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Aunt Hephzibah's Tramp

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"Father invited him in, and then we discovered that he was not really bad looking, and certainly no tramp."

"Presently Aunt Hephzibah appeared from the cellar, but in the middle of the floor she stopped, almost dropping the dish she was carrying...

"Mr. Brown apologized for his strange behavior during the past three days. He said he had been a sailor and told a thrilling story of his exile in the frozen regions of the north...

"Comtesse d'Hautpoul wore fancy braiding matching her blue costume and a coarse straw hat of the same blue...

"Well, you can guess the ending—that in a few weeks Aunt Hephzibah moved from Maplewood into a neat little farmhouse of her own...

"I should be a story of the good days when Boston was many years younger than it is today," she began...

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Blue For Walking Gowns. In Paris, either for walking, for visiting or for the races, women of taste always return after a time to dark blue for their trotteur costumes...

This fact was particularly noticeable at Chantilly, writes the Paris correspondent of the Gentlewoman, and it was amusing to note how every woman introduced her personal taste in the selection of her cloche and ombrelle to relieve the severe classical cut of her gown.

When a girl walks heavily she is always walking incorrectly and is never graceful. Girls are not altogether to blame for this, as they are told from childhood to 'throw their shoulders back'...

Relaxation is the second thing necessary for grace, as well as for the nerve. But relaxation does not mean merely collapsing in a lachrymose sort of way and being 'wilowy'...

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But when she goes into the business world it will seem to fairly bristle with thorns, so many will be the slights she will apparently receive.

It is wisdom that is slow in coming, for you can't make the sensitive girl believe that the slights directed her way are not intended.

Indeed, argument is hopeless most of the time with the sensitive girl. If you number such a one among your friends or in your family, try to change her way of looking at the world, instead of arguing with her...

Age begins to tell after thirty. One must dress to meet it. There is no reason for the figure to lose its straightness or its good lines.

Women of this age should never think of wearing any colors but white, black shades of violet and soft gray. They should avoid anything with tones of blue, brown, red and green.

Stiff linens are not for them, nor heavy cotton, but soft muslin in all its forms. Embroidery of every kind can be worn as well as lace, but age must never tamper with inferior quality of either.

If her neck has the fullness that age often gives she can well adapt the present-day collars of soft linen lingerie that roll back from the neck and are fastened with a brooch at a slight point in the front.

The old-fashioned way of cutting a blouse to a V in front and edging it with ruching is still one of the general fashions. The empire gowns with long full skirts make the best models for clothes.

As for headgear, that must remain a woman's own choice. The old-fashioned bonnet is quite out of style, but in its place there is a small hat of soft Neapolitan straw or horsehair trimmed with flowers.

A woman may add soft strings of satin to tie under the chin, but as a rule this is not done.

To Walk Gracefully. The modern girl is at her worst when she walks. Her feet are dressed in low shoes with high heels and her stride is out of all proportion to her height.

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Weeky Review of Trade and Market Reports. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Reports from the principal cities unite in confirming the revival in trade. The prospect is that the volume in business will here long attain such proportions that maximum capacity will be reached and labor be at a premium.

Dead Fishes Polluting Rivers. Harrisburg.—Complaints from persons living along the Allegheny, Ohio and Monongahela Rivers, that large numbers of dead fish are polluting the waters, have caused State Fish Commissioner Meehan to ask the state commissioners of West Virginia and Ohio to a conference to discuss ways and means of compelling manufacturing establishments to stop draining poisonous substances into the streams.

Bound and Robbed. Williamsport.—Edward Williams, a war veteran of Scotch Creek, west of here, his wife and daughter, were made victims of one of the boldest outrages ever perpetrated in this section. Three masked men with a railroad tie battered in the door of Williams' house while the family were sleeping.

Woman Pensioner Dies. Altoona.—The only woman pensioner on the Pennsylvania Railroad rolls, Mrs. Sarah Lang Hamilton, is dead here, aged 72. She had cleaned the offices of Andrew Carnegie, A. J. Cassatt, Robert Pitcairn and various other men who afterwards attained great prominence during her residence here.

Landmark Burns. Bangor.—While Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gross, farmers of near here, were asleep their home nearly burned down, both escaping in night clothes. The house was a landmark, built in 1813, and had thirteen furnished rooms. Only a purse and a chair were saved.

Skull Fractured in Runaway. Bethlehem.—When his horses became frightened at an object in the street at Iron Hill and dashed into a barbed-wire fence, Ellwood Rentheimer, a butcher, was thrown out head first and besides receiving three fractured ribs had a probable fracture of the skull.

Bank Clerk A Suicide. Pittsburg.—M. L. Ottman, Jr., 30 years old, a clerk employed at the Metropolitan National Bank, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head in the directors' room of the institution shortly before noon.

Death Calls Aged Clergyman. Lancaster.—Rev. Robert Gamble, of Bridgeton, York County, a well known Presbyterian minister, died in the hospital at Columbia from a stroke of paralysis received a week ago. He was 80 years old, and for the past ten years had lived retired.

Miner Killed by Falling Coal. Mahanoy City.—Caught under falling coal at Morca colliery, William Kamen was killed and Adam Zubeck was fatally injured.

Crushed To Death Under Car. Altoona.—After a careless employe had removed a danger flag from a tank car in the Pennsylvania shops here, an engine was coupled to the car to remove it, and David Stewart, aged 65, who was working underneath, was crushed to death.

Drill Fractures Man's Skull. Bangor.—Struck by a drill, which fell upon his head while in the hole of the Grand Central Slate Quarry, forty feet below, James Broad suffered a fractured skull. He will probably die.

Smokes Himself To Death. Pottsville.—Believing that he could with safety smoke a dozen packages of cigarettes, Michael Sculler, of 310 West Railroad Street, tried the experiment for several days. Tuesday he was found dead in bed. The deputy coroner, O. J. Carlin, who investigated found heart failure from excessive smoking the cause of death.

Complie To Fight Murder Charge. York.—William R. Brown and Mrs. Minnie Tracey, against whom the grand jury has found a true bill, charging them with murder by poisoning Joshua Tracey, appeared before the Court here, plead not guilty to the charges and they will proceed to defend themselves at the coming October court.

Killed by Falling Slate. Easton.—Aaron Shover, aged 65 years, of Wind Gap, was struck by a falling block of slate in the Courtney quarry, Pen Argyle, and killed. He had been employed in the quarry ever since it was opened thirty years ago.

Quarrel Ends in Wife's Suicide. Mahanoy City.—After a domestic quarrel, due to jealousy over another man's alleged attentions to her, Mrs. John Witosky swallowed a quantity of Paris green here. She died within a few hours.

Collapse Injures Four Men. Pittsburg.—Four men were seriously injured and heavy damage caused when the roof of the Twenty-eighth Street power house of the Pennsylvania Railroad collapsed.

Practically all the valuable rubies of ancient and modern times have been found in the Mogok Valley of Burma, where much of the work is still carried on by the natives in the most primitive manner.

COMMERCIAL

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