

**INCHES FROM**  
**The Golden-Plated Rule**  
 By Lillian Paschal Day

**Showers of Gold**

Funny about showers. Gold, praise or rainwater. People forget they're only showers. Think they're perpetual floods. Sure they'll last forever. Regular succession of cloudbursts. Sun smiles through a sky-eyer. He is grinning up his sleeves. He knows showers don't last. People ought to, but don't. The city of Pateron forgot it. Memory-lapse cost her \$100,000,000. She was proud of her titles: "Silk City," "Lions of America." Fate was spending orgy started. New fashions parted from new money. Silk was their idea of luxury. They would have it at any price. The higher the better. Pateron aimed to please. Obligingly she skirted the prices. The sprinkles of gold began. Then followed the cloudburst. The town went silk-crazy. Looms went up like mushrooms. Barbers and butchers set them up. Paid \$2000, prewar cost, \$300. Dollar silk quadrupled to \$4. A thirty-cent hair ribbon sold for \$2. "Value received?" A forgotten term. Fortune were made in a fortnight. Millions made a million in a month. Golden Rule was swallowed in gold.

**Things You'll Love to Make**

**Embroidered Cycles For Girldes**

The girldes on the newest one-piece frocks tie in front. Instead of having the cord just tied around the waist, embroder at regular intervals circles four or five inches in diameter. Make a large eyelet in the center of each, through which the cord is passed. Sew the eyelets make flowers in French knots or in the new carpet embroidery. In bright colors use metal thread for the leaves and the two circular rows of stitching. These embrodered rings make stunning trimming for the frock, as well as affording a novel way of using the cord girde.

**HUMAN CURIOS**  
 The Man Who Blew the Mississippi Bubble

John Law, one of the most strikingly unique figures in American history, secured an early start in his career of crime by being sentenced to death for a murder committed during a duel fought in England. Through the influence of friends, however, he escaped to Holland, where he drifted into employment in the Bank of Amsterdam, a connection from which he appears to have collected sufficient capital to finance a campaign of gambling which netted him the enormous sum of \$100,000.

It was after this coup that Law suggested to the Duke of Orleans, regent for the young King Louis XV, the plan for a formation of a state bank with power to issue notes and accept deposits. It was from the success of this that there arose the idea for the Mississippi Co., an organization designed to exploit the entire territory of Louisiana. Two years later the management of the mint was handed over to Law's company and he was thus enabled to manipulate the coinage, as well as controlling the collection and disposal of the entire state taxation. For a while all went well. In fact, everything that the Scotchman touched appeared to turn to gold. Shares in the company, originally purchased for \$500, rose to \$18,000.

But before many months had passed the reaction set in. People began to unload and soon the movement became a panic. Money disappeared like water from a sieve and there was not sufficient on hand to meet the current expense. With financial ruin staring the nation in the face, Law was forced to resign and to retire to Brussels, but that he carried with him a fortune. A remnant of his glory is apparent from the fact that he was asked by Czar Peter to administer the finances of Russia, an offer which he declined.

Finally, some ten years after the bursting of the most gigantic financial bubble in the history of the world, Law died in comparative poverty in Venice.

**Wednesday—The Child Chess Marvel**

**The Ribbon Sash**

The sash of today makes us think always of the old maid aunt of the family. You know how, when Molly's children all go down with the measles and Molly herself is hurried off to the hospital, Aunt Louisa is the first person considered to fill the emergency. And how, when Sally's cork leaves just on the day when Sally is entertaining the bridge club, Aunt Louisa is called over to make the mayonnaise and the Bavarian cream.

Similarly, the sash nowadays leaves any trifling duties of its own to minister to bereaved parts of the gown. Thus, at the evening gown the sash frequently performs the part expected of a train. This is particularly true of the normal little evening frock. Make this of crepe de chine, with long sleeves, and tie about the low waist line a two-inch wide sash. Then let one end of this sash dip on the floor and you have something for the country club dance.

Shorten the ends of the sash or remove it altogether and your crepe de chine frock with its long sleeves and elliptical neck line is perfectly good for collecting sufficient capital to finance a campaign of gambling which netted him the enormous sum of \$100,000.

Perhaps the most decorative of all the sashes are the girldes made of silver or delicate, tone-colored ribbons, which are strewn with such dainty blooms as marguerites and rosettes and forget-me-nots, arranged by the young girl on her party frock of tulle.

This isn't all. The sash for the other kind of girldes is now sustaining the same duties as does the chintz curtain in the gray walled room. It tightens up the summer daytime frocks which we are now affecting.

CORINNE LOWE

**TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY**  
 By PHILIP FRANCIS NOWLAN

**Yesterday's Mystery Solution**

**The Fifty Typists**

IT WAS in connection with a million-dollar bankruptcy case that Harvey Hunt solved the mystery of the fifty typists.

Ramborne & Co., a new firm in the city, had been doing a very large dry-goods jobbing business for ten months—that is, that is what he had heard heavily for ten months, and inasmuch as they had paid their bills promptly for the first eight months their creditors did not bother to investigate their channels of distribution.

On the tenth month Ramborne & Co.'s receipts of merchandise were particularly heavy, but there was nothing unusual about that. It was the period of the year when the shipments of the mills were heavy, and the goods had been ordered in advance at various periods.

But before the end of the tenth month, before the bills fell due, Ramborne & Co. simply disappeared.

Their warehouse remained. Their land remained, but there was nobody more surprised than he when as a result of the postoffice's inability to deliver their mail, the building was inspected and found absolutely empty. Ramborne & Co. had shipped out the unpaid-for merchandise to unknown destinations and had vanished.

There were some three hundred cred-

**Adventures With a Purse**

"IT IS a surprising thing," said Mabel reflectively, as she reached over and took another one of our favorite candies: "it is a surprising thing what you can do with a good-looking piece of ribbon." I listened attentively, remembering the little silk garments I am making for Christmas. "You take a candidate for instance, and put some bits of really pretty ribbon on it, and just look at the difference and see how you can perk it up." And then I began to picture those little gifts of mine and how they could be improved by ribbon here and there. And the upshot of the whole matter is that I now tell you of some lovely two-color ribbons at a shop. The quality is excellent and the colors lovely. Just one bow of it would add wonders to a Christmas present you are making.

If you want to pay as much as \$3.95 for some one's Christmas present, let me suggest something that I thought about the other day. There is one shop that is having a most interesting sale of soft little silk petticoats—jersey silk, as I remember it—and in almost every color of the rainbow. There is the dark blue or brown, for instance, for the woman who wants to match her suit skirt, or there is the brightly colored green or purple for one who likes a tentative color-peeping from the edge of her dress. But in any color the price is a real bargain, and I know that one would make a mighty nice Christmas gift.

These little brass bows are lovely—dull, well-shaded little things, with a delicate tracery of artistic design adding to the richness. And their use? Well, one could use them for finger-bowls, and their rich color would please. Or one could buy one or two for ash receivers, and they would gleam with friendliness under the soft lamp light. Here are two uses to which they might be put. When you see them you may think of others. Their price is sixty-five cents each.

**Women's Interests**

Since the world war many girls of Brazil are turning from the thirteen and fourteen year old marriages and are entering schools to fit themselves for business and the professions.

Thirty years ago Miss Cobden was fined \$300 for acting as a member of the London County Council. Though regularly elected to the office, she was disqualified for "being a woman."

**WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S**  
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**Women's Tan Eiderdown Bathrobes \$5.50**

Mother and big sister would welcome bathrobes as warm and comfy as these of tan eiderdown. They have shawl collars in mixed plaids of pink, blue and lavender and thick cords about the waists. Blanket bathrobes in warm-looking plaids are trimmed with cording. \$7.50.

(Central)

**Mighty Good Shoes for Little Boys, \$3.90**

They are made of thick, heavy brown leather which will stand a great deal of hard wear. Even a boy can't wear them out very quickly—and that's saying a lot. Blucher cut, with wide, comfortable toes and welted soles, they are in sizes 10 to 13 1/2.

Boys who wear sizes 1 to 5 1/2 can be fitted in tan or black Blucher shoes, equally serviceable, at \$4.90.

**Christmas Handbags for Little Maids 50c to \$1.50**

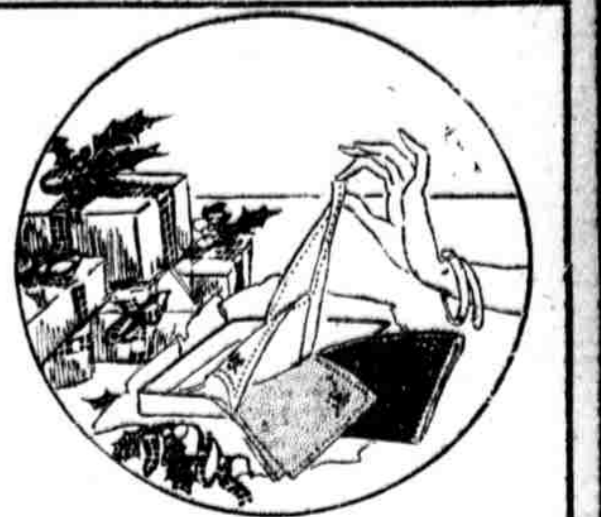
Any little girl would like to find one on Christmas morning. In flat or puffy shapes they are of colored leather, silk or velvet and many have little mirrors inside.

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**Men's Shoes, Special \$4.75 and \$6.75**

Much like army shoes, so you'll know they were built for comfort and service. Toes are wide and soles are thick and welted. Black shoes, \$4.75; dark tan, \$6.75.

(Gallerie, Market)



**Handkerchiefs in Christmas Array**

Thousands of them, and more are arriving every day. Already the Handkerchief Store is enlarged for the busy Christmas season. Prices are low for such good qualities.

Every handkerchief in stock is all pure linen, except of course, the few silk ones.

**Women's Handkerchiefs**

- plain white linen at 18c, 25c and 30c each.
- daintily embroidered corners, all-white, at 25c and 30c each.
- hand-embroidered corners, plain white, 35c and 55c each.
- lovely Madeira kerchiefs, 55c, 65c and 75c each.
- dainty colored squares in pink, rose, French or cadet blue, orchid, purple, green and tan at 55c each.
- also some hand-embroidered handkerchiefs in about the same shades with white hems, at 55c each.
- gay colored borders in all sorts of attractive combinations, 50c each.

**Men's Handkerchiefs**

- plain white linen, 35c, 50c and 75c each.
- extra-size white linen, 75c and 85c each.
- initialed handkerchiefs, 55c, 75c and \$1 each.

**Special at \$1.25**

A lot of beautifully fine handkerchiefs for men, handkerchiefs which would ordinarily be double this price. They are of fine white corded linen or plain linen with colored borders in blues, greens, tans, etc.

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**Satin Corsets \$4 to \$6**

Of gleaming pink satin of good, durable quality, the corsets are all topless. There are models for slight to average figures.

No additional charge for fittings.

(Central)

**Luncheon Sets With Hand-Made Crochet, \$6**

In the Christmas land of centerpieces, towel sets, counterpanes and such things there is a SURPRISE. Pure linen luncheon sets edged with hand-made crochet in characteristic Irish pattern! One centerpiece, six plate doilies and six tumbler doilies. All for \$6. Neatly packed in a box ready for Christmas giving.

(Juniper Street, Central)

**Young Women's Sports Coats \$29 to \$97.50**

Short and long coats, jolly and smart, are of velour, tweed, polo cloth and camel's hair. In light creamy tans, Havana browns, dark browns and navy, principally. They are half lined or full lined with peau de cygne and can be had with or without fur collars.

The tan polo coat, which is sketched on the left, is carefully tailored and lined with silk. A limited quantity at the special price of \$29.

The other coat, sketched, is of suede velour in navy, brown and Nankin, lined throughout with silk and topped with a collar of Australian opossum. \$39.

Prices rise, by easy stages, to \$97.50 for a very fine coat of camel's hair with a deep shawl collar of Australian opossum.

**Good Coats and Dolmans at \$19 to \$39**

Of velour, silvertone and tinseltone, many with collars of raccoon, skunk opossum, Australian opossum or sealene fur.

(Market)

**Christmas Sweater and Scarf Shop Offers Low Prices**

All sorts of discoveries to be made here.

Imagine Iceland wool sweaters from Switzerland at \$5.

Just think of getting French novelty sweaters, one or two of a kind, at \$5.

Of course these have been very much price lessened, which makes them all the better gifts.

**Brushed Wool Scarfs, \$2.10 to \$10**

Pretty ones for youngsters at \$2.10. Turquoise, black, olive, gray, blue or pink with stripes and fringe ends.

\$2.50 scarfs have wide fleecy striped borders of white and come in lovely shades of purple, blue, lavender, red and pink.

**Picturesque Shawl Scarfs**

They can be had for as little as \$3.50.

These are in two colors only—gray or red. School girls will be enchanted with them. The only reason that they are not far more expensive is because they come in no more than these two colors. Interestingly striped with green or black to make them more effective.

Other scarfs in tan, leather and brown with pockets and belt, \$6.50, and in tan and green checks, black and white mixtures, and others at \$10.

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**Wool Jersey Sports Suits Special, \$20**

Good suits at a low price.

They're of Winter weight wool jersey in heather mixtures with Oxford gray or blue predominating. The jacket is cut on simple, tailored lines with an inverted pleat down the back, a belt all around and four stitched pockets.

In sizes for women and young women.

**Scores of Other Winter Suits Are Now Marked at Special Prices**

starting at \$16.50 for jersey and going to \$75 for handsome fur-trimmed suits.

Remarkable sample suits average half price at \$65.

(Market)

**L'Artiste Phonographs Have an "Expression Modulator"**

What is a modulator? The modulator enables the owners of L'Artiste Phonographs to vary the expression of the music and to soften it as they desire. This makes PERSONAL music, which, of course, is far more delightful than the inmovable music of phonographs without a modulator.

**L'Artiste Phonographs Have Mahogany Veneered**

or fumed oak cases, carefully finished inside and out. They have five curved shelves large enough to hold 150 records. They have wooden sound "throats," so that their music is soft and throaty and interesting, without metallic vibrations.

**All Kinds of Records**

can be played on L'Artiste Phonographs. Victor records are 85c and upward. Pathe records are 85c and upward. Edison records are \$1.35 and upward.

**Some of the Okeh Records at \$1**

"Whispering"; reverse side, "Dreaming Blues."  
 "Japanese Sandman"; reverse side, "In the Land of Rice and Tea."  
 "Trene"; reverse, "Alice Blue Gown."  
 "Close to Your Heart"; reverse side, "Down the Trail to Home, Sweet Home."  
 "Love Nest"; reverse side, "Enticing."  
 "Young Man's Fancy"; reverse side, "Scandal Walk."  
 "Jean"; reverse side, "Le Wanna."  
 "Sahara Rose"; reverse side, "Sweet September."  
**L'Artiste Phonographs Are the Best at \$90**

They were made by a well-known phonograph firm at our suggestion, because we wanted to get the very best possible phonograph under one hundred dollars.

Terms—\$5 down and \$5 monthly.

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**Women's Brogue Oxfords, \$5.40 a Pair**

Tan or Black Calfskin

Any woman knows that this is a small price to pay for such fashionable, well-made Oxfords. This is the sort of footwear that most women like to wear with wool sports hose or with spats.

Exceedingly good Oxfords with outside wing tips, medium or low heels and welted soles.

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**Pretty Blankets for Baby, Dear**

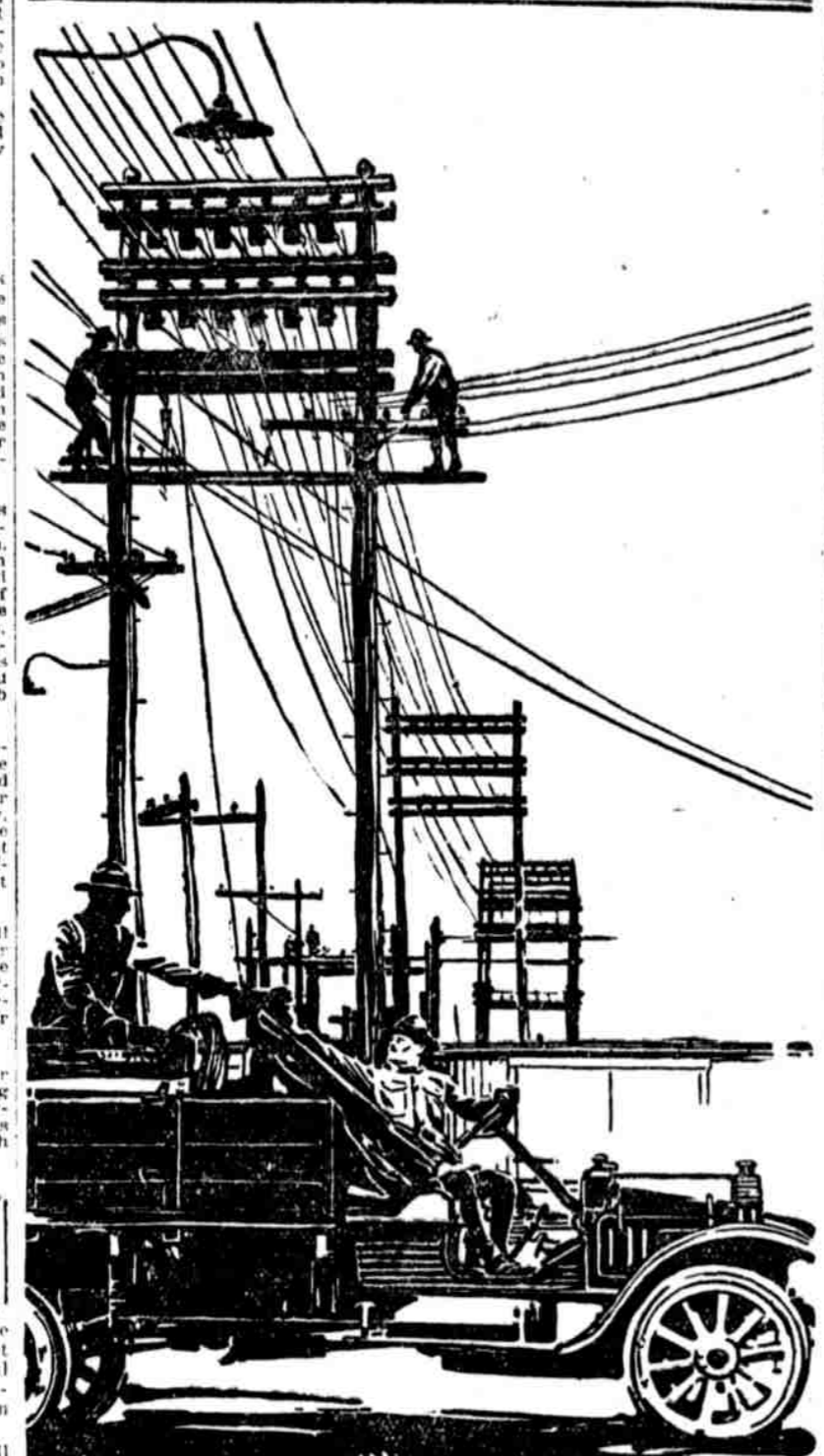
Baby appreciates being warm more than anything else (with the exception of being well fed!) and blankets with bunnies, Teddy bears and stars for baby fingers to play with, make nice gifts.

Coverage size, 30 x 40 inches, \$1.25.

Crib size, 20 x 48 inches, \$1.60.

The quality is much better than that of other years.

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**In the Army you can learn to be a skilled man in any of a hundred trades—**

**You earn a good living while you're learning—**

**You have money in your pocket at the end of the month.**

**You get about a bit, see new places, meet new people—**

**And when you go back to civil life, you've got the special training that is in demand, the skill that will bring you more pay, a good job where you want it.**

**THE US ARMY TEACHES TRADES**

Can you tell how Harvey Hunt was positive there were fifty typists despite the fact that the initials in the lower left-hand corner of the letters might have been blind? How he expected to trace them? What he expected to learn from them and what motive he figured would make them talk?

The answer will appear tomorrow.

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