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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

Society has frowned on the masculine suspenders. So the suspender must go—has gone almost, say those who sell wearing apparel for men. It's the age of the belt. Many shoulders must be unhampered by straps; only the patient diaphragm is to be subjected to a harness. So passes another useful device, sacrificed to fastidiousness. We used to eat mashed potatoes with a knife till someone with supercilious manners came along and told us the fork was the proper utensil for that important duty. Formerly people poured out their hot coffee into saucers, "blew" it cold and then drank it from saucers, all unconscious of the terrible impropriety involved. Nor was it formerly considered an indication of boorish origin for one to sip tea from a spoon. Oh, those changing times! Suspenders gone the way of the bicycle and the crocheted necktie! Is no one bold enough to do them reverence? Fashion is a tyrant. It takes no cognizance of man's various shapes—his embonpoint, his fullness or deficiency of girth—it merely issues a fiat and expects all to obey. The time is opportune for a new declaration of independence. Let every man who prefers suspenders to a belt buy a pair forthwith and wear it in defiance of the world.

As our manners improve, have our children as good manners as our fathers or grandfathers had? We do not mean by good manners what the newer term social etiquette implies. Among the so-called social sets we find changing codes which direct the form of handshaking, modes of expression in meeting people, repetition of useless "don't you know" in conversation, ability to select from multi-form knives, forks and spoons for the multifarious courses at luncheon and dinner, says the Knoxville Journal and Times. We can detect no purpose in these foppish forms of fashion excepting as the knowledge is a badge of fellowship. And there seems to be much striving to get within the circle. But these mannerisms are not good manners. The essence of good manners is kindness and courtesy. They extend below the surface deep into the character. A person habitually polite is one who has transformed into conduct the habit of thinking of others. They are apostles of good cheer, being unwilling to cause embarrassment or chagrin to either their social superiors or the lowliest person they meet.

Ireland is to send a deputation to this country to protest against the landing at Queenstown of certain mentally defective persons alleged to be Irish and having Irish names, but declared to be from other countries of origin than Ireland. These objectionables are excluded from the United States as undesirable immigrants. It is said they have no claim on Ireland. Certainly they have no claim on the United States.

A new benefactor of mankind has arisen in California. He has discovered a concoction which robs roosters of their ability to crow. A sharp ax administered with vigor just where the tail feathers merge into the comb is also effective.

An inventive Frenchman has discovered that a telephone message transmitted through impure wine is indistinct. Probably it makes no difference whether the wine is in the receiver or the transmitter.

An Italian nobleman is studying the American divorce problem at Newport. Newport's good enough at starting them, but if he wants to see their finish, he should go to Reno.

Whiskers are to be permitted again this winter. We shall now have a chance to see how many of our friends hate the faces with which nature has equipped them.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Gold Heels in "Frisolous Geraldine," Latest French Society Fad to Be Given Public View at Premiere of Musical Comedy.

Gold heels! This latest fad of Parisian society, which was the sensation of the recent meeting at Autoull, France, last week, is to be given its first stage view at the premiere of Joseph E. Howard's musical romance, "Frisolous Geraldine," which opens at the Olympic Theater, Sunday evening, December 22. Mabel McCane, prima donna, will exhibit the glittering gold footwear in the name part of the play for which she is cast.

The scenes of "Frisolous Geraldine" are laid in the Latin Quarter in Paris. Frivolous Geraldine is the daughter of M. and Mme. Blonde, proprietors of the Blonde Beauty Parlors and the Cafe Blonde across the boulevard. She falls in love with Jack Chase, a young American who has left home under the false charge of having forged a check and he cannot go back until his innocence has been established. He has obtained the position in the Cafe Blonde as leader of the orchestra. Bernard, a suave and gentlemanly "Apache," is taken by Geraldine's beauty and falls in love with her. He persuades her that Jack is untrue and induces her to elope with him. They flee in a stolen automobile, but before it is too late, Geraldine repents and returns to her home and to Jack. In the end Bernard is shown to be an international criminal and everything ends happily with the marriage of the sweethearts.

THE GREATEST SINGING COMPANY IN AMERICA.

Headed by DeWolf Hopper and Other Well-Known Stars, at the Garrick Theatre, Chicago.

At the Garrick Theatre, Chicago, where DeWolf Hopper, Blanche Duffield, Eugene Cowles, George MacFarien, Kate Condon, Arthur Aldridge, Viola Gillette, Arthur Cunningham and Louise Barthel, without any question the most distinctive and celebrated combination of singers and comedians ever assembled for the presentation of light opera in America, are now in the third week of their tremendously successful season at that theatre, presenting a series of revivals of Gilbert and Sullivan's best comic operas, it has been arranged that "Pinafore," the most popular comic opera ever written in the English language, will be given production during the entire third week which begins Sunday, December 22nd, and at the matinees on Wednesday (Christmas Day) and on Saturday. Already has this great company been seen in revivals of "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Patience," and in both instances it has been the unanimous opinion of every dramatic writer in Chicago that it would have been an impossibility to have provided a more notable cast than the one now singing at the Garrick. They also declared this company to be the finest ever heard during the entire existence of these delightful operas.

PRINCESS THEATER.

Heavy Demand for Holiday Reservations for "Bought and Paid For" in Chicago.

One of the results of the unequalled endorsement of pulpit and press of "Bought and Paid For," now entering its tenth week at the Princess Theater in Chicago, is an unusually heavy demand for reservations for the Holiday performances. The most successful play George Broadhurst has written and the most popular dramatic production in Chicago has its 75th performance in the Chicago playhouse Tuesday night, December 17, and there is no abatement of interest or attendance.

A new departure in theatrical management has been quickly taken advantage of by the public. This is the plan, inaugurated at the Princess a short time ago, to sell Gift Certificates good at the box office of the theater for tickets to a certain number of performances during the season, according to the amount paid for the certificate. The indications are very pronounced that William A. Brady, producer of "Bought and Paid For," will be compelled by the public to keep this play at the Princess through the remainder of the theatrical season, giving performances every evening in the week and matinees on Thursday instead of Wednesday, and on Saturday. Special Holiday matinees will be given Christmas and New Year's.

AMERICAN MUSIC HALL.

Annette Kellermann, Jefferson De Angelis Co.

At the American Music Hall beginning Sunday matinee, Dec. 22nd, William Morris, the noted manager of Harry Lauder, Sirota, "The Blindness of Virtue" and other international attractions, will present his brilliant constellation of stars—Annette Kellermann, known the world over as "The Perfect Woman," owing to the absolute perfection of her physical development; Jefferson De Angelis, America's foremost musical comedy star, whose starring tours in "The Jolly Musketeers," "Fantana," "The Beauty Spot," etc., are so well remembered; and Princess Victoria, the miniature Melba, and the world's smallest perfectly formed woman. This extraordinary combination of stellar talent will be supported by a company of seventy people, including a number of specialty acts. To secure a quantity of these

artists, two novel musical productions have been provided for the one entertainment. Entrancing musical and dancing numbers, catchy song hits, sensational specialties, appropriate scenery and novel and gorgeous costumes, are distinct features of this most novel of entertainments. Daily matinees will be given during this engagement, with an extra midnight performance New Year's Eve.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downer's Grove, November 11, 1912. The regular meeting for the month of November, 1912, was called to order by Clerk White.

Roll-call noted present Trustees Barr, Haller, Mahoney, Handy and Herring; absent, Trustee Littleford. The minutes of regular meeting of October 14th were read and approved. The monthly report of the village collector was read and ordered placed on file.

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Elbert C. Stanley presented to the board petitions for the apportionment of Special Assessment No. 8, 43 and 44, in what is now known as Stanley & Coles subdivision, the property having been subdivided since special assessments were made. It was moved by Trustees Haller and Handy that the petitions be approved and that the village collector be authorized to make the change in his books. Motion carried.

Communication was read from H. J. Hawkins, requesting permission to install a gasoline serving system for his new garage on Main street. Upon motion of Trustees Herring and Barr, matter was referred to the street and alley committee with power to act.

Claim ordinance No. 264, providing for the payment of certain claims, was read and was as follows:

- W. S. Ellis, \$10; Lester Barr, \$3; Paul W. Herring, \$3; J. W. Handy, \$3; Chas. Haller, \$1.50; L. C. Mahoney, \$1.50; J. Littleford, \$1.50; T. TWO—Downer's Grove Reporter H. Slusser, \$15; Bert C. White, \$25; W. H. Blodgett, \$80; J. W. Rogers, \$70; Geo. Hoffert, \$67.50; Fred Leverenz, \$70; Martin White, \$72.50; Mertz & Mochel, \$1.29; C. E. Baker, \$84.50; Lord Lumber Co., \$152.21; McMaster Carr Supply Co., \$72.24; Standard Oil Co., \$36.69; Northern Coal & Supply Co., \$311.30; Southern Illinois Coal Co., \$120.79; James B. Clow & Son, \$2.77; Boston Belling Co., \$3.64; Nicholas & Bookwalk, \$292.58; W. H. Blodgett, \$12.16; J. W. Rogers, \$139.85; Gus Black, \$50; W. Perry, \$70; J. Harding, \$65; Wm. Stoner, \$75; Paul Harper, \$67.20; H. W. Johns Manville-Co., \$2.62; Dr. F. B. Cogswell, \$1.50; Paul Harper, \$4.98; R. J. Harper, \$5.32; J. H. Frankentfield, \$72.85; Central Elect. Co., \$4.20.

It was moved by Trustees Herring and Mahoney that ordinance be put upon its passage; motion carried. Said claim ordinance No. 264 was then passed. Those voting ay were: Trustees Barr, Haller, Herring, Handy and Mahoney; nays, none.

Mr. Hulbert Jones spoke to the Board with reference to getting electric power from C. H. Dicke for printing plant in Miller building, corner Main and Railroad streets. Mr. Jones was requested to ascertain in what manner Mr. Dicke would transmit power, etc., before taking any action. Matter of replacing damaged walk in front of new Hawkins building on Main street was discussed. It was moved by Trustees Herring and Barr that property owner be required to build walk at his expense. Motion carried.

Upon proper motion, board adjourned. BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

SKATING ACCIDENT

While playing pull-away over to the lake last Thursday afternoon, Lester Dexter fell and broke the bone in his forearm from his elbow about one and one-half inches down. He was going through and dodging when he ran into another skater going in the opposite direction. He fell forward, striking on his elbow.

The strange part of it is, he completed a season's football playing with the Hinsdale team and had many bad falls, but in none of which was he injured beyond a bruise. And then to go skating for five minutes and break an arm.

BOOTH TARKINGTON'S GREAT NEW STORY OF A WONDERFUL GIRL.

Look for Her in the Saturday Evening Post on Safe Thursday, December 19.

Nothing like it has ever been published, because it is the first truthful story of a genuine flirt—a girl who could no more help flirting than she could help being beautiful. On sale at the news agency.

Humility First.

We shall never be the "light of the world" except on condition of being the "salt of the earth." You have to do the humble, inconspicuous, silent work of checking corruption. A pure example before you can expect to do the other work of raying light into the darkness, and so draw men to Christ himself.—Alexander Larn.

POCKET STAMP CASE

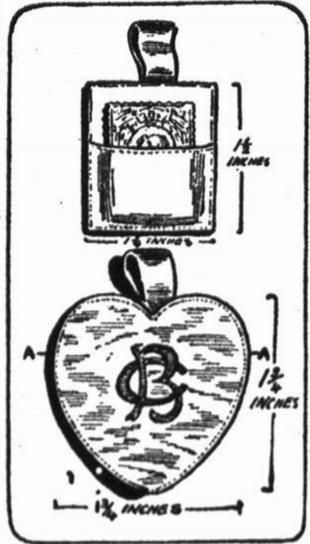
ACCEPTABLE SMALL GIFT FOR MAN OF BUSINESS

May Be Made an Attractive Little Article, Especially if the Initials of the Recipient are Worked With Those of Donor

The waistcoat pocket stamp case shown in the accompanying sketch would make an acceptable little gift for a man on an important occasion. It is made in two separate pieces, and the portion containing the stamps, shown in the upper sketch, fits into the lower portion.

In making it, two heart-shaped pieces of thin cardboard are cut out in the size indicated, and neatly covered with thin silk and then sewn together at the edges to the points indicated by A and A, the upper part being left open.

For the pocket for the stamps, a piece of cardboard an inch and a quarter in width, and an inch and a half in length, is covered with some



of the same silk, and at the top a loop of narrow ribbon is sewn on and the pocket arranged across the lower half. A glance at the sketch will explain this.

The initials of the recipient can be worked upon one side and perhaps those of the donor on the other.

Silk in some dark shade of color should be selected, as it will show and wear less quickly than more lightly colored material; this little case would look very well carried out in grey silk with red ribbon and initials worked in a color to match the latter.

The initials, by the way, most, of course, be worked upon the material prior to covering the cardboard, and some pretty little floral design might be embroidered in place of them, if preferred.

HOW ONE MAY KNOW WOOL

Infallible Test by Which the Shopper Should Be Guided in Making Her Purchases of Material.

We are all keen on the quest of bargains, and the expert shopper really does know how to pick things up—in a different sense from the kleptomaniac. But all the same quality and cheapness are naturally somewhat rare combinations, and it does no harm to be on one's guard against fraud.

If you want to know whether the bargain offered you is really good, sound woolen stuff, a genuine remnant or oddment, secure a pattern to take home, fray out a few of the threads, and hold them to the light of gas or candle. Cotton will at once burst into a bright flame and burn swiftly and without smell; wool, on the contrary, will burn sulkily and with a disagreeable odor of singeing.

The same test can, if you please, be applied to material for the making of undergarments, but it should be remembered in regard to these that some mixtures of cotton and wool make very warm and economical underclothing, which is less expensive and not less practical than things that are composed wholly of wool.

Variety in Fur Scarfs.

With low cut gowns the fur scarfs are more than ever in demand. There are wide scarfs of minkskin bordered with ermine, and there are stunning combinations of ermine and chignon which are soft and most becoming. The muffs, too, are very lovely. The white fox is an especially appropriate evening fur, and, in fact, all the members of the fox family are favorably looked upon this season. A striking combination of black and white furs is produced by combining lynx with ermine. Another effective combination is that of black and gold brocade with lynx trimmings.

New Fabrics.

Most delightful are the fabrics pressed into the service of new models of the nature of costumes tailleur and afternoon frocks. Rateen, in every variety, is offered us; the rateen of this season has gained in beauty considerably since it first laid claims on our affections last year. It still retains, however, its rough surface, although it has acquired a lovely velvety finish in addition. This modified "rateen" effect shows to advantage in the new shades of rich reds, deep purples and chestnut browns.

JAMES H. ALEXANDER, OF LOCKPORT, ILL.

Representative James H. Alexander, Will county pioneer and member of the Legislature, died suddenly at his home near Lockport, last Friday morning and was buried Sunday.

Born in Dupage in 1846.

Mr. Alexander was born on a farm in the town of Dupage, adjoining the THREE—Downer's Grove Reporter P farm in Lockport where he has lived the greater portion of his life. He was born February 27, 1846, and was, therefore, in his 67th year. He was the son of James L. Alexander, who was born at New Marlboro, Mass., August 22, 1805. The father married Betsey Healy, of Elbridge, N. Y., May 17, 1834. They lived in Sougas, N. Y., for three years, and in 1837 came to Lockport. Mr. Alexander was connected with the building of the Illinois and Michigan canal and executed several large contracts in that work. He bought a farm in Dupage township in 1841 and purchased the adjoining farm in the town of Lockport in 1860. He died December 29, 1876, leaving one son, James H. Alexander, and one daughter, Mrs. T. W. Rathbun, of Michigan, who died a few weeks ago.

Son and Daughter Survive.

Mr. Alexander leaves one son, Healy Alexander, and one daughter, Mrs. H. M. Johnson, of Chicago. When the son was married in June, 1902, to Miss Helen Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Baker, of Manhattan, the parents vacated the farm homestead for them and took up their residence in a smaller house just west of their old home, where they have continued to reside, the father and son working the large farm together.

The surviving relatives are the widow and the two children, and five grand children, three daughters and two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Healy Alexander. These are Mary, aged 8 years; Elizabeth, 6; James, 5; John, 2, and Margaret, a babe of six months.

Special Election to Fill Vacancy.

State Representative James H. Alexander's death will mean a special election in the forty-first senatorial district to fill the vacancy caused by his sudden demise.

According to the law County Clerk Edwin G. Young must notify the governor at once, and the state executive, under the statutes of Illinois, is duty bound to call a special election.

The vacancy will cause a political situation annoying to Republican leaders, while it will probably be seized by the Progressives as an opportunity to elect another member to the lower house.

The membership of the coming State Legislature according to figures recently given out by the State Canvassing Board is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Party, Senate, House, Total. Republicans: 25, 50, 75. Democrats: 24, 73, 97. Progressives: 2, 25, 27. Socialists: 0, 4, 4. Total: 51, 152, 203.

The above figures show that a majority on joint ballot would be 102.

According to the talk among politicians the special election will see three candidates in the field, a Republican, a Democrat and a Progressive.

A special primary election will be held to nominate the candidates. It is said that the Progressives will be unable to enter the primary contest with a candidate, but must go on the ticket by petition.

With a Republican candidate, a Progressive and Democrat in the field it is almost certain that a Democrat could be elected. The Republican vote would be split, and with the united Democratic party behind the nominee success is almost assured.

County Clerk Young will notify Governor Deneen at once and it is likely that the special primary and election dates will be named within a short time. The special election may be held in January or early February. The cost to Will and Dupage coun-

ties will be high. It is estimated that a primary and election would cost Will county close to \$6,000 or more. In Dupage county the expense would be about half of the Will county cost.

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THE REV. IRL R. HICKS 1913 ALMANAC.

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