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## WASHINGTON LETTER

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Several things project themselves to the attention of the casual visitor in Washington within about eight minutes after he steps out of the vastness of the big Union station. About the most striking of these is the excess of horse drawn vehicles over automobiles. A man who doesn't own an automobile can come here and dwell in comparative happiness.

**The Mecca of Visitors.**  
About every other visitor that comes along nowadays makes a bee line for the Smithsonian Institution almost before pausing to look at the dome of the capitol. And the people employed about the Smithsonian place are being harassed and pestered half to death. You see, the newspapers have published the tidings from time to time that consignments of the Roosevelt trophies have arrived from Africa. Well, folks want to see 'em. But there's no chance. The trophies are here, a good many of them, but they are not mounted yet, and it isn't expected that they will be ready for public view much before fall.

**The Roosevelt Trophies.**  
It is announced by the Smithsonian Institution that an impression has been widely circulated throughout the country that a considerable portion of the collection made by the Smithsonian African expedition under the direction of Theodore Roosevelt will be distributed among the museums of the country.

Before the expedition started it was understood that the collection should be largely limited to such material as was needed for a full exhibition and study series for the United States National museum. This would include the collecting of a number of specimens of each animal in order that the characteristics of each species would be represented.

It will not be possible to break up these series. To do so would greatly diminish the value of the collection. The skins of the large game animals are now being prepared for permanent preservation and will soon be in shape for study and comparison. Arrangements are also being made to mount a portion of them for exhibition to the public.

Colonel Roosevelt killed a few specimens for the American Museum of Natural History, for Mr. Akeley, who is collecting for that museum; also an elephant for the museum of the University of California in recognition of the courtesy of Miss Alexander, who waived a contract with Mr. Heller in order that he could accompany the expedition.

**Passing of the Red Man.**  
For once in many years the birth rate among the Indians of the west is greater than the death rate, and the Indian office is hopeful that it will continue to keep in advance. During the fiscal year 3,395 births and 3,178 deaths were reported to the Indian bureau. Comparisons, however, show that the death rate among the Indians is still about twice that of other races, while the birth rate is now averaging those of the others. The outlook, according to Commissioner Valentine, is favorable, and he has hopes that after some years the death rate among the Indians will be materially decreased. There are now about 300,000 Indians in this country, exclusive of the number in Alaska.

**The Government's Police.**  
The prompt capture of the men who presumably robbed the Richmond post-office recently is an evidence of the effectiveness of the federal detective forces. Uncle Sam's policemen and crime tracers are an exceptionally high class of men, intelligent, trained and skillful in the business of running law-breakers to earth. It is indeed dangerous to tamper with federal property. Most cracksmen keep away from United States premises, knowing that the chances of their detection are greater than in cases of thefts from private individuals. As a rule, only inexperienced thieves and burglars of a low grade of intelligence go after government goods.

**Pursuit of Criminals Relentless.**  
The United States is relentless in its pursuit of criminals. Local police may flag in their efforts to land their men, but the federal detectives never quit after they have once started. Counterfeiters, postoffice robbers and other plunders of federal funds are pursued relentlessly, often far over seas into the waste places of the earth and the remote nooks of semicivilization.

**Naval Academy Band.**  
The senate committee on naval affairs has made a favorable report on the bill to reorganize and enlist the members of the band of the United States Naval academy. The bill has already passed the house. The bill provides that the band shall consist of one leader, who shall have the pay and allowance of a second lieutenant in the marine corps; one second leader, with pay at the rate of \$50 monthly;

twenty-nine musicians, first class, and eleven musicians, second class. The members of the band are to have the emoluments allowed enlisted men in the navy.

**Planning For the Fourth.**  
Commissioner Rudolph has taken up the question of a suitable street pageant for the Fourth of July which will be a purely Washington affair. The procession will probably be composed of tableaux of historical events, and in addition it is proposed to enact some of the scenes from the city's history upon the original sites if possible.

**DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.**  
As the result of a sudden fright from a swiftly closing typewriter desk Miss Christine Canfield, a Minneapolis typewriter, twenty-one years old, was stricken blind.

Mrs. Ella O. Shoemaker, who for fourteen years was a member of the board of education of Masillon, O., during three of which she was its president, has just retired from public life.

Mrs. Barnett, the wife of Colonel George Barnett, commander of the United States marines in Pekin, is a splendid horsewoman and recently accompanied her husband on his ninety mile riding test.

Mrs. George H. Kendall of Nashua, who has just been re-elected president of the New Hampshire Woman's Humane association, attended to a thousand humane cases during the last year, exclusive of warnings.

Mme. Thebes, the French secess, declared that the world is to have a bad time in 1910. The home folks will now be ready to admit that she is a true prophet of evil, for the disastrous floods in France made the opening of this year memorable.

Lady Constance Steward Richardson, who is appearing in public as an exponent of dancing in Greek attire, has a high reputation as a horsewoman, a championship swimmer and a shot. She is a daughter of the late Lord Cromartie and a granddaughter of Anne, duchess of Sutherland. Lady Constance married Sir E. Stewart Richardson six years ago.

**Short Stories.**  
Canada has 100,000 Indians among her population of 6,000,000. The wind gauge on shipboard registers up to 105 miles an hour. As many as 368 new rocks and shoals dangerous to navigation were discovered last year. America cuts yearly some 20,000,000,000 cubic feet of lumber over and above what is lost by fire and other natural causes. New York has 2,000 canalboats of all kinds at present, but the fleet will soon be increased by many large ones for service on the new Erie canal.

"London is still a shop and factory. Paris is a drawing room turned into a kitchen. Berlin is a kitchen turning into a drawing room." So says a Parisian journal.

**Science Siftings.**  
An ordinary gas jet will consume as much oxygen as five persons. In a recent test of a new German high speed telegraph apparatus 2,000 distinctly recorded words were transmitted 430 miles in five minutes. In a series of telephonic experiments a German scientist has made magnets, alternating current transformers and even dynamos talk without the use of vibrating plates or membranes. A new pyrometer for measuring high temperatures consists of a strip of two metals rolled into a spiral. As heat rays are focused upon the strip it gradually unrolls owing to the difference between the two metals' coefficients of expansion.

**Flower and Tree.**  
Plants cannot live if deprived of their leaves. The date palm requires a hot, dry air, but moisture about the roots, and plenty of it. Palms never live more than 250 years. Ivy has been known to live 450, chestnut 800, oak 1,000 and yew 2,880. To prevent crooked trees from splitting after they come into bearing twist and fasten two small limbs together, and as the stem grows it will prevent splitting.

## MAKING FARM HANDS TIDY.

**How One Woman Accomplished It Through a System of Fines.**  
At a meeting of a woman's institute for the benefit of farmers' wives a paper was read on the artistic decoration of the home, and especial stress was laid upon the wife's having a dainty table. It was written by a woman whose home was luxurious and whose taste was exquisite.

"But," asked one woman, "how can I have a dainty table? I have ten in the family—four children, four hired men most of the time and my husband and myself. The hired men are generally foreigners, hopelessly untidy. It is all I can do to get them to wash their hands and faces and comb their hair before they come to the table. I cannot set a separate table and get through with my other work. How can I manage to have a dainty table? The men soil the tablecloth and wipe their mouths on their sleeves, and I'm—well, I'm just discouraged. I tried furnishing them napkins, but I would have to give them fresh ones at each meal in order to keep decently clean. That meant more washing than I can do, so it was out of the question." And the speaker's eyes filled with tears, for this was one of her unsolvable problems.

"Well, sister, I'll tell you how I manage," smilingly answered a bright faced woman. "In the first place, I put a washstand covered with white oilcloth, with pitcher and bowl and tin slop jar, out in the back entry. I hung up a mirror, brushes, combs and nail cleaner (I bought them at the ten cent counter); also a long roller towel, a shoe brush, a small broom and a big piece of soap. Then I said to the men: 'This is your dressing room. You must make yourselves tidy before coming to the table. In the house I make the rules, and if you do not comply with them I shall fine you 5 cents for each transgression and deduct it from your wages.'"—Delinquent For April.

## AQUATIC PLANT CULTURE.

**How an Amateur Can Construct a Lily Pond in a Home Garden.**  
Aquatic plants for the home garden are not grown as much as they should be. Amateurs who hesitate for fear of failure are wrong, for water lilies require far less care than tender bedding plants and are less expensive. Any swampy or boggy ground can easily be converted into an aquatic garden. Flowering shrubs, trees and ferns will grow luxuriantly near a pond. When you decide on the location of your pond, which should be at the lowest point of the garden, dig out the soil from eighteen inches to three feet deep, depending on the severity of the winters in your locality. The lilies must be planted deep enough to prevent their freezing.

An inexpensive way to make your pond hold water is to line it with common clay. Cover the bottom and sides of the pond with this clay three or four inches thick and beat firmly until solid and even. The best method is to plant your water lilies in boxes or tubs. Use rich soil, as coarse as possible. Rough pieces of sod and lumps of earth should be mixed in. Boxes holding five or six cubic feet will accommodate strong growing plants, and others holding half that much will be large enough for the weaker growing plants.

If the pond is large, the soil may be placed on the bottom and the plants set out in it, but in smaller ponds under this method the roots of the stronger plants will quickly cover the bottom, crowding out the weaker.

**How to Make Washable Ruching.**  
Washable ruching may be made at home by taking two widths of footing, of the sort used formerly for edging handkerchiefs and basting the opposite edges together. Leave a quarter in difference at the top and gather into tiny plaits on a narrow band. This may be done by hand or more easily by a machine ruffer. After washing, starch slightly, iron and pinch up into little plaits. It will be much prettier, however, if one owns and uses a regular finishing machine. This is not inordinately expensive and comes into constant use for lace edges, ruffles down the front of shirt waists, etc., and it certainly gives one a trimmer, more tailor made appearance.

**How to Make Charcoal Tablets.**  
Some charcoal tablets that may be made at home to sweeten the breath are composed of half an ounce of willow charcoal, half an ounce of saccharin and an ounce and a half of unsweetened chocolate and a quarter of a dram of powdered vanilla. These are mixed and made into a paste with pure gum arabic mucilage. The mixture then is broken into bits and left to dry.

**How to Clean Burlap.**  
Burlap which has become faded and soiled may be made to look as good as new by using one coat of any good interior paint, spread evenly. Two coats of paint make too glossy a finish.

## CHOICE OF HAIRPINS.

**How to Select the Right Kind and Show Good Taste.**  
Do not get into the habit of thinking that a suitable hairpin is anything that will hold up the hair. If this notion were not so widespread there would not be so many freakish looking heads and cut and split hair.

Hairpins may be wrong in several ways. They may be too ornate, which is poor taste, or too rough and cheap, which is ruinous to the hair. Some women will wear nothing but tortoise shell pins in their hair. This is undoubtedly a luxury, as most hair is given to shedding pins at wholesale rates. There is nothing, however, that is so little injurious to the hair from the absolute smoothness of the surface.

When you cannot afford real shell the next choice is a good celluloid pin. This is smoother and less unsightly than rubber and not so ugly nor so injurious as metal pins. The latter should not be worn by women whose hair is very fine or whose scalps perspire.

Where a pin shows, as is the case with the present style of braids, if possible buy real shells, though your smaller pins are imitation. If carefully handled, kept from extreme heat and cold and securely inserted these pins should last for years. Do not overcrowd your head with pins. Most women wear more than is necessary. Learn to adjust a pin properly, and the number may be sensibly decreased. Overpinning breaks the hair and may irritate sensitive scalps.

Good taste in hair pins is shown by wearing those that are inconspicuous, both in size and texture. Some women affect huge knots on the ends of their pins, or they are studded with jewels or ablaze with gold.

## PRUNING GARDEN SHRUBS.

**How the Process Must Be Accomplished to Get Best Results.**  
As ornamental trees and shrubs are pruned to aid in the production of flowers and foliage, the flowering season necessarily controls the time of pruning. Many of the early blooming shrubs develop their flowers the year before, and with these heavy pruning should be delayed until just after their flowering season. Deutzia, spirea, forsythia and many other popular shrubs are of this character. Soon after their flowering season is over they begin to develop buds for the next year.

Shrubs needing heavy trimming should be pruned in early winter. This will result in larger blooms on the remaining buds. Such plants as the hydrangea and the clematis, which make their flowering buds on shoots grown the same year, should be pruned heavily while dormant, as this will give a greater profusion of shoots on which to develop new buds.

When pruning hardy deciduous flowering shrubs all dead wood should be cut out, straggling branches either shortened or removed, and all suckers arising from the roots should be destroyed. Where shrubs are planted in clumps, branches that interfere with other branches should be cut out. It is a good idea to cover the wounds with white lead or grafting wax, as if a stub is left uncovered the healing of the wound will be left until the stub is rooted out and the rotting stub will be a lodging place for bacteria and fungus. Cut the branch off clean and close to the main stem, avoiding any stub, and cover the wound with grafting wax melted and applied hot.

**How to Water Window Boxes.**  
The watering of plants in a window box is of the first importance. With poor loam and correct watering it is possible to keep plants in a flourishing condition for days. With the best of loam and insufficient watering the chances of keeping the plants alive are poor. It isn't sufficient to sprinkle lightly every morning. The water should be poured on several times a day. Don't be stingy with the water. Pour it on the thirsty plants. It is best to soak thoroughly the boxes at night and early in the morning before the sun is high. About the middle of the summer as much loam as possible should be dug from the top of the box without disturbing the roots and be replaced with new, rich leaf mold or decayed soil. In addition, give frequent waterings with manure water. Plants must have nourishment. If supplied with new loam and the liquid manure the window boxes will be a delight.

**How to Fasten Handles on Umbrellas.**  
Sometimes a person would like to change some expensive umbrella handle to another umbrella and fasten it on solid. This can be done by cleaning out the hole left in the handle from the old rod and filling the hole with powdered sulphur. Place the handle in a solid, upright position, and after heating the umbrella rod red hot push the rod down into the hole containing the sulphur. The hot rod fuses the sulphur, and when cold it will hold the rod solid. This method may be applied to fastening rods into stone, iron or wood.

## NO HORNS ON THE B. O. OF ELKS

"WELCOME TO OUR CITY"

One of the Most Delightful Times Ever Spent in the Maple City by This Organization—Everybody Was Happy.

About 200 Elks from Scranton arrived here on Thursday evening at about 7 o'clock on a special train. They were met by Burgess Kubbach and a number of Elks, and proceeded to the City Hall, where an evening of merriment was spent. Among the Elks who arrived on the 10 o'clock morning train from Scranton, were the following: Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, J. D. Jones, Past Exalted Ruler, J. R. Cohen, Tyler, Matt Rohling, Charter Member, E. Moses, Emil Weichel, Zip Madensapfer, Geo. Hofnagel and Mr. McKann. These were reinforced by a large squad of notable Elks who came from Fort Jervis, Middletown, and other places, on the Erie train. Every Elk before reaching Honesdale was dehorned by a decree of the Right Worshipful Most Excellent Esteemed Grand Ruler of the Order, in order that the antics of the herd would result in no greater injury to its members than the salutation of "Hello Bill!"

At the institution of this society in 1857, it was composed only of a few gentlemen of the theatrical profession, drawn together for social intercourse. It has now developed into a widespread and powerful order of benevolence and charity, with lodges in over nine hundred of the principal cities of the Union. Horn of brotherly love, and aiming to promote the brotherhood of man, it is designed to offer its members the certainty of sympathetic hearts and welcome hearths in the various cities to which business or pleasure may summon them. One can well realize the satisfaction in finding in every city a circle of kindred minds, kind, appreciative and indulgent friends, social spirits, who, linked together by the mystic tie, extend the right hand of fellowship, and greet you with the kind smile of brotherhood.

The social connection, the opportunity to bring the brothers into a closer conception of the true claims for consideration of its members, is the only object of the Order of Elks. Brotherly love and justice are not the brightest jewels in the crown of a worthy member. Charity shines forth prominently in all their actions—the beacon light that guides them from the shoals of reckless liberality and the quicksands of proverbial prodigality. It is needless to refer to the well known generous charity of the Order, whenever occasion demands its aid. Scarcely can the cry of distress echo on the air, the wail of misfortune or the moan of despair summon assistance, ere the Elks tender the best efforts to aid and relieve, questioning neither county nor creed, doctrine nor belief.

Charity, Brotherly Love and Order are the watchwords of the Order, and Humanity its keynote, and daily and hourly do the prayers of the widow and orphan ascend to the Throne of Grace, imploring blessings upon the magnanimous and beneficent order of Elks.

He hath a Tear of Pity and a Hand Open as Day for Melting Charity. —Shakespeare.



VICTOR BURSCHER, Exalted Ruler.

Probably there is no Elk who enjoys a larger acquaintance throughout the jurisdiction of Scranton 1908, than being advanced to Esteemed Loyal Knight at the annual election in 1907. On the death of Walter E. Davis, Mr. Burschel was elected to the position of Esteemed Leading Knight. At the annual election held in March the members saw fit to honor him with the position of Exalted Ruler, which position he now fills.

Mr. Burschel, of the County Commissioners of Lackawanna county, having been elected to this position so often that it begins to look as though he would serve a life term.

In addition to being Exalted Ruler of the Elks he holds a number of offices in other fraternal organizations, being one of the highest officers in the Red Men, and an officer in the Dunmore Fire Department, together with a number of other fraternal organizations.



W. S. GOULD.

W. S. Gould was initiated in the Scranton Lodge of Elks under date of April 29, 1903, and in June of 1904 was elected Secretary of the Lodge, which position he has held continually since that time.

Mr. Gould is also a member of a number of other fraternal organizations embracing all the bodies of Masonry, as well as being Supreme Registrar of the I. C. S. Fraternity of the World, an organization composed of the students of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

He is associated with his father and brothers in the carriage manufacturing business, comprising the firm of A. R. Gould & Sons, the largest carriage manufacturers in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



MATT F. BROWN.

Mr. Brown is the retiring Exalted Ruler of the Lodge and while having only been a member for a short time, nevertheless has done yeoman service in the organization. He was appointed Esquire in 1907, and was elected Esteemed Leading Knight in 1908, and Exalted Ruler in 1909.

His year has been a successful one, and he retires from the chair with the best wishes of the Lodge. Mr. Brown is connected with a number of fraternal organizations, being Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, President of the Irish-American Society, and Chairman of the Supreme Cabinet of the I. C. S. Fraternity of the World.

Mr. Brown is engaged in the haberdashery business, having one of the most complete lines in this particular, to be found in the city. His place of business is located in Hotel Jermyn building.

At the recent county election he served as Secretary to the Democratic County Commission.



MAYOR JOHN KUBBACH, A Prominent Elk of Honesdale.