

WOMEN OF CAPITAL PLAYING MARKET FOR SPARE CASH.

Wives of the wealthy and prominent in the nation's Capital have joined the search for the Golden Fleece.

They are forsaking the tea table and the bridge score pad for the stock market and the financial sheets of the metropolitan dailies.

And they take their medicine quietly when they lose. They don't "squeal" as much as men, taking them all in all.

"What's doing in steel?" and how are the motors? now are the questions instead of "Should I have fished that queen?" and "didn't you just adore Lillian's new dress?"

Among Washington women, long reputed for the idleness and gossip, these women have taken up seriously this business of making money in the stock market.

One of the largest brokerage houses in the Capital has found its trade among women so profitable that it has installed a women's board room for women handle customers, wearing smart Parisian gowns and fresh from the beauty parlor, may sit through the day in comfort and watch the movements on the New York Board.

During the last two weeks, the brokerage house which built a board room for women handle more business for its feminine customers than for men, one official declared.

"These women trade seriously, and they trade in large sums," he said. "They aren't afraid to take a chance and they aren't the clinging vine type that comes whining back after they lose. They win or lose without a whimper. Equally, I've seen them sit here and make a hundred thousand and not show it by the flicker of an eyelash. They're game, these present day slim wives and business women."

Most of the customers of the new women's board room, the official said are wealthy, but the few who "play the market" on a slim reserve are just as game as their richer sisters.

"We don't encourage women who haven't the means to foot with the stock market," an official declared, "but some who have a small capital seem to make money out of it, and take their losses as well as those who can afford to lose large sums."

"We have one customer here, a 'regular,' who sold her automobile about three months ago, to put up more margin on stock when we were forced to call her. She got the money, and now has recovered most of the three thousand dollars she lost that day in a depression spell."

The new board room for women is similar to that for men, except that it is furnished a little more pretentiously, and has women attendants. Heavily upholstered chairs are grouped around comfortably, and the women take advantage of the smoking privileges, and from opening time until the market closes, a glimpse of the women's board room will disclose a charming group of women sitting around watching the board, smoking and talking.

Most of the talk is of the stock market, but there is always time during a lull in the market for discussion of current matters in Washington's social circles. The recent social future concerning the status of Mrs. Dolly Gann, Vice President Curtis' sister, as his hostess, was well aired in the salons of Washington brokerage houses, it was said.

ON THE FORTUNES OF THE GAME.

In the game of life a man needs to be prepared for adversity. The game may go against him. There are few more touching and inspiring scenes than those in which brave men have faced defeat.

When Robert E. Lee, commander of the Southern forces in the Civil War, had signed the articles of capitulation, he paused a moment as his eyes rested on the Virginia hills; he smote his hands together as though in some excess of inward agony, then mounted his grey horse, Traveler, and rode calmly away. His grief-stricken and dejected men thronged around him, kissed his hands, his boots, his saddle and cheered him through their tears.

"Men," said Lee, "we have fought together; I have done my best for you; my heart is too full to say more."

There is something of victory there, even in defeat. Lee was perhaps never greater than in that hour. He yielded to no bitterness, no hate, no passion. In the years that followed he gave himself to the healing of disension and to the service of his country, refusing offers of big money from commercial interests that wanted to trade on his name, that he might devote his remaining energy to training young men to do their duty in life. A truly noble spirit in which to meet a dark hour.

WOODROW WILSON'S FIRST NAME

How does it happen that some books give former President Wilson's name as Woodrow Wilson and others as Thomas Woodrow Wilson?

It appears that the war president was christened Thomas Woodrow, but for some reason the Thomas was dropped and he was always known by the name Woodrow. Before he was inaugurated the first time his name was put in the official program as Thomas Woodrow Wilson, but he informed the inauguration committee that his name was Woodrow Wilson, indicating that he no longer considered Thomas as part of his name. His mother before her marriage was Miss Janet Woodrow.

Loy R. Musser, of Millheim, was in the second honor group.

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SHORT-LEGGED TROUSERS AND PAJAMAS FOR MEN.

A call to throw off the shackles that have bound the male to conventional garb has been sounded.

Mere man, usually represented as more scornful than envious of the approach of pennyweight garb for the so-called vain sex, now finds himself exhorted by self-appointed champions to arise in rebellion against the burdensome garments that have weighed his shoulders for centuries.

Thus far the unruffled calm of Main street has been undisturbed but in the great metropolitan centers of the world—New York, London, Paris, Berlin and Chicago—males have heard the belligerent cries of brave souls suddenly aroused by man's sartorial enslavement. Their potential emancipators have gained few followers. But they are not downhearted.

Some would clothe his large frame in pajamas of multicolored design, with a swanky cut and set off by a tie or a belt. These two-piece costumes would supplant the heavier and more cumbersome apparel which he has worn with such fortitude.

Others more conservative, probably taking cue from the golf links and the tennis court, would uncover the long hidden masculine knee to the breeze, expose his Adam's apple and free his bony elbows from encasement.

To accomplish this Revolutionary step they would have men don short trousers reaching just above the knee, and sport shirts with collars open and tieless, and abbreviated sleeves. Socks and shoes would complete the costume.

The men of London, Paris and Berlin have been urged to adopt the shorts and reverberations of the call for a war on male dress have reached American shores.

In New York and Chicago, fearless males have expressed their scorn of convention by appearing in pajamas costumes on its thoroughfares. Apparently they have been undismayed by the tenor of interest in their garb.

All of these champions of male freedom in dress contend that men should no longer suffer in stifling weather but take their cue from the opposite sex which, though pictured as weaker, has shown far more courage and independence. More comfort and less clothes is the watchword.

Some time milady's four-pound costume may be matched by men's garments but right now most of them seem content to bear up under their 10 pounds of clothing. But who can predict what the future may bring?

MOST OF OUR PLANT PESTS HAVE BEEN IMPORTED.

A very large percentage of our important plant pests could be classed as immigrants from foreign countries, R. H. Bell, director, bureau of plant industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, has asserted in discussing the reasons for present rigid state and federal quarantines regulating the transportation of certain products.

"Even more significant is the fact that in many instances the introduction of these pests has been accidental or brought about by some more or less unimportant," Bell added.

"The San Jose scale, for example, came in on a small shipment of flowering peach sent by a missionary in China to a friend in San Jose, California, about 1870. The losses caused by this insect to the fruit growing industry during the past fifty years, can scarcely be estimated.

The chestnut blight which has made a thorough job of the native chestnut in the eastern States, found its way here on Japanese chestnuts imported simply to complete a collection of all chestnuts.

"The Hessian fly, a serious wheat pest, is believed to have come to this country in straw imported by Hessian troops during the Revolutionary War.

"The Oriental fruit moth which has proven one of the worst pests with which our peach growers have to contend with came to this country in shipments of Japanese cherry for ornamental use.

"The European corn borer, which is threatening the corn crop in sections where control measures are not followed carefully, found its way to America in importations of broom corn from Europe.

"The Japanese beetle, first found in New Jersey in 1916, undoubtedly entered the country from Japan in shipments of either bulbs or ornamental plants.

"The Federal and State quarantine policy and practice do not aim to absolutely exclude valuable plants and plant products from other countries," Bell explained, "but rather to adequately safeguard such importations so that the introduction of injurious pests may be reduced to a minimum."

MILLHEIM SUDENT WINS HONORS AT PENN STAE.

At the close of the recent summer session at the Pennsylvania State College last week one hundred and forty degrees were conferred. It was the largest session in the history of the college and a wonderfully profitable season of advancement toward higher education.

The Centre counties who were in attendance and members of the graduating class were:

Rose M. Robertson, State College, bachelor of arts in education; Jean A. Thorsell, State College, bachelor of science in education; James F. Denning, State College, industrial education; Jay B. Foreman, State College, bachelor of arts in education; Loy R. Musser, Millheim, bachelor of arts in education; Jacob W. Bartges, Coburn, agricultural education; Kenneth F. Mayes, Lemont, commerce and finance.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Faith in something is an absolute and vital essential to the life of every woman.

—Phillipotts.

A water wave placed in the hair in the morning assures one of a soft wave at the end of the day. Moistened the hair and, if combs are used, simply push it up and slip one of the water wave combs into each wave to hold it in place until the hair is dry. If combs are not necessary a few small pins will keep the wave intact.

A silk bandana that is of the same general color as one's housedress not only looks attractive but prevents dust from setting on the dampened hair.

—Vanity has always been woman's traditional prerogative, and the peacock silhouette offers a delightful manner of claiming it this season. The most fashionable women of the continent who are sojourning here now, dignity evening rendezvous by gowns proudly adhering to this theme.

Further indication of feminine feeling is felt in the adoption of longer skirts both for daytime and evening. Gracious modesty is expressed by evening frocks trailing to or on the floor, in back and often reaching the ankle in front.

Afternoon frocks express the same attitude by succumbing to length all around, or at least in back or on the sides. Even the more tailored daytime costumes frequently achieve ankle length.

That other radical ideas of the new dictator are finding favor with the majority is seen in the large number of models developing the raised waistline, fitted hips, and outlining the body in Princess style. This decree is effective twenty-four hours of the day.

—Does a view of your back add to the charm of the landscape? If so, you may follow the low-backed mode. Are your arms smooth and white and not too muscular? Then omit sleeves, by all means, when your fancy dictates. Are your legs well shaped and slender, curved and tapering? Wear your skirts as short as fashion and the occasion permit.

But don't do all three at once unless you belong to the first enviable group. Not even for the most active and energetic sports. A woman who is only a little bit heavy runs the risk of looking really fat in a short-sleeveless-backless dress; she seems to be bursting out in so many places. One feels that a woman with imperfect arms or legs or shoulders is imperfect as to all three, when all three are emphasized by a dress reduced to its minimum. Even a slight flaw, a lack of grace, may make a woman's whole body seem ugly when one is made overconscious of it by too much abbreviation and fidelity to fashion.

Remember, too, that the scanty mode in its present extreme versions is the delight of the cheap little shop. Almost any dress with no back, no sleeves, no fulness, no length, and very little line can be copied for eight-ninety-eight. Most of them look it.

—None of the Pacific Coast women wear plain shoes. They are cut or slashed artistically, or they are sandals. The Chinese kind of sandals, with a thick sole and two wide black straps across the top, are worn without hose.

—Evening slippers, with jeweled buckles, were worn the other evening at a smart hotel party—revealing sun-burned legs and no hose.

Petticoats have reappeared with the new vogue for pretty femininity although in a very different form. Because, unlike the petticoats of yesteryear, they really are nothing more than flounces.

Many of the smart women have already accepted them, among them Halle Stiles, the young American singer who lives in Paris. She is wearing a red velvet gown with a lace petticoat flounce to match. It can be seen only in the front.

The new flounce is always of lace, tulle, or some light fabric and shows sometimes at another, and then again only in front where the dress is shortest. It is a logical development of the evening silhouette and hints at skirts long all the way around instead of back only.

One maker has an original idea for lace evening frocks which she is making over, stiff taffeta petticoat which often has a deep gathered ruffle around the bottom. This makes the lace stand out just a bit from the figure. Several models in beige lace are very effective and an old-blue gown with silver lace petticoat flounce will certainly be a favorite.

A lady announces her engagement by writing informal notes to her close friends and relatives and a gentleman uses the same informal method—tells the friends whom he meets and writes to the others who live at a distance.

—Hat holders and shoe racks that fasten to the back of the closet door, for use in homes where closet space is at a premium, are available, having been put on the market recently.

FROSTED COFFEE.

—Allow one cupful of freshly made coffee for each person, chill and add two tablespoonfuls of vanilla ice cream for each cup. Shake well and serve at once.

FRISCILLA'S SAUCE.

Blend one tablespoonful of butter with one tablespoonful each of flour and sugar. Add one cup of water, a little at a time, and cook until thick and smooth. Stir in the grated rind and juice of one-half a lemon. If the lemon is not very juicy you may add the juice from the whole lemon. Add a dash of cinnamon and serve hot.

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FARM NOTES.

—This is the best time of the year for budding fruit trees. Do the work now before the bark begins to "stock."

—Climbing roses should be pruned after they have finished blooming. Cut out old canes to make room for the new ones.

—Threshing wheat early protects the grain from ravages of the Angoumois grain moth. Farmers who follow this practice increase the profits from their crop.

—A growth of alfalfa left stand will furnish considerable mechanical protection during the winter to the roots of the plants. It will also collect and hold a good deal of moisture from both rain and snow.

—Soil specialists advise that fields to be seeded to alfalfa be limed in the fall. They also advise that if more than two tons of lime per acre is required that one-half of it be applied on the surface, disked into the soil.

Every once in a while the crow comes up for discussion in farm papers and while the evidence of the practical farmer is usually against the crow, there are a few who extol the virtues of the crows and minimize his faults.

—The poultry flock which furnishes a food supply for mites has little energy left for egg production. Rid the birds of the pests by painting the perches with carbolineum, old crank case oil, or gas tar. Carbolineum is considered best.

—An efficient kitchen is one arranged to reduce the work to the fewest possible movements. Such a kitchen saves the housewife's time, makes the work easier, eliminates waste, and lowers the cost of light, heat, and cleaning.

—With fair time at hand, every live, alert community will want to reveal the progress made during the past year by showing a well-planned exhibit. Your local State College extension agent will be glad to assist with suggestions for the display.

—Weeds in the garden and field crops are very thirsty during these hot days. If allowed to remain they will get more than their share of the moisture in the soil. They will have a more beneficial influence if pulled out and left to lie on the ground.

—Potatoes should be sprayed every five or seven days during severely hot weather. Plant pathologists of the State College recommend increasing the lime content of the Bordeaux mixture so that an 8-10-100 or an 8-12-100 spray is used. High pressure is also advisable during the hot weather.

—The quince naturally grows in a dwarfish or bush form. However, if plants are too thick there is no objection to cutting off a part of the old shoots near the ground and lightly cutting back the inside-growing branches of the ones that remain. This will materially reduce the amount of wood and assist in rejuvenating the plants. A light application of nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia would also be helpful but one must guard against fire blight which is more troublesome on rapidly growing plants.

—The world's paper supply is now threatened with a new and formidable attack. Farmers and market gardeners are shown that by laying strips of perforated asphalt paper between their rows of plants they will be freed from the necessity of weeding (beyond the yield two or more times. The paper warms the ground, retains the moisture, and prevents the baking of the soil. It almost works miracles for the agriculturist and horticulturist.

That is fine, and we can look forward to more and better and perhaps cheaper farm and garden products; but all this means less paper pulp, and fewer books and periodicals, those we have being published at an increased cost and sold of necessity at an increased price. The making of paper from corn-stalks offers a ray of hope, but thus far it is only a ray.

—Reports coming to the Pennsylvania bureau of markets, indicate that periods of warm weather cause a market decrease in the quality of eggs reaching our large consuming centers.

This condition prompted the bureau to issue the following pointers on the care and marketing of eggs during the summer season:

1. Remove all males after the breeding season to assure infertile eggs.

2. Collect eggs at least twice daily to prevent deterioration in the poultry house.

3. Place eggs in a cool, fairly dry place to remove animal heat and to avoid shrinkage.

4. Cover eggs with a cloth to protect them from fading, evaporation and the collection of dust.

5. Keep eggs away from kerosene, onions, fish and other substances from which odors may be readily absorbed.

6. Do not wash eggs. This results in more rapid spoiling.

7. Use all dirty, small, checked, extra long and grass-stained eggs at home.

8. Ship only well graded eggs in clean packing cases and fillers.

9. Market the eggs at least twice each week.

It is emphasized by the bureau that holding eggs during the summer months for higher prices may actually result in losses to the poultryman of the reduction in the quality of the product.

Potatoes!

THE growing of potatoes, to which we referred last week, and the making of a Will, are not even remotely connected. But the wise farmer will do what we suggested, and the wise man, whatever be his business, will not neglect doing the latter. Consult a competent lawyer. Have him make your Will—which you may change at any time, and name this Bank as your Executor.

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