



PORTRAIT TO FASHION

Miss Madge Mugford is the bride in "Parade of Spring Fashions." The bridal attendants are Mrs. David Scales and Miss Patricia Wynne. Mrs. G. G. Houston was the "Mother of the Bride" and Mrs. S. S. Carson was the "Mother of the Groom."

ELLEN'S DIARY

"We'll Hear The Robins Soon," Says Good James

No winter? Not actually. Only the odd cheerless day we had, to recall the scenes from the snowy winters past and gone, will be pleased with that now passing. And today, another in the March spell of weather which has given a continuation of days recently beclouded and dampish. Soberly gray they have been, as the feathers of remembered geese of a farm, that about this time of year would hide in low straw nests, treasures of eggs for the children to find — to lift carefully and exclaim over the size, and ever regard them in the light of pure magic.

Slightly gray — from the sky above to the mist-wreathed hills touched, and the slopes below to the wind patiently for a hint of news of first footsteps of Spring... that was today.

A gentle mistress of the house across the lane, carrying an offering of shell to the fowls in the poultry-house, paused, catching a new voice among the sounds of the morning. She smiled and drew our attention to a dark "chuck" of the blackbird family perched on the ridgepole of a pigsty.

"And I thought for a moment it was a robin," she commented. "We'll be hearing them shortly." "I'm thinking, if this mild weather continues," James said, "it's too early yet to have the spring-breakup. Think of the long spell of mud we would have!"

It has already commenced. The little truck has been a homeless wanderer of late. Now left in the shelter of woodlands at lane's end, it is momentarily settled down, but by the hilltop, and it may be before long it will be as Rob's at present, set down a mile off by the highway, there to go on any excursions of farm or family it may be called upon to take.

Now the millstream in the valley runs in increased flow, and eddies. And along the old mill-road, where in days that are, and likely will be no more, grists passed, and this time of year, logs are being sawed, we found on a recent stroll with Mack, sprays of pussy willows in fetching spring-dresses.

"Can you believe it!" he smiled, looking there in the snow to the satin of the silvery catkins against a young cheek. "I

guess" he nodded "that does it: there goes the winter!" he said.

Now our house-ferns send up bare but graceful green shoots, and noting the growth we fell to wondering today, how the spring-flowering bulbs of last Autumn's planting are faring under the snow. And we made promise that notwithstanding such duties as may come to us, we would make time to "pick more buttercups" this summer.

We would as in young springs search out again a rare bed of trailing arbutus, and up woody trails find first violets and trilliums and the other shy blossoms and sweet that we love.

A gray day of March this? Yes, but from dawn to candle-light and beyond into these stilly night-hours, one only pleasant and good.

Until tomorrow — — Diary — Goodnight. . . .

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Have you ever been irritated by a thread that has wound itself around the vacuum-cleaner brush and won't come loose? A quick snip with scissors, run lengthwise through the bristles, will make it easy to brush off.

END OF LOVE AFFAIR

NEW YORK (AP)—A 16-year-old high school girl was found dead Monday, apparently strangled, in the apartment of her 18-year-old boyfriend. Police said the youth Michael Murphy, walked into a station house, gave himself up and declared: "she was going to quit me so I killed her."

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ROSE VALLEY W.I.

The Rose Valley W.I. met at the home of Mrs. William MacDonald on Wednesday night, Mar. 5th. Before the meeting a quilt was quilted. The meeting opened with the president, Mrs. Wm. Newsome in the chair. Mary Stewart collect was repeated in unison.

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. Roll call was responded by five members, four visitors present. Correspondence was read.

It was moved by Mrs. Henry Chowne seconded by Mrs. Wm. MacDonald that the names of the deceased members of Rose Valley W.I. be sent in to have their names inscribed in the Book of Remembrance. Motion carried.

It was moved by Miss Maude MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jas. MacIntosh that a bill of \$2.40 be paid. Motion carried. School committee reported nothing was needed for the school this month.

Program committee for next month Mrs. Newsome and Mrs. Chowne. Collection 57 cents. Roll call next month a Household Hint. Mrs. Jas. MacIntosh invited members to her home for the April meeting. Meeting closed by the National Anthem. Lunch was served by the hostess.

W.C.T.U. Objects To The Brewer's Statements

"Beer — Well, What Do You Know?" This is the title of the pamphlet issued by the Dominion Brewers Association, and widely distributed.

The pamphlet starts by saying that, "In the earliest civilizations ten thousand years ago, ancient pictures indicate that beer was already part of the social life of the oldest civilizations."

There is no written or pictorial record of any civilization, existing at a date of ten thousand years ago, so the brewers began with a statement which is as incorrect as many of the claims they make for the beer.

Then they state that beer has been in use in England and the continent since earliest days and infer that as a reason why it should be continued.

During the centuries people have learned that many customs and habits, once of common usage and once accepted as their way of life, were a hindrance to the public welfare, and not in the best interests of humanity, and have discarded them.

Because a custom or an evil has existed for a long time, is no reason that it should always exist.

Slavery existed from the earliest records, among the empires and kingdoms of the past, and men and women were bought and sold like cattle, as a customary part of life.

When the influence of the anti-slavery societies began to work on the English mind, slavery was defended by many on the grounds that it always had existed, that slaves were recognized in Bible as well as secular history, and that it was almost universal, and that it was almost universal, and a necessity in some lands.

But the conscience of the British people was awakened, and despite its age and long existence, every person in the British Empire was finally made free. About half a century later the United States did the same and no civilized nation today would think of restoring slavery, even though it had been nearly as old as recorded humanity.

That beer and slavery long existed is no reason for their continuance or for the continuance of a national menace.

The objection to beer is that it contains alcohol, a habit-forming drug. The difference between it and other alcoholic beverages is chiefly in the percentage of alcohol in them.

Let the brewers take the alcohol out of their beer, and then ask the question on the front of their pamphlet, "Well, what do you know?"

Women

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KELLYS CROSS W. I.

Mrs. Joseph Kelly entertained the members of this institute on Wednesday evening, March 12th. The president, Mrs. Maurice Bradley chaired the meeting and each member responded to the roll call by paying a dime. A new member joined and paid her fee.

The treasurer gave the financial report all bills have been paid up to date and \$80.00 are in the institute fund.

The correspondence was then read. Among these was a Thank

You letter from a sick member and a "Shut - in." The new committees are as follows: Sick, Mrs. Stirling Wad-

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