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HE financial standing of a

ashionable woman

nowadays is pretty accurately indicated

by the amount of fur she wears." So says one of our best fashion correspond-ents, who has many

opportunities to ob-serve the truth of her statement. And

they are handsome furs, too, light-weight, shimmering,

weight, shimmerne, and draped, shirred, or gathered like the finest of slike. This method of handling furs le quite original to the present season. Time was when the fur cost was a cumbersome.

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WOMAN SMUGGLERS' ETHICS ARE CURIOUS, SAYS M'LISS

The Human Gnat, Otherwise Known as the "Masher," Also Comes in for a Sharp Dig

DOUBTLESS it is a distinct surprise to Mrs. Whitney Warren, American society leader and philanthropist, and to Baroness Jeanne D'Etreillis, head of a leading metropolitan dressmaking establishment, to find themselves facing a charge of attempting to defraud the Government by smuggling valuable gowns into the country.

According to the belief of the Collector of the Port, these women brought in thousands of dollars' worth of wearing apparel without declaring them properly or paying sufficient duty. They are women of the highest standing in the community, who, probably in the ordinary affairs of life, are honest down to the last penny.

"But," said the indignant Baroness, "It was only smuggling. I knew was naughty, but I did not think it was bad."

There you have the peculiarity of woman's moral equipment. To deliberately steal \$10,000, to lift it from a safe or a bureau drawer, would be a horrible crime from the feminine viewpoint, but, I venture to say nine women out of every ten, nay, 99 out of every 100, would positively gloat over their cleverness in "beating" the Government out of a like amount.

There are male smugglers, of course, but they are usually professional thieves. I never heard of a man who "did' a diamond scarfpin up in his colffure because he wanted that jewel for himself, or who secreted gay raiment in false compartments in his trunk because he wanted said raiment for his personal adornment.

In the feminine code of ethics (and I maintain that this is quite a different thing from the masculine code) smuggling and dishonesty are not synanymous.

"If I pay 5000 francs for a ball gown, I've paid for it; what right, then, has the government to step in and say that I have to pay more to bring it into this country? The frock is mine when I get the receipted bill. I ought to be able take it anywhere I please. If by my ingenuity I can frustrate their plan to stop me. I would be a silly goese not to do it."

This is the attitude the average woman takes toward the custom house. Of course, it's wrong; of course, it's unethical, gentlemen. But what right have you to expect an individual to respect a law which you don't consider she has intelligence enough to make?

. . . On to Washington!

T WILL cost the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association just \$200, I am told, for the privilege of sending its 30 delegates and 30 alternates to the national convention in Washington this week. My informants also tell me there has been much criticism of the "state" (which is the way the "suffs" speak of their officers) for penuriousness,

Had they been willing to spend \$100 more, so the headquarters' gosalp Had they been willing to spend \$100 more, so the headquarters' gossip goes, the Keystone State could have sent 100 of its representative women to liver a number of Wigless dolls to little the National capital-50 as delegates and 50 as alternates. In this way, the dominance of the New York women, who are coming down to Washington with a tremendous contingent, would have been weakened and the presidential candidate the Pennsylvania women want, whoever she may be, would have been in a fairer way of being elected.

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The Gnats of Humanity

IT'S A high tribute to Robert Louis Stevenson that he could so write his "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" as to make an impressionable young man who read it believe that he, too, was suffering from the uncertain effects of a dual personality, but not much is to be said for the intelligence of the young women who were terrorized at the antics of the obsessed former Haverford student.

Personally, I see a great deal that is disagreeable and annoying in the actions of the masher, and I suppose Loring Crosman was simply suffering from an exaggerated attack of the "mash" germ. I've always held that it was necessary to have a wart on one's nose and a cost in one's eye to be able to walk up Chestnut street after dark and not have at least one of these human gnats buzz around.

But I see nothing to be frightened at in their activities. The masher is essentially a coward. He thrives only on encouragement. Who is responsible then for the existence of the masher?

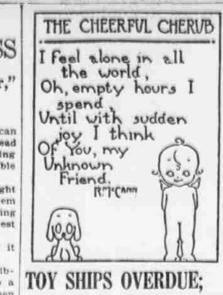
. . . Trotting Out an Old One

"WOMAN'S place, even the actress' place, is in the home," says a prom-inent member of the Mask and Wig Club apropos the mandate of Dean Jones, of Yale, forbidding the members of the dramatic organization to act in

feminine roles for more than a year. Not to be too slangy, I should like to observe that this gag has whiskers on it. Woman's place is not in the home. Witness the French homekeepers who are manning the subway cars in Paris. Witness the London women who are running the trams and taxis while their lords and masters are "somewhere in France" defending the country. Witness the hausfrauen of Germany who are cleaning the streets while their fathers, husbands and sons are goose-stepping through Belgium and Serbia, to say nothing of several other countries.

"Nijinsky is greater than Pavlowa," says the local critic prating of the superiority of masculine accomplishment, "our own Charley Morgan, the Mask and Wig 'girl,' is greater than Gaby. In short, all men are greater than all women" or words to that effect.

I take exception, Mr. Mask and Wigger. Potentially all women are as



threasure and builky thing which one almost dreaded to wear. Now the vari-cties of skating costumes, motor and afternoon out-ties spects cichtes Mesna's and Kelbergen's Arrival Anxiously Awaited by Old Kriss and Kiddies

SANTA CLAUS WORRIED

Children, did you see Santa Claus today standing on top of Billy Penn's statue anxiously scanning the southern horizon through marine glasses? He was there, and he was nervous, too. He was looking for two steamships that have on board many cases of toys which he is to distribute on Christmas five. The vessels are the Mesna and the Kelbegen, of the Holland-America Line. Both are long different, of course. overdue. The delay has been causd by stress of weather. The Mesna reached the Delaware Breakwater today and the Kelberger is expected tomorrowd. The Meana has 100 cases of toys and 2 cases of dolla' wigs in her hold and the Kelbergen has 150 cases of toys. Think of it, if anything should happen to the

children. While waiting for the arrival of the ves-sel, old Kris has not been idle. He has made all arrangements with Collector of the Port Berry and the other custom of-ficials and with Tongshoremen to facili-tate the discharge of the toys from the transmission satisfies they are tate the discharge of the toys from the steamships immediately after they are warped into the docks. Autotrucks will be on hand to whirl the toys to the various branches of Santa Claus' estab-

The toys were made in Germany. Six months ago their purchasers made an at-tempt to get them here. They got as far as Holland, where the British order in council declared they would have to re-main, as it was England's intention to keep all German-made goods at home. The agents of Santa Claus were disap-pointed, but not defeated, and they made their appeal to the mighty Uncle Sam to help them get these toys out of Holland so little children of America would not be deprived of them at Christmas time. The toys were made in Germany.

Christmas Hints

For 'him'-get something practical. And it isn't safe nowadays to select ci-gars, he always makes fun of them. There are plonty of useful things in the stores only most women fail to see them. For instance, handkerchiefs. Pretty everyday styles may be bought at 25 cents aplece. These have machine-embroidered initials may be had without decoration, herd A more elaborately initialed stitched. odel sells at 50 cents apiece. These have the initials done in dark blue and manye, and are very good booking, indeed, At \$1 there are handsome styles galore, although \$1 is usually more than a woman wants to pay for one handkerchief. A traveling hag is another practical gift, if he has occasion to use one often, and most men have. At \$10 a handsome

just the thing to slip on these cold nights

BROCADED EVENING WRAP TRIMMED WITH KOLINSKY



WHY DOCTORS' BILLS SHOULD BE PAID; CONDITIONS OF HIS SERVICES

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

the doctor.

refuse his services.

over, "Now, doctor," he began, "you agreed to take care of her whenever she called

to take care of her whenever she called you, didn't you?" "I did," said the doctor, "And you were to charge me \$200 a year for your professional services, kui or cure, were you not?" "Certainly, that was the bargain," said the doutor.

the doctor. "Now, doctor, you don't mean to say you cured her?" queried Larry. "Why, no, I couldn't..." "Well, are you ready to swear you killed her?" "Hardly. You see..." "Then you may whistle for

"Hardly. You see..." "Then you may whistle for your pay, dootor!" As a whistler, the doctor proved a great success. The next term of Su-preme Court considerately added inter-est and court charges to the original bill, and Larry had to pay for the music. Two things are not yet clearly un-derstood by some people. First, a doc-tor's fee is collectable. And second, a doctor is not legally bound to attend any one under any circumstances unliss he wants to. You can't make a doctor work for a contingent fee, and you can't make him work at all if he chooses to refuse his services.

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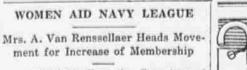
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Umbrella

VOUR doctor's bill, as a general rule, the circumstances. He called to talk it I reads, "For Professional Services Rendered." That means that you are to pay for work done and not for miracles performed. If you hire a doctor to attend you in sickness you enter a contract to pay for his expert services whether he succeeds in curing you or not. It would be unfortunate for both parties in the contract if the terms were otherwise. For Instance:

A shrewd son of Erin had a wife and couldn't keep her from running to the doctor with every little ache or pain. So he made up his mind to hit off a bargain with the doctor. He persuaded the doctor to take care of his wife by the year, agreeing to pay a fixed annual subsidy for the doctor's services instead of a fee for each visit.

Well, the arrangement worked beautifully for a time. Then the woman died. The bereaved husband was inconsolable. But, of course, that was no concern of the doctor's. In fact, the doctor sent in his bill the day after the funeral; the amount seemed exorbitant to Larry under



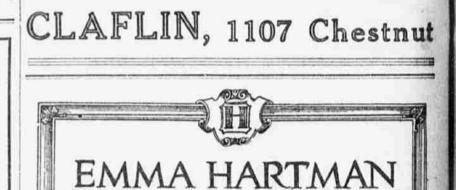
A Fhiladelphia Executive Committee of he Women's Section of the Navy League the Women's section of the Navy League is busily engaged recruiting new members for the organization. The committee is headed by Mrs. Alexander Van Rensse-laer, vice president and governor for Pennsylvania in the national organiza-

When?

When shall the watchful sun, England, my England, Match the masterwork you've done, England, my own? When shall he rejoice again Such a breed of mighty men As come forward, one to ten, To the song on your bugles blown, England--Down the years on your bugles blown? H. E. Henley.



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-and of course, that's mother, these days. A silver-plated Colonial design, with ebeny handles and accommodating six cups of coffee costs \$16,09.

six cups of coffee costs \$16,09. Just a word about another gift for mother. A brown muskent coat is selling in one of the stores for \$135. The model is short and full, with a belt at the back, and has the "accepted flare around the bottom. A lovely broacaded brown-and-gold lining carries out the tones of the coat to perfection.

1523 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia

when he sits down to a qu capable as all men. We have not been trained in some of your arts and a long day at the office. These come in all the wanted styles, with braided frogs at the front and patch pockets. trades, even as you have not been trained in some of ours. But just as you can knit, crochet and bathe the baby, when properly taught, so we, too, can The price is \$5. If it is a younger man, don't take vote, administer the affairs of the municipality and cut a figure in the business world when properly taught.

Capability and originality have no gender. Bernhardt, Duse, Nazimova, Mary Anderson are on a plane no lower than Booth, Barrett, Jefferson, David Warfield or E. H. Sothern. Worth makes beautiful clothes, but so do the Callot sisters. Koch was a great scientist. So also is Madame Curie.

M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear M'Liss-Kindly tell me who pays for the carriages or taxis at a wedding?

The bride's family, alas! alack-a-day! pays for everything but the clergyman's fee, the flowers for the bridal party and the gifts for the ushers and best man

Dear M'Liss-If the past tense of "embroider" is "embroidered," why do so many people say "embroideried?"

For the same reason, I suppose, as they say drown-ded." Because they don't know any better. . . .

Dear M'Liss-In submitting an article to a magazine editor is it better to send it by mail or to take it in personally? ASPIRANT.

Unless you know the editor it is considered more professional to send your MS. Have it typewritten, on one side of the paper only, and inclose postage in case of rejection. . . .

Dear M'Liss-Please tell me the origin of the Mummers' celebration in Philadelphia. SOUTH PHILADELPHIA.

The first mention that I find of this band of local celebrants is dated 1700. According to Scharf & Westcott's history of Philadelphia, they used to make merry originally on Christmas Eve and on Christmas; but the other festivities coincident with this holiday crowded them out, and the time was changed to New Year's Day. This was about 1774. The merrymakers, who started as a little band of revelers traveling from tavern to tavern, gradually grew into the huge affair that we now witness-a pageant unique in the history of this country.

Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

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MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS

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and both are inexpensive, you are sure of his favorite brand clgarettes, you can ber him a box itaining 50 or 100, ranging in price from cents to \$2.50, according to size and uality. Another welcome addition to a busy by's toy hat is an electric engine. This isn't the ordinary kind of ensine, by any means. The bell rings, and immediately the tiny sates go up to allow the train to pass. It is fascinating to play with, even for grown-uns, and the price is \$150. An electric percolator is another acceptable sift for the head of the house INQUIRER.

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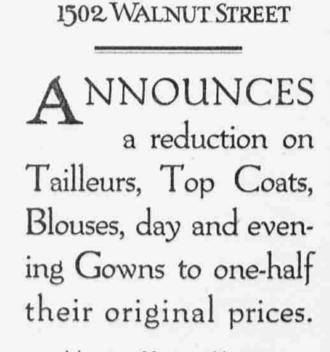
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