

THE UNRULY MEMBER—A FEW WORDS ON THE "SILENCE GOLDEN"

The Gossipy Woman and the Loquacious Woman Have Given the Whole Sex a Most Unenviable Reputation for Malignant Scandal-Mongering

By ELLEN ADAIR

"Tongue is an unruly member"—the Scriptures assure us! But in spite of all the wise sayings and the advice of centuries of sages, it is a very hard matter to refrain from saying what we think and speaking when and where we want to!

That silence is golden is a maxim which has been instilled into us from our nursery days! And a case which recently appeared in the newspapers fully illustrates this fact, and in the most literal interpretation, too. An old lady died, and instead of bequeathing her fortune to her relations she bequeathed the whole of it to a woman friend, who really had no claim upon her whatsoever. The relatives disputed the validity of the will.

"I am doing this," wrote the old lady in a document which she left behind for the delectation of her family disappointed relatives, "because the woman whom I have named as sole legatee has learned the lesson—and that is the greatest lesson of silence."

Apparently the loquacious relatives had nearly driven the old lady insane with their constant and doubtless well-meant chatter. They had descended on her in her quiet country abode at intervals, "like ravens upon a carcass," she declared, "seeking what they might devour! But they will find to their sorrow that all the chatter and fuss were to no end, for I have left them nothing, even the teaspoon! I know that their motives were interested. They could not hide that fact from me, for their tongues were too long. Loquacity is the greatest factor in the giving away of secrets that this world owns."

"I would therefore counsel my disappointed relations to profit by this timely lesson and for the future allow their tongues to be ruled by their hands. Into those heads I would suggest that they meantime seek to instill a little common sense!"

This document was scarcely calculated to please the unfortunate descendants of the old lady; but doubtless the lesson was not in vain. Monetary disappointments are very productive of reformation!

Although the women of France do not believe in the policy of silence—they are born chatterers—yet at the same time they are very "discreet," and nothing escapes their pretty lips which in a calmer moment they might regret. They will confide in you—but only up to a certain point, he it understood. And most of their artless information has one end in view—to extract a greater amount of humiliating disclosure from your unwary self!

A certain girl of my acquaintance has a most unruly tongue. She has sought to curb it in vain for many years—and has made apparently but little progress. It is not only unfortunate for herself, but also unfortunate for her friends. For she gives away their particular secrets in the most wholesale manner.

"My dear," she will begin, should you let her off the hook, "I met Mary Smith only yesterday, and she told me that her father had lost a great deal of money through the war. Isn't it sad? She asked me not to tell anybody, but perhaps they may have to sell their big house, give up their servants and cut down expenses in every possible way! I do feel so sorry for Mary; she says that her people had intended she should study art for the next five years, and now she has to learn stenography, or something horrid, like that! She told me that her brother's engagement might very possibly be broken off now, as his father will be of course be unable to help him."

Thus does the loquacious dame, like a proverbial brook, run on forever. And only when all her friends begin to look at her askance and gradually drop her from their circle does she indeed learn that the tongue is an unruly member, and that silence frequently is golden!

DEMAND PROMOTION FOR ALL DESERVING MOTHER-TEACHERS

Letters Received by Board of Education Protesting Against Attempt to Deny Advancement

DISCRIMINATION SCORED

A score of letters have been received by members of the Board of Education protesting against the attempt to deny promotion to teachers, because they are mothers.

The majority of the communications are anonymous. Some are signed "Mother," while a few bear the signatures of men and women who are taxpayers and parents of children attending the public schools.

"I don't believe in discrimination," writes one person. "I don't believe in favoring a woman because she is single, or in favoring another because she is married. Efficiency is the only thing that should count. If a teacher is married or single, an old maid or a widow, and she can't make good, she should be fired. If she is better than the average she should be promoted."

"Mother" wrote: "The public school system is the only feature of our democratic Government existing solely for the benefit of children. Then why do those who administer the affairs of that system thwart the ambition of a woman merely because she has brought children into the world?"

A few letters have also been received from persons who approve the stand of members of the Board of Education, who have stated that no mother should be promoted at the expense of single women.

One of these says: "There is too much sentimentality in public life. As a matter of common sense, it is unwise to encourage the employment of married women by offering them promotion to high executive positions. Mrs. Wilson has been advocated as a candidate for the principalship of the Southern High School for girls and also as superintendent of schools."

"According to the newspapers, she has a husband capable of supporting her. There is no reason, financial or otherwise, why she should be employed at all, if the press reports are true. But when a member of the Board of Education objects to her because of these reasons, there is a great deal of hypocrisy about the rights of women. The members of the board are other issues not involved in the question."

ELOPE ON MOTORCYCLE

Lovers by Using Machine Beat Honeymoon Express Into Elkton

ELKTON, Md., Aug. 24.—Louis Selmi and Miss Ida Neumann, both of Philadelphia, eloped to Maryland's Gretna Green early this morning, beating the Honeymoon Express into Elkton, on a motorcycle built for two. Others married here today are:

Harry B. Wright and Lillie Naylor, Joseph B. McSorley and Anna G. Hand-schick and George L. Connelly and Mae B. Spickler, all of Philadelphia; John J. McHale and Edna P. Bicket, Ashland; Robert H. Penner and Mabel Turan and Harvey W. Lyter and Dorothy C. Schwartzbach, Harrisburg; David F. Folk and Ruth H. Pfeiffer, Milton, Pa.; Arthur Hummel and Clara B. Grassmick, Camden, N. J.; Frank J. Reider, Atlantic City, N. J.; and Irene E. Conklin, New York.

Praise Former Philadelphia Women

Two former Philadelphia society women who have been aiding the Italian wounded are praised in the Italian newspapers that have just reached this city. They are Mrs. George Washington Curtis, sister of Charlesmagne Tower, and of Mrs. E. B. Putnam, who converted her villa in Rome into a Red Cross Hospital for the Italian army officers, and Madame Giuseppe Bastianelli, wife of the Italian physician, and sister of Mrs. Henry L. Deyell, of Villanova, who has organized a department for the manufacture of masks, for protection against the poisonous chlorine gases.

FELT AND VELOUR FIRST IN FAVOR FOR AUTUMN HATS



A SMART FALL CHAPEAU

AUGUST sales are almost over, and the stores have begun to show the newest and most attractive styles in fall apparel. Women will always be interested in these things, no matter how many they already have, so that it is safe to say that nine out of every 10 ultra-fashionable followers of the modes have at least one autumn chapeau by now. The signs of the times seem to point toward black velvet and velour hats as the first innovation. This is more or less of a fad, however, and I am afraid that exclusive ones will cease when these hats become too moderate in price.

As far as street wear goes, this is decidedly a tailored season. The long, fitted coats demand a simple style of millinery, because an extravagant hat with a crown of this kind is more or less incongruous.

GERMANTOWN MAGPIES WAR ON INSECTS; GERMANY IN TIME OF WAR; LIFE AS SEEN IN BERLIN

Changes Which the War Has Made in the Once Gay Capital—How the Poor Are Fed and Cared For

By AN AMERICAN



Caterpillars in Vernon Park face destruction at bills of five English birds.

MAGPIES OPEN WAR ON GERMANTOWN BUGS

Five English Birds Get Contract to Destroy Pests in That Section

Five English magpies began organized warfare today on all caterpillars and other destructive insects in Vernon Park, Germantown and Cheltenham avenues. With the failure of science and the City Forestry Bureau to conquer the pests which have been ruining trees and shrubbery in that section the birds were given an unlimited contract to do the work. Of course they will not be paid and the only thing they ask is that they are not disturbed in their performance of duty.

The magpies were liberated in the park late yesterday by John Farmer, of 314 East Germantown avenue, who secured them from a friend in Colorado, where they were originally sent from England. The magpies have been extinct in this section for many years. There are three males and two females in the lot, and as they multiply fairly rapidly it is expected that there will be quite a family of them in Germantown within a few months.

The birds are about the size of blackbirds, black in color, with white markings on the wings. They are hardy birds and live almost entirely on destructive insects. The only bad habit which the birds are known to have is that they are thieves. But their destruction in this direction, their owner says, is a minor consideration if they can master the bug and insect problem.

SUFFRAGISTS SNUB TAFT

Former President Refuses to Give Audience—They Turn Backs

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24.—W. H. Taft declined to give audience to Oregon suffragists yesterday, but as he was whisked away to lunch, he sent word that he would shake hands with the women. The women refused to wait, saying that their self-respect would not permit them to remain where they were not wanted.

Then they lined up near the elevator and their backs were turned in the direction the ex-President would take, but Mr. Taft did not appear and the women marched away.

All agreed that there was a misunderstanding. The suffragists believed an appointment with Mr. Taft had been arranged. Later when asked his views on suffrage, Mr. Taft replied that his views on the subject will soon appear in print and that he did not expect any one to agree with them.

WIFE OF A MODEL HUSBAND

Wife Has Him Arrested Because His Wage Is Too Small

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 24.—Although he never drank, chewed, smoked or swore in his life, and always obeyed every command of his wife, gave her all his money, helped her to do the housework and did all he could to make her existence blissful, Frank Bethering was brought into court yesterday on a charge of desertion.

When asked by the court why he had caused her husband's arrest, Mrs. Bethering replied that he had failed to keep her in spending money for several months. "Yet he gave me his pay envelope unopened," said the court.

"Yes," said Mrs. Bethering, "but I used that in the house."

She admitted that Bethering had no vices. Bethering was discharged.

ADVICE FOR BAKERS

Director Ziegler Makes Suggestions in Weekly Health Bulletin

Precautionary measures for bakeries and restaurants are outlined by Director S. Louis Ziegler, of the Department of Health and Charities, in his weekly health bulletin. The director especially urges restaurants that want to retain their customers to take measures to keep flies away from foodstuffs.

Bakers are given the suggestion that mixing troughs be built high enough above the floor to permit room for washing the troughs. Extremely long and brightly tinted aprons and the crown doughers should not be used, the bulletin says.

Waxed paper is the best protection.

SUFFRAGE BELL WELCOMED

Guard of Honor Meets Emblem at Monroe County Line

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Aug. 24.—Reported by a delegation of Monroe County suffragists in gaily decorated automobiles, the Suffrage Liberty Bell arrived here late yesterday. The bell was met at the county line by a guard of honor. Upon the arrival of the bell here adherents of the suffrage cause held a meeting on the courthouse steps, where an address of welcome was made by Judge Staples.

There was a mass-meeting in the evening. Miss Emma L. Mackelvey and Miss Adella Porter, who are touring with the bell, and A. Mitchell Palmer spoke.

I SHUT my eyes and am back again in my dear, beautiful Berlin. Time—somewhat over a year ago. You who know Berlin, know its charm, its sunny streets, its soft breezes. Ah! what a city. I think of the gay crowds that strolled through the Tiergarten at night, when all the gay world lived and still lived. Strains of soft sensuous music could be heard on all sides—and gratis. That is the land where there is music for the soul and the senses always.

The gay Friedrichstrasse, crowded and alluring. The captivating, soft-voiced, modern Berlin hours that fitted by, suggestive of pleasure and peace. The hands of a clocking care-free student linked arm in arm, singing their way joyfully through the streets. Happy? To a wonderful degree. Young, light-hearted, each improving to his Greta!

Every cafe crowded with the sons of earth. Everybody in harmony. At the American bars the Englishman sipped his drinks in neighborly fashion with his German cousin. The American called for a strait waist fastened over to the revelers—life and the fullness thereof!

At midday Cafe Kerkau, just up the Friedrichstrasse and near the famous Palais de Danse, a weird and wonderful cabaret show was ever in full swing. The wild-eyed Mr. Mauburger performed to capacity audiences nightly. Over in what is known as Old Berlin, the Alte Ballhaus drew its fairy throng. There was ever exquisite dancing to be seen there. In fact, every dance hall was gay with its marches and "Madelin," its soldiers and "herren."

For those who desired really fine music of a more serious turn, there was always the orchestra of the Zoologischer Garten, in Charlottenburg, so dear to all hearts. Fifty pennings was the modest price of admission, and here in the cool and restful park one sipped one's foaming golden beer, and revelled in happiness. Girls and women walked and strolled about the grounds, red-lipped and provocative. The flirtations were entrancing to the casual observer. Who could resist the call? Who would not wish to pursue or be pursued? Now the orchestra sobbed out a sensuous waltz—now a popular melody; it catches fire, little boys are gleefully whistling it.

Just outside the gardens an impertinent little cafe sets the classical at defiance by strutting out "In der Nacht, in der Nacht." It is distracting.

The blue-black and starry heavens at night hung lovingly over a great Berlin, ablaze with the mystery of the moon. It was the month of May.

Then came the change. Humanity sat waiting, expecting? War was declared. Then it was that the nation became adamant. Girls grew into women overnight. Boys became men, resolute, responsible young creatures, eager to do all in their power for their Vaterland.

Men and women went about with stern faces, the place of coquetry and flirtation, sudden, gloomy change that had come into their once happy lives. Every man knew what was demanded of him by his country and Kaiser.

The wall of a new-born baby smote heavy on the heart and ear of many a father who was torn away at the time when his loved ones needed him most. The first excitement was terrific. The people became one to stand or fall to the place of coquetry and flirtation. A rough workman recklessly soiled the dainty light within the Kaiser's balcony and grasped the hand of his ruler. It was the signal. "Kein Partei Mehr!" Every one for Kaiser, Prince and people went mad and wept for the Kaiserism died that day in Germany—temporarily.

After the first few weeks things began to settle into the old routine again. The cafes were still full every evening with enthusiastic crowds discussing the bulletin, the harvest, the enemy. Patriotic music and songs were the order of the day. Ah! what patriotism, what fire—what love of their brave men was in the hearts of all who were left behind! Cafe Bauer, once the meeting place of the men of every nation, was now the centre of the activities of the Red Cross. I, as well as hundreds of tables and those other coffee and restaurants and street cars, with our little tin pans, collecting the money that was always so readily given. It was rare for any one to refuse.

Cafe Kerkau, once famed for its extravagant nonsense and cabaret, drew greater crowds than ever before with its "patriotic evenings." The songs of the country were sung nightly to the strains of a military band. All joined in. It was a program to arouse the people to a still greater pitch of enthusiasm. In one corner of the great room a raised platform had been erected. Here, high above the heads of the people, had been placed a bust of the Kaiser. Every evening when "Die Wacht am Rhein" was sung the people rose in a body; all lights were turned out, and then over in the corner the little platform was suffused with a very glow thrown up from a glass lantern. By degrees the glow changed to a brilliant red glare. On each side of the Kaiser's head tall candles were lit. The effect was theatrical and most impressive. It brought in volunteers by the hundreds.

At the end of the song the lights died out once more and again the people Kaiser smiled benignly on his people. Every one worked indefatigably. All was done to alleviate the suffering of the poor and their families, those left without fathers and husbands, those left without husbands and fathers. Large kitchens were thrown open and run by charitable women, who personally served out the appetizing dinners and suppers for 10 pfennigs (4 cents). And what a good soup, meat and vegetable ones got for that price!

The stage provided for its people and children nobly, generously. Great actresses, like Tilla Durieux, Kammerling, Johanna Terwind and Frau Max Reinhardt, personally conducted a large hall where they fed all who came to its gates. They worked at these places during the day, and then went on and gave performances in their distant theaters at night. And between every woman in the land did this, as well as sewing and knitting for the front line. No one was neglected. No one went hungry. The relief system was perfect.

Those in the trenches came first, then the wounded, the helpless and the children. "Ausländer" (foreigners) were treated kindly and generously always, and all who could do so stayed as cheerfully as going home, and were happy to throw in their lot with the Germans.

Hearts and faces were sad at Christmas times last year. There were so many vacant places. But the tables had turned! In February came the bread card. Great was the excitement. We read in the papers that Germany was without meat! But German thrift saved the day. Instead of wasting food they conserved their supply. Instead of piling piles of rolls and bread on the tables in the restaurants every person was limited, and had to present his bread card when he partook of a meal if he wished to be served with the stuff of life. One stated to the waiter how many grams of bread one desired—50 grams—100—whatever the amount happened to be—and the waiter detached from the card the indicated number. The card had to last a week and was changed every week.

Far from being hungry, we had excellent food. But placards put up all over the city asking each good citizen to be as sparing as possible and to think of the common welfare and not drink too much. All brandy and rum was needed for the brave fighters and the wounded. Rum warmed a wounded or frozen soldier. The cold in Galicia was horrible last winter.

The prices of food were religiously kept down. They were regulated by the army. At the start several games were started by greedy and unscrupulous bakers, but nipped in the bud! The knowing housewife was not to be tricked. She reported—and then followed a stern investigation. Everyone had the right given them to weigh his or her loaf of bread, if suspicious of light weight! And they did. So the people had a voice in their own affairs and soon brought the butchers and bakers to their senses.

And so life rolled on very much as it ever had, though it meant so much more to every one now. The theaters were opened after the first few weeks. The Koeniglichen and Charlottenburg Opera Houses gave as fine performance as ever. And let me tell you that the incomparable Shakespeare is still as much loved and honored in Germany as he ever was. One of his plays is given nearly every week at Prof. Max Reinhardt's Theatre, and the audiences are as enthusiastic as ever.

SUFFRAGISTS AIM TO WIN NEGRO AND ITALIAN VOTES

Special Committees Will Carry on Campaigns of Education

The negro and Italian sections of the city will soon be invaded by workers of the Woman's Suffrage party's City Committee. The fight to win Italian votes began in earnest today when a recently appointed committee became active. Concerted efforts will be made in the 2d Legislative District, in the 2d Ward, which extends from the Delaware River between Christian and Wharton streets. This ward has the largest Italian population in the city.

The committee comprises E. Eugenia Gregg, leader; Sylvia Kretschmer, vice leader; Angelina Biletta, secretary; George H. Kretschmer, treasurer, and Angelina Biletta, secretary. Both Miss Gregg, who is associated with the "Travelers' Aid," and Miss Biletta speak Italian. Miss Kretschmer, who is a probation officer, speaks seven languages and Miss Biletta is a teacher in a night school for Italians.

Tonight a conference will be held between suffrage district leaders and several men and women acquainted with the negro section. The best method of approaching the negro will be discussed and a committee will be appointed to handle this section of the city.

TWO WILLS IN PROBATE

\$3625 To Be Disposed of in Private Bequests—Estate Appraised

Wills probated today include those of Fannie Price, who left \$2300 in private bequests, and Hannah McNamee, who left \$1325. Personal property of Emilie Fernandez Cabaday Howard has been appraised at \$5,530.85.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Band Plays at Strawberry Mansion Afternoon and Night

The Fairmount Park Band will play at Strawberry Mansion this afternoon and tonight. The program:

PART I—AFTERNOON, 4 TO 6 O'CLOCK
Overture—"Two and Two".....Huggs
Reminiscences of the most popular songs of the day.....Huggs
(a) "The Snow Queen".....Huggs
(b) "March Song".....Huggs
(c) "March Song".....Huggs
(d) "March Song".....Huggs
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(f) "March Song".....Huggs
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PART II—EVENING, 8 TO 10 O'CLOCK
Overture—"William Tell".....Rostini
Songs from "Lohengrin".....Wagner
Songs from "Tristan and Isolde".....Wagner
Songs from "Die Meistersinger".....Wagner
Songs from "Die Walkure".....Wagner
Songs from "Die Valkyrie".....Wagner
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MUSIC ON CITY HALL PLAZA

Philadelphia Band Will Play There Tonight

The Philadelphia Band will play on City Hall plaza tonight. This will be a "Sing Night." The program:

Overture—"Phedra".....Massenet
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In Merry Mood

We shall do so much in the years to come, But what have we done today? We shall give our gold in a princely sum, But what did we give today? We shall lift the heart and dry the tear, We shall plant a hope in the place of fear, We shall speak the words of love and cheer, But what have we spoken today? We shall read such joys in the by and by, But what have we sown today? We shall build up mansions in the sky, But what have we built today? We shall win in idle dreams to task, But here and now do our task, Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask, "What have we done today?" —Nixon Waterman.

Tommy Tittle-Mouse

TOMMY TITTLE-MOUSE looked around his little home in a most discouraged fashion. "Seems to me we are very crowded in here," he finally said to Mrs. Tommy. "Ever since Jimmy Bat came to live with us I have had a crowded feeling."

"No have I," agreed Mrs. Tommy sympathetically. "But what can we do about it? We like Cousin Jimmy and we don't want to turn him out of the house."

"Oh, no, we couldn't do that," exclaimed Tommy. "He is our cousin—and

Here, I'll clear up your sundust!"

anyway, I like to have him stay with us. He tells such interesting stories. But I feel crowded."

There is only one thing to be done, said Mrs. Tommy positively. "We must make the house bigger." She said this in a most determined way.

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Makes a New Helper

"Make the house larger!" he exclaimed. "Why, it's already as big as mice ever have their homes—what can you be thinking of?"

"I'm thinking of my comfort, and of yours, too, Tommy," said Mrs. Tommy. "I mean to get right to work."

Before Tommy Tittle-mouse had time to object or to agree or anything, he was snubbed at the back wall of the house.

"I don't know but you are right," said Tommy thoughtfully, as he watched her labor. "If a house is too small for the family one should decrease the family or increase the house. And as long as we both live—here, wait a minute and I'll help you."

When Tommy once made up his mind to do a certain thing, he did it with all his might, so after deciding to enlarge his house he went to work his very hardest at the job.

It was not long till those two industrious mice had a great pile of sawdust at the door of their home. Then Tommy sat down to get his breath.

"This working in the hot summer is a different thing from working in the nice cool spring," he said to his mate. "I don't so much mind the work, but I do hate to think of that great pile of sawdust that I must clear away. I am tired enough to stop right now!"

"Let me clear it away for you," said kind little voice just outside the door of Tommy's house. "I would very much like to help you."

Tommy Tittle-mouse jumped toward the back of his house; there he listened and as nothing seemed to be dangerous he said, "And who are you?"

"Oh, I'm a little Southwestern," said the voice, "and I've come to the house on purpose to help folks. Here, I'll clear up your sundust!" With a whisk of his tail and a laughing breath, Jimmy blew away the sawdust and the front of Tommy's house was as tidy and clean as could be! And that is how Tommy and Jimmy Southwestern started to be friends.

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TO use after being out of doors
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