# Democratic Watchman.

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"M'LLE MODISTE," LAVISH GLEE CLUB PRODUC-TION NEXT WEEK.

#### Victor Herbert's Triumph Plays the New State Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Gay, glittering, gorgeous, "M'lle Modiste" will make her bow next Monday and Tuesday nights, as the first legitimate attraction in Bellefonte's splendid new "State" theatre. The operetta is from the talented pen of Victor Herbert and has been one of the most popular plays ever pre-sented in an American playhouse. In presenting this as their annual show, the Glee Club takes its most ambitious step in the way of musical production.

The music, most of it, is already well-known, having maintained its popularity ever since the play was first produced. "Hark the Drum," "Furs and Feathers," and "The Time, the Place, and the Girl" are all lovely tunes, but of course, "Kiss me Again" heads the list. This melody has caught and kept the popular fancy longer than any waltz of its generation.

The lyrics are well-written, some containing a great poetic beauty while others are extremely clever and amusing. Indeed, a great deal of the action is told in song.

The drama itself is a well-constructed piece containing suspense, love-interest, and comedy, with the comedy perhaps paramount. The action, as one has probably guessed transpires in Paris and is swift and absorbing. At no time is the action permitted to lag and the spec ator will find his interest riveted on the stage always.

The story opens in the hat shop of Madame Cecile in Paris where the heroine, Fifi, is employed. Fifi, the best saleswoman in the shop, has her heart set on opera; but Madame, in order to keep her, plans to marry her to Gaston, her worthless and foppish nephew. Fifi is loved by Captain Etienne de Bouvray, young aristocrat who comes to the shop surreptitiously, fearing the wrath of his fiery old uncle, the Count de St. Mar, who has other plans for him. Into this scene comes a fabulously wealthy American, Hiram Bent, who charmed by Fifi, lends her some money by a ruse. Confronted by the choice of marrying Gaston or leaving the shop, Fifi, with her new found means, of course, leaves. Just before she goes, the Count insults her and in her rage and affronted pride, she vows never to marry Etienne until his Uncle comes to her with his hat in his hand.

Over one year later, Hiram Bent returns to Paris bringing with him "M'lle Bellini," who is none other than Fifi, now a great singer. Hiram brings Fifi to a Charity Bazaar at the Count's chateau and from then on

#### Banana Employed by GASES ONCE WASTED TURNED INTO MONEY

#### Industry and Public Benefited by Chemistry.

East Pittsburgh, Pa .- Modern chemistry is demonstrating that even odors can be turned into dollars and cents. Gases that have polluted the atmosphere are now being captured and converted into the liquids from which they originated, to the profit of both

industry and the public. Experts of the materials and process engineering department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company decided that too many smells were going up the chimney in the process of treating insulation with resinous materials. So they trapped the gases as fast as they were generated, mixed them with water and then distilled this liquid, recovering from 80 to 90 per cent of the solvents used in the formula.

How far chemical engineers can go in eliminating and using fumes by liquefying them before they are discharged into the air has not yet been determined, but experiments now under way suggest that far-reaching results are possible. The saving already effected by the capture of used sol vents is said to be considerable.

Chemists point out, however, that recovery methods might be too well perfected, for it is possible that some of the agents recovered from gases would themselves be difficult to destroy.

## Seeks to Make Blend

of Light and Music Philadelphia.-A basic patent for an invention to blend light with music has been granted to Mrs. Mary Hallock Greenwalt. Mrs. Greenwalt has been conducting experiments in the blending of light and sound for 27 years. She believes that her patent is the first granted for a new means of expressing human emotions in rhythmic form.

While music is being rendered by singer, violinist, pianist or orchestra, Mrs. Greenwalt's apparatus floods the performer with lights of varying intensity. The fluctuations in light are intended to enhance the emotional and intellectual appeal of the music. The apparatus may be operated with a keyboard.

Years of training in music, of pro fessional experience as a concert pianist, of study of physics, mechanics, physiology and psychology went into the achieving of the results now recognized by the granting of the basic patent.

Mrs. Greenwalt was born in Beirui, Syria, the daughter of Samuel and Sara Tabet Hallock. She came to the U:vited States when a girl of eleven. After she left school she took up the study of music.

# the Serpent in Eden?

"Early inhabitants of the East believed that the banana plant was the source of good and evil and that the serpent which tempted Eve hid in a bunch of the fruit," according to W. T. Pope of the Hawaii experiment station of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Undoubtedly this legend influenced the early classifiers who designated two species of the plant as musa paradisiaca (fruit of paradise) and musa sapientum (fruit of knowledge). The common name, "banana," was adopted from the language of an African Congo tribe, and first came into use during the Sixteenth century. Prior to that time the fruit was called "apple of paradise" and "Adam's fig."

The name "banana" seems to have been borne for a long period by the fruit, which was eaten raw. The term "plantain" was given to a variety which, though closely related to the banana, is edible only after being cooked.

The generic name "Musa" for the banana group was bestowed by the botanist Linnaeus in honor of Antonius Musa, a learned physician of the early Roman empire .- Chicago Journal.

### Modern Homes Built on Old Mission Site

On the heights east of Manila is an old Franciscan estate with an early Seventeenth century church on it, and down in a vale the ruins of a chapelthe holy edifice and the ruin alike memorable of a forgotten age. when Spain under Philip II attempted to evangelize the world. The church, which, of course, has a monastery attached to it, was the sanctuary whence Franciscan missionaries went to Japan, China, Cochinchina, Cam bodia, India, Java, the Moluccas and other parts. Back of the altar was a cave in which the friars knelt and endured voluntary bleeding in order to be steeled against tortures in heathen lands and to resist the temptation under physical pain to apostatize them selves. The "via crucis"-for prayer and penitence-began in the monastery courtyard and ended at the chapel, a distance equal to that which Christ walked from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem to Mount Calvary. An American has acquired this old estate and laid it out in suburban home sites which prosperous Filipinos are eagerly buying. The chapel and church are carefully preserved.

## **Clerical Sandwich**

A missionary to one of the islands where man-eating is still practiced was captured by a cannibal chief. To his surprise he was offered his freedom on condition that he would carry a small packet to another chief in the mountains. He agreed and he was o grateful to his cantor that when on his way he met a detachment of marines, he declined to accompany them to safe territory. The sealed packet should be delivered as he had promised.

## SPREADS SUNSHINE AMONG SHUT-INS

Carolinian Has Given Away 80,000 Bouquets.

Greenville, S. C .- Spreading sunshine is the hobby of A. G. Gower. Greenville bookkeeper - figuratively, that is.

For eight years he has made and presented 80,000 bouquets to Green. ville shut-ins, persons who are ill, and others.

Gower estimates that he cuts 250,-000 blossoms annually from his garden, all of which are given away. The monetary return is nothing, but, he says "It is spreading sunshine wholesale, and my reward is so tremendous that it is boundless. I have a treasure house without limits."

He began his flower mission in a small way about 20 years ago. It was not until just after the World war in 1919 that it began to assume its present large proportions.

At that time he was asked to teach a Bible class in the United States Army Hospital No. 26, at Camp Sevier. "I'll teach the class," he said, "if you will let me bring the boys flowers every Sunday morning."

Then the work of spreading sun shine began in earnest. His flower garden became larger and larger, until today it occupies every nook and cranny of the half-acre plot around his home.

For 48 hours each week Gower is engaged with long columns of figures. But early mornings, late afternoons and evenings, find him in his garden caring for the flowers that have brought happiness to him and the persons who receive them. Saturday afternoons until dark he gathers the flowers for his baskets of bouquets.

## Kills Three of His Brothers

and Ends Own Life Bakersfield, Calif.-Albert Villard, dfty years, hanged himself from his own automobile and then shot himself to make death doubly certain after he had killed three of his brothers and wounded a fourth, according to reports brought here. Walter Rice of Tulare said he found the slayer's body hanging by a rope from Villard's car on a road nine miles from Tulare. Joe Villard, suffering from bullet wounds inflicted by his brother, walked two miles to a neighbor's ranch to notify the authorities.

The three brothers who were killed -August, Eugene and Gabriel Villard -with Joe and their parents were at breakfast and did not know that Albert was in the room until he began shooting. Joe said.

Ranchmen say that for several years Albert has held a grudge against his brothers, claiming he was deprived of his share of the Villard ranch.

## **Even Finest Violins**

**Must Have Exercise** 

A violin, like a growing boy, according to the experts, is much better when kept busy. And dance tunes are ness of the hippopotamus' skin. just as good for "exercising" even a priceless Stradivarius as are the highest class concert numbers. A violin, bearing the date 1713 and believed to be a genuine "Strad," has been in the possession of the family of William McDonald of Rice Lake, Wis., says the Milwaukee Journal, for 175 years. Mr. McDonald, who owned the instrument for 53 years, has used it in old fiddlers' contests throughout this part of the state.

Inside the violin is this inscription: "Antonius Stradivaris Cremonensis, Faciebat Anno 1713" (Cremona of Antonio Stradivaris, made in the year 1713). The famous Cremona carver was at the height of his career as a violin maker in 1713, and all the evidence to be found in the family records leads the McDonalds to believe the instrument is an original of the noted maker.

## Daily Loss of Weight

The loss of weight that we undergo every day has been the object of recent research, says Science. In the experiments, conducted by the Carnegie institution at Washington, two sensitive balances were used. Both were strong enough to weigh a man, but delicate enough to register minute changes in weight. One of the balances would indicate a change of one-third of an ounce, and a person could sleep all night on its platform. The other was a hundred times as sensitive, but could be occupied only for an hour or so at a time. The total moisture losses through the lungs and skin of a woman of average weight averaged around 30 grams, or one ounce per hour; for a man the figure

was about one-third higher.

#### Forgetful

The forgetful man got to the railroad station a few minutes before train time, but he felt he had forgottei something.

He looked over his baggage. It was all there. He felt in his pocket. His wallet was bulging pleasantly. Absently he reached in another pocket and pulled out two tickets to Niagara falls and a marriage license. So that was it!

He groaned and rushed for a telephone booth.

But it was no use. He had forgotten the name and telephone number of the girl with whom he had intended to elope .- American Legion Monthly.

### Streams That "Meander"

"Crooked as the River Jordan," is an old expression, but there are streams that make Jordan look straight. In the old days when packet steamers were popular as transporta-dangers of high altitudes, special pertion up and down the Mississippi, passengers used to get out at many of the sharp bends and walk across a narrow neck of land to rest from the tedious trip, the steamer arriving sometimes an hour later. The White river in Arkansas is another erratic stream. It travels 1,000 miles in traversing a distance of 30 miles.

WORTH KNOWING

One automobile in each twenty injured some one last year. Two inches is the average thick-

It requires 567 bees working a lifetime to produce a pound of honey. A French chemist claims that he has invented a non-inflammable gasoline.

Few men make themselves masters of the things they write or speak .--Selden

Over 6,000 kinds of caterpillars have been found in America north of Mexico.

Falls kill more people than battles, according to the National Safety Council.

The saxophone was named for its inventor, Antoine Joseph Sax, of Belgium and Paris.

A single bee averages only 31.65 trips from hive to field during its entire existence.

One person in each one hundred in the United States was injured by an automobile last year.

Eighty per cent of all savings in the United States are said to be in the names of women.

Nevada is now a State without a street car, busses having entirely supplanted the trolley system.

A rate war among the barbers of Butler, Mo. has forced the price of hair cuts down to 20 cents.

The average life of the honey bee six weeks; three as a field bee; three as a nurse rearing its young. The first game of intercollegiate

football was played early in November, 1869, between Princeton and Rutgers universities.

Three per cent of all bees issuing from the hive never return, as the result of the toll of storms, birds, and their own consuming labor.

The largest electric sign ever built was lighted for the first time, February 1, in Times Square, New York City. The new sign is lighted by 8115 lamps, which are connected with twenty miles of wire.

A policeman of Bourne, England, recently held up traffic when a duck started to waddle across the road. In the middle of the road she sat down to lay an egg. Ten minutes later the egg was rescued and traffic resumed.

Realizing the educational effect of films, the British government has appointed Mrs. Ashley, wife of a member of Parliament, as censor of eti-quette for films. So the villain may eat peas with his knife in America but not in England.

Sailors have numerous superstitions. A sailor may sing, but he seldom whistles, for whistling is supposed to bring on a hurricane. Blue paint is also unpopular with sea-far-ing men, who dislike to join a vessel having any part of her painted blue.

Army airmen will now have a three mile limit. Instructions to regulate high-altitude flying by Army Air Corps pilots have been issued by Ma-

things wax fast and furious. The efforts of Fifi to elude detection, the perplexity of the Count, the blundering efforts of Hiram to smooth matters over and the thwarted love of Etienne-all work up into a climax of fine power, replete with drama and fun.

Through these glamorous scenes, pert and pretty shop girls flirt with handsome officers; light-hearted footmen cavort behind the back of their master; stately Colonials dance the Polonaise; Cadets, in gay uniform, stir the audience with their singing; butterflies, powder-puffs, "the Dun-can Sisters," and Farina-all flit and Farina-all flit against picturesque settings. Un-doubtedly the show has more beauty, glamour and appeal, than any show the Glee Club has ever put on and when one thinks of "The Earl and the Girl" or of "Pickles," one realizes what a claim that is.

Outside the show proper there are added features which are easily on a par with the best parts of the book. Especially interesting is "The Glow Worm" ensemble, in which twenty girls, in perfect time, dance. The steps are difficult, the costumes lovely, combining to make a very fine ballet.

The principals are not so numerous as usual, but they certainly make up in quality what they lack in quantity. Heading the cast in the three central roles of "Fifi," "Hiram" and the "Count," respectively, are Louise Tan-ner, Peter Meek, and Bill Brachbill. The first two have taken principal parts before, and you know what to expect from them; but Bill sounds an entirely new note in his portrayal of the old aristocrat.

Paul Crust is seen as the hero and, of course, plays the role with much skill and all the charm of his former performances. Catherine Bullock makes "Madame Cecile" a real Parisian while Donald Conrad excels in the part of "Gaston." Louise Meyer and Kenneth Little lend personality to the roles of "Marie" and "Rene, with Virginia Kern and William Markley offering contrast as a tem-peramental dancer and her silly old swain.

Dorothy Wilkinson and Lenore Morgan fairly live the parts of "Madam Cecile's daughters; Eugene Robb is a good "Francois," while Henrietta Hunter runs away with a hit as "Mrs. Hirma Bent," newly rich and in Paris for the first time.

These many features are but a few of the charms in "M'lle Modiste's hat box." and she is very anxious to have you see all of them she asks you to come see her next week at "The State."

The admission charge will be 75 cents and reserved seats will be on sale at Gross's on Saturday.

Lead pencils contain no lead. Lead pencil is as much a misnomer as it would be to call a horse a cow. The black substance used in pencils is neither a metal nor a compound of metal. It is plumbago or graphite, Fight and the state of one of the forms of carbon.

Mystery Blasts Being Studied by Scientists White Plains, N. Y .- Residents of

orthern Westchester county are searching to find a solution to the mysterious blast which rocked buildings and spread terror over several miles of the countryside. The heavy, dull roar and the quiver of the earth kept the county police busy answering

telephone calls for hours. Similar blasts have occurred at in ervals of exactly six months within the last two years. They always come at night. The ground was shaken and the noise of the explosion was heard, but on each occasion it was unaccompanied by any flare or light such as would have been the case had the explosion been due to powder or

gasoline or other known explosions that are set off by friction or heat. Scientists have been asked to study the terrain in the vicinity and ascertain if the blasts are being caused by some disturbance deep under the earth.

To Stop Dress Snobbery Atlantic City, N. J.-With special approval by the principal some 50 high school girls are wearing middy blouses and blue skirts in an effort to stop dress snobbery.

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"Lifer" Sues Woman; Charged Cruel to Cat Boston.-Jesse Pomeroy, "lifer," who entered the state prison at Charleston a seventeen-year-old boy, nearly fifty-one years ago. is the plaintiff in a \$5,000 action in which he denies charges that he has been cruel to animals while in prison.

Pomeroy remains in his cell while two attorneys represent him before the Suffolk Supreme civil court.

The defendant is Alice Stone Blackwell of Dorchester, publisher of a magazine for women, who told the court that "she felt it a public duty to write a letter to a Boston newspaper in 1925 in opposition to a pardon for Pomeroy. The letter described his crime as much worse than that of Leopold and Loeb and repeated a rumor that Pomeroy. when permitted the companionship of a kitten, "had skinned it

alive." Counsel for Pemeroy told the court that the suit was brought to "spike a lie," and said that animals had been Pomeroy's only friends in prison.

But while one officer was arguing with him another quietly opened the packet. It contained a small quantity of onions with a note to the chief reading: "The bearer will be delicious with these."-Boston Transcript.

#### **Poetic Justice**

"Arabs dearly love what we call poetic justice," said Lowell Thomas, the writer-lecturer. "They tell the story of an Arab who stole a horse and sent his son to market to sell it. On the way to market, the son was himself robbed of the horse and forced to return to his father empty handed.

"'Ah !' exclaimed the old man when nis son walked back into camp. 'I see thou has sold the horse. How much did it bring.'

"'Father,' said the son disconsolately, 'it brought the same price for which thou thyself didst buy it?"

#### A World Thinker

The need of the hour is for a world chinker. Most of us are like flies that buzz around a very small area-and perhaps get caught or swatted before we even get into the next room. At this state of civilization-and we have quite a considerable civilization at the moment-we need men who do not buzz about a small area but who can look all up and down the long road along which the caravan of history has passed and is passing.

We need men with perspectiveworld thinkers .- Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Journal.

#### Morphia Tests

Morphia is a very common poison, out its presence is easy to detect by the chemist. With no great difficulty he can detect the presence of even one-twenty-thousandth part of a grain ! The usual residue having been obtained, an addition of iodic acid is made, and then, should morphia be present, the whole at once turns blue when a little starch-paste is added. Alternatively, chloride of zinc may be added, and the mixture, when heated, produces a beautiful and lasting green color.

#### Rarin' to Go

An Alabama man declares that the priefest courtship of all was that of a darkey couple in that state. It ran about as follows: Rastus speaking first:

> "Why don't you take me?" "'Cause you' ain't ast me." "Well, now I asts yo'." "Well, now I has yo'."

#### 5,000,000 Italian Born Living in United States

Rome.-Latest statistics here show that there are 9,118,593 expatriated Italians living in different parts of the world. The figure is probably even greater than this, as the consular returns from some countries are confessedly incomplete.

The greatest number of emigrated Italians live in the American continent. Between North and South and Central America 7,674,583 Italians are accounted for.

The United States alone has more than 5,000,000 of them, while there are 150,000 in Canada, 800,000 in Mexico, 87,000 in Costa Rica, 800,000 in Brazil, 1,600,000 in the Argentine, and 21,500 in Chile. In Europe there are 1,267,841 exiled

ftalians, more than half of whom are living in France. In Africa there are 189,100 Italians, while Australia has 27,000 living under its flag.

#### Think Farm Children

Superior to City Bred Wellington, New Zealand.-Farm children are superior to city reared children, says a national report on a survey of the physical growth and mental attainment of the boys and girls of New Zealand. Superiority of farmers' children was most pronounced at the age of thirteen.

The survey included 20,000 town and country children ranging in age from ten to fourteen and was carried out by Dr. Ada Paterson, director of the health department's division of school hygiene, and Dr. E. Marsden. assistant director of education.

## Will Written on Egg

Shell Termed Valid Brooklyn .- Wills have been written on eggshells, coalbins and bedposts, and might possibly be tattooed on the shoulder of an heiress and remain valid. Crenna Skellers told of these among other unusual legal documents in a talk on "The Power to Make a Will," given at the Academy of Music.

Among surprising provisions in wills of historical people, Miss Skellers announced that Gouverneur Morris willed that his wife's income be doubled if she married again. Thomas Paine, she said, although commenly considered an atheist, bequeathed his soul to God. Many Southerners, including George Washington, she revealed, freed their slaves in their wills.

A Month of Birthdays.

February is the shortest month in he year, a fact well known to all of

us, but it is also a very important month. It is full of birthdays, and we shall enumerate a few of them, even though we repeat facts known to us all. February gave us Wash-ington, the founder of our Republic, and Lincoln, the saviour of the nation. Daniel Boone, that great pio-neer who read our title clear to that huge tract of land lying west of the Appalachian Mountains, was a February lad, the eleventh being his day. It is fitting, too, that the Boy Scouts' birthday falls in the same month with this greatest of scouts, and that spe-cial exercises by their troops will mark his birthday. And toward the end of the month-the twenty-seventh

-we find the birthday of Henry W Longfellow, who sang of our original settlers as no other poet has done, and who also sang for the children: Between the dark and the daylight,

When the night is beginning to lower, Comes a pause in the day's occupation That is known as the Children's Hour.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WEEK

February 16-Fort Donaldson sur rendered 1862.

February 17-President Jefferson elected 1801.

February 19-Jefferson Davis inaugurated 1861.

February 20-Panama-Pacific Expo sition 1910.

February 21-General Sherman buried 1891.

February 22-Washington's birthday.



mission and special apparatus will be required for those desiring to go above the three-mile limit.

The most remarkable echo known is one on the north side of Shipley church, in Sussex, England, which distinctly repeats twenty-one syllables. In the Cathedral of Girgenti, Sicily, the slightest whisper is borne with perfect distinctness from the great doors to the cornice behind the altar, a distance of two hundred and fifty feet.

Hedjaz, in southern Arabia, is a land of despair for safety razor and shaving soap manufacturers. Ibn Saoud, its ruler, has not only forbid-den smoking, the use of alcoholic liquors and perfume, and the wearing of silver and gold ornaments and silk garments, but has made shaving a crime for which both the barber and he man shaved shall be punished.

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