

PAIR OF EXTREMES IN WAISTCOAT AND HAT



A pair of extremes just had to come out of the joyous reaction of peace. The upper shows the limit in waistcoats—just like and use to wear, this one a bright blue broche worn with a suit of black satin. Lower, is a fine mil-las turban almost concealed under its great bow of black satin, but livened up with a rosette from orange ribbon.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR TIMBER OF ELM

Total Stand Placed at Approximately 7 1/2 Billion Feet

Wood is Desirable Where Strength, Bending Quality and Ability to Withstand Shock Are Concerned—Takes Good Polish.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Elm timber growing in the form wood lot is a valuable asset.

The demand for elm is increasing, while the supply is rapidly diminishing. It is estimated that the total stand of elm in the United States is approximately 7 1/2 billion feet. This amount, would furnish a supply for approximately 30 years at the present rate of cutting, as the annual output of elm lumber is about 24,000,000 board feet, placing elm twelfth in rank among all woods and tenth among hardwoods in point of lumber production.

Elm wood is desirable where strength, bending quality and ability to withstand shocks are required. It is, in general, heavy, hard and strong. The most important use to which it is put, according to the bulletin, is in the cooperage industry, the amount credited to this use being more than twice that of the next in importance, which is in the manufacture of barrels and crates. It is estimated that 147,000,000 board feet are used annually in making cooperage stock or barrels.

Elm is used extensively in making agricultural implements and vehicles also. It is useful in the manufacture of wheels and bodies for automobiles, and the rapid growth of this industry has brought about a considerable increase in the demand for elm. Its ability to take a good polish makes it desirable in the manufacture of certain pieces of furniture, cabinet work and interior trimmings. It is a fairly durable wood, the average untreated lumber in situations exposed to weather lasting six to eight years. When properly treated with creosote this period may be lengthened to 20 or more years.

MARKED PROGRESS OF MAN

Invention of Outrigger Canoe Was One of the Greatest in History of the World.

One of the great epoch-making inventions was the outrigger canoe, which is of Polynesian or perhaps Malay origin. It made practicable the exploration of the Pacific and the settlement of island groups separated from one another by vast distances. The great sailing canoes in which migrants from Tahiti voyaged northward over thousands of miles of trackless ocean to the Hawaiian Islands, nobody knows how many centuries ago, giving to that archipelago its first population, carried 50 or more men and women, presumably with children accompanying.

Captain Cook, the first white explorer to map the Pacific, found all the island groups inhabited. The people did not say to him: "We are discovered at last!" They were themselves the discoverers. Long centuries before Captain Cook was born they had traversed all parts of that ocean; and the Polynesian navigators had mapped it for themselves with curious charts made of little sticks. Children in that part of the world are brought up in boats. They are amphibious. Canoes for themselves they make out of hollowed logs, with sticks of bamboo for outriggers. Land and water are the same to them; they are equally at home in the sea or on terra firma.

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CLAIM BLOOD OF ROMANS

Tuaregs of the Sahara Desert Are Supposed to Be Descended From Once World Rulers.

The original gas-masked people of the world are the Tuaregs of the Sahara desert—a strange race, supposed to be descended from the Roman colonists of North Africa and the Arabs who carried the standard of Mohammed into the wilderness 1,200 years ago. An immense and almost unknown country is held by the Tuaregs, a fierce fighting people, who range on swift camels from Algeria to Timbuctoo. Tales are told of white-walled cities in the Tuareg lands, with Roman theaters, arenas and baths still standing as the Romans left them, and now the lair of the Tuareg tribesmen.

The mystery that surrounds the Tuaregs is doubtless by their custom of always going masked. A mask of white or black cloth covers the mouth and nostrils, and, so the Tuaregs say, protects them from the dust and windblown sand of the desert. In the poisonous waters of the Niger valleys, and, no doubt, from the disease germs which they so freely in the filthy fountains of Africa. Certain it is that infectious diseases ravage other North African people, while the Tuaregs maintain a sufficient health from year to year. Few travelers have ever seen the Tuaregs unmasked. Those who have declare that they are as white as any Europeans, and decidedly handsome, their pale skins doubtless being largely due to the mask which keeps off the burning sun.

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SABBATH DAY IN DISPUTE

Really No Definite Information as to When Its Observance Had Its First Institution.

There is no definite information as to when the observance of the first day of the week was substituted by the Christians for that of the seventh day, the ancient Jewish Sabbath. It undoubtedly arose among the earlier practices of the Christian church, and was regarded as the fittest day to be held sacred, because in the words of one of the fathers, "it is the first day in which God changed darkness, and the same day, also, Jesus Christ, our Savior, rose from the dead." The several references in the New Testament to the Lord's day, and to the "first day of the week," will, of course, be borne in mind. Various additional reasons taken from the Old Testament were advanced by others of the early fathers in support of the observance of this day. The first law, either ecclesiastical or civil, by which the substitution of Sunday is known to have been ordained is an edict of Constantine A. D. 321, forbidding all work but necessary husbandry on the already "venerable Sunday." In the Theodosian code it is enjoined that "on Sunday, rightfully designated by our ancestors as the Lord's day, all lawsuits and public business shall cease." Since the fifth century Sunday has been a thoroughly established institution in Christian countries as a day of rest and religious exercises, and one exempt from any occupations of purely secular character, except such as were necessary.

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PEOPLE IN EARTH'S INTERIOR?

Man of Science Believed There Were, and Sought Funds to Make an Investigation.

On November 19, 1822, one of the most peculiar petitions ever presented to congress was brought before that body of lawmakers, which was none other than a request from John Cleves Symmes, asking that aid be given him to make a voyage to the interior of the globe, which he believed to be inhabitable. He was permitted to lecture before Union college, at which he expounded his theory, which, however, was met with universal ridicule.

Notwithstanding which he was greatly respected as a man. He held that all planetary bodies, including the earth, are composed of concentric spheres, open at their poles. In one of his memoirs he thus illustrates his conception: "With dividers describe a plane of matter of loose texture, and in the center add a very small circle; draw a line through the center. It is evident that either half of the inner circle, being almost equally surrounded by matter, must be very little gravitated centerwise, so being suspended, only a rotary motion is needed to throw it compactly toward the outer circle. This being admitted it follows that half way from the outlet to the inner side of this circle of matter thus thrown out, a like rarity, suspension or balance of gravity should prevail, and hence a disposition to concentric circles; therefore it follows that successive similar subdivisions should exist, gradually lessening in force and quantity. By applying this principle to the earth I find the necessity of hollow concentric spheres."

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SHE WILL MEET HER DADDY IN PARIS



Daddy's in France? Grand-daddy's in France? Grand-mama's in France—so it is possible that baby Patrieta Wallace will soon be seen on Paris boulevards. She is the granddaughter of Hugh Wallace, the new American ambassador to France. Her daddy is Captain Melville W. Wallace of the United States Army—and she has never yet seen him. Her mother was formerly Miss Ruth Patterson.

RAISE MORE HOGS FOR MEAT

No Farm is Complete Without Swine to Assist in Modern Methods of Farming.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Meat for the nation and profits for the farmer can be increased by raising hogs. No farm is complete unless some are kept to aid in the modern



Sow and Litter of Eleven.

method of farming. Swine multiply more rapidly than other farm animals and make greater gains per hundred pounds of concentrated feed consumed.

As a consumer of by-products the hog has no rival. Hogs might be kept profitably upon a number of farms where they are not found today. As a general proposition, it is safer for the average farmer to handle a small number of hogs in connection with his other farm business.

As much feed as possible for hogs should be raised on the farm; no more feed than is absolutely necessary should be purchased.

Hogs weighing from 200 to 300 pounds are in greatest demand on the market, and usually the greatest profit is obtained from selling hogs at these weights. The price realized depends upon the kind of carcass the hog will yield.

RUSSIAN THISTLE OF VALUE

Once Considered Noxious Weed—Now Used for Wintering Stock in New Mexico.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The Russian thistle, considered one of the most noxious weeds in New Mexico, is now declared by many stockmen in that section to be of value as a stock feed. Some farmers in Santa Fe county already have put up large stacks of from five to fifty tons to be used for wintering stock this season. Its value as a feed was discovered during the last two years of drought when it was the only thing which stood between the live stock of the region and starvation. The county agricultural agent of Santa Fe county is urging the building of silos to be filled with Russian thistles, which, it is also reported, make excellent silage.

OUR HOME TOWN BOOSTERS

Advertisement for various services including Canned Goods, Vegetables, Printing, and China Ware. Includes names like LOUIS KLEIN and S. A. DEXTER.

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Advertisement for JOSEPH MAZZA, Ladies and Gents Tailor, offering cleaning, pressing, and dyeing services.

Advertisement for ZINDT'S DRUG STORE, offering prescriptions, smokes, and a full line of wedding and birth cards.

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Advertisement for North Side Grocery and Market, offering everything complete for the table.

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Advertisement for LORD LUMBER COMPANY, offering millwork, lumber, and building material.

WOMEN CONTROL TOWN'S DESTINY

Can Make or Break a Community Through Exercise of Their Buying Power.

THEY HOLD PURSE STRINGS

It is Estimated That at Least 80 Per Cent of Retail Purchasing is Done by Feminine Shoppers.

(Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.) It has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world and nowhere is this more literally true than in the world of trade. The woman is the purchasing agent of the household and man, as a rule, is very glad to have her handle the job.

It has been estimated by some students of the merchandising game that 80 per cent of all retail buying is done by women. This may be a high estimate but a visit to the retail stores of any town or city is enough to convince one that the figures are not too high. The preponderance of women among the buyers is sufficient, at any rate, to make not only the retailer but the manufacturer and the wholesaler realize that it is the women that they must please with their merchandise.

Because they do by far the greater part of the buying in any community, the women have a responsibility that they do not always appreciate. The women of a town, through their buying power, can make or break the merchants of a town and as a natural consequence they can make or break the town. It is in their power to make it a prosperous town or a dead town. When the women of a town acquire the mail order habit, the town may just as well begin making arrangements for its own obsequies.

Hard to Understand. Just why a woman, who is a shopper by instinct and a shrewd judge of values in merchandise, should succumb to the lures of the mail order house it is difficult to understand but, unfortunately, some of them do. No one knows better than the woman who has had some experience in the buying of merchandise how difficult it is to distinguish between the genuine and the imitation even after a close inspection. The good shopper, when on buying bent, does not always take the first article that is offered for inspection. In fact this is the exception rather than the rule. The merchants

know it and expect it. They expect a woman, if she is a good shopper, to "look around a little."

If a woman should walk into a retail store and purchase the first suit that she tried on, for instance, the shock probably would prove fatal to the storekeeper or the saleswoman. The chances are that she will try on a dozen suits and look at as many more before she selects one that suits her taste or pocketbook, and the storekeeper not only expects but wishes her to do this. He wishes her to be satisfied as he knows that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement that he can obtain.

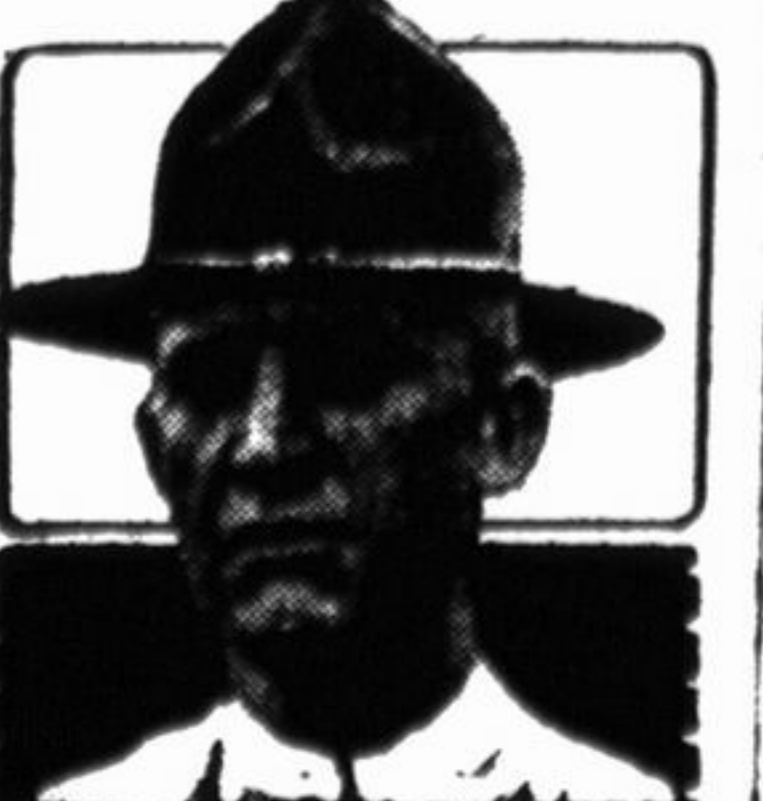
Taking a Chance. This same woman, however, may order a suit from a mail order house on the strength of "nothing more than a pretty picture and an alluring description to try it on, to say nothing of the chance of examining the fabric, noting the exact shade of the material and inspecting the workmanship. She is taking chances on the suit fitting her, on the material being good and durable, the shade becoming to her and the workmanship of such a character that the suit will not fall to pieces. The woman who takes such chances cannot be called a shrewd shopper.

It might be more easily understood why mere man, unaccustomed and averse, as a rule, to shopping excursions, should fall a victim to the catalogue habit. He might find it easier to order from the picture in the catalogue than to go to a store and look for the article that he wanted or he might take the position that he wouldn't know what he was getting anyway if he went to the store and he might as well take a chance on the mail order gamble, but why the woman who knows what she wants and knows that she is getting what she wants when she gets it should buy on the "sight unseen" plan—well, that's another question altogether.

Woman's Greatest Opportunity. Women are taking a more and more prominent part in public affairs all the time. They are aiding now in many parts of the country in running the affairs of state. Even where they do not have the ballot they are playing a big part, individually and through their organizations, in the conduct particularly of local governments, yet in the one field where they can do most to help build up their communities they may be overlooking their opportunity. With the buying power in their hands they can do more for their community by stanchly supporting their home business men than they can possibly do in any other way.

Man may think he is a very important element in the progress and development of his town but when he reflects that 80 per cent of the buying power of the community is in the hands of the women he is apt to realize that he is a very insignificant atom.

ALEX SIGHS NO MORE FOR BASEBALL WORLD



Alexander the Great has quit Europe. That's the reason Chicago baseball fans rejoice. Alex is the famous pitcher and the war department has given him his honorable discharge that he may start the season with the Cubs. So if the hardships of war have not capped the cunning of the father's great army, it looks like the Cubs will smile again.

OUTSIDER WILL BE CLERK OF HOUSE



William Tyler Page will be the clerk of the House of Representatives in the next Congress. He is one of the few men not a member of Congress ever appointed to the place.

Advertisement for THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS' BANK, offering to pay bills by check.

Advertisement for KIDWELL GARAGE CO., offering overhauling, repairing, and storage services.

Advertisement for C. PENNER, Harness Maker, offering blankets, trunks, and whips.

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Advertisement for Hawkins & Hawkins, offering agricultural implements and repairs.

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Advertisement for J. H. FRANKENFIELD, offering farm lighting plants, plumbing, and heating services.

Advertisement for Potter Manufacturing and Lumber Company, offering lumber, millwork, and mason supplies.