## WHY ARE PORTIAS SO FEW IN PHILADELPHIA? ASKS M'LISS

### The Doors of the Law School Stand Open to Them and Yet Not One Has Entered This Year

AM puzzled to know why the legal profession has fallen into such unpopularity with women in Philadelphia.

Here the doors of one of the best law schools in the country-the University of Pennsylvania-stand open to them and not one girl has crossed the threshold for the term 1915-1916. Last year there were only two

I have it direct from Miss A. Florence Yerger, a local Portia, that if a woman goes about it in the right way she can build up a practice that will make the average lawyer sigh with envy and chagrin. Miss Yerger ought to know, for since she tremblingly hung out her shingle in 1907 she has found It necessary to set up three offices in various sections of the city in order to accommodate her growing clientele.

"If a woman is willing to apply herself," she told me one morning, forgetting for the moment all about the 10 or 11 clients who sat waiting in the outer room of her office on Chestnut street, "there is no profession from which she can gain more, either in joy in her work, or in actual remuneration, than in law.

"Regardless, too, of what a man or a woman's business is, I think a knowledge of law should be a part of the equipment for every career. It

is vital and it is interesting." No: Miss Yerger is not a press agent for the University. She is simply a woman who has studied hard and worked unceasingly. Now she is beginning to reap rewards. With the generosity of most broad-minded, successful women, she sees no reason why others should not do likewise,

In many other cities, Baltimore notably, women clamor annually to be admitted to the law schools. To no avail.

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the night before, cannot refrain from expressing her disapproval in the cup of coffee she serves him in the morning.

night it ought to be John Virdin and his corps of assistants up at the Bureau article appeared. of Weights and Measures.

Since April of last year 35 tried and trusty scouts from this department have been on the rampage, I am told, rounding up quietly and effectively grocers, milkmen, merchants and dealers in provisions whose scales, bottles, yardsticks and other implements fall short of giving the full measure that the

For more than 30 years before the present campaign was started against him the short-weight man had pursued his nefarious business, one of the investigators tells me, without any appreciable interference. He has hitched everything onto his scales from a grain of shot to a stove lid, and the unsuspecting housekeeper was none the wiser. All she knew was that the cost of living was ascending mightily.

It was estimated some time ago that more than \$5,000,000 had been saved the housekeepers on purchases weighed on scales alone by the bureau.

"But we can't help them if they don't help us." one of the scouts told me "If she'd only take a squint at the scales, familiarize herself with them and particularly weigh her purchases after she gets them home and report discrepancies to us it wouldn't be long before we'd have all these sharks rounded up."

When I tell you that out of 144,000 scales that were tested at one period. \$1,000 were found inaccurate, with all the inaccuracies working to the advantage of the merchant, you may have some idea of the magnitude of the fraud in operation.

#### Father's New Year's Function

Paying the bills graciously on January 1 for the gifts he received from his family last Saturday is the supreme test of a man's amiability.

### Strangling the Christmas Spirit

I visited one of the exchange desks that have been put up temporarily In the large department stores to accommodate the holiday rush in the hope of having a word with the clerk in charge.

I might as well have attempted to interview the Grand Liama of Tibet, so inaccessible was she because of the scrambling, struggling mass of women trying to get at her.

"These gloves are too small."

"I never use perfume." "I must have the money back."

"I couldn't wear black."

These were a few of the plaints distinguishable above the medicy of wails

"If every customer had an account and if every gift was charged" said the companion who was with me, "then the exchanging could be done by mail and all this confusion avoided.'

If everybody, thought I, accepted gratefully the gifts which she received and kept them it would be a better way of avoiding the confusion, and the true Christmas spirit would be preserved, meanwhile,

### The Tie That Binds

Just when a great many women have decided that the wedding ring is a symbol of bondage, unbecoming to the modern woman's hand, along come the jewclers and decree that the golden circlets shall be fashionable for men. They assert, however, that the significance is purely sentimental. M'LISS.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF THE WOMAN'S PAGE Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one

side of the paper only.

Dear M'Liss-Will you kindly tell me if there is such a word as "bambola" and what it means. I saw it in a book I was reading the other day and could not find it in the dictionary. I think it is foreign, because it was in italics. It is an Italian word meaning "doli," EDITH A. . . .

Dear M'Liss-I want to plant some trees on my front lawn. Can you tell me the very best kind for shade? How long will it take for them to become an appreciable size? An expert informs me that sugar maple is the best tree to plant for shade

Elms are also good. Both take several years, at least, to grow to a shadegiving size.

Dear M'Liss-Will tunics on skirts be in good style this spring? If so, will they be long or short? MRS. B. Fashion leaders inform me that tunics will be decidedly smart. In the

main, they will be long, coming almost to the skirt hem, but a variation will be noted in the softly pleated ones that fall in points in the front and rear. Dear M'Liss-Is there a school in this city where the methods of the

modern Italian educator, Madame Montessori, are followed? Is the tuition MOTHER. Yes; at 4311 Walnut street, where you will be able to obtain particulars concerning tuition, etc.

. . . Dear M'Liss-There is a book that gives the meaning of different names. If you have it, will you let me know what "Dorothy" means? QUESTION. Dorothy or Dorothea, I have been informed, is taken from two words,

which, translated, mean "the gift of God."

## SEEN IN THE SHOPS



WHEN THE WEE MISS GOES CALLING

mitted to the law schools. To no avail.

It would seem that we are slow to appreciate the advantages that have en vouchsafed us.

A Cup That Depresses

Many a woman, too wise to upbraid her husband for keeping late hours in light before, cannot refrain from expressing her disapproval in the cup coffee she serves him in the morning.

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Get Out Your Scales, Mrs. Housewife!

Full particulars are to where this outfit may be purchased may be obtained by gending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Editor of the Woman's Page, Evening Lepage, 608 Chestnut street. Please mention the date on which the

### BOW LEGS AND SIMPLE METHODS OF TREATMENT

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Some children are born with bow legs, others achieve bow legs, and still others have bow legs thrust upon them. The firstborn always look bow-legged, pug-nosed, squint-eyed and generally unsatisfactory to the anxious father. Not so the mother, she thinks the homely little stranger beautiful.

If the bow less are moderate, as they are in most instances, nature will bring about spontaneous recovery in due time. If the deformity is severe, operation is

Braces are valuable in retaining the correction gained by operation, but it is very doubtful whether any advantage is to be had from applying braces with the idea of gradually correcting the bowing. Massage and gentle efforts to straighten the legs are advisable in every case of bow legs. This may be done night and morning for five minutes.

But remember that moderate bow legs will usually straighten as the child grows -perhaps the one pathological condition a child really does "outgrow."

The operation for bow legs may be bloodless one in which the curved bone is fractured, under anesthesia, and reset in a correct position. And this pain-less, absolutely safe operation is the only one that ever aroused in the heartless author of these lines anything akin to emotion—the anxiety of the few seconds of waiting for the bending bone to break centered itself viciously in the solar plexus, but it didn't go any farther. Sometimes it is necessary to cut down upon the bone to correct the deformity,

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Interest that not before the fourth year.

People often ask if early efforts to walk will favor deformity of the legs.

Not if the efforts are voluntary and the harmless wish to use on white furnithrees.

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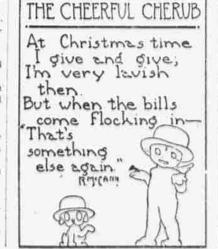
### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Smoking Out Vermin Can you tell me how to get rid of ver-

min? They seem to come from a closet which was celled over just before we moved in, and numerous holes and crevices are left in the walls.

Answer-Fumigate the closet with sul-

Answer trinigate the closed with sur-phur-leave it tightly closed for 21 hours. Cracks about the door of the closet should be scaled with paper or adhesive plaster. When you open the door after you have furnigated be careful not to in-



Recurrence of Lupus Is a Jupus spot a cancer? Will it grow after it is cut out?

Answer-it is tuberculosis of the skin or mucous membrane. If treated with X-ray or Finsen light it should not re-

### That Bad Salts Habit

Is there any harm in taking a dose of

Answer-Yes, if you continue it more than a few weeks. Salts is too harsh-all salines act by extracting water from the bowel wall, and obviously that is a sovere treatment. There are plenty of simpler means of regulating the bowels.

#### Glasses and Headache

I had glasses fitted, and for a week or so I had not headache, but I am now having them as had as ever, although the glasses have been changed twice,

Answer-Does the fitting of glasses ever permanently stop headaches of long standing? We would like to hear from any readers who have experienced such relief. Also the name and address of the Also the name and address of the person fitting the glasses.

#### Did You Know That If you put a little formaldehyde in the

corners of your wardrobe closets once in a while, there will be no possibility of animal life of any description residing on Friday at 11 a. m.

save money and tripping over the cheval glass? Also, clothes trees are passe.

If you go over your window screens with coal oil while they are stored in the cellar, they will never rust and you won't have so many mosquitoes in the summer

### How Tempus Does Fugit! Where is little Toddlekins, who used to sit and crow. Or bend his head down solemnly and try

to bite his toe?
Whose funny little shell-pink nose would pucker up in fear When all the neighbor ladies cried: "Oh, isn't be a dear."

You haven't seen him lately, hey? Well, well. The young galoot Went to a dansant last night in father's evening suit.

Where is little Curleyhead, to whom a brief while back You fed at stated intervals ten drops of ipecae? It seems about a week ago you used to fairly quale

While running for the doctor when he got the stomachache,

You sow that husky copper shouting:

"Hi! You! Go ahead!"

Out yonder on the avenue? Well, that is Curleyhead. Where is little Dimplechin, who used to

take delight In sleeping all the live-long day and stay-ing up all night?

### Women's Club News

A busy senson is going on just now at the women's clubbouses, for Christmas brings many charitable duties. Various social activities have been planned, too, and this week's calendar reads like a whirl of galety.

The regular New Year's reception at the Philomusian Club, 3544 Walnut street, will be held Saturday, from 1 to 8 p. m. The executive board and officers of the club, with Mrs. L. Howard Weatherly, will receive. Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Stokowski are expected as guests of bones.

honor.

The children's play, "Once Upon a Christmas Time," by Carelyn Wells, will be presented at the clubhouse tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Edward Benders will be chalrman of the performance. Mrs. Lucy W. Wilson, principal of the South Philadelphia High School for Girls, will be the guest of honor at a New Year's reception at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th street, Saturday afternoon. The executive board and officers will receive. The American Civic Association ceive. The American Civic Association meets at the New Willard, in Washingmeets at the New Willard, in Washington, this morning, the first greeting from civic organizations will be made on behalf of the General Federation of Women's Clubs by Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker. The National Municipal League will be represented by Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia. Other associations represented will include the American Forestry Association, the National Congerence on City Planning and the Ontario Horticultural Association. "Our National Parks" is the topic for

the meeting this evening, when among other questions discussed will be "National Parks and Preparedness," by Enos Mills, of Colorado; "Women and Wood-craft," by Mrs. J. D. Sherman, chairman of conservation in the general federation; "What Shall We Do With Niagara?" by J. Horace MacFarland, and "A National Park Service," by Richard B. Watrous. Reports will be made Wednesday morn-ing, when Mrs. Imogene Oakley will present the noise nuisance record and Mrs. Elmer E. Black, of New York, will speak on markets. Miss Margaret Wilson will preside at the session of Wednesday aftercon, when "Schools as Community Cen-es" will be the topic. The speakers will e E. J. Ward. University of Wisconsin; r. Charles E. North. of New York's Public Health Bureau, Raymond F. Crist, deputy commissioner of the Naturalization Bureau, Washington, and Miss Zona Gale, Portage, Wisconsin.

A joint session with the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress is arranged for Thursday morning. "City Planning" is the topic, with Surgeon General William

Braisted, U. S. N., presiding. "Better Industrial Housing" is the subject for Thursday afternoon. Among the speakers will be Dr. Caroline Hedger, of the National Americanization Committee, who will describe "Planning for Mushroom Industries." "Country Planning" room Industries." "Country Planning" and "Planning for the Small Town" will be discussed at the closing sessions.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the Woman's Club of Media will consider "The Development of the Drama." as described by Mrs. Joseph P. Comegys. Maestro L. Schmitt Fabri will give dramatic number of the Drama and the state of the

matic music. Informal tea will follow.

A children's Christmas party will be given today at the New Century Club. Chester. The program is in charge of Mrs. John L. MacWatters. A business meeting of the civic department will be held Friday at 2:30; Mrs. W. O. Howland, halrman.

"The Spirit of Hospitality" will be the opic in the Present Day Club of Lan-caster at its meeting Friday, with a disussion led by Mrs. Livingstone and Misa

cussion led by Mrs. Livingstone and Miss Sener. Current events will be presented by Mrs. M. B. Herr. The third anniversary party will be given by the Woman's Club of Elkton next Friday. A reception at 8 p. m. will be followed by an entertainment in charge of the Music and Hospitality Committee. The Hathaway-Shakespeare Club con thues the study of Longfellow's Transla-tion of Dante's Divine Comedy at its meeting on Friday afternoon. The West Philadelphia Junior Shakespeare Club, meeting with Mrs. Fuller at 342 Baring street next Wednesday afternoon, will study Milton's "Mas Comus," Miss McIlvain leading, club, founded in 1893, is among the oldest literary clubs in the city. Only the Membership Committee of the Civic Club is acheduled to meet this week,

They are daisy and buttercup women of

earth Who grace common things with their sweetness and worth.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### A Lock-Lid Pitcher

Ice water is a necessity, even in win-ter, and a new pitcher is on the market which is equally useful at all times of the year. The cover of the pitcher is



made of glass and has little projections Remember how she sat up straight with happy little coos?
You hardly have made up the sleep she used to make you lose.
You haven't seen her recently? Heigh, oh! The years have flown!
SHE'S got a little Dimplechin that's all her very own.

-James J. Montague in St. Louis Star. which fit into hollows in the pitcher part. These lock together when the vessel is titled, making it quite impossible to lose AND THE TABLE LINEN PROBABLY IS NOT OF THE BEST

## Marion Harland's Corner

Cleaning Yellow Chiffon

Will, you be kind enough to print as soon as you can a formula for cleaning yellow chiffon? It was used as a tunic on a dress and has become slightly soiled. I would like to clean it so that it would look fresh again.

S. D."

It would look fresh again.

Is there a better cleansing fluid made than pure gasoline? Use plenty of it, takling care to have no artificial light in the room. It is well to conduct the operation in the bathroom, and always by daylight. Souse the chiffon in the fluid, shaking it up and down and around, and if there be spots upon it, rubbing them gently between the hands. Change the gasoline as it becomes cloudy for fresh. By the way, tween the hands. Change the gasoline as it becomes cloudy for fresh. By the way, if you set the solled part in a clean vessel, the dirt will settle gradually to the bottom. You may pour the gasoline off slowly and use the clear portion for other cleaning of less delicate fabrics. When the chiffon is clean hang it in the wind, pulling it into shape now and then. When you are ready to put it back upon the dress, lay between two thicknesses of fine muslin slightly dampened and press with a warm fron, lightly, not to spoil the gen-

#### Lost the Address

"Can you help me to locate Mrs. Charles "Can you help me to locate Ars. Charses Henniff, formerly a resident of Chicago (10046 Loomis avenue)? The last we heard from her she had removed to another part of the city and I have lost her address. I was informed she had sent me a box of clothing which I need badly. As the box was sent to my former address. I am afraid I cannot set it. I address, I am afraid I cannot set it. I am greatly distressed about it, and anxious to hear particulars from my kind friend. So, as a last hope, I am begging the Coroner to get me the information I desire so much.

"MRS, J. McC." The address of the worried woman is entered in our books. Any clue to the present home of her friend that may lead to the recovery of that lost property will be gladly forwarded to her. There are attendant circumstances that make her condition peculiarly trying.

Thinks Charge Too High

"I wish you would help me. I have been ill and I think the doctor's bill is unreasonable. I am only a maid, and have a father and mother dependent upon me. Can you tell me whom I can write to about this matter?

A. S."

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Here I confess myself utterly at a loss, sincere as is my wish to relieve you from the imposition you feel has been practiced upon you. My own experience of the medical profession disposes me to speak of the practitioners with affectionate respect. I believe that no body of philanthropists in the world merits a greater share of the world's gratitude than the vast army of men who are encolled in the regular profession. It is rolled in the regular profession. It is not to be denied that quacks abound everywhere. If you have fallen into the hands of one of these sharks, you have no redress whatever. If the person whose charges appear unreasonably large be a practicing, reputable physician, tell him, frankly, that you think them unites and frankly, that you think them unjust and that you are not able to pay what he demands. I am much mistaken if the straightforward course does not bring similar frankness in him and abatement of the charges. Have members of our medical staff any other answer to make?

## Dyeing Corduroy Skirt

"Can you or any of the devoted mem-bers of the Corner give me a hint as to dyeing a white corduroy skirt dark green?

This "member" candidly avows her helplessness in the matter referred to us. Yet there are patented dyes advertised ac-companied by full directions for their use, of which readers may be able to speak with confidence. Any information tha will warrant their use upon the skirt you would color will be transmitted to you.

Our grandmothers were adepts in the use of home-made dyes that held long had well. Can anybody tell of thesa?

Wants Copy of Verses

"About four months ago I clipped a poem printed in your paper and can't remember the name of the author, or even the title of the verses. The first two lines

ran:

"I get my wages at regular stages.

I pay for my room and board.

"Now, when I want to use the line, I cannot find the cutting. As I desire a copy very much, perhaps some one styour readers may be able to help me out.

"ROBERT I. Le

We are likely to find a copy of the poss.
When we get it, you shall be at once apprized of the gratifying fact. We had

# Designing Women's Suits

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"I should be grateful if you could size
me, through your Corner, some information regarding the best way of setting
started in designing women's mits
dresses, etc. I wish to take up this work
as a means of livelihood.
"MRS. A. H. M." "MRS. A. H. M."

There is hardly a branch of woman; work concerning which you may not receive practical information by application to the Young Women's Christian Association. The chances are greatly in farm of your securing the data. There are schools teaching this branch.

Wants Copy of Recitation
"If any of the readers can tell me
where I can get this recitation I will
be glad to make any return, and at
course, pay postage, "The Lover was
Loved Me Last Spring."
"MRS. H. C. C." Wants Copy of Recitation

Referred. The query appeared in the Corner some weeks back. Will reader respond?

### Would Be a Missionary

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"Perhaps this inquiry does not below
to your department, but I should be shat
to receive information in regard to be
ing a missionary. Can you tell me when
a Bible teacher for little children is
needed? How much preparation is
necessary to be a missionary, preferably
in the United States? Is it expensive to
learn to be a missionary? I am a high
school straduate. I have taught a Sunday school class for six years and have
concluded that there is no work that
brings more foy than to help little children to live useful, beautiful lives
through the teaching of the word of Ged.
I should love to do more of this work
but do not know just how to go about
it. Any information with regard to it
would be gratefully received.
"ADA L W."

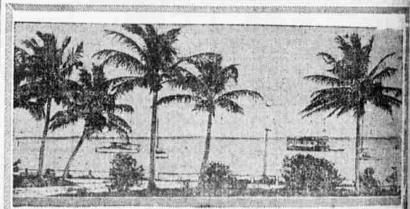
"ADA L W."

Any inquiry belongs to our department that has as the motive power the purpose to serve our fellowmen and to walk in the Master's footsteps. We cannot give you explicit direction, as to the methods of gaining the end you desire. We do, by publishing your letter, acquaint those who can guide you with your wishes and aspirations. Your own pastor may give you more specific introductions. He cannot introduce you to a body of more sympathetic friends than those who will reply to your appeal by writing to us for your address. The Lord bless and reward your desire.

### Coins of the '50s

"Are quarters bearing the dates of 18 and 1853 of any special value? A. A.". Referred to our numismatic students

All communications addressed to Min Harland should inclose a stamped, selfaddressed envelope, and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Send to Marion Harland, Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.



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