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CLOTHES AND CHARACTER

Perhaps it puzzles you to understand why an artist who knows the principles of beauty should be sloppy in his dress or his housekeeping. "An artist," you say, "should of all people, be the most tastefully attired." No, an artist or anyone else, can dress neatly when he decides to do so, provided he is not too poor. For with most men who are artists, the artistic labor is mental or physical, clothing is a secondary consideration. Work, with them, is always first and only on special occasions do they consider their dress—unless the r's wives or their positions force them to do so. Of course if a man happens to be wealthy he can have servants to tend to his wants and hence may easily appear well dressed at all times, although many of them do not.

The big men of the world, great thinkers, poets, inventors, astronomers, have almost without exception been naturally untidy in their dress, although sometimes other considerations, such as the aforementioned views, have kept the faas from the public. Great men never judge character from clothes. Clothes reveal almost nothing to the ordinary observer, and to people of the Sherlock Holmes type only a few habits.

Do you doubt it? Walk into the slums. See that fagged fellow sitting there on the doorstep. Yesterday he was well dressed, and the women admired him as he walked down the avenue. Today, who would guess that he had been? His former acquaintances would not be seen with him. Yet he is the same man, and tomorrow, were he outfitted as before, he might grace the same society and no one would be the wiser. It is only the small-minded who judge by garments. Wise men study the soul.

EQUAL RIGHTS

Once we had equality. Now we have "shovelty." Formerly when city trams were crowded the men stood and the women sat. Nowadays it is the men who sit and the women hang by the straps. In fact, we think the women are often lucky to get on the cars at all.

Whose fault is it? Of course, we know well that no city railway can provide seats for all passengers during rush hours. But why, ask some, "are not the men courteous enough to see that ladies are seated first?" Perhaps the answer lies with the ladies themselves.

In justice to the male sex we must say that most of them refuse to allow any elderly lady or a woman with a child in arms to stand; but we notice they are not so particular regarding the rest of the female passengers. Not even the old gag that men give their seats to young and pretty women is true. They don't.

"Women are demanding equal rights," say the men; "let them accept the same inconveniences." Some of their "window-shop" for hours, or stand gossipping for long periods on the street and then complain because they have to stand up for a half hour or so on the car. A good many of them don't even have to come home during rush hours and in the morning they have been resting all the night—or should have been—and ought not to need a seat badly. Besides, a lot of them don't even thank a fellow when he does give them a seat. So we should worry. Let them look out for themselves.

Probably much of this is true. Doubtless there are many more women traveling during rush hours today than there were a few years ago in comparison with the number of men. The larger the city the worse the conditions. At least in Detroit the lady who first reaches an empty seat has a fair chance to sit down in it, while in Chicago or New York if she isn't quick she may find herself in a male prison, or best say a man's lap. But then in these places seats are scarcer and in proportion everybody moves a little quicker. Harvard's football squad would have a rough scrimmage if ever it tried to break the evening train for a New York subway train, and although an ordinarily tough fellow like Dempsey might manage to come out on top during the thrilling moments when Detroiters aim for a street car, it takes a strong spine to stand the strain when a Chicago "L" guard puts his shoulder to the mob and gives his final lunge to condense passengers in the car and allow the doors to close. It is well the ladies are learning to play football for certainly the age of chivalry is past and the days of "shovelty" have come.

OUR FATHERS AND SONS

Directors of the local Young Men's Christian Association are making plans for a community father and son week to be held in February, next year. It would not be a bad plan for our fathers and sons to make every week in the year a father and son week.

Doughnuts



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNNS

Forty-Four Years Ago
Thorne & Converse have added to their shop and its general beauty, two handsome hanging lamps.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Luke Stanley was indicted to go over to his new residence to show a friend over the premises and on his return home a few hours later, he found the house full of merry visitors all intent upon celebrating Mrs. Stanley's birthday. Of course Luke's surprise was soon lost in his happiness and good humor, and when the jolly gathering dispersed at a late hour it was unanimously voted that a letter time was never had since birthday days first made their appearance.

A GOOD THING, JUNIORS
The present junior class of the Baldwin high school is trying by various means to raise money so that next year, when they are Seniors, the entire class may take a trip to Washington, D. C.

Benefits to be derived from such a trip are many. The journey and visit to the places of interest at the capital of the United States will be a fitting climax to the four years of high school work.

It is to be hoped the Junior class will realize their ambition and make this trip to Washington.

"Man Still Refuses To Discus Act"—headline. Some acts of men speak for themselves, others need a lot of explaining.

From the looks of things it's about time Turkey had her goose cooked.

Fashion notes: Coal bins of the wealthy class. The back of them will be bare. Black diamonds in small, inconspicuous clusters, will adorn the middle.

When a man gets to think the firm he works for can't get along without him, he should look down from his high horse, and see the candidates lined up for his job.

Hunting him: This is the open season for ministers.

In the game of love hearts may be trumps, but diamonds fit most every hand.

If noise meant speed some automobiles could beat an aeroplane.

What looks like failure, may be opportunity coming back from a masquerade.

In life, as in a game of poker, the man who sticks with nothing after the pot is opened has a chance to draw a full house.

Every knick is a boost. So use your lungs on the horn and give your arm and hammer a chance to rest.

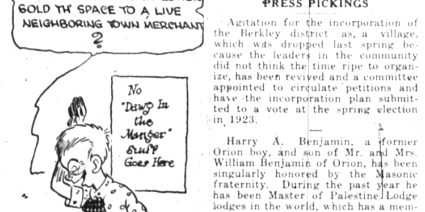
Some sit around and tell of their achievements. Others are still at the business of achieving.

A rolling stone may not gather any moss, but lots of goss-backs would do well if they did a little rolling.

Made out your Christmas list yet? Mrs. O. D. McDonald has moved from Stanley street to Martin street.

MICKIE SAYS

DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLE-FASHIONED MERCHANT WHO REFUSED TO ADVERTISE AN 'YEAH GOY MADORN A HOOT OWL BECUSE THE EDITOR GOLD THE SPACE TO A LIVE NEIGHBORING TOWN MERCHANT?



No 'Dove' in the 'Mentor' Club? Goes Here

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PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



Behind the first and only cartoon of an Editor appearing by kindness. The Last Minute Advertiser announces his intention to bring in his Copy Editor and Editor. The Last Minute Advertiser ain't Done Right by Our Editor!

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Mayor E. C. Gardner advised that the Village Commission had passed a resolution for installation of Sewer Pipes in Chester Street, Lincoln Avenue.

It is noted that this Commission hereby determines that it is expedient and advisable that a lateral sanitary sewer with necessary manholes and house connections be constructed beneath the surface of Chester St. Lincoln Ave. and Stanley Ave. in the Village of Birmingham beginning at the point 200 feet south of a point in the center of the intersection of Hanna and Chester streets, before crossing along the center line of Chester St. 152 feet to a point in Lincoln Avenue, thence west only in Lincoln Ave. 278 feet to the intersection of Lincoln and Stanley Avenue, thence north only at the center line of Stanley Ave. 140 feet to the main line at the intersection of Stanley Ave. and Lincoln Ave.

It is further resolved that all the lots and parcels of land lying north of and east of the center line of Chester St. and west of the center line of Lincoln Ave. shall be assessed for the purpose of defraying a portion of the expense of construction of said sewer, manholes and house connections.

It is further resolved that the Village of Birmingham has been 1/2 of the cost of the lateral sanitary sewer and the lots and parcels of land embraced in the said special assessment shall be assessed 3/4 of the cost of said lateral sanitary sewer and the lots and parcels of land embraced in the said special assessment according to the foregoing provisions of this resolution and that the amount of said special assessment shall be divided into five equal parts and shall be levied on the lots and parcels of land embraced in the said special assessment according to the foregoing provisions of this resolution.

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Diana Brown of Argus street, returned home Monday of last week after an operation for appendicitis at the Pontiac City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gardner and their family of East Maple avenue, were the guests of Mrs. L. Harwig of Port Huron, last week-end.

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A farm boys conference at Millford next spring. Monthly meetings will be held in the future on the first Saturday in each month with afternoon and evening sessions. The first meeting in December will be at Seymour Lake.

Losses in gardens and on truck farms caused by insect pests and diseases can be materially lowered by cleaning up refuse left on the land after crops are harvested, according to Fred E. Lewis of the horticultural department of the Michigan Agricultural College. Clean culture on the field seed bed or greenhouse will greatly reduce the cost of production and also result in a product of better appearance and higher quality.

Walter Andrews, of Holly, who is the leading chicken fancier in that part of the county, has just completed four new poultry houses, giving him capacity for 500 layers. The coops are all full now and the birds settled in their winter quarters. Mr. Andrews raises Single Comb White Leghorns exclusively.

At the last meeting of the supervisors of Macomb county a resolution was adopted by the board declaring the matter of manure taxes for the years 1922, 1921 and 1920, except in the matter of manure taxes. This was the result of the excessive tax burden at present. It is also desired to cut down expenses on other activities that can be done away with or partially so, for the present.

Farmer's Week, the annual winter round-up at the Michigan Agricultural College, which has grown during recent years into the state's biggest agricultural conference, will be held from January 29 until February 2 this year, according to an announcement made by Ashley M. Bernidge, chairman of the committee in charge.

Miss Maude Hulbert of Southfield avenue, gave a pretty tea at her home Wednesday of last week in honor of Mrs. Charles Mcurdy. The guests were largely old friends or neighbors of the guest of honor.

Miss Florence Grant of Woodward avenue, returned Tuesday of last week from a trip to the East. She was entertained in Washington and New York.

Miss Alice Packard has been recently appointed organist in the M. E. church to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mayme Faber. Miss Packard is experienced in this vocation and filling this position in a very satisfactory manner.

Birmingham pupils at the U. M. Ed. Menard, Will Miller, Charles Campbell, Eva Bruce, Zilla Campbell, Mae Wattles, At the Normal; Grace Houghton and Bert Bakoskie; at the Normal; Charles Popington, at Detroit Business University; Frank Schanite, Row Bakoskie, Frank Keyser.

Last year we opened a school with an enrollment of 100 in the high school, and thought that was a large number. This year we opened with 100. There are now 110 members of high school, and are girls and 18 boys.

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