the noble armor set forth, and the costly taffets—and oh, Ford, see to where the scrivener sits with the pigments and the ink-horns, and the rolls of sheepskin as white as the Beaulieu nunery! Saw man ever the like before?"

"Nay, man, there are finer stalls in Cheapside," answered Ford, whose father had taken him to London on occasion of one of the Smithfield joustings. "I have seen a silversmith's booth there which would serve to buy either side of this street. But mark these houses, Alleyne, how they thrust forth upon the top. And see to the coats-of-arms at every window, and banner or pensel on the roof."

"And the churches!" cried Alleyne. "The Priory at Christchurch was a noble pile, but it was cold and bare, methinks, by one of these, with their frettings, and their carvings, and their traceries, as though some great ivy-plant of stone had curled and wantoned over the walls."

"And hark to the speech of the folk!" said Ford. "Was ever such a hissing and clacking? I wonder that they have not wit to learn English now that they have come under the English crown. By Richard of Hampole! there are fair faces amongst them. See the wench with the brown wimple! Out on you, Alleyne, that you would rather gaze upon dead stone than on living flesh!"

It was little wonder that the richness and ornament, not only of church and of stall, but of every private house as well, should have impressed itself upon the young squires. The town was now at the height of its fortunes. Besides its trade and its armorers, other causes had combined to pour wealth into it. War, which had wrought evil upon so many fair cities around, had brought nought but good to this one. As her French sisters decayed she increased, for here, from north and from east, and from south, came the plunder to be sold and the ransom money to be spent. Through all her sixteen landward gates there had set for many years a double tide of empty-handed soldiers hurrying Francewards, and of enriched and laden bands who brought their spoils home. The prince's court, too, with its swarm of noble barons and wealthy knights, many of whom, inimitation of their master, had brought their ladies and their children from England, all helped to swell the coffers of the burghers. Now, with this fresh influx of noblemen and cavaliers, food and lodgings were scarce to be had, and the prince was hurrying forward his forces to Dax in Gascony to relieved the overcrowding of his capital.

In front of the minster and abbey of St. Andrews was a large square crowded with priests, soldiers, women, friars, and burghers, who made it their common centre for sight-seeing and gossip. Amid the knot of noisy and gesticulating townsfolk, many small parties of mounted knights and squires threaded their way towards the prince's quarters, where the huge iron-clamped doors were thrown back to show that he held audience within. Two-score archers stood about the gateway, and beat back from time to time with their bow-staves the inquisitive and chattering crowd who swarmed round the portal. Two knights in full armor, with lances raised and closed visors, sat their horse on either side, while in the centre, with two pages to tend upon him, there stood a noble-faced man in flowing purple gown, who pricked off upon a sheet of parchment the style and title of each applicant, marshalling them in their due order, and giving to each the place and facility which his rank demanded. His long white beard and searching eyes imparted to him an air of masterful dignity, which was increased by his tabard-like vesture and the heraldic barret cap with triple plume which bespoke his office.

"It is Sir William de Pessington, the prince's own herald and scrivener," whispered Sir Nigel, as they pulled up amid the line of knights who waited admission. "Ill fares it with the man who would venture to deceive him. He hath by rote the name of every knight of France or of England, and all the tree of his family, with his kinships, coat-armor, marriages, augmentations, abatements, and I know not what beside. We may leave our horses here with the varlets, and push forward with our squires."

(To be continued.)

POVERTY IN WEALTH.

Heir to Thousands of Dollars Pleads for Increased Allowance.

New York, Feb. 23.—Heir to an estate of $125,000, with a contingent interest in three trust funds worth $205,000, 16-year-old Melvin C. Simons finds difficulty in making both ends meet. His mother, who is now Mrs. Philip Hano, wife of a wealthy manufacturer of 16 West 100th street, has applied to Surrogate Cohalan for an allowance of $4,300 a year for him. The estate left him by his father, Martin Simons, who died on Dec. 28, 1918, is so tied up in trust that Melvin will not get the full benefit of it until he is thirty. Meanwhile, the cost of living mounts, and the young man's mother has not enough to pay for his education.

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