

DANCER'S SUIT MAY CLEAR OLD MYSTERY

Evan Fontain's Ex-Husband, a Sailor, Was Shot to Death in Texas

HE KNEW ABOUT WHITNEY

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
New York, July 25.—The mystery in Evan Burrows Fontain's life of a former sailor in the United States Navy at a time when "Sonny" Whitney, son of millions and social prodigy, was declared by her to be the big "love" of her life, may be explained by the Oriental dancer when she returns here from the Pacific coast this week. There is a possibility, also, that a move may be made for a new investigation into the sudden and mysterious death of the sailor, Sterling L. Adair, in Houston, Texas. The coroner said it was suicide, but others hinted it was murder. Miss Fontain is said to have intimated that she believed this latter theory.

Adair entered into the girl's life in 1920, the year in which she says "Sonny" wooed her ardently, and during a time when she declared "she would not be untrue to Whitney for \$1,000,000." Adair was her husband, although Miss Fontain said the former sailor was married before, and that his first marriage still was in legal force when she became his wife.

At all events, Miss Fontain says "Sonny" gave her money to get her marriage to Adair dissolved. The decree of annulment was issued in New York in July, 1920.

Boy's Paraphrase in Doubt
The girl's baby, whose father, Miss Fontain asserts, is "Sonny," was born five months after the annulment. Adair's name appeared again in her life's history, in January, 1921, when he was found dead with a bullet hole in his brain. In his pockets were papers indicating that he was in communication with lawyers here who were interested in the charges made against Whitney.

Miss Fontain did question how Adair met death, she kept it secret, and never offered evidence to the effect that her former husband had been slain.

The case was dropped after the coroner had reached his verdict, and little was added at that time to the notoriety the dancer already had won. Nothing was plain about Fawn Evan when she reached New York but her name and she soon changed that. She came from away down in Texas, in the sagebrush country, not far from the Mexican border. Mother came to New York with her, after Fawn began to reckon up the financial possibilities of her nimble toes, and her mother and daughter proved to be good business women.

The voracious chronicler counts Fawn's years as twenty-three. The little town of Waco, with its childhood days figured in many thrilling stories of the wilder and woolier West, had the honor of being her birthplace. The story of Fawn's life relates that she engaged a Waco dancing master when the dancing craze began to make its youthful and less youthful votaries run around in eccentric circles. Apparently dancing was not difficult art for Fawn. Anyhow she showed sufficient she was good enough to go to New York, and she went.

Change of Scene and Name, Too
It was then that the beautiful and graceful Fawn adopted the name of Evan Burrows Fontaine, which evidently she thought was classier. Dancing masters more expensive than those of Waco now began to figure in her young life, and as she gained in skill she began to seek an avenue for her talents. She found it through Greenwich Village, where nightly folk who are credulous, and a bit romantic, resort in the belief that they are visiting from Paris setting—und not expurgated in the translation.

In the village one night Fawn—or Evan—saw a dancer known as "La Belle Gomez," although her real name didn't suggest anything Spanish. Gomez danced a dance that was called her "Fall of Eve" which had brought her the great publicity she craved. She got an engagement at the Palais Royal, and inspired its patrons with a new interest in Egyptian mythology.

Had Clever Press Agent
Here, it is said, "Sonny" saw her and first fell for her. Her press agent was as nimble-witted as Fawn was nimble-footed, and she "got across big" in the newspapers.

Flo Ziegfeld, whose judgment is rather highly thought of in matters of pulchritude, saw Fawn and put her in the Folies. She was in 1919, when she has told the world she met "Sonny" Whitney.

All this time her mother was close by, meeting her daughter at the stage door and going all places with her.

In the "Nine o'Clock Revue" Fawn made another hit with the tired business man, whose eyes and elbow were not spare in his general lassitude. Fawn and "Sonny," as every one who can read knows already, got along so beautifully that they were as good as married, according to her story, but "Sonny" folks didn't like it. None the less Broadway, which doesn't usually consider marriage a necessary arrangement where the pretty girl's nice young man has plenty of money, felt that Fawn was more to be envied than pitied.

The annulment of her marriage, the death of her former husband and the birth of her baby, now eighteen months old, followed. Fawn set up housekeeping with her mother and baby in the midwest. She kept right on dancing. The Broadway Brevities Ball in 1921 yielded her the loving cup as the "most popular girl," awarded by a board of artist-judges. Fawn returned then to dancing in the cabarets, and was away in Cleveland for a month in 1921, dancing, she said when she came back, because she "needed the money."

It was at this time that Fawn began her suit against "Sonny," which was kept out of the newspapers until recently. She kept right on dancing and appeared in Philadelphia a few weeks ago with the "Spice of 1922." Then the news of her suit "broke."

She is in Los Angeles now.

To Repair Twenty-second Street
Twenty-second street between Wood and Locust streets, is to be repaired with redressed granite blocks. The contract has been awarded to Centron & Mamolet, who bid \$50,000. Traffic on the thoroughfare is heavy, and the latest approach to this Park-

Store Open 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
For Wednesday
We lead in Furniture as we lead in silks and shoes and millinery.

GIMBEL BROTHERS

MARKET - CHESTNUT - EIGHTH - NINTH

Philadelphia, Tuesday, July 25, 1922
The busiest city's busiest store welcomes travelers and home folks.
For Wednesday

This August Furniture Sale Is a Positive Sensation : New Conceptions of Value : A Million-Dollar Collection

This million-dollar stock at last month's prices would total nearly three hundred thousand more—that is the lucky bag of savings which every customer shares.

125 Bedroom Suites at \$250

Regularly \$400 and \$425

A Purchase from the Assignees of a Prominent Michigan Furniture Factory at 40% Reduction on Regular Prices

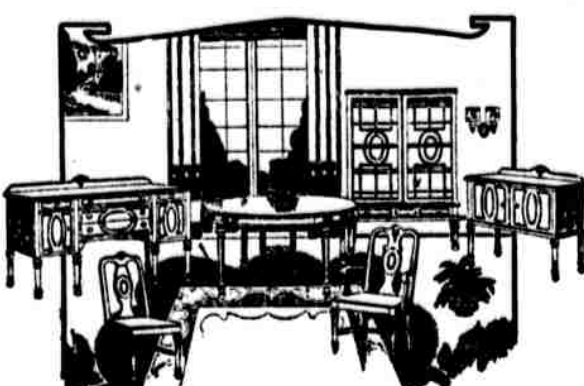


These beautiful Bedroom Suites, two designs, Louis XVI and Louis XIV, in both walnut and mahogany. Furniture cannot be had better in points of detail or construction irrespective of price. Bureaus are 48 inches wide, vanity dressing cases are 48 inches wide. Chiffonettes are equipped with sliding trays and two drawers—full size bedsteads. Regular prices were \$400 and \$425—to be closed out at \$250 each. One style is pictured.



100 Bedroom Suites That Were \$150 \$100

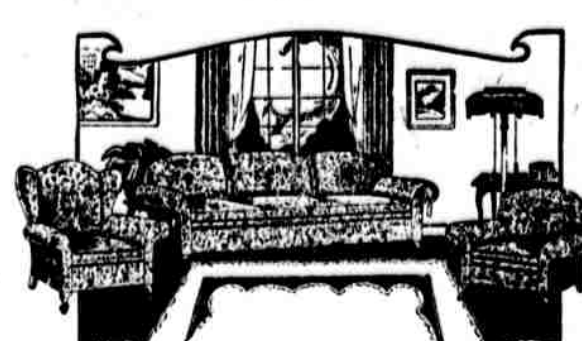
Queen Ann suite in American walnut finish. See illustration. One pattern equipped with semi-rail; regular value \$150. In this August Sale at \$100. Same suite with full vanity; regular value \$175, in this August Sale, \$125.



\$550 Solid Mahogany Ten-Piece Dining-Room Suites

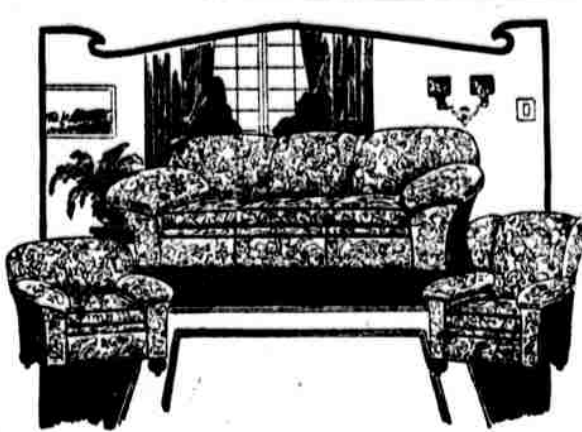
72-inch buffets and 54-inch top extension tables.

In this August Sale at \$325



100 of These \$200 Suites at \$135

Coverings of blue and taupe figured velour.



100 of These \$250 Suites at \$165

Coverings of tapestry or combination velours.

—Gimbels, August Sale, Sixth floor.

Misses' Dresses

Travel, Afternoon and All-Day Styles—Even Dance Dresses

\$15

Values \$19.75 to \$29.75

Fews, of course—of lovely groups!
Georgette with lace.
Crepe de chine.
Foulards—such youthful foulards!
Printed crepes de chine.
Bouffant taffetas.
Canton crepes in high colors.
Krepe-knits.
A sprinkling of lace dresses—dance and dinner styles.
Ages 16 to 20 in the lot.

—Gimbels, Salons of Dress, Third floor.

Women's Silk Dresses

Twelve Wonderful Styles at \$25—Special

Including summer's loveliest white silk crepes—the fashionable flat crepes.
Fagoted—or tucked—and draped in fascinating ways.
And Georgettes—silk-lined throughout. A style pictured, with a new tucked neckline and draperies showing Paris' new "circular influence."
Beaded Georgettes, too. And Canton crepes.
White, navy, black.

—Gimbels, Salons of Dress, Third floor.

Queen Quality White Shoes

For Women

by special co-operation of the makers, the Thos. G. Plant Co.—

\$5 and \$6 Low White Shoes, \$2.65 | \$7 and \$8 Low White Shoes, \$3.85
Oxfords and Pumps of all good models. Oxfords, pumps and Sally Pumps.

These are all spick-and-span—straight here from the makers—in original cartons. Thousands of pairs—of every good summer sort—yet early comers will have best selection. Ample selling space.

—Gimbels, Second floor.

Girls' Smart Tub Dresses \$1.50

Clearance of \$2.50 and \$3.95 Values

Plaid, check and plain gingham—the "smart qualities." Organdies—pretty flower-garden colors.
Maybe muslin—a hot iron freshens them!
Ages 6 to 14 in the lot—but only large sizes among the organdies.

—Gimbels, Salons of Dress, Third floor.

Blankets—Comfortables—Bedspreads

The Lowest Prices of the Year in the Gimbel
August Bedclothing Sale

Blankets Are Cheaper

And this is the time to buy for winter.
\$4.95 and \$5.95 pair
Wool and cotton-mixed Blankets. \$4.95 and \$5.95 pair. Classed as "seconds," although defects are trifling. All double-bed size. Choice Gray, White and Plaids. Save 40%.

\$7.50 pair

350 pairs extra-size white woolen Blankets. 6 lbs. to the pair. 76x84 inches. Mohair-bound. \$7.50 pair—were \$12.50.

\$14.75 pair

Clearance 100 pair Fine Blankets. Mostly all-wool Plaids and White. Very fine qualities. \$14.75 pair. Been \$22.50 and \$25.00.

\$9.75 pair

5-lb. all-wool warp-and-filling, plaid and white woolen blankets. 70x80 inches. Neatly bound. \$9.75 pair.

\$6.95 each

Woolen Blankets in Old Rose, Blue and Tan. Wide mercerized bound. Size 72x84 inches. 4 1/2 lbs. weight to each blanket. 75% wool. \$6.95 each. Regularly \$10.

\$5.50 pair

Plaid and White wool-and-cotton mixed blankets. Wide mercerized binding. Double-bed size. \$5.50 pair. Regularly \$7.60.

\$4.25 set

Dimity Bed Sets. Scalloped Dimity Bedspreads with scalloped Bolster Roll to match. \$4.25 set.

\$5.95

Satin-finished Bedspreads, raised Marseilles patterns. Double bed size. Choice of hemmed ends or scalloped cut corners. \$5.95—regularly \$7.50 and \$8.
Satin-finished Bed Sets reduced one-third.

\$6.95—\$8.95—\$9.95 set

Satin-finished Bedspread, scalloped cut corners with scalloped bolster roll to match. Double-bed size. \$6.95—\$8.95—\$9.95 set.

\$4.95 set

Clearance 100 printed Summer Bed Sets, scalloped with rolls to match. Hand block designs. Double-bed size, \$4.95 set. Been \$10.00.

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72x90 in. \$2.15
80x90 in. \$2.50

750 Mesh Bags : Specials \$2.95—\$3.95

450 fine mesh bags with an extra-thin frame, engine-turned on both sides; an unusual value at \$2.95.
300 fine mesh bags, same style, only larger; a wonderful value at \$3.95.

—Gimbels, Plated Jewelry Section, First floor.

Women's Nightgowns and Envelope Chemises \$1.50

Values \$2 and \$2.25

Lacy Vacation Styles!

Lace insertions, and edgings and medallions—fine lace.
Soft nainsooks—cool, and in cool white or cool pinks.

—Gimbels, Second floor.

Super-Values in Pure Irish Table Linens

A splendid serviceable quality, closely and firmly woven in several handsome designs.

All-Linear Crash Toweling
Firmly woven, absorbent quality; splendid for roller use. Special value at 25c a yard.

Real French Hand-Made Cluny Lace-Trimmed Scarfs
A manufacturer's close-out at a remarkable saving. Very effective designs at 75c each.

five designs with centers of fine firm linen. Sizes 18x36 at \$2.75; 18x46 at \$3.25; 18x54 at \$3.75.
Round; assorted effective designs at 75c each.

—Gimbels, Second floor.

Fifteen Carloads of Wooden Ware in the Subway Store Sale at Savings of 25 to 35%

One Carload of the Famous Hygienic Refrigerators

Solid oak case, white enamel-lined provision compartment, dry cold air circulation, solid brass nickel-plated hardware, side ice compartment.

- 27 in. wide, 15 in. deep, 38 in. high, 40 lbs. capacity, at \$17.95.
- 31 1/2 in. wide, 16 1/2 in. deep, 41 in. high, 50 lbs. ice capacity, at \$25.50.
- 32 in. wide, 17 in. deep, 48 in. high, 65 lbs. ice capacity, at \$27.50.
- 33 in. wide, 18 1/2 in. deep, 46 in. high, 75 lbs. ice capacity, at \$33.

One-piece porcelain-lined side ice compartments. 32 in. wide, 17 in. deep, 43 in. high, 65 lbs. capacity, at \$46.50.
Ice chests. 28 1/2 in. wide, 16 in. deep, 24 in. high, at \$9.76.

One Carload of Kitchen Chairs

The extra strong kind, natural finished, regularly \$2.50, at \$1.68.

4-Ft. Step Ladders

Strongly made, with bucket rest, at \$1.65.

500 White Enamel Bath Tub Seats

Adjustable to fit tub, rubber ends, at \$1.25.

One Carload of Porcelain-Top Kitchen Tables

Size 25x41 in., slight imperfections, with white enamel finished base, with partitioned drawer, at \$4.95.

One Carload of Kitchen Cabinets

Sliding porcelain top, tilting flour bin, bread and cake cloths, 5-piece crystal glass spice set. Large cupboard for cooking utensils, golden oak finished, at \$28.50.

300 Pastry Tables

Slight imperfections, with white porcelain top, white enameled base, flour and sugar bin and one drawer, two sizes, 25x40 1/2 in. and 27x41 in., choice at \$9.40.

Oblong Mirrors

with white enameled frames, size 10x14 in., at \$1.50.

Folding Ironing Boards

on stand, the strong rigid kind, at \$1.95.

National Water Power Washing Machines

Extra heavy cypress tubs, dolly agitator, requires very little water pressure to operate, regularly \$25, at \$18.75.

Medicine Cabinets

White enameled with two shelves and oval mirror, at \$2.95.

300 Laundry Hampers

White enameled made of wood, the sanitary kind, regularly \$6, at \$3.40.

500 Mahogany-Finished Serving Trays

with glass-covered bottoms and side handles, at 79c.

500 Carpet Sweepers

with mahogany-finished wooden case, nickel trimmed, good quality bristle brush, at \$2.95.

500 Plain-Top Kitchen Tables

Oak-finished base with drawer, strongly made, regularly \$4, at \$2.95.

One Carload of Porcelain Table Tops

Slight seconds, but wonderful values, sizes 24x36 in., 25x40 1/2 in., 27x41 in., 27x48 in., neater looking and more sanitary than oil cloth, the size 27x41 in. can be nicely used as a cover for stationary wash tub, all sizes, can be used as drip pans under automobiles, regularly if first quality would be \$5.25 to \$6.45, choice at \$1.95.

—Gimbels, Subway Store.