



Women's Chatter.....

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A Preview

The temperature in the small theatre was hovering around 99. We were all limp and it speaks well for Ronald Colman that he held our interest in his new Bull Dog Drummond film.

The photography is excellent. London streets glistening wet, wisps of fog floating through impressive entrances of old mansions, all lend a macabre atmosphere.

The humour is dry and evokes a steady chuckle throughout the film. It is a pleasure to view a mystery film with a sense of humour.

Here is one film you must jot down in your "Date" book.

Holidays

If you are still in doubt as to where you want to go, I would refer you to an interesting booklet entitled "101 Holiday Suggestions," sent out by Commins Travel Service, 133 King St. West; Toronto. They will solve your holiday dilemmas nicely.

Do You Know That —

The two foremost exponents of all-in girl wrestling, Miss Dot McClinton of South Africa, and Miss June Neilson of Canada, now giving exhibition bouts in Great Britain, are billed as "lady bear cats."

Although there are more than 450,000 "live" words in the English language, ten of them—the, of; that, it, I, is, and; to, a, in—comprise 25 per cent. of all the words used in our spoken or written communications.

The youngest grandmother in the world. This distinction is claimed by a 28-year-old Canberra (Australia) girl, whose daughter, aged fourteen, has just given birth to a baby.

Retirement at the age of twelve is forced on the temple dancers of the Island of Bali, Java, as after that age their muscles are said to become too stiff and set to render the requisite grace and agility. Most of these child dancers enter into their prime when six years old.

Some of the products which produce explosive dust are chocolate, rubber, grains, woods, fertilizers, dried milk, paper, cork, and sugar.

Poland's official hangman is threatening resignation because he has been classified as a physical worker, whereas in his own estimation his job is an intellectual one.

Popular Spectator

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If you like dots—incidently, they're very fashionable—copy this week's model exactly.

It is white tub silk with the dots in powder blue. For the unusually attractive collar and bow tie, the scheme is reversed. Powder blue, with white spots is used.

Another very likable scheme is light blue tub silk with navy trim. Pique, linen, seersucker, handkerchief-finish lawn prints, etc., are equally nice fabrics for this fascinating model.

Style No. 2843 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18 years, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust. Size 16 requires 3 yards of 39-inch material with 1/2 yard of 39-inch contrasting.

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Parents Seek Inquiry At Parental School

New York.—A demand for a thorough and complete investigation of conditions in the New York Parental School a city-owned institution for truant boys was made by the governing board of the United Parents' Association followed by the World-Telegram afternoon newspaper.

The United Parents' Association held that parents were vitally interested in these charges and were entitled to know to what extent conditions as they were reported actually exist. The association asked that the investigation be made by a disinterested party outside the school system, inasmuch as mere assurance on the part of the school authorities that all is well cannot now satisfy the justifiable anxiety on the part of the parents.

Simultaneously, Mr. Chas. S. Colden, district attorney of Queens started an independent investigation, preparatory he said to a sweeping inquiry by a grand jury next month.

Queens of Past In New Settings

Mary Queen of Scots Would Use Her Wonderful Gifts of Fascination as Wife of an Ambassador

A young actress declared recently that King Henry VIII. (film version) was the ideal husband. Thereupon a well-known woman writer removed certain kings from their august places in history and judged them as husbands by modern standards. Few, one may add, survived the test.

If kings may be treated in this way without lese majeste, why not queens, since woman are the more adaptable sex?

Some queens, it must be admitted, cannot be taken out of ancient time and place without losing the very essence of personality. The dazzling wealth of the Queen of Sheba belongs to the mythical East; the charm of Cleopatra vanishes when we take her away from the Nile and the background of ancient Egypt. It is otherwise with Theodora, ornament of the Byzantine stage and Roman Empress; she steps with confidence out of the sixth century into the twentieth. She knew what it was to earn her livelihood as a dancer in the Hippodrome, and proved to be the equal of her husband—the Emperor Justinian—in ability and courage. She it was who, when Justinian was about to take refuge in flight from an angry mob, reminded him that "the imperial purple is a glorious shroud."

Queen Margaret of Scotland willingly exchanges the unlettered eleventh century for the twentieth. She rubs her eyes at a world full of books and a population indifferent to them. Like a bird she flies in at the open door of a university and is at once at home in its spacious library.

Diplomat's Wife Now. Mary Queen of Scots cannot believe that she is in old Edinburgh until, glancing upward, she sees the frowning Castle rock. That stirs old memories, but they cease to disturb her, and she exclaims with delight over the gardens and shops of Princes Street, "almost as beautiful as Paris," she says softly, "but I miss the horses and falcons." Mary is the wife, exquisite and soignée, of the French Ambassador to England. In that sphere she is happy, using her wonderful gifts of fascination and savoir faire. She has a weakness for budding artists and musicians and her entourage of pet "lions" is well known in society.

That commanding red-haired lady is her husband's most trusted adviser. He is a financial magnate, but he admits that his wife's "fai" is even more delicate than his own. "And no wonder," laughs Queen Elizabeth, "did I not learn in the sixteenth century how to use a perfect blend of risk and caution in order to become rich? I lent money to other monarchs—yes—but first I got their Crown Jewels as security. They called me the royal pawnbroker, but I did not mind." The telephone on her desk and the interviewer fades out.

Queen Victoria refuses to move forward out of the dignified setting which her personality created. "Tis a mad world," she affirms, in which she has no place.

Bird's-Eye Views Of English Towns To Help Planning

London.—Airplanes are to help Britain in the campaign for finer towns for 16,000,000 acres are soon to be surveyed from the air to help to provide the maps required by the Ministry of Health under the Town Planning Act.

The Ministry of Health asked the municipal councils to complete maps of the town-planning areas within two years. It would be impossible for ground surveys of so large an area to be provided in such short time, it is pointed out. But by air survey work the maps can be completed in a year. Only 30 good flying days for vertical photography will be needed to cover the whole area.

Under the scheme submitted to the Ordnance Survey Department, the country is divided into 16 acres of 1,000,000 acres each. These will be surveyed in two lots of eight at a time. The first photographs will be delivered within a month of the start of this aerial survey.

some time to catch up with Chinese newspapers but someone has translated a story out of the issue of June 18 that tells of a Mrs. Tom Sing, of Hing Shing, Canton province, who has given birth to eight children at one time. The story says seven of Mrs. Tom's children were boys and that they were born about a month ago. At the time the Hing Shing correspondent wrote the story all the children were said to be alive and well.

Manchester's Youth Now Enjoy Schooling

MANCHESTER, Eng.—Manchester boys and girls of today are better school-attenders than were their predecessors of 10 years ago.

Mr. W. O. Lester Smith, director of education for Manchester, points out that last year in Manchester there were only 189 prosecutions for non-attendance at school as against 311 ten years ago. The English child, he said, no longer went "unwillingly to school."

Medical Attention for Enlarged Glands

Parents frequently consult me about enlarged glands in the neck, writes a doctor. Youth is a period of strain associated with growth and development. But the causes of enlargement of the glands in the neck are many. Primarily the trouble is usually due to poor health allowing infection to take hold.

Every enlarged gland is not tuberculous in origin. When the glands are all enlarged in one mass and appear to belong to a deep-seated chain of glands in the neck, then one suspects serious trouble, which generally turns out to be tuberculosis in the case of the adolescent. These thickened lumps in the neck may also be due to decayed teeth or abscess formation in the gums. Or they may be due to infection in the nose, ear or throat.

Early medical attention is important when the trouble is noticed, as suitable treatment averts chronic trouble in many cases.

May Marry

The likelihood of the Duke of Norfolk's engagement being announced before the end of the present London social season is once again being discussed. This time the name of Britain's premier duke is being linked with that of Miss Jean Drummond, a relative of Lord Lisburne and a distant connection of the late Cardinal Vaughan. The duke was 26 on May 26. Miss Drummond, a very beautiful girl, is a year or so younger.

Individualism Is Overemphasized

New York.—Dr. Bernard Cachs, president of the Academy of Medicine, speaking before the First Humanist Society of New York, said that the individualism of the age was much overemphasized, explaining that the belief that a mother owed everything to her child, while receiving nothing in return, was a mistaken one.

"The mother complex idea is over-emphasized today," he said. "It is true that mothers do continue the protection of their children too long, but that is only bad judgement and not perversion. A nervous, irritable mother cannot expect to have a well-balanced child. In the training of children the important thing is the establishing of proper and normal relationships. The whole Oedipus complex idea is the product of a vivid imagination."

CLEANS HATS

A housewife suggests this: "To clean white straw hats buy a small block of magnesia, shave very finely with sharp knife. Moisten with peroxide to make a paste, and with an old shaving brush or discarded tooth brush apply the paste to the hat. Place in the sun to dry and bleach. Why dry brush off with a stiff brush. The band and lining should be taken off and cleaned in gasoline or washed with mild soap and water, pressed and tacked back in. White cloth shoes can be cleaned this way, too."

Dive of 7,000 Feet Restores Her Hearing

Shreveport, La.—A 7,000-foot dive in an aeroplane has restored to a Shreveport woman the hearing she lost 20 years ago.

She is Miss E. A. Revette, who said she was "the happiest woman in the world" when she stepped from the cockpit of the plane at Municipal Airport.

They're Telling Us

"The only reason for an army and a navy is because of the mistakes of the diplomats." — Josephus A. Daniels.

"I believe there is a great field for those interested in the science of good government." — Fiorello H. La Guardia.

"People want to fix the world, when the fact of the matter is that the world is fixing them." — Henry Ford.

Teach Children to Have Wholesome Fear of Water

Boil that Which They Drink in Country; Respect Dangers of "Swimming Holes"

Regardless of the fact that city dwellers are generally pitied by the people in the country during the hot summer months, they are fortunate in one respect. Water supplies in cities are, as a general rule, as safe as science knows how to make them.

A mother in town may turn on the tap and be reasonably sure that there are no typhoid or dysentery germs in the stream that flows.

DANGERS IN COUNTRY. Yet this very feeling of security is often our undoing when we migrate for a day or a week or a whole season to out-of-the-way places depending on streams and springs for our water. Too often the lovely sparkling fluid that the neighbors assure us is the best water in the world is indeed aqua mortis, the water of disease and death.

This year we should be especially careful of what we drink. Until a week or so ago we were badly in need of rain that the drought threatened to be really serious. A drought does peculiar things to nature besides drying up streams. Bacteria life thrives because there is more death and disease in erstwhile streams that have deteriorated into fetid pools.

If disease germs stayed where they were, all would be well. But along comes a hard shower and every sort of offal under the sun is washed into circulation.

The ground is baked hard and dry. In soft ground rain sinks in and deposits are left, more or less, where they lie. But watch the smallest kind of shower and see what happens. Rivulets form in every dent of the concrete earth and find their way to low places, rivers and streams.

GENERAL WARNING. A general warning should be given to picnickers and children going on outings. All hikers to the country should either take water along or boil it thoroughly when they arrive at their destination, unless the water obtained comes from a deeply-drilled and tested well, or a guaranteed community service.

Children should be warned against springs. They may look fair and beautiful but yet be very unsafe. Anyone in doubt about any water should boil it hard for 20 minutes. Be especially careful of the water babies or young children drink.

SWIMMING DANGERS. And talking about drinking water brings us to the subject of swimming and bathing. The trouble with children is that time seems so long to

them that they forget the lessons of the past. A year is a century to a small boy or girl. What happened last summer is gone as completely as the Stone Age. The fact that someone was drowned last summer is only a vague dream. The past has no bearing on the present. It is always a new day with new urges and experiments.

The children's world is limited. They have no general knowledge of accidents. They don't read the papers. Therefore a season's toll of many hundreds of deaths by drowning does not affect their judgement.

Parents are inclined to leave too many things for them to decide, trusting to their knowledge of danger. We think they have the same perspective we have—that the many accidents to others have registered in their minds the same as they have in ours with resulting caution.

CHILDREN FORGET

It is not so. Probably not the smallest fraction of one per cent of children have ever actually known a boy or girl who was drowned.

The conversation between the parent and child goes something like this as a rule: "Johnny, you mustn't go into that river again because three people were drowned right there last summer. It is dangerous." Then Johnny scoffs, "Why, that was ages ago. Nothing ever happens there now. I tell you it's perfectly safe mother, besides I am a good swimmer."

And the chances are Johnny, being convinced that he is right, and that all women are "fraidies" about water anyway, will say, "Let's go," when someone wiggles two fingers.

Yet that doesn't relieve parents of their responsibility. It is up to them to save these reckless youngsters from themselves.

POINT OUT DANGERS

The best thing to do is to show a child some reason for not taking risks. Take a pencil and draw whirls and currents under the calm surface of a river, illustrating the power of forces stronger than he is. Show him what a "suck hole" is, and quicksand.

Draw a dock with old broken piles or poundholes which are hidden, and on which he may strike his head as he dives, or sunken boats or any of the accumulation of years that usually surround docks. Explain what a "cramp" really means.

Unfortunately there will always be some drowning accidents but we must do all that lies within our power to warn the children, to impress on them the need for caution and for care.

Our Sketch Club

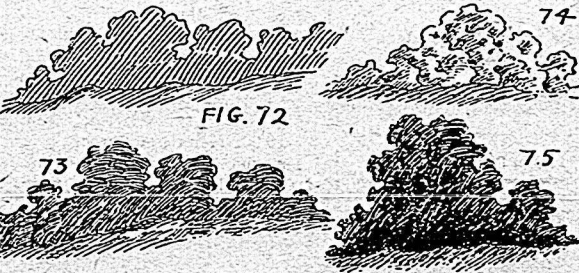
LESSON NO. 15

Foliage in a picture requires very careful rendering. There are a number of illustrators whose work is never in great demand because of improper training and lack of faithful effort. Make up your mind that you are going to become a decided success and gain recognition. Follow our suggestions and criticisms carefully, put your whole heart into the work; thus you will rise high above the mediocre artist and become a leader in your profession.

One of our latest graduates is now a staff artist, illustrating stories for

is shown in Fig. 71 that differs from the former two. Being in high light, the tone value is rendered very differently. The light falls on the right and where it strikes the foliage it is left white. The masses are slightly suggested and a tone is thrown in between to help the contrast. Strive to obtain the exact effect, and draw over and over again if necessary to secure it.

Fig. 75 we illustrate a pen technique which may be adopted for very dark foliage or to show foliage in sunset or moonlight. We almost seem to see the light of the falling sun shin-



one of Canada's greatest weekly newspapers. The name of this young artist will be given on request, enclose a (3c) addressed envelope.

In Fig. 72, is an example of distant foliage. The lights and shades are not distinct, in fact cannot be seen; hence the whole effect is an even tone. A parallel line tint is used, the lines are slightly curved and run diagonally; they are clean cut, black and carefully spaced. Note the broken and irregular outline which avoids the stiff unnatural effect. Strive to put life and reality into every line you make.

Fig. 73, presents a middle distance effect. Not being so far distant as the sketch in Fig. 72, it is more distinct. You will observe colour or tone in this sketch; the former shows only a grey mass. To some degree lines are arranged in sets running in different directions and slightly curved. Another example of distant foliage

ing through the branches. The foliage, being somewhat distant, shows very little detail.

Ex. No. 17. For practice, study again the examples shown in the last three lessons, try to vary the outlines and tone value. Thus obtaining as many different effects as possible to store away for future reference.

Have you started on your work for the Free Sketching Contest? Remember that the Art Director is giving 3 prizes for the best three sketches received. The contest closes on August 1st, so get your entries in.

Questions will be answered in this department. Anyone wishing to receive a personal reply, may have same if a 3c stamped addressed envelope is enclosed with the request. The Art Director, Our Sketch Club, Room 425, 73 Adelaide St. West, Toronto.