

FEMININE GOSSIP LOVERS DISCUSSING ONE'S FRIENDS

A Critical Word Is Like a Stone Dropped Into the Untroubled Waters of Some Pool—The Harm Done Incalculable

By ELLEN ADAIR

TALKING about one's neighbors certainly is an interesting occupation, but at the same time a very dangerous one. For not only is it dangerous to the persons under discussion, but it is harmful to one's own character, and, unless carefully guarded against, is a habit which grows apace.

"Damn you with faint praise," is another form of scandal-mongering to which many seemingly well-meaning persons are prone.

Yes, she is such a nice woman, and we all like her so much," said a lady of this particular type in discussing a friend, "but isn't it a pity that she prefers the society of other men to that of her husband? Oh, of course, she is very discreet. But at the same time everybody is talking about her. She was seen only the other day having tea in town with a very good-looking man, and they were laughing and talking together and having the time of their lives."

The speaker told this interesting little tale to half a dozen women in one afternoon. In turn, each of these ladies related it—and with certain additions not in the original—various friends, who were not so charitably minded as they might have been. After a few days the story had reached most interesting, if scarcely veracious, proportions.

It happened that during the course of that particular week a certain reception was to be held at the house of one of the ladies. The woman who had been so talked about and criticized was to be among the guests, and she will not dare to come, after all those dreadful stories one hears," said one of the gossipers.

Yet every woman there was secretly hoping that the woman, whose conduct had been so censured, would turn up, were it only to provide further opportunities for gossip.

Their hopes were realized—more than

realized—when the much-talked-about woman marched boldly into that reception, and by her side the very man who had been the object of the discussion. "Isn't she perfectly brazen?" murmured one good lady to another, in righteous indignation. "Don't you pity her poor husband?" whispered a second. "I shall ask John to speak to her husband at the club tomorrow!" said a third.

But a regular bomb was dropped into the little company when the lady under discussion kissed her hostess with real warmth and in ringing tones, which carried all the way down that crowded room; it gave taken the liberty of bringing my brother to this little party. He is in the Navy, you know, and is paying us a hurried visit of a few days' duration. I want to be with him all the time, and so I'm taking him around everywhere I can. I shall not see him for at least three years!"

The harm done by gossip is incalculable. A single word, or even a look, derogatory to the good name of any human being is much like a stone thrown into the untroubled waters of some pool. The stone causes ever-widening circles which grow larger and larger and disturb that calm pool of its very edges.

So with the uncharitable word, the unkind and unnecessary remark. They do more damage than is ever really calculated. It is so easy, too, to persistently find the best in people, once the habit is cultivated. But it requires determination.

Before the making of a thoughtless remark or the falling of some other person, we should ask ourselves three simple questions, but ones which penetrate to the root of the matter, and these are: "Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?"

If these questions can be answered in the affirmative, we can rest assured that we are in the right of the matter, and do not belong to the great army of uncharitable souls who damage others by a single word.

TEACHERS' WAGE SCALE HERE CALLED LOW

Comptroller Prendergast, of New York, Says Nine Cities Pay Better Salaries

PHILADELPHIA TENTH IN TEACHER SALARY LIST

Table listing teacher salaries for various cities: New York City (\$1187), San Francisco (\$1184), Chicago (\$1084), Boston (\$1081), St. Louis (\$993), Cincinnati (\$949), Minneapolis (\$937), New Orleans (\$870), Milwaukee (\$870), Philadelphia (\$863), Washington (\$798), Cleveland (\$791), Baltimore (\$692), New Orleans (\$655).

There are nine cities in the United States where elementary school teachers are paid a higher salary than are those of Philadelphia, according to a report made to the Board of Estimate of New York City by Comptroller Prendergast, who is advocating revolutionary changes in the school system of that municipality.

According to these statistics the elementary teachers of New York are the best paid in the country, receiving \$1187 yearly. The list then cites San Francisco as paying an average salary of \$1124 to the teachers, then Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Newark, Milwaukee and finally Philadelphia, where the average salary is said to be only \$863. Only four cities in the country are cited as paying less than this amount; they are Washington, Cleveland, Baltimore and New Orleans, the average salary of the elementary teacher in the last named city being only \$655, according to Comptroller Prendergast.

The recommendations made to the Board of Estimate affect more than 25,000 teachers and 1,000,000 pupils and eliminate an increase in the school budget for the coming year, which would effect a saving of \$4,000,000. The extension of the school year from 40 to 44 weeks is advocated, as is the lengthening of the school day from 5 to 6 hours. The plan would eliminate part-time pupils in the giving of extra pay to teachers in vacation schools.

Comptroller Prendergast also recommends the extension of the Bury vocational school system to all parts of New York. He believes that the lengthening of the school year will enable children to complete their elementary education in seven, instead of eight, years.

WOMEN TO PLAN VOTE FIGHT

Suffrage Bodies and Campaign Committees Will Meet This Afternoon

Plans for the campaign preceding the November election will be discussed this afternoon by the presidents of the local women's suffrage societies and the members of the suffrage campaign committees. The meeting will be at the headquarters of the Equal Franchise Society, 35 South 9th street.

This will be the first meeting of the city's suffrage leaders to formulate definite plans to win in November. The great parade on October 30, shortly before the election, will be discussed and many features will be added to the program already decided upon. The meeting will be of a semi-social nature and refreshments will be served.

Little Benny's Note Book

Puds Simkins is a friend of mine, He says 100 pronds, And can give pretty good immertayshins Of peenut wissels and utthir sounds.

The recain we call him Puds is Awn akkount of him beeing so fat, And the recain we call him Simkins is Because he was born with that.

His hare is natcherly kerly And the ladys think its grate, Beeing the prinsiperl recain Wy Puds wisnes it was strate.

Hee in my class in publick skool And also was last yer, Hee bettir than me in Joggriuffy, But I can run much faster.

He takes lessins awn the peano Awf a man with a dubbel chin, While hee takes them hee atnt aloud in, And nobuddy elts is aloud in.

We stand outside the windo While hee praekting in the moorning, And yell, Haw, Pudsie, hurp up, And we jiggle the parier awning.

Puds Simkins is a friend of mine, And Im a friend of his, But if I say Mary Watkins is my gerl, Hee see, Like fun she is.

IN ST. EDMOND'S CHURCH FETE



MARY GALLAGHER

NELLIE McNEILLY



ANNA WYNN

SADIE GLENN

'BACK TO OLD IRELAND' A THOUSAND CHILDREN FORNINST ST. EDMOND'S LOSE THEIR JOBS HERE

A Fete Wid Pretty Gir-rls in a Jaunting Car and Gaybe McCamman's Mule

A wee bit av ould Ireland is to shpring up in the heart av the residential section av Twenty-fourth and Mifflin streets, forinst the Church av St. Edmonds, bechune the day and twinty-fifth.

What wid the pretty gir-rls, and the jaunting car, and the shamrocks and cabin av an Irishman, d'ye mind, the place will be the spit av the Emerald Isle and 'twill be a glorious time the gir-rls will have widout anything else, but—

Did ever ye hearn tell av the Barney sthote? 'Tis a rock, they do say, that hangs be the edge av a cliff in Ireland, and that whin a man kiss it widout shatther a man av he was fule enough to take it. And pwlin wan would be after kissing it, shure they howid him be 'the heels wid his head danglin' over the chasm.

Thim that kisses the Barney stone is blissid wid the gift av the gab. Swate wogs drop from the lips av them, the rogus. Shure they do say a man who's kissed the gr-rat sthote can talk his gr-randfather av belaying there's a shake in Ireland.

Anyhow, there's to be a bit av the wonderfule stone at the fair, and thim that wants to can kiss it widout hangin' be the heels. The place av the sthote was bruk from the or-iginal 200 years ago be an ancestor-rat his sow—as a member av the congregation av St. Edmonds, d'ye mind, and its been threasure-ivour since.

Av course, there will be other things at the fair. There'll be pigs and goats and seese and ducks and chickens, and perhaps a few donkeys to hang around the cabin in the make-believe bog an' chew the wash off the line, and there will be a popular-rity contist for the gir-rls av the parish, and another for the babies.

The Rev. John G. Greenhill is rector of the church. He is being assisted by the Rev. Stephen Dever and the Rev. Joseph J. Conway; the laud that was raised around 8th and Fidal streets, where they remember the pranks av him to this day, and ould school books on the road afore he went to St. Charles' Seminary to be priested.

Perhaps they may have the donkey av McCamman as a special attraction. McCamman, d'ye mind, is still peevish at the baste for kicking his son in the ribs. Poort Richmond says McCamman shant sell the animal, and McCamman says, says he.

'Divil a bit do I care what Poort Richmond says. Wid it Poort Richmond that fed the baste and stabled it, I'll sell it av I want to.

'An' d'ye want to, Mr. McCamman, now?' he was asked. 'Bekease yet bettir than I do, I want to.

'O' dunnno,' says McCamman. 'O'it'll sell it av I want to, but I dunnno as I want to.'

'Yes, I suppose so,' said the small; 'and now I must hunt up something else to study.'

'Just so,' said Tommy, 'there's a lot of interesting creatures besides spiders! Good luck to you, friend. I must get back to my home.' And Tommy started back toward the log where he knew Mrs. Tommy was busy at her work.

Hardly had he got in sight of the house when the same industrious Mrs. Tommy called to him, 'Tommy! Tommy! Come here quick! I'm frightened!'

'Frightened!' exclaimed Tommy with a hasty look around for danger. 'What's the trouble?'

'I'm sure I don't know,' cried Mrs. Tommy, 'that's the very reason I am frightened!'

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REVIVAL OF BARETTE PROCLAIMED IN CITY

Once Popular Headgear Is Brought to Life Again. Women Hail News

The barette, which lost prestige about two or three years ago is coming into its own again, according to one of the leading city jewelers today.

This will be hailed with delight by the nervous women particularly, who are nearly distracted by the tiny wisps of hair which become separated from their brothers and sisters and fall down over the back of the collar in an untidy fashion.

"A barette may make or mar an otherwise beautiful coiffure and should be selected with as much care as a hat," said a Philadelphia hair-dresser.

"It is a beautifully shaped head indeed that can stand the hair slicked back from the face, drawn up tightly in the back in a knot, and finished with a barette fitting snugly against the head."

"Unfortunately, some women give very little thought to the size or style of a barette, and in consequence go about with heads of hair beautifully arranged, but conspicuous by the ugliness in shape and size of the barette. A barette is not a barette any more than a pair of stockings is a pair of stockings; there are sizes and styles each adapted to a different head or foot, as the case might be."

The barettes shown in the shops are dainty, plain gold in oval and oblong shapes for every day wear, and fancy ones in the same shapes in solid gold studded with tiny pearls.

Methodist Hospital Carnival Everything is gay at the carnival being held at Broad and Ritner streets under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. The carnival will continue tonight and tomorrow.

Mrs. Tommy Suspects Danger "Now, if that isn't too bad!" exclaimed the small when the spider disappeared from sight. "Just when he had begun to tell us about himself and his troubles! Oh, dear! Now I suppose I never will learn anything!"

Tommy Tittlemouse laughed. "I wouldn't feel as badly as all that," he remarked. "For ants don't stay around here forever. We'll just go about our business till this ant scare is over. Then

that he had spent exploring the garden and making friends with the garden folk. Mrs. Tommy had been working hard at their home! She had widened it and had gnawed out a passage clear through the log and out at the other end! Just what Tommy had wanted when they first moved in! She had been so careful with her work that Tommy didn't even suspect what she was doing all the days till now—when it was all done and displayed to him.

"My dear little mate," he cried delightfully. "Never was there such an industrious Tittlemouse in this world! And you have gnawed the walls so beautifully! And shaped the entrance so safely! Dear mate! I am very proud of you!"

But at the time Tommy was praising her, Mrs. Tommy stood there shaking—she wasn't one bit happy, as she had expected to be. And Tommy, for the life of him, couldn't understand what she was afraid of—till she whispered desperately, "There! Look! Tommy! See that bit of dust?" And Tommy looked and sure enough! There in the spick-span clean doorway was a bit of sawdust that Tommy knew perfectly well had not been there a minute before!

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SUFFRAGISTS PREPARE GALA BANNER RAISING

Elaborate Ceremony Will Mark Exercises in Germantown Tomorrow

All roads lead to the "busy corner," Germantown and Chelten avenues, tomorrow night, when the Equal Franchise League of Chestnut Hill and the Woman Suffrage party of Germantown will raise a campaign banner.

Suffragists will meet at 7:30 o'clock at the headquarters on West Chelten avenue and will march in a body to the scene of excitement. Automobiles decorated with suffrage banners will line the streets, and will be occupied by prominent men and women in the social and political life of Germantown and Chestnut Hill. Mr. Robert D. Dripps will be the presiding officer and Mrs. William Albert Wood, chairman of the Germantown suffrage headquarters and grand marshal of the Philadelphia suffrage parades, will make the presentation speech.

Ernest Toogood, leader of the 13th Legislative district, will pull the string to raise the banner. Other speakers will include Miss Jane Myers, organizer of the College League; William Emhardt, chairman of the Washington party in the 2d Ward; Lawrence Bryan Scott, candidate for City Solicitor; and Mrs. George Pierse, chairman of the Woman Suffrage party of Philadelphia.

Stitches in Child's Tongue Six-year-old Helen Nightingale, 1018 Eitting street, is recovering in the Max Drexel Home today after having her tongue sewed. Six stitches were necessary for the operation. The child fell and gnawed out a passage clear through the tongue while playing in a recreation centre at 5th and Jefferson streets.

NOVEL PHONE MOVIE AT LEDGER CENTRAL

Large Crowds See Demonstrations Involving Unique Mechanical Device

A novel departure in motion-picture presentation may be seen any evening in the window of Ledger Central from 8 to 9 o'clock. The picture itself, "The Telephone Way," is an interesting eight-reel story of the tragedy and sentiment which may be woven about the telephone, but the mechanical features of the presentation attract even more attention than the substance of the picture.

The motion picture machine is placed at right angles to the spot on which the picture appears. The picture first is thrown upon a mirror deflected at an angle of 45 degrees. From the mirror the image is reflected on a pane of frosted glass, which is a panel in the French window used in the dressing room scene in the Ledger Central window.

As the motion picture machine and the mirror are behind the French window, it is difficult for the observer to understand from where the picture is being thrown without stepping inside of the office. The dressing room scene set in the display window renders the illusion complete and gives a touch of realism not often seen in ordinary presentations of motion pictures.

The picture shows the need of the telephone in the modern home. The opening view shows a family scene with the mother telling the father that the telephone is a useless extravagance. Despite his protest she orders the telephone taken out. The very next night the only child is taken critically ill. Without a telephone the doctor cannot be found for nearly an hour.

The next day the telephone is replaced and its use is soon demonstrated. While the father and mother are away the house runs to the telephone and, although she cannot speak plainly, the operator understands that something is wrong and the police are summoned in time to save the child and the house.

Later scenes show the employment opportunities offered by the modern telephone establishments, and the various positions which are open both to girls and men. The entire presentation is under the direction of the Bell Telephone Company, which is giving daily demonstrations in the Ledger Central display window.

NEARLY KILLED BY MOSQUITO

Four Operations Necessary to Remove Poison From Body of Bitten Man

A mosquito bite almost caused the death of Edward C. Mullen, a salesman, of 231 Queen Lane, Germantown, who was operated on four times by physicians in the Germantown Hospital before he was declared out of danger. He was sent to his home today.

Mullen and his wife were walking along the Boardwalk at Willowood August 23, when a mosquito bit him on the back of the neck. The bite caused a swelling which necessitated calling a physician. The swelling gained such proportions that the man was ordered to the hospital. The poison had extended through his entire system.

LADS WILL WALK 270 MILES

Philadelphia Pedestrians to Set Out From Burlington, Vermont

Six youths, six of prominent business men in the northeast, will leave tonight for Burlington, Vt., where they will start on a 270-mile walking tour across the State into New Hampshire. In New Hampshire the youths will be joined by three other Philadelphia boys who are already there on a similar tour.

The party will then walk to Portland, Me. The boys, who will leave Broad Street Station tonight at 6 o'clock, are Henry R. Strathman, Jr., Curtis Behrendt, Charles H. Schaefer, Jr., Leonard L. Hildner and Evelyn Scheller. They will be met in New Hampshire by George McKelvey, Jacob Grauer and Harry Weber.

The youths have planned the trip so that they will cover the distance, walk the majority, in about a month. They will study various rock formations en route. The same boys toured Pennsylvania on foot last summer.

Auto Hits 7-year-old Boy

WIFE GOES TO MEET PROF. FRIEND'S SPIRIT

Moves Home to Be Near Lusatiana Victim When He Talks

HARTFORD, Sept. 17.—That she might be "near" her dead husband, Prof. Edwin W. Friend, who perished on the Lusatiana, Mrs. Friend has left Farmington, Conn., for Brighton, Mass., where a spiritualistic medium is receiving daily messages for Mrs. Friend. Mrs. Friend and her twin sister, Miss Boston Roberts, were formerly known on the concert platform as the Platten Sisters.

Professor Friend has sent word he is happy in his present state. Rather than make monthly visits to Boston, Mrs. Friend has decided to move there and be in daily communication with her husband's spirit. Since the sinking of the Lusatiana she has been a guest at one of the cottages on Miss Theodate Pope's big estate, Hillstead, in Farmington.

URGE BOILING OF MILK

Authorities Begin Campaign of Education Against Typhoid

Following the development of more than 25 known cases of typhoid fever and seven or eight suspected cases in the Old York road suburban section, between Willow Grove and Melrose Park, the authorities of Cheltenham township have issued recommendations to all residents that milk should be boiled.

In the meantime preparations are being made to flood the stricken section with circulars, explaining the situation and declaring that milk from the Francis Farm has been discontinued from the routes and will not be resumed until the authorities have completed their investigations and removed all possible means of contamination.

Leaves \$50 to Relief Fund

In the will of Jennie G. Drum, of Berwyn, Chester County, admitted to probate today, a bequest of \$50 is made to the fund for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the diocese of the district of New York. The rest of the estate, which is valued at \$630 in the aggregate, is left to various charities.

Other wills probated today included those of Leo Weber, late of 2038 West Berks street, who left an estate valued at \$400; Mary A. Adams, 4290 Franklin street, \$340, and A. Halden Rounbush, 1520 Mifflin street, \$300.

SIMPLICITY IS A FEATURE OF NEWEST HAT STYLES

Simple, clean lines are the keynote of the latest hat styles. The new hats are simple, for in some cases being quite sufficient, or a knot of silver tissue, iridescent beads, flat bradings, ribbons, etc. Of course, there will always be an endless variety of trimmings, but their use is entirely dependent upon the whim of the season.

A very neat, as well as an extremely practical, hat for the young schoolgirl is a hat in a shape which may be had in almost any shade, from a charming rose yellow to deep Copen blue. The only trimming is a touch of soft wool embroidery to set above the crown.

Another very smart hat is a simple, but with the younger set during the coming season.

Beaver is first in popularity, then all kinds of chosen furs to match the tailored suit. As a consequence, trimmings are simpler, for in some cases being quite sufficient, or a knot of silver tissue, iridescent beads, flat bradings, ribbons, etc. Of course, there will always be an endless variety of trimmings, but their use is entirely dependent upon the whim of the season.

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THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA AT PLAY—MAGNITUDE and CHEERFULNESS

THE SUMMIT OF ATLANTIC CITY

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The Traymore is different from every other hotel; it was designed and furnished to harmonize absolutely with the atmosphere of the seashore. It is a majestic expression of the life of Atlantic City. Some of its unique features are the vast marble Exchange, flanked with fountains and sheltered angles, the Restaurant, the Submarine Grill, the Belvedere, the Rose Hall, the Library Tower, the Cloister Garden, the Rotunda, the Fountain of Fate, the three Decks fronting the Boardwalk and the sea, and last but not least, the superb orchestra of musicians.

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