

**AMBLER GIRL FARMERS
CONQUERORS OF SOIL**

Fearless and Energetic, They Face Nature and Her Dangers Enthusiastically

DEFY RATS AND THUNDER

Graduates Ready to Serve Uncle Sam and Help Boost Food Supply

Photographs illustrating this story appear in the pictorial section.

They had killed seventy-eight rats with brooms, which fact alone is sufficient to put twenty-five girls in a horticultural school quite in a class by themselves. They had tilled the soil to the tune of crashing thunder and had followed the plow behind real live farm horses.

Then one fine day "somewhere in Ambler," where all this took place—Society came out in its best livery to learn how to make war gardens and how the members made with the aid of a pencil because—well what's the use of taking off your clean white kid gloves anyway, when you have a pencil in your pocketbook?

Well, wouldn't it make you pause in your task of tending the conservatory furnace and snicker? And wouldn't it make you wonder if society was such a good sport after all when it comes to take war gardens at the School of Horticulture for Women out Ambler way?

This is the question that persists in speaking its way in on Friday mornings when a number of Philadelphia folk who are anxious to learn the real lore of the truck patch go out to the school for special practical instruction.

The answer isn't always the same. For instance, the lady who preferred to draw the furrow for her seeds with a pencil to taking off her white gloves and digging in the dirt with her hands was severely voted in the "good sport" class. The lady who wore a velvet skirt and asked for something to amuse the chauffeur with while she dug didn't quite make good either.

But then again, one khaki-skirted regular paused in her task of building a beehive and said valiantly: "Most of them are the best sports in the world. They wear rough clothes, get down in the mud and do everything under the sun they possibly can to get the good out of the course. Last week they worked in the rain and wouldn't stop for anything."

The war courses that are the cause of all these conjectures are specially mapped out lessons in preparation of the ground, seed sowing, drills, planting and routine culture. They were gotten up for the benefit of women who are desirous of going at vegetable gardening in a practical and scientific way. Other short courses, into which fruit growing, canning, beekeeping and poultry are incorporated, will be in session all through the summer.

There are twenty-five "regulars"—that is, resident students—in this very unusual school that was founded seven years ago to teach women the complete science of horticulture. They learn to be real farmers and gardeners, not from books—although the basic science of horticulture is taught that way, too—but from old Mother Earth herself.

Wartime, while it is not making a vocational difference in the lives of the "regulars" has, nevertheless, spurred the girls on to patriotic energy. Some of them go out one day a week to supervise and direct the making of war gardens. Then, too, to show they're good-natured and really to help to help the war effort, they pick all of the asparagus for the army and navy men, who are busy cultivating the seventy-two acres that make up the school property.

The scientifically equipped canning kitchen in Ambler is not a war measure, either, but the glasses of jewel-like jelly turned out regularly at each preserving time make silent prediction that the girls in Ambler are going to be called upon to show Philadelphia and her environs how to conserve what they grow. To be sure that Ambler's Jam Kitchen is working in order with Uncle Sam's latest mandates, Mrs. Caroline Peeler, who presides over the canning department, paid a five days' visit to Washington last week to attend the canning conference held there under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture.

According to Miss Elizabeth Lee, who is director of the school, the students are not likely to answer the call for women "farm hands" this summer, for the simple reason that they will be of more value to their country as supervising farmers and gardeners. If the emergency should arise they will meet it as farmers in the rough, however, and forswear the right they have earned to "farmer commissions" for the sake of Uncle Sam.

The students have been grounded and thoroughly drilled in all the intricacies of soil, from plowing to chicken raising. So successful have been the graduates that the future application file is overcrowded with requests for landscape gardeners, supervising farmers and gardeners for estates, schools and institutions. Teachers, too, are much wanted. The demand for the rosy-cheeked, clear-eyed girls cannot in any way be met by the supply.

Several students own farms in various parts of the country, and will take complete charge of them after graduation. Others are studying to be landscape gardeners.

**AMERICAN DRAMA MASQUE
SPONSORED BY SOCIETY**

Socially Prominent Boxholders, Emergency Aid and Relief Committee to Attend

Relief organizations, including the Emergency Aid and other committees, will attend the performance of the Masque of American Drama, in the Botanical Gardens, in a body tonight. The proceeds of the big outdoor production, which won wide commendation from critics at its premiere Monday night, are to be given to the University Base Hospital, and members of relief committees have therefore taken over a night for themselves.

Aside from the relief committees, society will be well represented tonight. Among the boxholders are Mrs. W. Yorkie, Mrs. Spencer K. Mulford, Mrs. Randal Morgan, Mrs. James Newman Carter, George D. Rosengarten and George Burnham, Jr.

Although the attendance last night shot far ahead of that of Monday, vacant seats will sprinkle the big outdoor auditorium, and George F. Kearney, director of the Masque, issued a statement last night calling for the public to kill two birds with one stone—see an artistic production and aid the University Base Hospital.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

How small is the place that I fill in the world!
How few are the sights that I see!
How nice it's arranged that in spite of my bounds
My life seems important to me!

**"WILD, COLD, COMPANIONABLE AND SANE,"
THESE ARE SEEN AS NEW WOMEN'S TRAITS**



Vance Thompson Says She Will Not Be "Obsessed With Sex Intentions."
"Out of the Petticoated Females" Class, He Declares in Discussing Feminine Evolution—Progress of Civilization Through Terms of Sartorialism Part of His Discussion

While the new woman is busily engaged, "evolving" herself, the "old" man—for the creature of masculine persuasion has never thought for a minute that he needed the tonic effects of an evolution—is sitting up late to write books about how she ought to do it, what she is going to look like when she is "evolved," and the thoroughly enjoyable place this old world is going to be to live in when that millennium arrives.

One thing the literary gentlemen have decided upon is that we can't be woad and attractive at one and the same time.

Even H. G. Wells, who has shown us some charming women, has depicted the new woman as the "lean, gaunt, weather-beaten mate."

Comes now one Vance Thompson. The same he is who told how it is possible to "Eat and Grow Thin" and "Drink and Be Sober."

His latest literary contribution to the field of feminism might be entitled "How to Be Happy, Though Married." It is in standard called "Woman" and is published by E. P. Dutton & Co., New York.

Once Mr. Thompson went to California. There he met the "new" women.

"Wild, cold, companionable women," he writes, "beached and gawped girls—who will saddle up a dancing broncho, toss themselves athwart his spine and gallop you twenty miles before luncheon—talking politics the while. They are the future. They are sane and salutary companions. They are not obsessed with little parasitic sex intentions—like the petticoated females. They are women."

EVOLUTION OF NEW MAN

It occurred to my illogical feminine brain while reading this passage that somebody ought to be doing propaganda work to create interest in the evolution of a new man. There must be a new man, otherwise the new girls are going to be powerfully lonely.

"Take the men of your acquaintance, for instance. Select the most radical, the 'newest.' Preferably he should be in love with you, or on the borderland of love. Have the groom bring up to the curb two dancing bronchos. Toss yourself on the spine of one of them. Bid your man do likewise. Gallop with him twenty miles. Omit none of the rigors. Make it before luncheon. Assault his political arguments. Open all the gray cells in your head. Talk him down.

If the wind and the exercise makes the color mount to your cheeks and he remarks the fact, cast not your eyes down coyly, instead bring him sharply to himself with an icy glance and a rebuking word. Ask him why he hasn't enlisted!

Try the experiment.

And then see if you have a sweetheart left.

Personally, I'm awfully fond of the new woman. But I like the one that the women feminists portray. I like the new woman of Olive Schreiner and Ellen Key, the new woman whose intelligence and liberation

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ing to do with sex. It's a stock they don't deal in.

Let's have the trouser by all means, if we want it, and if we can do our bit better for the wearing of it. But why cast odium on the petticoat? It's been a nice little petticoat. Sometimes it has served an actual esthetic purpose, hiding anatomical eyesores. Lots of men would be more attracted to the wearing of them. Let's not invest the petticoat with all the errors of an out-worn age until we discover whether or not women remain who can be just as coy and kittenish and parasitic in their bifurcations.

It's doubtful, after all, if women are people. They really are women, just as men are men, and were men none the less back in Biblical times when they too had a fondness for skirts.

In the meantime read "Woman" if you want to be entertained; but if you want to know what real feminism is, divested of masculine sentimentality, look to the woman exponents of it.

**STEALS TO BE IN PRISON
NEAR CONVICT HUSBAND**

Woman Accused of Shoplifting Admits Crime and Gives Remarkable Reason for Her Act

A frail little woman was arraigned before Magistrate Pennock and told an unusual story. She was accused of shoplifting in a Market street store and gave her name as Julia Wagner, twenty-six years old, of 234 Melvale street.

"Yes," she said, "I stole things until they caught me so that I could be arrested and sent near my husband. He is serving a six-year sentence and says he has no chance of commutation."

The woman added that her husband was up for burglary and that she wished nothing better than to be sent to keep him company. Her story impressed those in the Night Police Court. Police Surgeon Dr. John Wanamaker, 3d, said that she was too frail to live in jail and that she probably would die within three months if sent there. The magistrate held her in \$400 bail for a further hearing.

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ON WOMAN'S WAR DUTY**

Head of Philippine Diocese, Who Was at Ypres, Will Be Heard Friday

Bishop Brent, of the Philippine Islands, will deliver an address on "The Duty of Women in Warfare" at a meeting in Witherspoon Hall next Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mrs. John Marston.

Many Philadelphia women are looking forward to the meeting with great interest. Bishop Brent is a powerful and magnetic orator. He has been to the front in France where he visited the army of General Pershing on the Arras and Ypres lines. He also represented America at the America Day services in St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, marking America's entry into the war.

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