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## Gossip From Washington

**P**ROBABLY James E. Martine, the senator from New Jersey, has been defeated at the polls more times than any man at present in congress, and that is saying a great deal. For over forty years he had been running for something, always leading forlorn hopes, and consistently losing until receiving his present office. Whenever there was a plum to be had in an off year the politicians saw to it that "Farmer Jim" didn't get the nomination. Among the offices which Senator Martine unsuccessfully sought during this period was the majority of his native town of Plainfield, and he was twice a candidate for governor and twice for the United States senate. Then he landed.

Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina, head of the senate lobby probe committee, has been in public life so long that most people have forgotten that in a certain sense he married into a senatorial family. Mrs. Overman was the accomplished daughter of Senator A. S. Merriman, also of North Carolina, when the present senator married her, in 1878. Several other relatives of hers also had worn the toga.

Senator W. E. Borah of Idaho, who is a member of the committee now probing the strike situation in West Virginia, came near being named by former President Taft to the place in the supreme court made vacant by the death of Justice Harlan. His appointment was urged by many prominent men. He was decidedly persona grata with Mr. Taft, and for a time it seemed almost certain that he would receive the honor. Then something happened—just what no one knows, or if they do won't tell—and so the sturdy statesman from Idaho still wears the toga instead of the judicial gown of the supreme court.

Senator William S. Kenyon, who succeeded Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa, gave up a big annual retainer as the counsel for a western railroad to take a job as assistant in the attorney general's office. Soon afterward he made a national name for himself by his fight against the Chicago packers in 1910. Just now he is engaged, with others, in investigating conditions in the coal regions of West Virginia.

Senator Miles Poindexter, the Progressive senator from Washington, just missed carrying off the honors in the spelling bee which President Wilson and other notables attended recently. "Hydrocephalus" was the word that stumped him, the honors being carried off by Representative Frank B. Willis of Ohio.

Senator Claude S. Swanson, the lanky Virginian, who is chairman of the subcommittee of the senate committee on education and labor which is now investigating the coal strike in West Virginia, served five terms in the house before coming to the senate.

Charles Azro Prouty, the canny Vermonter whose membership on the interstate commerce board dates back to its formation during the second Cleveland administration, once tried to settle in North Dakota and grow up with the country. But it rained steadily during the month of June, the time when Prouty arrived, and he decided that it would take him too long to grow web feet, so he "hiked" back to the Green Mountain State.

### Today's Short Story

#### My Queer Partner

**W**HEN I was twenty-five years of age I was sent to St. Paul by the firm I was with to establish an agency for its goods. I soon discovered that there was a concern in Minneapolis which was selling the same grade of goods and always underbidding me. I went over there to see if I could make a scale of prices with the underbidding firm. I found a young man even younger than myself. He was not acting as agent, but for himself. I stated my business, to which he listened attentively. I persuaded him to make a list of minimum prices with me and left him well pleased with the result of my visit. We became very good friends as well as competitors, and finally, when I concluded to act also on my own account, we concluded, in order to save expenses, to form a partnership. I offered to give him first place in the firm name, but he insisted on taking the second, so we styled ourselves Graves & Elliston. I found my partner a queer mixture. For a time I was virtual as well as nominal head of the firm, but lost it in a very odd way. A man came into our store to buy a large bill of goods on credit. The profit would be large, and I was brimful of enthusiasm over the trade. Not so Elliston. He flatly refused to consent "to sell" the man. When it came to his reasons he had none to give. Irritated, I told him that he should explain his position or I would dissolve the partnership, whereupon, driven to the wall, he said that he didn't like the shape of the man's nose. Notwithstanding this absurd reason, which I inferred he had given simply to afford me an excuse for not fulfilling my threat, we did not sell the goods. Some months later the notes the purchaser had given other firms were protested, and every dollar of the indebtedness was lost. Although Elliston seemed to me to be very notional, I gradually found that he was a better business man than I. He was certainly my superior in looking ahead. Then one day Elliston told me that he wished to sell his

interest in the business since he purposed travelling abroad. This was a blow to me, for I was not minded to give up business myself, and I was sure I could not make money without the aid of the typical facilities possessed by my partner. However, he gave me easy terms, and I bought him out. As soon as the papers had passed Elliston bade me goodbye and left for New York to sail for Naples. A week later I received a letter from him at Chicago, asking me to meet him there. The next evening I called at Elliston's hotel and sent up my card. I was shown to a private parlor, where, instead of finding him, a woman advanced to greet me. "You're Elliston's sister," I exclaimed, "doubtless his twin!" "I am Elliston himself," she replied. And so she was. It was a singular story she told me—how, having been obliged to make her own way in the world, she had found skirts disadvantageous and finally donned man's attire. Having made enough to give her several thousand dollars a year income, she gladly resumed her proper attire, but not until she had left the proximity of those who had known her as a man. In woman's dress Margaret Elliston—that was her name—was transfigured into a very attractive woman. I remained in Chicago a week, at the end of which time it was arranged that I should return to Minnesota, sell the business and we should go abroad as husband and wife.

#### An Old Favorite

#### The Nun

**I**f you become a nun, dear, A friar I will be; In any cell you run, dear, Pray look behind for me. The roses all turn pale too; The doves all take the veil too; The blind will see the show. What, you become a nun, my dear? I'll not believe it—no!

**I**f you become a nun, dear, The bishop Love will be. The Cupids, every one, dear, Will chant, "We trust in thee!" The incense will go sighing, The candles fall a-dying, The water turn to wine. What, you go take the vows, my dear? You may—but they'll be mine. —Leigh Hunt.

## First Aid to the Cook

**Strawberry Jam.**  
Select firm strawberries not too ripe. Make a sirup of sugar and fruit juice, allowing three-quarters of a pound of sugar to every pound of strawberries. Drop the berries into the sirup and boil quickly for twenty minutes without breaking the fruit. Bottle and tie down and store ready for use. Raspberries are done in the same way. Overboiling will discolor the jam.

**German Apple Charlotte.**  
For German apple charlotte use rye bread or pumpernickel, cutting the bread into slices and drying in the oven. Roll the dry bread, of which there should be about a pint, to a fine powder. This is best done on the molding board, using the rolling pin. Mix with it a half cupful of melted butter, the same amount of sugar and cinnamon to taste. Press the bread on to the sides and bottom of a baking dish so that it is completely lined. Fill with apples diced, a half cupful of broken nut meats and minced raisins, season with sugar and lemon juice, cover the top with crumbs and bake about forty minutes.

**Romaine and Grapefruit Salad.**  
On each plate arrange three fine leaves of romaine, and in each leaf heap some grapefruit carpels, with a minted cherry in the center of each. Pour over a simple French dressing that has been chilled before serving and make sure that the romaine is cold and crisp. The success of these salads depends absolutely upon their freshness, coolness and crispness.

### STRAIGHT TIP FROM FASHIONDOM.

Where high standing collars are worn—and there are many people who patronize them who cannot wear the low neck—bands of satin or moire two inches wide are laid in plaits around the base of the collar, which is fashioned in net, lace or lawn, as the particular fancy may be. These bands fasten at one side with a tiny rosette of satin roses, or they may be fastened under two plain ends of satin in front, lined with some contrasting color. These replace the necktie for taller suits.

A novel idea is a band of black satin, laid in folds, the satin being about one inch and a half wide around the collar. Two broad necktie ends of the satin, lined with old blue or orange, fold over the front of the band and are secured by globe shaped buttons, buttonholed to the band.

### HAVE YOU OBSERVED—

That gaudy figured ribbons, in Bulgarian or futurist colorings, are often used to bind the edges of the turban collar and cuffs of a white wash silk blouse, the same binding being carried down the edge of the front hem?

That modern pique lacks the board-like stiffness of the old time fabric and is much lighter, hence not so troublesome to launder?

That the gayest of summer stockings show cubist designs boldly embroidered on the instep or above the ankle? They will not appeal to the woman who likes exclusive articles of apparel.

## The Home Beautiful Plain but Rich Sideboard



**T**HIS handsome sideboard, with its simple lines, depends for its beauty on the combination of woods used in its construction. The dark grained wood of the door panels is handsomely contrasted with the lighter wood of the frame. The shading of the wood in the upper doors is also cleverly managed. This combination of shades of wood gives the only decorative touch to an otherwise simple piece of furniture.

### WHAT HOUSEWIVES SHOULD KNOW.

The best way to make boiled ham juicy and tender is to leave it in the water in which it is boiled until quite cold.

To prevent an oven from smelling when cooking meat clean it out thoroughly once a month with white chalk. It will take all smell away, and it will look like an enameled oven.

To make velvet collars look like new rub briskly with alcohol. This cuts all the grease and removes every particle of dirt.

Venetian cloth which has worn shiny in parts can be renovated in a simple manner. Boil the material in a wet cloth and leave for several hours.

Hold one inch above it a very hot iron. The steam arising from the damp goods will raise the nap of the cloth.

Buy from the baker by the dozen the fifty pound flour sacks, wash and hem them, and you will have plenty of tea towels, cheap and good.

### PASTE UP IN THE PANTRY.

A dash of pepper is one-quarter teaspoonful.

Two cupfuls of unsifted flour equal one pound.

Three and a half cupfuls of cornmeal equal one pound.

Two level tablespoonfuls equal one ounce.

Two teaspoonfuls of packed soft butter are a pound.

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