

WEAR FEW CLOTHES, TEST OF PATRIOTISM

Awful Situation Faced by Women as Result of U. S. Demand

CUT CLOTH ONE-FOURTH

Otherwise There Won't Be Sufficient Left for Army and Navy

By M'LISS

Have you put your wardrobe on the "fig-leaf" basis?

Barbarically speaking, are you out in the cold? As you answer these questions, so will your patriotism be gauged, for Uncle Samuel, through his economy board of the Council of National Defense, has decreed that cloth in women's garb must be cut down 25 per cent, and that a saving of 40 per cent must be achieved in men's muffs, if our soldiers and sailors are to be adequately clad.

Moreover, the underwear situation is enough to make a pacifist want to fight. It has been announced that the Government will need for its defenders 75 per cent of all the fleece-lined underwear manufactured, 5 per cent of the woollens, 45 per cent of the ribbed cotton wear and 25 per cent of the bathing-trunks.

Now, is there any hope of being all dressed up in a new D. V. D. for, according to an analysis of the underwear market, the Government will need as many of these as it can get for the summer months of the following year.

It looks as if the wearing of goose-flesh were the surest bet. It may be, too, that barrels will be made of just where the 25 per cent saving will be taken from. To abbreviate the skirt to a greater extent would be to eliminate it entirely or at least to give it the proportions of the lampshade so popular with our South Sea Island sisters.

It may be that trousers for women will be last to be justified on the grounds of this economy. It is scarcely possible that the sheath of the hobble will ever again be tolerated. There are some things now that women, even in the name of patriotism, no longer will consent to.

Pockets and belts and superfluous trimmings will be first to go, it is thought, but as every local "Buggin' knows, these do not consume nearly 25 per cent of a costume's material.

Because of the desperate outlook, the French ambassador, Monsieur Jusserand, has been called into consultation, and he has promised the cooperation of the Parisian couturiers. As yet no announcements have been made. We can only speculate.

Once there was a popular song, entitled, "Nothing From Nothing Leaves." That would seem to be the most fitting way to address a collection of the sartorial Hoovers have finished deducting 25 per cent of it.

And what is a poor "Follies" girl of Mr. Ziegfeld's troupe, who wants to show her patriotism and keep her respectability, to do? Can she reduce her costume by one-quarter and retain her membership in the Law and Order Society?

MEN ALSO IN QUANDARY

But while agitation rocks the feminine world, the men are up in the air. To reduce your costume by almost one half is, you must admit, a man-size job, even if it doesn't concern a man-size outfit. And to retain your dignity in a suit that is only 60 per cent is something worth worrying about.

Once-piece suits for men have been suggested and knickers, too, have been talked about. But these latter would require the long stocking, and the price of the long stocking is about as high as the 1918 skirt is likely to be.

Long ago Isadora Duncan and Lady Constance Stewart Richardson thought they had solved the clothes problem with a few yards of chiffon or tulle. But it is doubtful if these early exponents of clothes conservation would be considered patriots today.

The American Indian, too, could get along quite nicely, thank you, with a few pints of paint. But the few pints that the native male American of today can do with has not been noticeably for external usage.

CHOSEN PROVISIONALLY TO SCHOOL POSITION

Dr. Bernard Kohn Elected Medical Inspector During Dr. Cornell's Absence in Military Service

Dr. Bernard Kohn, 1325 North Thirtieth street, today was appointed director of school medical inspectors, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Dr. Walter S. Cornell, who is now in the Federal service.

The appointment was made by Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, and carries a salary of \$4000 a year. Doctor Kohn today was provisionally appointed following a civil service examination, after having acted as a supply for Doctor Cornell for the last few months. His appointment will be effective only until his predecessor is discharged from military service.

Other city appointments today include William F. Noller, 3039 Longshore street, chief engineer, Bureau of Charities, \$1200; Elmer Wilson, 1312 Mifflin street, plumber, Electrical Bureau, \$1200, and Joseph Hickey, 613 North Broad street, assistant teacher, Board of Recreation, \$720 a year.

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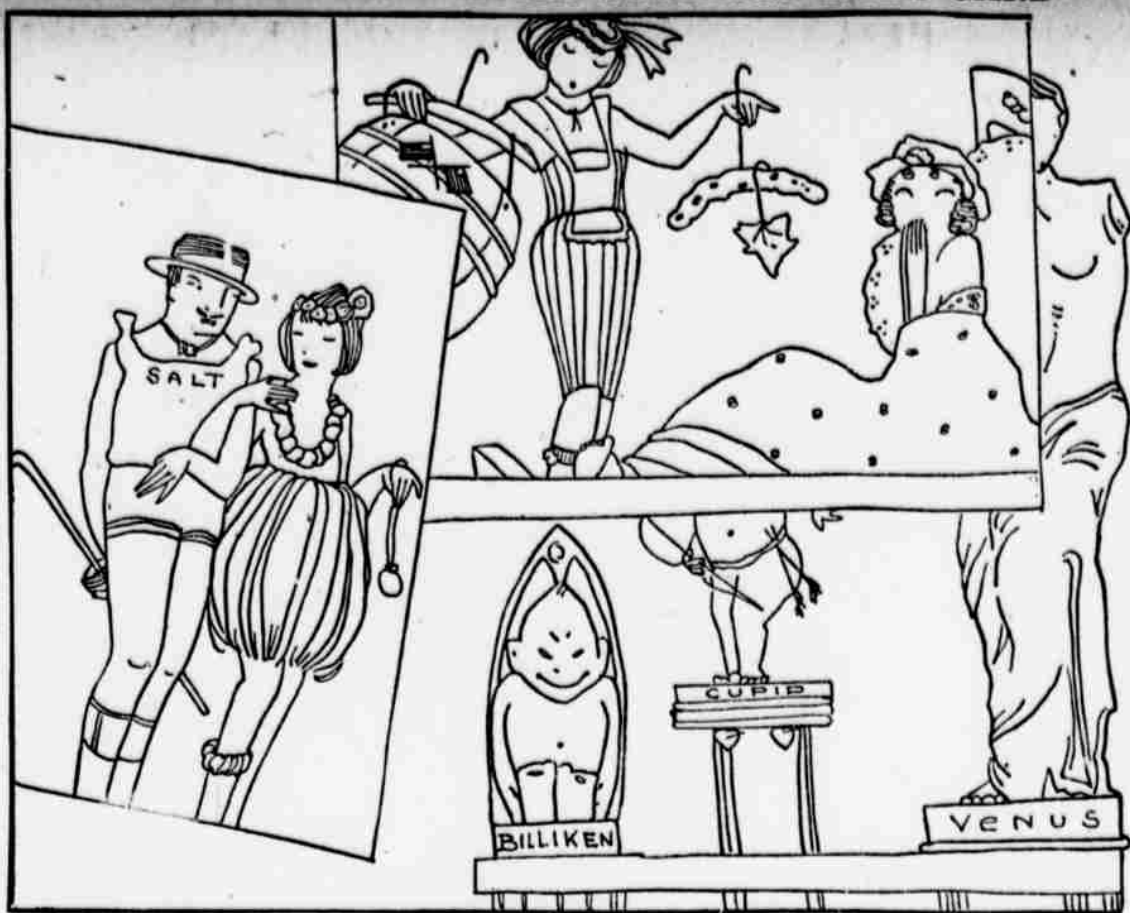
THE new book written and illustrated by Johnny Gruelle, a genius who loves and understands children. "A beautiful book of fairy tales with the prettiest colored pictures—and lots of them—just the kind the little folks will like to find in their Christmas stockings," says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. \$1.00 net.

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CAMP MORALITY

By MA SUNDAY

Wife of the famous evangelist

WHAT is the truth about the moral conditions in our training camps?

This question has been asked me in hundreds of letters from fearful mothers in the last few months, and particularly in the last few days, since the newspaper reports, alleging that certain facts are such as could not be printed in detail. I have made a personal study, so far as is within my power, of several of the large camps, established by the military authorities in this country, and I can say truthfully and frankly, and with all of the emphasis at my command, that nowhere, and in no instance, have I found any condition which would justify the reports I have heard circulated, attacking the morale of our new soldiers and the enforcement of the laws of those in command.

Some wonderful work is being done in American training camps. I am more and more convinced it is a type of work which, in the end, will not only make soldiers, but real, red-blooded, true-hearted men of thousands of boys who have gone forth to war with their characters untried and their ideas of life in more or less of a moral chaos.

I am a mother, and as such I am almost glad in some ways of this crisis. If my son goes to the front I know, if he is privileged to return to me, he will come back a better man, with higher, more sympathetic and more enduring ideals. The same is true of every mother. This talk of lax moral conditions in our camps, to my mind is worse than absurd. It is almost treason, in its most insidious and damaging form. Our soldiers are being given something in their lives that many of them have never had before—the fire and zeal of a big purpose. They have time for petty things, for ordinary temptations, and the measures which are being taken by the Government officials and the various cooperating agencies to prepare them against such temptations have already proved their efficiency and value.

Of course, there will always be black sheep in every company of men, recruited from every walk of life, and every moral viewpoint. There will always be blots—but they will be individual and not general. We can't expect to raise an army of a million men and expect them all to be saints and heroes. There will be certain lapses, not only of physical and of moral stamina, but the standard of the million should not in any fairness be judged by the conduct of a few scattered individuals.

I believe with all sincerity that the general moral tone of any training camp, with twenty thousand men, is far above that of the average city with the same population. And the comparison increases rather than decreases with added numbers. The mother who is worrying because of certain newspaper reports at

lacking the moral conditions and caliber of our training camps is only another victim of that insidious system of foreign espionage and propaganda aimed at the very roots of this nation.

Our soldier boys can be depended to put up as gallant a fight on the firing line of moral temptations as they will put up when the call comes to go over the top of the French trenches. They are being given every help and every inspiration possible. It will not be the fault of the Government if they are not ready when the big moment comes and if in the interim they do not conduct themselves in a manner befitting a soldier and a gentleman.

No, if our boys were as well taken care of at home as they are at camp, a great many conditions in this country would be changed decidedly for the better. The young man who goes to war is not drawn into a maelstrom of temptations and an environment of lax moral atmosphere, appealing to his basest and most sordid nature, as has been pictured. And I, for one, do not believe, cannot believe, the reports which have been circulated of a lax moral flagrant in any of our training camps. If my experiences to date are any criterion, I am only too glad to go on record in the most unhesitating and sincere praise not only of the men in our camps, but of the officers in command, who have not stopped in the efforts to maintain a standard of excellence and high ideals, without which any war for a big cause cannot be fought successfully.

To the mothers of America, I would say—if your boy is as safe physically

as he is morally in this great crisis, you have reason for thanksgiving. (Copyright, 1917, by The P. F. Volland Co.) (Copyright, 1917, by The P. F. Volland Co.)

Monday—"The Girl Who Pitted Herself."

SHOWER OF DONATIONS FOR HALIFAX CONTINUE

Contributions Reach \$15,000—Clothing Cannot Be Shipped for Time Being

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CHAPLIN CONTEST CHOKES THE MAILS

16,000 Letters Received in Competition for Name of Comedian's Company

With more than 16,000 letters stacked up before him, Charlie Chaplin began the task this week to find the one in which is contained the name under which his eight comedies for the First National Exhibitors' Circuit will be shown. At the same time the clerks of the Los Angeles postoffice uttered sighs of relief, thankful that they will have a brief respite before the next big rush of mail during the Christmas holidays.

Every city of any importance in the United States has contributed one or more suggestions to the comedian since his announcement late in October that he would pay \$100 for the most appropriate name for his new company. Picture enthusiasts of Canada have been heard from in large number, and a hundred or more letters have come from "over there."

Many who have offered suggestion have made the real purpose of the contest secondary in their communications, desiring for the greater part of their letters personal matters. Of the first 8000 letters viewed but 117 contestants sent in merely a name accompanied by the necessary identification of the sender.

Scores of people interested in the contest failed to observe that Chaplin was seeking a name for his company and letters contained scenarios, suggestions for trademarks and titles for pictures. There were also several hundred drawings submitted describing plans for a theatre.

It will require about two weeks in which to investigate every letter received at the Chaplin studios. Before the contest was announced to the public the comedian wrote the word he desired on a piece of paper and deposited it in a vault. These it will require in a sealed envelope, and it is known to only three persons, Chaplin and his brother Sidney and John Lamer, studio manager.

When Charlie stumbled over the name corresponding with the one which has been in hiding for more than seven weeks the winner of the contest will be declared. In the event of there being no one to send in the desired name, a further request for clothing is posted. The committee will continue to receive garments and foodstuffs, however, and prepare them for shipment as soon as a car can be sent north.

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HURRY GIFTS TO TROOPS

Relatives of men in Company E, 315th Infantry stationed at Camp Meade, have been notified that this company will hold a Christmas entertainment on the evening of December 21.

The feature of the evening will be the opening of Christmas packages from home, and those expecting to send gifts are urged to forward them in time for the affair. Officers of the company will be guests that night. They will be preceded by Lieutenants John V. Murray, Walter Hibbard, Earl E. Glah, Edgar J. Eyer and Wallace E. Hackett.

SHUBERTS WILL PUT ON POPULAR-PRICE SHOWS

Chestnut Street Opera House Rates Will Soon Be From Fifty Cents to \$1.50

First-class attractions at popular prices will be the policy of the Shuberts at the Chestnut Street Opera House.

Announcement to this effect was made by J. J. Shubert, head of the producing firm of Lee & J. J. Shubert. Prices will range from fifty cents to \$1.50 for all open house performances, except Saturdays and holidays, with popular-price matinees on Wednesdays and Christmas, for which the best seats may be obtained for \$1. Prices for Saturday matinees will be the same as evenings.

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