

A Parisian complains that kissing is out of fashion in France. Import the American girl!

The latest Paris edict is that women must be thin. It must have been ordered by a majority vote.

The Boston Globe notes with lively interest the release of 1000 Newchwang junks loaded with beans.

The arcl has the actress. Or is it the actress that has the earl? Either way it is safe to defer congratulations.

A new novel is dedicated: "To the women with red hair"—probably in the hope that the novel will be also read.

"Where is heaven?" anxiously asks the New York Herald. But what earthly difference can it possibly make to the Herald?

Oyama says he attributes all his success to the virtues of his emperor. The old man probably isn't telling all he thinks, however.

A stock broker says it is just as safe now as it ever was for the poor to put their savings into Wall street. He is a truthful man.

The wicked Arabs seem to have made a great mistake in kidnaping Count de Zegonac. French counts never have any money.

Beer is 25 cents a glass in Panama. The republic really has done remarkably well to get along for more than a year without a revolution.

Investigation probably would show that neither of the armies in the far east worried greatly about China's neutrality at critical times.

The young Chicago medical student who is curing rheumatism by hypnotism ought to be able to find plenty of practice, if he can keep it up.

If President Roosevelt would solve the servant girl problem for them the women of the country would be willing to chance it on race suicide.

"Battleships," says Lord Charles Beresford, oracularly, "are cheaper than war." However, permanent, universal peace is cheaper than either.

That the Marquis of Anglesey left a valuable estate at Llanfairpwllgwynygil is a fact and not a typographical error, as might be supposed.

If any bird is to assume supremacy in the scheme of creation, as Prof. Williston thinks, there can be no doubt that it will be the American hen.

Can the Pennsylvania judge who has decided on the bench that the husband is "master in his own house" sustain the decision of the court at home?

What's this Germany complains that America pilfers her literary ideas? Our beer may be more or less a plagiarism; but we deny the literary impeachment.

The scientific theory that petroleum is derived from old fossils looks like an unkind and wholly uncalled-for reflection upon Mr. Rockefeller's personal appearance.

A Berlin professor claims to have discovered a serum that will cure hay fever. And a host of sufferers may be expected to remark next August that they "hobnob Id's ruck."

Gen. Ma is heard from at last in the vicinity of the interesting town of Tungchaintze, but our other old friend, Gen. Pfing, seems to have faded entirely out of sight.

Why should the Congress of Motherhood propose to start a newspaper to spread their gospel? Isn't every newspaper in the country in favor of babies and lots of them? Why crowd?

Mr. Grover Cleveland celebrated the completion of his sixty-eighth year by starting off on a hunting trip. The jackrabbits agree with Dr. Osler that a man ought to retire before reaching that age.

The United States circuit court has ruled that fancy socks must pay duty as embroidery. If the embroidery takes the shape of "clocks" would the court require the hose to be entered as timepieces?

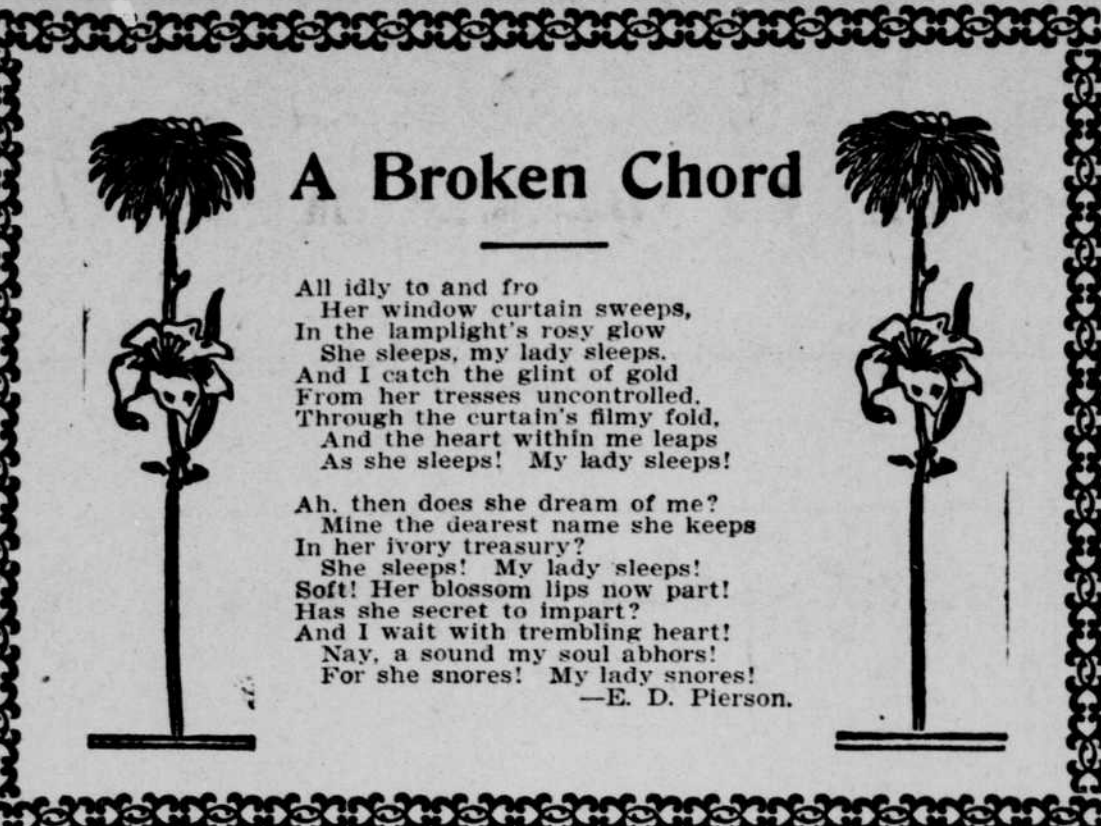
Any possible rumor that Sluggo Jeffries is to play in a piece by George Bernard Shaw is denied in advance by the press agent. When there is slugging to be done in a play Mr. Slaw prefers to do it himself.

Mrs. Cornelia Clafin says man's bones, muscles and nerves are constructed to endure for 400 years. We are not so certain about the bones and muscles, but some nerves are built on that model all right.

A Chicago man after having had a disagreeable experience with a lady who was able to wipe up the floor with him advises men to avoid marrying girls who are heavier than themselves. He ought in all fairness to have a royalty from the producers of anti-fat concoctions.

A correspondent writes to ask if the story cabled over from Paris about a French surgeon being sued for having dropped his eyeglasses and inadvertently sewed them up in a surgical wound of one of his patients, is intended to be serious. We reserve our reply until we get the verdict.

The Jersey City police department's decision to place patrols in the station houses, for the patrolmen to play on in their leisure hours, shows what constant association with the criminal classes will do even to good men.

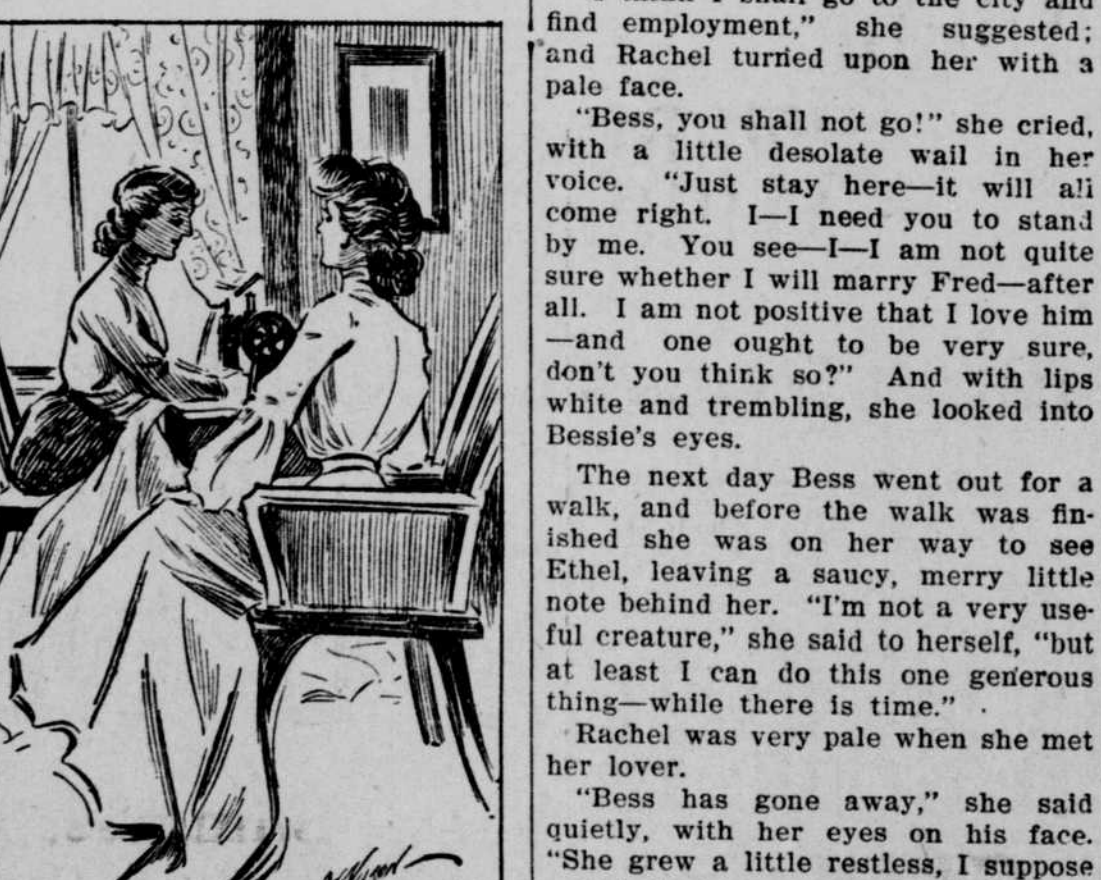


The Long White Seam

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Bess, the pretty one, just home from college, lounged back in an arm chair, her white hands clasped behind her head and her amused eyes on her elder sister, Rachel, the plain one...

where the machine was making a steady whirr, as of a whole colony of exceedingly busy bees. "Come down to the orchard—it's lovely under the trees. What are you doing there, anyhow, Rachel?"



"How can you stand it?" asked Bess, like me, who couldn't even boil water decently. "And Bess took herself off, notwithstanding Rachel's laughing protests..."

A Broken Chord

All idly to and fro Her window curtain sweeps, In the lamplight's rosy glow She sleeps, my lady sleeps, And I catch the glint of gold From her tresses uncontrolled...

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Fortune Worries Poor Woman

Was Bequeathed a Neat Sum and Can't Get Used to It. "The wealthy do have their worries," said Mrs. Cynthia Nicholson, who is worth \$50,000, looking up today from the steaming wash tub...

Not Enemy of Farmers

Investigation Shows Hawks Feed Largely on Vermin. Why shoot the chicken hawk when it comes within range? Why shoot any hawk? True, we all do so, or have done so. But why?

Thought They Were Real Steps

There was one amusing incident at the concert of Eugene Ysaye a few nights ago that very few people in the audience were aware of. In fact, it was not until after the concert that the real truth of the matter was known.

To a Girl

I know what is the object Of that little sigh. And why the secret languor That lurks within your eye...

Sister Found Out

In direct disobedience of orders, tempted by the frozen surface of the pond, Tommy tried to skate upon it, but the treacherous ice gave way and he fell in.

From Simplicity to Pomp

President Roosevelt was inaugurated with great pomp and circumstance. There was a spectacular procession with banners and brass bands. There were hundreds of thousands of people to witness the procession...

German Made First Watch

Peter Henlein of Nuremberg, in Germany, about 1500, is now generally credited with the invention of the portable watch. The earliest watches were naturally rather crude; this is shown by the few specimens still in existence...

Dr. Osler's Quick Diagnosis

Dr. Williams Osler of Baltimore, the famous medical specialist of Johns Hopkins, who set the country by the ears because of his assertions concerning the uselessness of men after they reach the age of 60, has the reputation among his brethren for getting the biggest fees for the least work of any man in the profession.

When Giants Roamed Earth

The past was more prolific in the production of giants than the present. In 1830 one of these giants, who was exhibited at Rouen, was ten feet high, and the giant Galabra, brought from Arabia to Rome in the time of Claudius Caesar, was the same height.

Charity Machine a Wonder

"A charity machine," said the sailor, "stands in front of the house of Edison Murphy of Croydon. Any tramp that comes along can get a cent out of the machine.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system whose entering it through the mucous surface. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reliable physicians, as the danger they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

Interest to Brain Workers

A medical man who gave evidence in a London chancery division case testified as to the connection between brain work and longevity in a way that charmed the lawyers and will charm other brain workers.

Scientific Wonders to Come

Already the secret has been learned of purifying sewage by electricity, so that in time every brook and river may run with mountain clearness to the sea.

What Everybody Says

Jamboree, Ky., April 23.—(Special.)—"I suffered for years with my back," says Mr. J. M. Coleman, a well known resident of this place. "Then I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and I have not felt a pain since."

New Use for Whisky

A butler, newly engaged, requested his master to allow him some whisky. "There's nothing like it to clean the windows," said he. However, a few minutes later his master chanced to pass through the room, and to his surprise found the glass empty.

To Keep Weight Down

If you wish to keep your weight down, don't drink water at meals. Take tea and coffee. Rise early, walk at least five miles every day, and don't take a nap after exercising.

Seek Bones of Primitive Man

Paleontologists are hoping to find any day the bones of primitive man in some part of the West, where the deeply eroded canyons have revealed so many wonders of the animal world in the shape of ancestors of the horse and the dinosaur.

Mean Old Bachelor Again

It was an old bachelor who said that it was futile to discuss the question whether a genius would make a good husband. No real genius, he said, would ever marry.

Children Affected

By Mother's Food and Drink. Many babies have been launched into life with constitutions weakened by disease taken in with their mother's milk. Mothers cannot be too careful as to the food they use while nursing their babies.