## NEW TEACHERS FOR OLD, AS DR. MARTIN URGES, SAYS M'LISS

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Depriving the Kiddies of Their Christmas Tree Is an Injustice

#### When Is a Teacher "Hopeless," Doctor Martin?

THE efficiency bug has more victims. Like the fallacy that if a thing is "modern" it is perfect, the efficiency habit has crept upon us. We have efficient nurses for our children. We have efficient bookkeepers, and now the Board of Education wants efficient teachers. Not only this, but Dr. Martin prooven to diamiss the older teachers whom he designates as "hopeless" and to install "young blood with ginger and efficiency" in their places. He intimates, but does not guarantee, a pension for the discarded schoolmarms. What is this efficiency which is ousting the older women, anyway? Is it real merit, or is it only Dr. Martin's private notion of what a teacher should be? Young blood and ginger sounds well enough as a figure of speech, but it cannot replace experience in handling the problems of the schoolroom. It cannot give balance and dignity where those qualities are lacking. There is no sentiment in business, but there should be justice.

## 4 . 4 . 4 Passing of the Christmas Tree

CITY HALL PLAZA is going to bloom with greens again. Venders have placed their bids for the location to display their Christmas trees there. I heard a mother say the other day, "I'm not going to have a tree this year; I'm tired of them, and I'm sure the children are too. It's entirely too much trouble." Poor little kiddles, it's the passing of the Christmas tree which marks the first distillusionment of Christmas. I have seen women buy a tree and trim it for pet dogs, and cats, and dumb creatures who have no understanding of the occasion at all, and yet, when it comes to their own, it is "too much trouble." I wonder when the relative value of child and dog will be settled, and how?

### . . . Culture in Small Doses

THE public distribution of Philadelphia Orchestra tickets began today. With L one of these tickets, which are free for the asking, you may enjoy the same orchestra which plays at the Academy, thanks to the efforts of a number of music-loving citizens. Few people realize just how much money and how much co-operation is necessary to procure this privilege for the public. But they do realize that Philadelphia as a musical centre is not all it should be, and that educating the general public to appreciate good music is a step toward intellectual progress. Let's hope that next Sunday night's concert will be crowded to the doors. As I heard a little woman remark when the project first came up, "Well, if they don't go for music, they'll go because they're getting something for nothing. After that they'll get to like it."

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#### Housekeepers, Beware!

A NEW story of how a foolish woman was robbed of her diamonds and silver-ware appears in a local paper. It seems that the lady was of peculiarly trusting disposition, being in the habit of leaving her key with the milkman when she went out, so that gentleman might deliver the milk indoors. She took no chances on losing the milk. Unfortunately, the milkman was but an ordinary human being, and the temptation was too great for him, so one day he fell off, and removed several valuable articles along with his milk bottles. There is a moral in this tale for the average housekceper who leaves small change about the house. Such a practice puts a servant at a disadvantage, for when anything is gone she is the first one under suspicion.

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## Giving the Benedicts a Chance

THE decision of the Pennsylvania Railroad with regard to the all-important question of hiring and firing is a step in the right direction. The delegates declared that there would be distinctions made as to race, age, or between bachelors and married men. In fact, they went further than this, by declaring that they would give married men the preference. And why not? It stands to reason that the man with others dependent upon him will work as hard, if not harder, than the unattached individual which is called a bachelor. And when a married man is fired, it isn't only one man who suffers. It is the little mother at home who has no comeback.

## . . . French Fashions-"Made in Germany"

ASTORY from London reveals a plot to ruin the prestige of French fashions, The Germans, of course, are to blame, having bought up and operated a very well known Parislan dressmaking firm, with German capital, according to the report. The object of this performance was to increase Germany's trade by putting out inferior gowns and wraps at the French establishment, thereby transferring the trade to the Fatherland. Personally, I have the greatest respect for German ingenuity, but I refuse to believe that the American woman is so gullible as this would suggest. Germany has devised many clever substitutions, she has replaced her food supply with artificial diet, but she can't make us think that fashion can come out of Germany.

#### . . . Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Dear M'Liss—I have heard that there is a school of journalism somewhere in this city. Would this help me to get a position on a newspaper and how long would the course take? I would also like to know the requirements for en-trance. OPPORTUNITY. There is no school of journalism that I know of in Philadelphia. Columbia Dear M'Liss-I have heard that there is a school of journalism somewhere

FRUIT AND BERRY SHADES · COMING INTO PROMINENCE

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS HAVE LAST CHANCE TO "DO IT EARLY" TODAY

Practicality is Leading Note many papers, especially those of outdoor in Many Types of Gifts. Noah's Arks Popular As Ever

## BOOKS AS PRESENTS

## Including today, there are only also shopping days before Christmas.

Today ends the "Shop Early" season. This day, December 15, was set by the Consumers' League as the time all Christmas shopping should be over and through with. So many of us have dis-graced, ourselves. The only way we can help the harried workers in the counter-trenches of the shops now is to get the necessary things as soon as pos-aible, instead of leaving it all to be done on December 23 and 24.

Christmas.

A sturdy practicality appears in play-things that are for sale now. A wooden dol, that seems very popular, has an ex-pression that is far from wooden. Equal-iy unbreakable are many of the toy dishes, animals and other nursery fol-bles. The "Pom Pom" baby is made of stockinette and is named from the dain-ty ornaments used upon it.

a great standby for gifts. If they are good enough to live longer than it takes to glance through them once. For boys and girls one cannot go far wrong in giving Stevenson's "Treasure Island." which everybody ought to read at least once a year.

The men and women who shiver on the street corners and stamp first one foot and then the other do not get any reinto their boxes go toward the Christmas dinners of poor children, poor men and women. They get no reward except the

women. They get no reward except the feeling that they sacrifice themselves for others. They, at least, then, are experi-encing the real Christmas spirit. The Volunteers of America, as well as the Salvation Army, are making big preparations. Colonel Alice V. Herron preparations. mays the greatest need she encounters is says the greatest need she encounters is proper clothing and shoes for children. Children are going to school in dilapi-dited affairs not worthy the name of shoes; full of holes, that let the stock-ings touch the cold sidewalk every step, and where the stocking presses soon there is the bare foot touching the bricks and inviting continual "sniffes" and pneumo-ris and shifts the demon crew of nia and all the rest of the demon crew of winter mainades. Every sick child is a sermon. Colo-nel Herron urgently asks for funds to

bring help to the many cases, all of which she personally investigates.

The good work which Lieutenant Samuel Little and the police of the 20th and Herks streets station have done at Christmas time in making glad the hearts of the poor children in their district, the 25th, is to be repeated this year, and a committee consisting of Lieutenant Little. Sergeant Lawrence Johnson, who originated the plan four years ago, and Pollceman David Hubbs has made an appeal for funds to carry out the pro-THE CHEERFUL CHERVB I thrill with the wonder of life -

## Marion Harland's Corner

matters little through whose hands the benefaction passes so long as it sets there. The teacher's Bible was given away before we knew that you could make good use of it. I hereby ask that another be found for you.

Needs a Kitchen Stove "I address you this note in behalf of

a poor old woman who has fallen from her high estate and is trying to keep her "little" intact. She works in one of the stores, but has barely enough to live on. She is in need of a birbon store is to be

High School Books

graduates have no further use. It would be a kind act to look them up and send to us for the address of Mrs. A. S.

Want Piano Music

"I have something nice to tell you,

see ner. It was oncred to us if we would pay the shipping. One plano mover wanted \$7, so I told him that we were poor and he said he would move it for \$4.50. When he saw our home he charged only \$4. The woman is glad she gave it to us. Now, G. D. asks if some one will give us lessons free of charge. We have found such a friend in the Comput-

have found such a friend in the Cornerite who gave us clothing and who will give us a bed. Now all we need is some music -beginner's or some other kind. My mother says we should not bother you all the time, but I think you are giad to help us if you can, aren't you? "MARY 5."

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## Wishes Special Periodicals

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many papers, especially those of outdot life. Is there not some one who would help me to keep him at home in the even-ings? They are so long? Surely there is nothing better for a schoolboy 14 years old than to read such papers. Will you try to get him some? We all love to read. C. F." There can be but one opinion upon the

stores, but has barely enough to live on She is in need of a kitchen stove. If you know of some one who has such an arti-cle unused she may be willing to sive it to some one in actual need of it. "MRS, C. L. C." That she is poor and old classes her with those whom we are bound by con-science and inclination to serve to the best of our ability. Age and poverty are the harder to bear for the memories of better days. We will do what we can toward making her comfortable for the winter. The stove is a "must have" in the circumstances. There can be but one opinion upon the point you bring forward. The 14-year-old bey could not be hetter employed after leasons are learned than in reading whole-some, clean, papers like those you men-tion. Our juniors who have kindred tastes will see to it that he sets enough to pass away evenings happily.

#### Handicapped by Deafness

Handicapped by Deafness "I am much troubled with my hearing and frequently have a ringing noise in my ears as steam escaping. I have con-suited a local specialist quite recently but without benefit. I am convinced that any complaint of this kind may be cured or at least considerably helped if I can get assistance. I want to get a set of artifi-cial ear drums. Do you know any one who would get them for me and allow me to pay for them at a sum of \$1 a week? Being a general office man by trade, but at present employed only on a nominal job. I cannot get sufficient funds in hand to pay all down, and this deafness is det-rimental to my success. R. P." It is utterly contrary to our rules to ask "You tell of some high school books which the owner is willing to give away. which the owner is willing to sive away. If you can put me into communication with Mrs. G. R. I will be grateful. "MRS. A. S" It would have been a pleasure to us to put you in touch with the donor of the books had they not been passed over to an earlier applicant. But there must be more books of the same kind for which eraduates have no further use. It would

It is utterly contrary to our rules to ask

It is utterly contrary to our rules to ask for pecuniary assistance, and the fore-going letter, straightforward and honest in the statement of the circumstances under which the writer is driven to ap-peal to us, would not be inserted but for the hope that the drums may be procured for him through some other medium than the method he suggests. It is pos-sible a reader may have a pair for which he has no longer use or that once be-longed to a deceased friend or that may he secured in some other way than by "I have something nice to tell you. G. D., your co-worker, has written to us many times and I have told her about our family, and all she wishes to know. She asked me if we had any musical in-strument. I answered that we hadn't any, but were longing for one. She sent me the address of a woman who had a square plano, and mother and I went to see her. It was offered to us if we would ney the shipping. One plano mover the accured in some other way than by the installment plan here indicated. With this thought in mind I yield to the temptation to lay the matter before Cornerites. It is a sad story!

## Any Kind of Wind Instrument

"I intended to write to you last week offering a child's bed, but heard of a poor little deformed baby in the coun-try in great need of one, so it went there instead. I could make good use of the teacher's Bible offered by E. J. S. and will gladly send postage for it. If any of your readers have any kind of a wind instrument to give away suitable for a boy of 14 years, it would be gratefully accepted by a family here who have more than their share of sickness. Two boys in the family nave to undergo opera-tions now (one has already had two) and will have to be under medical care for months. The doctor has advised them to get the instrument for one of the family to expand his chest, but they feel that with all the extra expense which they will have they cannot afford it. 1 have promised to write to the Corner and to pay postage on it ... you

can get one. 1 only wish I could afford to supply the need myself. "MRS. W. J." Services already rendered the Corner testify to your desire to supply the need without reference to us. Expansion of a weak chest by blowing into a horn or

bugle is a common prescription in certain cases. If there be a wind instrument lying unused and not likely to be wanted in the family, will not the owner write for the address of our charitable member HORLICK'S who will pay parcel post? I am glad, dear colleague, that the deformed baby got the bed which we might otherwise have received. The helpless and needy everywhere are of the household of char-ity, therefore belong to our family. It

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gray, Joffre-blue, Scotch plaids and the queer blue which is the color of the French officers' uniforms, and then the President's fiancee renamed the hunter's President's nances renamed the Autor's green and nigger brown of a season ago. Now they are known as Bolling green and Rolling brown, although I can see no difference in the shades themselves. The lints for evening wear, for wraps, limings and those light silks of which the autors blows are made are write too taffetas blouses are made are pretty, too One sees the quaint apricot, nile green, old-fashioned violets, mauves and orchids, cherry reds, tea-rose pinks and such odd shadings as beige and faille. The colored-blouse rage is carried out in crepes, popular than the plain ones, in fact, al-most all the cloaks for young girls are lined with this attractive silk. silks, georgettes and chiffons, Combinations of two or more materials are as common as combinations of several col-ors. I saw one model recently made of

## SAD DAYS AHEAD FOR COAL MAN; DOCTOR'S ADVICE BEING HEEDED

#### By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

A MEAT market proprietor who re-size of his market by one half and econsize of his market by one half and econ-omize in other sensible ways, gave out as the reason for this contraction a

FOR A YOUNG GIRL D<sup>1D</sup> you ever remember a season when milady wore so many picturesque-sounding and picturesque-looking colors<sup>\*</sup> The military modes gave us battleahip-The military modes gave us battleanipworn by younger women as well as ma-trons. Evening wraps are confined to lighter shades, such as pale flesh pink, clei-blue, biscuit color, orange, peacock green, cream and watermelon pink. The latter is a very odd and youthful shade, a product of the present season. Linings are elaborate to a degree; they may be brochded with gold and silver or bronze threads, they may have arabesques of raised plush upon fine chiffon, for the older woman. The young girl wears alls or satin, with a warm interlining of lamb's wool. Flowered silts are more

Teday's illustration shows a neat opera cloak in deep sapphire-blue velvet, with collars and cuffs of white fox. The col-

oral recently made of coral recently with hand-embroidered revers in old cold and Prussian-blue shades, and the blouse wasn't loud, even if it does nound so. The tints were ad-mirably blended. Velvets show many new shadings, al-though they are more or less limited be-cause of a chortness or dyes. In fact, the spring models are going to be affect-

# on December 23 and 24. And then to resolve to shop early next . . .

Noah's Arks are as popular as ever. They run from 10-cent Arks up to \$10 Arks, but they all have the same shape, impractical for sailing, as of old. The \$10 zebras lose the left hind leg as easily as the 10-cent zebras do. All the animals always seem to lose the same leg, and probably they are still weak in that member. They never can stand on three legs and it is still necessary to have a pot of glue medicine ready in the Ark hespital. Noah's Arks are as popular as ever.

## Apropos of Arks, there is a clever book in the shops, "The Log of the Ark," which shows very humorously that it was not all beer and skittles for Noah

was not all beer and skittles for Aoni on the original vessel. More "highbrow" literature is also in demand. There are new books out com-paratively recently by Wells ("The Re-search Magnificent"), by Arnold Bennett ("We Twain"), and good war books by Bennett and Edith Wharton. Books are a great standby for gifts, if they are

University in New York city has one, however, and it is very fine, I understand. dictum is at last accepted-we eat too The course takes four years if you have not had college English or its equivmuch. alent. During that time you have almost every branch of newspaper experience-feature writing, covering news stories, writing interviews, etc. The school guarantees its men pupils a position after graduation. For further par-

Dear M'Liss-I would be obliged if you could settle an argument for me. A is high time to inaugurate a propagandum says that the expression, "he don't." is a colloquialism, and as such is considered correct. B claims that it is incorrect, and that no excuse can be offered for incorrectness of speech. Which of us is correct? CURIOUS.

There is no question about it. B is right. Everyone knows that "he dont" is an abbreviation for "he do not." This expression is wrong, because he, being singular, cannot be coupled with the plural "do." The correct expression, of course, if you really want to use a colloquialism, is "he doesn't," which is the abbreviation for he does not. No amount of common usage can make an incorrect expression correct. The same applies to such words as "ain't," for "is not," etc.

Dear M'Liss-I am a college graduate from out of town. I heard that the College Club in the city receives graduates from representative colleges as members. I should like to know some of the women there, and find out how to join, etc. Can you help me? CHICAGO.

. . .

I can do so much toward alding you, but as you did not give me the name of your college, I must let you do the rest. You see, the College Club, situated at 1300 Spruce street, admits members from the colleges which are on their eligible list. The member must be a graduate student. Now, if you want to know if your college is included in the eligible list (which includes almost all the Eastern and Western colleges of good standing), you will have to call up or visit the secretary of the Admission Committee, Miss Katherine Puncheon, You can reach her at the club. Every year the membership committee admits new colleges to this list. Then your application blank must be sent into the committee. You must be proposed by one member and seconded by two others. This all takes about a month, although if you join now you will only have to pay dues for the half-year. Membership entitles you to all the social and educational advantages of the club. A new book which gives a complete list of all the colleges included in the club may be obtained by calling or writing for it after January 1. M'LISS.

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

MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS

Now let's get after the coal man. He enjoys a monopoly in a commodity of which we consume more than is good ticulars write to the School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York city. for us. There is no doubt that most of us keep our dwellings too warm. It

> against the coal man. The coal man looks with feelings of of the open-air schoolroom, nor the tent wards for the treatment of pneumonia, nor the outdoor treatment of anemia, nervous trouble, tuberculosis and con-

> valescence in general. Coal dealers used to have a fatherly liking for thermometers. They even sent little thermometers around to old and prospective customers as a souvenir

> of the Happy New Year. But the propa-gandum against the catching cold delu-sion has changed all this. Coal dealers these days send customers nothing but the bill. It seems that people have been abusing the thermometers. Formerly everybody endeavored to see how high

> every body endeavored to see how high the mercury could be kept without break-ing the glass; now the average house-holder tries to keep his living rooms at the lowest possible temperature consis-tent with physical comfort. For it is setting noised about that the warmer the etmosphere of living construction to the set actions housed about that the warmer the atmosphere of living apartments, the better for "cold" microbes and catarrhal troubles; the cooler, and hence the more moisture in the air, the healthler for everybody in the household, from baby to grandma. This sort of movement the coal dealer

This sort of movement the coal dealer has no patience with at all Good com-mon sense hygiene like our grandmoth-ers practiced is good enough for him-meaning an average household temperature of about 80 degrees, and the air as dry and lifeless as the Desert of Sa-

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grees is about normal. There are hard times ahead of the coal man



Would fasting for a week be wise for a woman who weighs 190 pounds and has occasional twinges of rheumatism? She

has a very hearty appetite. Answer — It depends upon her height and her physical condition. We do not advise such fasts. We think moderate sadness upon the fad of sleeping on the fasting better, such as cutting out a meal unstairs porch. He is no ardent advocate a day for a long time.

Lectures on Dental Work in War Zone

Several illustrated addresses on the work of the Philadelphia Dental Unit in the American Ambulance Hospital, in Paris, will be given tonight at the Phila-delphia Dental College, 18th and Button-wood streets. The speakers, who will illustrate their addresses by lantern slides and photographs, are Drs. S. H. Guil-ford, C. N. Russel, D. Guilford and D. M. Waas. The committee in charge is composed of Drs. W. J. Robinson, L. A. Halpern and J. J. Hargraves.

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