

CHICAGO WOMEN
BEST DRESSED

RIVALS BURBANK IN PRODUCING
NEW VARIETIES IN PLANTS

Should Wives
Take Holidays?

Would Keep Out
Some Immigrants

Some COLORED WIG FAD

New York—Whether the women of Chicago are the best dressed women in the country is the question raised by Mme. Joire of Paris who is exhibiting the spring and summer gowns of Paris. Mme. Joire appeared to be impressed with the appearance of the Chicago women.

"I motored along Chicago's boulevards," said Mme. Joire, "and was especially impressed by the large number of stylishly attired women who not only had good clothes, but knew how to wear them."

In telling of the manner in which Parisian fashions were received in the various cities, Mme. Joire said Philadelphia women were quite surprised and the "backless" gowns appeared to frighten them.

"In Pittsburgh there seemed to be a feeling of awe," said Mme. Joire. "Our Boston audiences were most dignified and restrained. Chicago and New York showed great enthusiasm and the extreme models were liked."

Mme. Joire was impressed by the beauty of American women.

"I was especially impressed," she said, "to find that there are so many pretty American girls not only in society, but among the salesgirls in the shops. It is remarkable, too, how pretty an American girl can make herself on a comparatively small outlay of money."

MEASURING FISH BY THE EYE.

Not Many Men Can Hit a Fish's Size Accurately in This Way.

Not every man can measure fish accurately by eye. Many people are apt to make their guess too big, and then there are many who, misled by the tapering head and the diminishing tail end of the fish, are apt to make it too small.

There was a little bunch of men out fishing for blues, and presently one pulled in a handsome and fair sized fish. Then somebody started guessing at the length of it and one guessed two feet and another four and still another three feet. Then a man in the boat who was familiar with fishes glanced at this blue and said that he guessed it would measure two feet and a half; whereupon a man in the party who had a tape measure in his pocket got that out and put the tape on the fish; and it actually measured thirty-one inches.

There was just one man in the boat who could measure a fish accurately by the eye—New York Sun.

A Teacher of Beggars.

The police authorities at Home have arrested a notorious character named David Kitchener, known throughout Russia as the king of the beggars. Kitchener had founded in the principal provincial towns, schools of mendacity, where he had organized a veritable course of instruction for his pupils in the art of wheedling money from the charitable, and which in turn he made his pupils hand over to him.

It is not this, however, which has brought him under the law. He seems to have been a bigamist, or rather polygamist, for he was possessed of twenty wives, each living in a different town. In addition to his mendacity and polygamy, his repertoire included the production of forged papers of identity as the preliminary to his many marriages.—London Globe.

An Island for Duck Shooters.

Little Stinger Island, only 10 by 22 feet, was sold recently for \$15,000, representing the highest price for a piece of land of such small dimensions ever to be recorded in Prince Anne county.

Although Little Stinger Island only contain 220 square feet of land rising from the water of Back Bay, Va., its value lies in the fact that it forms a natural battery for shooting ducks and is located at the head to the great Virginia and Carolina ducking grounds. The title includes a strip of land on the mainland which, however, has no particular value except for the erection of a clubhouse.—Norfolk Landmark.

Complex Legal Problems.

No country has such complex and varied problems to cope with as the United States. Conditions arising by reason of the heavy tide of immigration from all countries, including Greeks, Jews, Greeks, Turks, Mohammedans, those of all religious and sects with notes, those coming to promulgate socialistic doctrines, the perplexing Chinese and Japanese questions in the West, the abolition of slavery, the rights of trusts, the extension and rise of federations of labor, have raised perplexing questions which have demanded the attention more or less of the criminal arm of the law.—Case and Comment.

A Deep Pennsylvania Shaft.

The deepest shaft in the bituminous coal field in Pennsylvania, according to the report of Col. Henry C. Damming, consulting geologist, mining engineer and chemist, is operated by the Maryland Coal Company at St. Michael, about two and one-half miles south of South Fork, on the Dunlo branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. At the Maryland company's opening the shaft is 697 feet deep. Within ten miles east of this point is the highest mountain peak in the State, Blue Knob.—Philadelphia Record.

There may be only one Luther Burbank, but there is at least another plant wizard, as results recently achieved by George B. Frank of San Diego, Cal., show. In a garden covering a few city lots this man is conducting experiments, the results of which will be invaluable to all vegetable producers and consumers. Here are some of his most recent creations:

1. A bean which yields almost twice as much as an ordinary bean, obtained by crossing a climber and the climber.
2. A cucumber which is spineless and which, instead of having green ends, is almost entirely solid. The seed spaces are small and the cucumber very large and crisp, and grows rapidly.
3. A large tomato which is almost all meat. Frank crossed four times between a Stone tomato and a "beefsteak" tomato to get this result. Also, he crossed with the Mexican bitter melon, to take all the poisonous tendencies out of the vegetable.
4. Three distinct and new kinds of lettuce, especially designed for distinctive salads. One is a crushed



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Two More Regiments Sent to Texas

Two more regiments of the regular army have been ordered to Texas, the Ninth and Seventeenth Infantry. They are placed mainly along the border, especially eliminating the "bandits," including the rank of the lower Rio Grande between Brownsville and Laredo (Laredo).

We now have 18,000 soldiers in Texas. That is 3,000 more than the entire army with Gen. Shafter invaded Cuba in 1898.

Want Statues Depraved

A shift grant for Venus and knickerbockers for Adonis, a lamp-shade effect for Diana and her nymphs, and banishment for fauns and bacchantes, may be the effect of a crusade started by the Vandervier Park Taxpayers' association of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The sensitive morals of some of the taxpayers are painfully shocked by the display of nudes in bronze, marble and paint on the exhibition of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. The Flatbush taxpayers complain that the group in which Venus and Adonis are the main figures.

Explorers Bar Liquor

During Sir Ernest Shackleton's trip across the south polar continent alcoholic stimulants of all kinds will be barred. Tea and cocoa will be used and when men need warming up they will be given lump sugar instead of liquor. Sir Ernest says on his last trip he found that sugar warmed men in ten minutes. The men chosen for the expedition are between 30 and 41 years of age.

A MILLION AUTOMOBILES NOW.

More than 1,145,000 motor cars of all kinds are now registered in the United States. New York has more than any other state, about 135,000.

Period of Highest Cost Of Living Passed

According to this month's bulletin of the department of commerce, the price of necessary foods was higher on November 16, 1913, than at any other time during the 24 years preceding, when they reached the maximum. The cost of living index for November, 1913, was 72.8 above the average for 1890-1899. Last December's prices were below the average for the year in the case of seven articles—straw steak, pork chops, bacon, ham, beef, flour and sugar.

strawberry color and one is blotched with rose colors. Another is a pure green. All are heavy producers and very crisp and pleasant to the taste.

Frank's work has attracted wide attention and he has received many offers to leave his little garden on the city lots and work on a much larger scale.

"I don't want to make a lot of money out of my creations," he said. "All I want is a decent living. The people ought to share in the benefits of my plant inventions."

Experts say the eggplant, a vegetable of the deadly nightshade family, contains poison and at present Frank is working to get the poison out. To do it he is crossing the eggplant with the sweet yellow tomato and says that the result is already assured.

This wonder-worker's results in crossing vegetables are obtained by scientifically mixing pollen when the plants are in bloom. He has also installed a number of devices for forcing plants to maturity, and for testing and strengthening soils.

Should Wives Take Holidays?

SHATTERING belief in timorous adage absent making the heart grow fonder, the Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage of Philadelphia, has come out with an urgent plea against the separation of families during the summer, declaring that these holidays sow the seeds of divorce that reap so great a harvest for the lawyers every year.

"Beware," he says, "of separations which take away for any length of time wives from husbands, husbands from wives, brothers from sisters and parents from children. Where do you say you are going this summer?"

"Well," you answer, "I do not know. I have not yet made up my mind. I would like to go down to the seashore if I could, but that is so far away. My husband and boys could be with me only a little while if I did so there."

"Neither, wife, I would not go far away from home if I were you. If your husband and boys and brothers have to work during the summer to earn a livelihood it is not good to be separated from them. It is not good for you. It is not good for the husband and the boys. Nine-tenths of all the divorces are due to the temptations of our summer resorts."

"These separations lay temptations, awful temptations, at the feet of the men who are compelled to stay at home and work. They lay temptations, awful temptations, at the feet of the women who are off in the summer hotels. Be in a place where all the members of the family can get together every few days."

"Never let your husband learn the lesson how to be happy without you and the children. Wives and mothers, never learn yourselves the lesson how you can be happy without your husbands and the children by your side."

Is he right? Or should husbands and wives be away from each other at least for part of the summer that each may forget the little grievances and difficulties of housekeeping and remember only the love and tenderness of each other?

Philosophers, students of human nature, and even the comic artists have, from time immemorial, pictured the wife of the man left to keep a bachelor's hall through the summer, and the joy with which he welcomes back his wife. We have, too, seen how the women at summer resorts forget the daily difficulties of life at home and sigh for the time when they may return to it, while new interests, different points of view and a wider scope of life are all brought about by trips to some distant yet near away from home where we spend two many months of the year.

But if Dr. Talmage is right—then this is all wrong, and the absence of the wife is the first step to legal separation instead of a step down the path that leads to a deeper understanding and a wider sympathy with each other.

It opens up a wide field for discussion, doesn't it? And it is essentially a woman's question, and one which she alone can settle. What are you yourself going to do? Will you put your faith in your husband's loyalty and leave him to spend his summer alone? Or will you stay near him and only perhaps take that conjugal vacation during a week or two later in the summer?

[The majority of men grow restless beneath marital bonds that are too tight, just as the majority of women grow restless if they must face fifty-two weeks a year of household duties. So after all isn't there a prospect that no vacation may also sow seeds of quarreling and divorce? And that is the question.]



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More Pay For R. F. D. Mail Men

Boston Post: It is to be hoped that the action of the United States senate a few days ago in voting to increase the maximum pay of rural delivery mail carriers from \$1,100 to \$1,200 will become law. These servants of Uncle Sam certainly deserve the climb and the mailmen of the rural post have come into operation their wages have vastly increased beyond anything thought possible before. Many are compelled to enlarge their wagons or buy automobiles to carry the new package business. This expense should not fall upon them but carriers are a fine and dependable set of men in all their dealings with the public. Nobody will begrudge them a little better pay.

Senate Stops Smoking

By unanimous vote the United States senate adopted Senator Tillman's motion forbidding smoking during executive sessions. In a speech supporting the resolution, Senator Tillman said: "I am beset with the danger of being driven out of the party and of the senate itself, for my very life depends on pure air."

Explodes Dynamite With Rays.

Iglesias Blanco, a Spanish engineer, has made successful experiments with an ultra violet ray apparatus in exploding dynamite. He exploded a case of dynamite buried in the ground at a distance of half a mile. He claims he can explode gas tanks on ships or gasoline tanks on aeroplanes and balloons with the rays.

Russia to Help us Celebrate.

Russia has accepted our government's invitation to take part in the great naval review at Hampton Roads, 1915. This gathering of the world's biggest battleships is to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal.

It is estimated that 125 men-of-war, including some of the greatest battleships afloat, will participate.

New Kind of Aeroplane

A new type of aeroplane, which is said not to infringe on the Wright patents, was tried out last week at Maribek on the Massachusetts coast. Although flying in a gusty nor'wester, the machine was perfectly manageable. It is claimed to be much less likely to overturn than other machines. The wings curve like a bird's, and the control is simple.

Colored wigs, which are "the rage" in fashionable society in European capitals, are now seen in this country. If a lady wear a blue gown at a ball she now has blue hair to match. At a dance in Washington last week, we are told that "the hostess, Mrs. Rowland, wore a white wig; the Countess Bertier a scarlet wig, and Miss Crawford a pink wig."

PANAMA CANAL FINISHED.

The electric lights along the Panama Canal were recently tested. This was the final step; the Canal is now ready for use. A little work remains to be done, but it need not interfere with commerce.

OUR INCREASING NAVY.

Work began this week, at the New York navy yard, on Battleship No. 39. This is to be the greatest of the super-dreadnoughts. Other powerful battleships, the "Texas" and "New York," are almost ready for their trial trips.

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For the Tea Table

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Round trays with high borders, into which at several V-shaped dishes of dainty china or glass, offer a suggestion for serving assortments of nuts and raisins, or for treats at a luncheon. They look very pretty in the tray and are easy to serve.

Owl's heads in iridescent browns are a pretty trimming for the natural-colored straw hats.

Many of the newest hats for summer are made of white straw.