

FRANCIS SPEER'S
Breezy "THAT" Column

THAT it is said that a certain piano practice in Bellefonte is making perfect martyrs of the neighbors.

THAT it is stated that a certain temperance lady in Bellefonte refused to take medicine from a wine glass.

THAT Lewis Grauer, the progressive Bellefonte merchant, will tell you that there is lots of head work done in a pin factory.

THAT the young man in Bellefonte who spends most of his time playing cards need never hope to butt into the frenzied financier class.

THAT a young lady in Bellefonte says that a certain young man who was in love with her is crazy. That's mighty hard on the girl herself.

THAT most every girl in Bellefonte has a mission in life, and ninety-nine cases out of a hundred is to acquire a son-in-law for their anxious mother.

THAT Bellefonte has in it several women whose reputation depends strictly on their clothes and that is the reason they have to keep dressed all the time.

THAT people in Bellefonte shouldn't send \$10.00 worth of flowers to put on the casket of a man whose family is left without an income. Give the family the money.

THAT Bellefonte has in it a number of men who vociferously claim to be honest who are watched so closely by the public that they never get an opportunity to be dishonest.

THAT the man in Bellefonte who stands willing to compromise with wrong in order to gain money or prestige is a bad citizen, and the community at large should put its heel on his neck and keep it there.

THAT there are two ways in which a Bellefonte man can be shocked at the telephone. The one is by electricity and the other is by having his wife call him up and informing him that her mother came very unexpectedly.

THAT a young lady in Bellefonte the other evening passed the remark that she always judged a man by the looks of his shoes. She is going with a man who may have polished shoes but there is something wrong with his head, all right.

THAT when a certain couple get a honeymoon spell on and begin to kiss, hug and squeeze, they had better pull down the blinds. To pedestrians passing it looks like a humpy-dumpy show. This is only a friendly admonition and nothing more.

THAT there are some women in Bellefonte who have such worthless husbands that a good whipping post would be a good thing with which to trim them out. It is said that a great big chunk of a fellow was found minding the babies the other day while his wife was out doing a hard day's washing. Such a man ought to be tarred and feathered.

THAT a young couple in Bellefonte were married recently and during their honeymoon the bride, in her ecstasy and joy, asked the groom if she would always be the dearest thing in the world to him. His reply was that she surely would unless the landlord raises the rent. That, of course, was very comforting to the girl and she fell off into a restful doze.

THAT it is said that a certain young lady in Bellefonte was out calling the other evening and when she went home her dress looked as though she had been in a dog kennel, as it was all covered over with dog hairs. A pet dog may be all right but it should be made keep its place in the kitchen or in the bed room where it can be properly kissed and nursed with a bottle, but never in a parlor where \$100 gowns can be soiled.

THAT striving to be a good fellow has sent many a Bellefonte young man to the bad.

THAT if a certain fellow in Bellefonte would set fire to his phonograph he would make hosts of friends.

THAT Alf Baum, the Bellefonte liveryman, never forgets to say what he thinks when a horse tramps on his foot.

THAT Charles F. Cook, of Bellefonte, says that at any rate the bald headed man always comes out on the top.

THAT the young man in Bellefonte who marries a dressmaker must expect to get his temper ruffled once in a while.

THAT when a woman in Bellefonte doesn't approve of low-neck gowns, it is like finding money to bet that she doesn't have to take anti-fat remedies.

THAT no man in Bellefonte can square himself with God unless he pays what he owes to his fellow men. No matter whether an unjust law shields them or not.

THAT after a girl in Bellefonte reaches 15 and puts on long dresses what happens to her legs? They are covered up, and so far as people know they become crooked.

THAT there is a gentleman in Bellefonte who don't see what prevents a man from getting "full" if he only keeps quiet while under the influence of the corn juice.

THAT the reason some men in Bellefonte don't purchase an automobile is that they have a dog, two life insurance policies and a banion on their foot, and they think that is about all the trouble they can carry.

THAT the other Sunday a little fellow in Bruce Gerbrich's Sunday school class asked him how many people went into Noah's ark the time of the flood. To this Bruce answered that anybody who didn't have an umbrella.

THAT a young lady in Bellefonte, who is quite gay, was entreated the other evening to save something for a rainy day, to which she replied that she had just bought an umbrella and a half dozen of the swellest stockings you ever saw.

THAT they say that W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of Bellefonte, is a great lover of chickens and last summer he failed to get fresh eggs with which to set a hen, so he just bought a dozen of cold storage eggs. They hatched out peeps all right, but they are running around out there with fur on their instead of feathers.

THAT a certain young lady in Bellefonte told one of her lady friends the other evening that it was perfectly absurd the way her beau makes love. That may be all true but the way he makes money isn't. This girl is a good bit of fool, and the young man who marries her will be a bigger one, and don't you forget it.

THAT at the next home talent entertainment to be given in Bellefonte one of the pleasing and promising features will be a comic little ditty entitled, "We're Here Because We're Here" sung by Earl C. Tuten and Charles McClellan, who have the little sonnet copyrighted, and therefore are the only ones to render it. Their voices blend nicely together and it will be a real musical treat.

THAT some women in Bellefonte make you tired when you hear them talking about their ideal husbands when the people, in general, know that they are out every night with other women and can drink as much booze as the next fellow. The best way for a woman in Bellefonte who thinks she has an ideal husband is to stuff him and put him in a glass case. She will then positively know that he is an ideal fellow.

Clemenceau, New French Premier

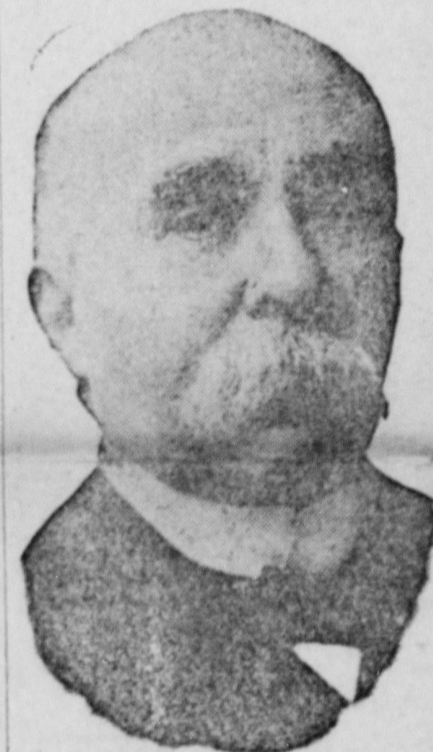
Once a New York Physician and Teacher of French—His American Marriage. Elevation of Picquart to the Ministry.



GEORGES PIQUART, American woman. His most notable act since his accession to the premiership is the appointment as minister of war of a man in whom Americans have a peculiar interest, General Georges Picquart, the principal hero, next to Captain Dreyfus himself, of the episode in which that officer figured.

In France the office of president is one of great honor, but the powers that go with the position are by no means so great as those possessed by the president of our own republic. It is the premier who is the active ruler of the country in France, and hence the importance attached to the post. The political complexion of the government may change several times during the term of a French president, but the premier must always represent the party which controls the parliament.

M. Clemenceau assumes the reins of authority at a critical period in the history of France on account of the agitation over the new law separat-



ing church and state. There will be no change of policy on this subject because of his accession, for he was minister of interior in M. Sarrien's cabinet and his right hand man. The late premier resigned on account of ill health. He used to say, "Sarrien is the driver, but Clemenceau drives the driver." Indeed, Clemenceau has a reputation as a sort of Warwick, as a statesman who was able to make or unmake ministers at will, but who until now was unable to be premier himself.

M. Clemenceau was born sixty-five years ago and comes of an old Huguenot family of the province of Vendee. The father of Premier Clemenceau was a strong republican, and the son was brought up with the idea that he must fight for his views as a member of the minority in his community. He was educated for the practice of medicine, but before he had had a chance to advance very far in his profession was compelled to leave the country on account of his radical views. This was just before the fall of the Emperor Napoleon III. Clemenceau removed to New York, and while trying to establish a practice in the French colony he for a time taught French. One of his pupils was a Miss Mary E. Plummer of Greenwich, Conn. He fell in love with her, and they were married in 1870 by Mayor A. Oakley Hall at the New York city hall. M. Clemenceau being averse to a religious ceremony. The outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war led to his return to France and rise to political influence and, indeed, pre-eminence, for he is by many considered the strongest man in France today. His marriage with an American proved unfortunate. His wife obtained a divorce, returned to America and died here.

CAMILLE CLIFFORD. American Actress Who Has Wedded Prospective Peer.

Camille Clifford, the American actress who will some day become a peeress through her marriage to the Earl Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, the eldest son of Lord Aberdare, recently succeeded to the role previously filled by Edna May in London's latest comic opera hit, "The Belle of Mayfair." Her marriage to the prospective British peer was secret on account of the opposition of the groom's family to the match. Previous to going on the stage she was known as Camilla Otterson and was born in Norway. When fifteen years old she ran away from her aunt in Christiania and came to the United



CAMILLE CLIFFORD. States. She was "second maid" in a Boston family for a time and also worked in a laundry, but, being brought to the attention of Henry W. Savage, was given by him a place in "The Prince of Pilsen" company. Her beauty and charm did the rest. In London she created such a craze that she excited the jealousy of Edna May, who finally resigned from "The Belle of Mayfair" company in a pique. As the bride of a future peer she will have a new field to conquer—that of English society. She is considered a good specimen of the Gibson girl type in appearance and character and has the poise necessary for entrance to exclusive sets. Her husband's father has threatened him with disinheritance, but the young man is making money in a garage business and enjoys an income of \$150,000 from his estates.

OSCAR S. STRAUS.

The First Jew to Enter an American Cabinet.

Oscar S. Straus, who is scheduled for appointment by President Roosevelt as secretary of commerce and labor, occasional discussion recently by his statement that the Jewish race, to which he belongs, is not mercenary and materialistic, but devoted to ideals, and that otherwise it would have sold out long ago and bought peace from its persecutors. It is said that Mr. Straus will be the first Jew to hold a place in the cabinet of an American president. He has served as minister to Turkey and in that post did more, although a Jew, for the benefit of the work of the Christian missionaries in the sultan's domain than any of his Christian predecessors. It was Grover Cleveland who first sent Mr. Straus to Turkey, and the second time he went there as United States minister it was President McKinley who commissioned him. Though never an active politician, he used to be considered a Dem-



ocrat. Of late years he has voted the Republican ticket. He is best known as a diplomat, but in addition to his achievements in the field of diplomacy he has practiced law, written books on history and political economy and made a success in business. He is a member of The Hague peace tribunal.

Mr. Straus is a deep student of social problems, and in the Civic federation has employed his energies in bringing about a better understanding between capital and labor.

The prospective cabinet member was born in Germany in 1850, came to this country in childhood and is a graduate of Columbia university. He is president of the New York board of trade and transportation and of the American Social Science association.

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HAS FIVE WIVES.

President Joseph F. Smith of the Mormons and His Arrest.

Joseph Fielding Smith, head of the Mormon church, who was arrested a few days ago on the charge of living unlawfully with five wives, was a witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the Smoot case. He at that time expressed his belief in the principle of polygamy and admitted having a plurality of wives. President Smith recently returned



JOSEPH F. SMITH. from a trip to Europe and on his arrival in Utah was informed of the birth of his forty-third child. President Smith is of patriarchal appearance. He was born in 1838 and married his first wife forty years ago. He was elected president of the Mormon church in 1901.

Found No Trace of Murderer.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 6.—Through the mountains have been scoured and all the Polish settlements in the valley searched no trace has been found of Michael Shemitski, the man who shot and killed Deputy Game Warden Chas. Beachem in the mountains near Justus Sunday. There is still a belief that he was wounded by some of the shots sent after him and the mountains are still being searched for his body.

Sending Mechanics to Panama.

Washington, Nov. 6.—In October the Isthmian canal commission sent 324 additional skilled American laborers to the canal zone. Of this number 322 are employed by the construction and engineering department in various sorts of mechanical work. Carpenters were more numerous than any other tradesmen, 85 of them having been sent. The machinists numbered 52 and the plumbers 17.

Was 102 Years Old.

Findlay, O., Nov. 6.—Mrs. Anna Depew, one of the oldest residents of Ohio, died at her home in Wheaton. Her age was 102 years, and she has been a resident of Wyandotte county for the last half century, removing there from New York state. She was related to Senator Depew.

New Trial Refused Ousted Councilman.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 6.—In court here Select Councilman William Abbott Witman was refused a new trial in quo warranto proceedings to oust him from office and a rule was granted why his seat should not be declared vacant. Witman then took an appeal to the supreme court.

Schooner and Crew Probably Lost.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 6.—It is believed here that the schooner Asa T. Stowell, lumber laden, from Pensacola for Havana, was lost with all on board in the September hurricane. The owners of the boat in Providence, R. I., have given up hope. She carried a crew of a captain and six men.