

THE MESSAGE OF THE MUSIC.

What's that the fiddle's sayin' which the others never hear?—

On merry nights I hear it from my chimney-corner place;

That's how the fiddle's singin' in a tune to them who know.



Member of the Board.

Dr. Pearl Hale Tatman, of Eureka Springs, Ark., is a member of the "Eclectic" State Board of Examiners.

The Judgment of Women. I have been beloved, said Ernest Renan, by the four women whose love was of the most comfort to me.

Explanations. Nothing is more fatal to friendly relations than complaints and reproaches and demands for explanations.

Eyes Cut Longer. It was whispered in Paris that the eyes of a famous actress, which were described as "deep, mysterious, long, almond-shaped and dark," owed much of their beauty to a slight operation performed upon them.

Men and Women. When a woman becomes furred she feels for a fan. When a man becomes furred he feels for a cigar.

Wear Rubber Boots. While it has always served its purpose as waterproof footwear, the wearing of the rubber boot has been confined largely to the masculine sex.

Women Cab Drivers. The Petite Republique does not think everything will be pleasant in the existence of the woman cab driver.

Sense of Humor. The famous French comedian, Monsieur Coquelin, repudiates the assertion that women are lacking in a sense of humor.

Writing to Himself. "Some men on the road write letters to themselves before they get to the next hotel, so they will appear important when they register and ask for their mail," said a hotel clerk.

Art of Looking Well. It is curious that many of the women noted for their longevity have been some of the most beautiful, and among those who have cultivated beauty as a science.

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

FIGHT WITH CATAMOUNT.

Huntingdon (Special).—The extreme cold and deep snows have caused the more ferocious in the wild animals in this section to become exceedingly dangerous.

HIS SUICIDE DELIBERATE.

Norristown (Special).—Seated on a chair in his home, at Lansdale, William Webb blew off the top of his head. Webb's method of suicide was most deliberate and very odd in execution.

BOMB IN MAIL FROM ITALY.

Easton (Special).—Newton R. Turner, Easton's City Solicitor, received a package by mail from Italy, and on opening it found a stick of dynamite.

BIG POWDER CONTRACT.

Gibbstown (Special).—It is rumored here that the United States Government has just issued tenders for the largest contract for high explosives ever made, to be used on the Panama Canal.

STATE'S FISH PRODUCTION.

Harrisburg (Special).—There are some changes in the method of compiling annual reports in that handed by Fish Commissioner Meehan to the Governor.

WEST ON STRETCHER.

Kennett Square (Special).—Plunging down a flight of stairs at three o'clock which resulted in breaking her leg in two places, a bride at 6 and the wedding journey on a stretcher to the hospital in the unique experience of Mr. James Thompson.

TEACHERS' STRIKE ENDED.

Scranton (Special).—After the Lackawanna Railroad came to the rescue and sent the School Board of Minooka a fat check, the strike of the teachers was declared off.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP LEAGUES.

Chester (Special).—Mrs. Cochran, wife of Governor Henry Clay Cochran, has received permission from the Board of Education to form companies among the public school children to be known as "The League of Good Citizenship."

SPARK FELL IN POWDER KEG.

Ashland (Special).—David Wolfang, aged 40 years, residing at Mowrey, met with a terrible death while at work in the Locust Spring Mine.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A. B. Harnish, a Mechanicburg grain dealer, against whom charges had been made by the Pure Food Department, calling into question a poultry food, plead guilty to two charges and was fined one hundred dollars by Magistrate Hughes.

ELECTION DILEMMA.

Norristown (Special).—Which of the two persons represented by the names, George W. Welker, John S. Moser, John Moser and J. S. Moser, were elected judge of elections in the borough of Red Hill last week, is a question that is causing a great deal of dispute in legal and political circles.

BRIGHT TRADE OUTLOOK.

Pittsburg (Special).—Prospects for March in the mills of the Pittsburg and adjoining districts are brighter, according to information given out by the heads of nearly all the large industrial establishments.

REAPPOINTED CHAPLAIN.

Hanover (Special).—Rev. Dr. Daniel Eberly, of this place, who is the senior ranking chaplain in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, his service covering a continuous period of thirty-two years, has just been reappointed chaplain of the 20th Regiment for five years.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

Pittsburg (Special).—"No matter what you send me, Judge, it is all the same to me. I am going to hang myself before I get out again."

"The Scrap."

By M. E. Harding.

"The Scrap" wondered why "Mum" never came to him now. He had not been specially naughty lately.

deeper draught, and at last she was going to drain the cup to the end, never heeding the dress which, of a surety, she would find at the bottom.

"O' course; why, 'Mum,' I'd die dead without you. 'Mum,' won't it be nice when daddy comes back, and we're all happy again? P'raps he'll take us all to the Zoo."

All of no use. Nurse used to chide him herself, but it was in a very half-hearted way.

With fingers all damp and trembling she hurriedly unclasped the glittering jewels—which "The Scrap" had beheld with wondering eyes.

"Mum" stooped to kiss him. "Good-night, darling," she said gently. She went into the dressing-room, and taking up the half-written letter, tore it into tiny fragments.

They had always come to say good-night to their little boy then, and what a joyous sight it was to see "Mum" all dressed up in some beautiful shiny stuff, with lovely things twinkling in her hair and on her neck and arms, and she never seemed afraid of her finery being tumbled by the baby hands which clung so lovingly about her.

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"If you are a good and brave man," said "Mum" solemnly.—Detroit News-Tribune.

AS IT STRIKETH THE PHILOSOPHER.

(By H. J. THIEDE.)

1. The most credulous of mortals is he who is persuaded of his own greatness.

2. At sunset our shadows read the stars, yet we are no greater at death than at birth.

3. A wise man knoweth discretion. Yes, and a silent tongue is his also.

4. It is not so very different to prove some one else a hypocrite; that is not the same thing as proving your own virtue.

5. Whenever a man offers to let you in on the ground floor it's a pretty safe rule to take the elevator for the roof garden.

6. If you snore the pleasure is all yours.

7. Happiness is a by-product of industry.

8. There isn't any such thing as being your own boss in this world unless you're a tramp, and then there's the constable.

9. There's nothing comes without calling in this world, and after you've called you've generally got to go and fetch it yourself.

10. When a man hasn't anything to say, that is the best time not to say it.

11. A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

12. Yesterday's savings are to-day's legacies.

I might go, and I'll take only what was mine before—before— She changed the shimmering gown for a loose robe, and sat down to write; for a long time she sat there with the paper before her, thinking; then with a sudden effort she dipped the pen in the ink, and wrote feverishly, hardly pausing for a second!

"I'm suffocating in here, I must have air," she gasped, pressing her hand to her throbbing head.

While it has always served its purpose as waterproof footwear, the wearing of the rubber boot has been confined largely to the masculine sex.



Skirts are shirred, pleated, gathered, draped in tunic style and laid in panels.

In lingerie gowns narrow bands of tucks alternate with the lace insertion, and make up most effectively.

A number of short wraps have the Japanese sleeve with and without undersleeves of net, chiffon or silk.

A short ostrich plume and a cluster of upstanding aigrettes comprise an unusually charming coiffure decoration.

A beautiful petticoat of flowered silk has founces and tiny ruchings of chiffon which are trimmed with tiny green satin ribbon.

Silks, particularly the pompadour effects, are seen on many young girls for evening wear. Silk is more popular this season than net.

In tailor-made that are beginning to drift into the stores under the title of "advance spring" models cut-aways seem to have first place.

The full hat crown of net or tulle is still being used on hats wide brims. Feathers are used with these crowns more frequently than flowers.

It is evident that the tunic and variously draped models are making a strong bid for favor, and have no intention of relinquishing their popularity.

Some of the newest sleeves are made with bewitching little puffs above the elbows and cuffs fastening just below. Another cuff is of lace which reaches half way down the forearm.

The little lingerie bows show no ends of pretty ideas. Some are made of fine edging of embroidery; others of linen have hemstitched ends with motifs set in.

The fashion of having trimmings of hand embroidery or touches of gilt, which used to be considered correct only when used on evening gowns, is now quite the thing on suits for street wear.

The new bordered goods is prettiest when made into tunic skirts. A tunic over a pleated skirt is very novel and pretty, but it is apt to have a clumsy appearance unless the wearer is very tall and spare.