

# STANDARDIZING THE FLAPPER

San Francisco, April 29.—The American "flapper" has been subjected to the scrutiny of the British merchant prince and appraised in business terms.

First, the "flapper" is found to be standardized.

Second, her clothing was given a money value of \$11.

Gordon Selfridge, of London, former partner of the late Marshall Field and one of England's leading merchants, made the appraisal after touring the United States.

"The most interesting that I have seen in the United States is the stand-

ardized "flapper," Selfridge commented.

"There are flocks of them in New York, San Francisco, and Chicago. All of them wear the same thing, from hats to shoes.

"Their clothing? Well, I haven't observed it as closely here as in New York, but the New York flapper's outfit would cost—well about \$11 would be a fair price."

Selfridge explained he would not for a minute criticize American women.

"On the contrary," he said, "I think they are particularly pleasing."

"There are flappers in London, of course," he added, "but the London flappers are not standardized."

## WILL GIVE DINNER AT KINSEY SCHOOL

A dinner will be given at the Kinsey school house next Thursday evening, May 4, by the Blue Creek township organization. Sandwiches, pie, cake, potato salad, and good hot chicken soup with noodles will be served. Anyone who has not been asked to contribute are asked to bring sandwiches. The ladies who bring baskets are asked to bring six small bowls and spoons, marked in such a manner that they can be recognized by their owners. The dinner will be conducted as the dinners at sales are conducted, five cents for pie or cake, or sandwich and ten cents for soup.

A male quartette has been obtained to furnish music for the dinner. The quartette will be assisted by local talent. All are cordially invited to attend.

## SAYS ROMANCE MAY BE WOVEN OVER A COMMON DISHPAN

Indianapolis, April 29.—Look for romance in the dishpan, girls, in the oven while the pies are baking or down the drain pipe of the kitchen sink.

You'll find it there just as quickly as in the seclusion of a study, Mrs. S. R. Artman, president of the May Wright Sewell council declared today, discussing how women may have other interest outside the home without interfering with their household duties.

"In all the years that I have been keeping house and doing active club work, I have learned that romance may be woven over a dishpan as in a study and poems pinned to the kitchen walls may be memorized while my pies are baking," Mrs. Artman said. "And don't burn my pies either."

"My typewriter is kept in the kitchen where it may be used during every spare moment."

"I believe that much of the so-called drudgery of housework would be eliminated if women would concentrate their minds on some pleasant worth-while thought while they perform such menial tasks as sweeping, dusting and washing dishes, instead of letting their thoughts wander aimlessly."

## "OVER THE HILL" HAS AN APPEAL FOR ALL CLASSES

That "Over the Hill," within the next few months, will have been seen by more people than any other moving picture made, is obvious from the figures in the offices of William Fox, the producer. Already the picture has done the unprecedented thing of running a year uninterruptedly on Broadway; it has broken records for attendance in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit and other large cities, and it has invaded London and Paris, where extraordinary runs are recorded. Central Europe, Italy and Russia have arranged for its reception, and the Orient has it booked.

Its singular lacks of reliance upon local appeal makes it ideal for international consumption. While it is typical of small-town life in the Middle West, it is of a stature of life common to all the countries, and deals with emotion and experiences plain as day to every people that have family life and family troubles. The story of the sacrificial mother who supports a shiftless husband and six children, rears the latter to adulthood only to be deserted as a result of having spoiled them, is an old one in the real life experiences of all people. So are the return of the "black sheep" son to the rescue of his mother and the nerve-ringing climax of his challenge of the actions of his hypocritical brother, who has allowed their mother to go to the county poor farm.

The Russian peasant, the British laboring man, the German artisan, the Italian farmer can sense in "Over the Hill" the big and irresistible human emotions that have already made the picture so impressive a triumph.

"Over the Hill" is coming to the Crystal Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday and seems certain to rival its success in New York, where it ran a solid year.

## LARGE PEACH HARVEST PREDICTED THIS YEAR

Vincennes, May 1.—"With weather conditions permitting, Indiana can expect one of the largest peach harvests in the history of the state," Robert Simpson of the Simpson Nurseries declared today. "Two years ago when we shipped 18,000 barrels of peaches we thought the crops was enormous but indications point to the fact that this record will be broken this year."

The April frosts failed to effect the peaches in southern Indiana, Mr. Simpson said. The peach buds were not developed sufficiently to be injured. Strawberries were affected where the frost in open places touched them, Mr. Simpson said.

# TAX STATISTICS

## Interesting Figures Are Obtained From Tax Receipts This Year

Indianapolis, April 29.—Drug store, complexion, perfumes and patent medicines have cost the people of Indiana \$1,475,000 since the first of last July.

They paid out \$1,391,000 to go to shows, movies and theatres during that period.

Over \$125,000,000 was spent for automobiles, parts and trucks.

It took \$2,840,000 out of their pockets to buy books to talk on telephones.

These figures were gained from the tax receipts by the Indiana division of the U. S. department of internal revenue announced by Burt Thurman, collector today.

The receipts totalled \$40,549,167.62, as compared with \$77,329,292.15, the receipts for the preceding July 1, 1921.

The total income taxes collected since July 1, totalled \$25,577,000. This is lower than the income tax collected last year which totalled \$49,793,000.

The taxes collected on various other items so far this fiscal year are as follows:

Soft drinks, \$673,000; furs, jewelry, pocket books, rugs, etc., \$467,000; cigars and tobacco, \$1,121,000; Oleomargarine, \$53,000; telephone messages, \$284,000; automobile trucks and parts, \$5,000,000; distilled spirit, \$3,777,000; theatres, \$1,391,000 and estates \$445,000.

## HARTFORD TEACHERS TO MAKE A TOUR OF OLD COUNTRY SOON

F. D. Huff, principal of the Hartford township high school during the past year, and Clifton Striker, one of

the Hartford high school instructors last year, will leave Wednesday for a three-months' trip through Europe. Mr. Striker expects to leave here on Wednesday afternoon and meet Mr. Huff at Fort Wayne, from whence they go directly to New York.

The two gentlemen will set sail from New York at noon on Saturday, sailing on the steamship "Celtic." They will sail from New York to Queenstown, Ireland. They expect to travel through Ireland and then go through Scotland and through England. From England they will sail across the North Sea to Netherlands, where they will visit places of interest. Their travels will then take them into Belgium and over into France where they will visit places of interest during the world war.

The next country to visit will be Switzerland, from whence they will go into Germany. In Bavaria they will visit the famous Oberammergau and witness the Passion Play, which is being staged this year for the first time since the war. Their trip will then bring them back to Switzerland, after which they expect to pass through St. Gothard into Italy.

In Italy, Mr. Huff and Mr. Striker intend to visit some of the places of historical interest and also to see some of the scenic spots. They will go as far south in Italy as Rome.

If they find that their time permits, the two travelers will continue to Greece and if possible on to the Holy Land. They expect to return to the United States in time to resume their duties in the teaching profession next fall.—Berne Witness.

## STUDENTS DISPLAY A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE IN ART OF SPELLING

Indianapolis, April 29.—A vast majority of the pupils of the public schools of Indiana up to and including the eighth grade displayed a surprising lack of knowledge of spelling in achievement tests recently given

throughout the state. Nineteen out of 20 words, none of which are difficult were misspelled by hundreds of pupils, according to reports reaching the state board of education.

"It is time that instructors in every grade in the public schools of Indiana were required to devote at least fifteen minutes to spelling every day during the school year," is the way one Kos-

lusk county instructor sizes up the situation.

The list of words given to the pupils in the achievement test, the manuscripts of which are now being corrected follows: acquire, original, disease, annual association, excellent, completely, disappoint, attendance, familiar, inferior, merely, necessary, merit, cordial, probably, quantity, sense and planned.

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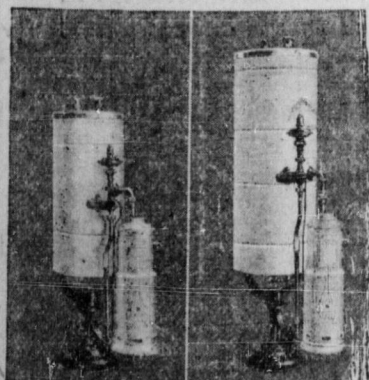
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## TAXES

We are this week paying taxes in Decatur in the amount of \$1,070.72 being the first installment of total 1922 taxes of \$2,141.44. Of this sum \$1,965.23 will be spent in this city and county. In 1917 this company paid \$667.35 in taxes, making an increase of \$1,474.09 or 221 per cent for 1922 over 1917.



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