

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliancy which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

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Alexander Bolds, of Geneva, one of the best known men of the county, father of Dan P. Bolds, the former county treasurer and who has many acquaintances here, is very ill at the Hope hospital, Fort Wayne. He is seventy-eight years old and "childish." A few days ago he underwent a surgical operation for defective vision and since has been nervous and his mind apparently affected. Last night he managed to elude the attendants and clad only in a night gown, he wandered from the hospital and was two squares away when overtaken by the nurses who followed as soon as they learned of his absence. The sick and almost helpless old man slipped from his room while the nurses were away, went out into the cold and dark night, and going down an alley emerged on Lafayette street. When accosted by the nurse he went willingly back to his room. It is not believed that his trip will prove injurious, though a few minutes more in his slight raiment would have meant his death. His condition is quite serious, and it is feared he may not fully recover.

The chicken picking device invented by Berling and Painter has already gained popularity throughout the country as is evidenced by the many letters they have received in regard to it. A letter was received recently from a city official of Towanda, New York, assuring the inventors that should they desire, that city would furnish a building and take stock, if they would manufacture the device at that place. A gentleman from Montreal, Canada, has written, asking for the right of selling the patent picker in the Dominion, and other communications have been received from Columbus, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., and many other cities. The invention is probably the most unique as well as best labor saving device invented in recent years. Its construction, though simple, has been the subject of careful study of more than two years. The prominence of the picker is in most part due to an article appearing in the New York Journal concerning its merits. Berling and Painter have not come to a definite conclusion as to what they will do with the patent, but in case they do not sell the right to some one who has tendered an offer, they will arrange to manufacture the device. An inquiry was also received from Roanoke, Virginia.

The case of John W. Meibers vs. Henry A. Kintz, a \$75 damage suit, resulting from the purchase of a horse, and set for trial on December 18th, has been continued by agreement.

E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague account, \$250, motion to make answer more specific overruled. Demurrer filed to 3rd, 4th and 5th paragraphs of answer.

Hunters' licenses were granted J. A. Cline, Charles Shoemaker, Calvin R. Price, and Elias Chrisman.

Real estate transfers: Daniel N. Erwin et al to Vernon L. McGonagill, lot 318 Decatur, \$300.

Attorney C. J. Lutz will leave Monday for Missouri, where he will appear in a law suit of considerable magnitude and will be absent for a week or ten days.

An amended complaint to the suit for divorce filed by Carrie Shoemaker against her husband, George E. Shoemaker, a case venued from Adams county here, was filed today. The complaint was sent here from Adams county by Snyder & Smith, attorneys for the plaintiff, and filed by Simmons & Dailey, attorneys for the defendant. In her complaint the plaintiff alleges that her husband was frequently cruel and brutal to her. On one occasion she says that she was holding her younger brother on her lap and he insisted that she quit "making over him." When she refused she claims that her husband grabbed her by the wrists and threw her against the wall, badly spraining her wrists and neck. Besides this she alleges that he frequently scolded her without any cause and found fault with her cooking. When they were first married the complaint states that they lived in the woods one-half mile from a road. Her husband she alleges frequently went away from home and remained till midnight, although he knew that the plaintiff was afraid to remain alone. She alleges also that he frequently went away from home leaving her no money and no goods in the house, going to his parents where he would take his meals. She also complains that during her married life her husband seldom gave her any money to buy herself wearing apparel, saying that if she could not raise enough produce from the farm to buy her wearing apparel and the groceries she would have to go without. Had her relatives not furnished her with clothes she claims she would have suffered from the cold. They also frequently gave her money she said, and her husband took this away from her without her consent. On the farm the complaint states there were eight horses and eight cows at one time, besides a number of hogs. She says that during the absence of her husband she was compelled to take care of these, chop the wood and do other manual labor. While living together her husband did oil pumping at one time and the wife claims that she had to on several occasions do the pumping during the absence of her husband.—Bluffton Banner.

Peter Stalter, a horseman hailing from Cairo, Ohio, who recently came to Decatur to work in the employ of the Decatur Horse company, found himself in the strong arm of the law Friday night, when, in response to a telegram from his wife, Marshal Bohnke placed him under arrest upon the charge of wife desertion. Mrs. Stalter who, ostensibly knew of the movements of her husband, wrote a letter to Officer Bohnke more than a week ago, asking him to be on the lookout for the man and stating that Stalter abandoned her more than six months ago, leaving her with no means of support. Stalter was in possession of facts regarding the warrant being issued for his arrest and immediately upon his arrival at Decatur he employed Attorney Ferd Litterer to adjust matters with his deserted wife, that he may not be hampered by prosecution. Mr. Litterer made the trip to Cairo and a contract was drawn whereby Stalter was to pay a stipulated sum for his wife's support. This was satisfactory to the wife but when two days lapsed and the contract with the signature of Stalter did not reach her, she telephoned Bohnke Friday to hold the man. The officer ascertained by an interview with Attorney Litterer that the contract had been forwarded and the man was released.

Leap year is nearly at an end and still there are five widowers and one bachelor employed at the Studabaker elevator. This is a record breaker, for only eleven men are working at the institution. These are the same that were employed there one year ago this time and when January 1 came they made the statement that surely one of them would get the benefit of the year for the ladies, but now they have lost hope and will have to wait for four years.—Bluffton Banner.

Adam Eeling, accompanied by Mr. Vorp, the Van Wert Texas land king, with a number of farmers of that section and of Adams county, left here last Tuesday for the Panhandle section of country in Texas. The party that accompanied Messrs. Vorp and Eeling, went with a view of viewing that country and if satisfied purchase a tract of land. Mr. Eeling stated that through the agency of Mr. Vorp assisted by himself and others, over five thousand acres of land had been purchased by people from this section in Texas. In one section no tract of land was sold only to members of the German Lutheran church and where a colony of these people are expected to emigrate and settle within the near future. A fine church will be erected the site and erection of which is donated by the land agents and the owners of land prior to passing into the hands of the new purchasers.—Monteville Breeze.

"Bismark," the glass eater, hailing from Adams county, who appeared in Bluffton yesterday, is giving the local police officers a lot of trouble and the question is how to get rid of him. He is trying his best to break into the county jail or the county infirmary in order to secure a home for the winter, and as he is a legal ward of Adams county, the local officers do not feel disposed to countenance his efforts to find a winter's home at the expense of Wells county. Bismark made his first attempt toward getting a home here on Thursday afternoon when he went to the county jail to see his old friend, Adam Mosure. He did not want to leave and told Deputy Sheriff Pierce that if Mosure had to remain there all winter he would stay also, and he sat down to make his word good. But Pierce told him there was no charge against him and he had no commitment for him and he would have to go. The hopes of Bismark rose again when he met Marshal Carlisle and he was told that if he did not get out of town he would be hauled before the mayor for intoxication and would get thirty days in jail. "Make it 90," exclaimed Bismark. "I won't go for less than ninety days." He was not accommodated and slept last night in the rear office of the sheriff. In recounting his experiences Bismark, who is a noted character in this and Adams county, declared that he did not want to spend another winter with the Decatur sheriff. He said he had a home at Decatur last winter but that the sheriff had too many cows, which he, Bismark, had to get up to milk too early in the morning. Bismark in former years entertained audiences by breaking up and swallowing glass, but he says that he has discontinued that habit. His teeth are about all gone and he says that the glass also got to be too hard on his stomach. He has been "tanked" to about the extent that he can stand and navigate since he struck town.

At the "cosy corner" of the office of the Adams county clerk at 8:15 o'clock Saturday a. m. Squire James H. Stone, said the words which united for better or for worse, the lives of Edward E. Case and Miss Roxie Dudgeon. The groom is twenty-two years old and a painter, whose residence is at Willshire, Ohio. The bride is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Douglass Dudgeon, a well known farmer of Blue Creek township. The young people appeared to be quite happy as they left the court house and here's hoping they may have before them many years of bliss and prosperity.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

At their meeting Thursday night the Sam Henry Post G. A. R. elected officers for the ensuing year and beside this, an excellent social time was enjoyed by the large attendance. The following were elected to positions in this noble organization: Commander, R. D. Patterson; senior vice, S. B. Fordyce; junior vice, F. F. Frech; chaplain, Cherry Holmes; officer of the day, A. J. Teeple; officer of guard, Daniel Kitson; quartermaster, J. W. Smith; trustees, B. W. Sholtz, Josh Parrish and J. D. Hale. The delegates chosen are Fordyce, Kitson, Teeple and Parrish.

Eli Capain, 25 years of age, while chopping wood near Bluffton, cut a fearful gash in his foot and came near bleeding to death before a physician could reach him.

Jack Linn, of Bluffton, declares that he will live to be 1,000 years of age, and relatives have asked for the appointment of a guardian for him on the ground that he is insane.

The delegates who will represent the local camp of Modern Woodmen at the afternoon session of the district meeting to be held at Fort Wayne, December 21, will leave here at 11:30 o'clock.

Such a hard fight is being waged at Bremen to keep the town dry that a special train will be run from Bremen to Plymouth to enable witnesses to go and prove their signatures to a blanket remonstrance.

Mrs. A. P. Black, of College park, Huntington gets a bounty of \$5 for killing a fox near her home. The payment was made under an old order passed many years ago by the county commissioners, but which had never been rescinded.

The Decatur Horse company will conduct the first of their 1909 sales January 8 and at this time they will have several hundred head of horses to be disposed of. The members of the firm expect to do business on a much larger scale this year than they have heretofore.

C. H. Lammiman and wife left last evening for Cardwell, Mo., where for ten days they will visit with Joseph Thomas and family. Mr. Lammiman will engage in hunting, fishing and expects to have a great time. In order to keep posted on the doings of old Adams county, Mr. Lammiman ordered the Democrat sent to his address.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A movement to request President-elect Taft to appoint Senator Hemenway in his cabinet has been nipped in the bud by the Indiana senator. The facts as to the movement and as to how the Indiana senator put a veto on it were learned today. W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, the long-headed pontificator and adjuster of national politics, started the movement. Senator Crane is never happy unless he is doing things in politics and in his noiseless way he usually accomplishes results. He and Senator Hemenway came into close relations during the fight of the allied candidates against Taft prior to the Chicago convention. Senator Hemenway was leader of the allied forces and Senator Crane worked with him. After the convention both Crane and Hemenway accepted the result in good spirit and Crane, at Taft's request, took charge of the Chicago headquarters, where he practically directed the national campaign. Senator Hemenway was surprised not long ago to receive letters from some of the leaders of the Republican party suggesting he ought to be a member of the cabinet, and offering him support. Among those who wrote were Senator Crane, Senator Knox and Vice President-elect Sherman. The senator was given to understand if he would permit the use of his name his friends would be exceedingly glad to take the matter up with Taft. To all who wrote him, Senator Hemenway replied thanking them for their kindly interest, but stating he could not permit an application to be made in his behalf. He said he was not and would not be a candidate for any office. His answers were couched in language so firm and conclusive as to admit of no misconstruction.

Attorney Beatty has entered appearance for the defendant in the case of Anson B. Cunningham vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. Co., a \$500 damage suit; rule to answer.

John H. Yager et al vs. Dot Elcher Piercy et al, note \$300, separate demurrer by each defendant to second, third and fourth paragraphs of separate answer of Dot I. Piercy.

Ruride Dry Goods Co. vs. Frederick Schafer, account \$700, leave asked and granted plaintiff to file amended complaint, making Sarah Schafer and Chalmers Schafer parties defendant; summons made returnable December 16th.

E. P. Reid & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague, account \$250, motion filed by plaintiff to require defendant to make both paragraphs of answer and set off more specific.

Hunters' licenses were issued to John Hey, Oliver Schug, Jesse Schug, W. H. Darwacher, Ora Andrews, Samuel Deihl, Floyd Acker, Byron Buckmaster, J. M. Wells, W. A. Wells, J. H. Reiff.

Real estate transfers: Fred Schelman et al to Jonathan Andrews, 80 acres Monroe township, \$7,000; Sarah Jane Andrews to Joseph J. Moser, 40 acres in Washington township, \$3,300.

At their meeting this week the members of the Pocahontas lodge elected their officers to serve during 1909. Those chosen to fill the chairs are as follows: Pocahontas, Mrs. Hildebrand; prophetess, Mrs. George Louthan; Welmona, Myrtle Mallonee; Powhatan, Homer Knoodle; keeper of records, Mrs. James Bain; keeper of vanguard, Mrs. Charles Patton and trustee, Mrs. George Kinzie.

Mrs. J. A. Smith pleasantly entertained the ladies of the Evangelical church at the parsonage on Thursday evening. The time was spent at needle work, after which refreshments were served. The ladies returned to their respective homes feeling that they had enjoyed every moment spent at the parsonage.

Uncle Billy Blackburn was down street Saturday for first time in forty-three days, having been laid up with an attack of appendicitis. He is feeling good and his only regret is that he missed voting.

Deputy Surveyor Orval Harruff sold the Ed L. Arnold ditch in St. Marys township Saturday to Charles Nelson and William Frank of this city, the same to be expedited with as much haste as possible. The ditch which is 475 rods long sold for \$1,123.93.

Mrs. George Louthan, who has been confined to her home for three weeks as a consequence of a siege of lung fever, is recovering rapidly, and will soon be able to be out, nothing unforeseen setting in.

As a result of alleged violations of the election laws and the refusal of the board of election officers to permit watchers to enter the polling places and witness the counting of the ballots in Marion township, Merce county, Ohio, where a county local option election was held Monday, it is alleged that the result of the election will be contested by the "dry" element.

Daniel Straub, a familiar police court character, known to be the most abusive man to his family residing in or about Decatur, was remanded to jail Monday by Mayor C. O. France, after the pleadings of the wife, charging most inhuman treatment, were heard by the court. Severely injured as a result of a blow dealt out by the husband, Mrs. Straub appeared before the mayor where an affidavit charging that on the seventh day of December, he struck her in a rude and insolent manner, was prepared. The accused was soon captured by Marshal Bohnke and was taken to the mayor's office, where, although the temperature was at an almost freezing point, the trial ensued amid chattering of teeth and trembling of muscles. Mrs. Straub submitted her story of the grave affair conveying the idea that she was half frozen to death, both of which statements seemed indeed plausible. Mrs. Straub also volunteered that her "hubby" struck her with a high chair. During the questioning Daniel smiled vigorously venturing a word occasionally, but when his honor removed the pencil from his ear and entered something on the docket which looked something like \$5 and costs and ten days in jail, the smile disappeared as though magic and a protest was forthcoming, but of no avail, as every one knows that when Mayor France says jail it's jail. Let us hope that Mr. and Mrs. Straub have this as the closing chapter of their much annoying episodes.

Interurban car number two presents a modified appearance as a result of a coat of varnish, some people really thinking it to be a new one when they saw it on the track yesterday. The promoters of the Fort Wayne & Springfield have arranged to re-varnish every car and at the present time men are engaged in varnishing car number one. The freight business on this interurban is greatly increasing, and the report for November, which is now being compiled, will show a big increase in business over that of the preceding month. The passenger traffic, of course, greatly decreased during the winter months, and will in all probability be very small for two months following the holidays.

No definite action has been taken by the stockholders of the Maple Grove Park association in regard to the pleasure resort for the summer of 1909. As yet no successor has been chosen for T. W. Shelton, who fulfilled the capacity of president. It is hinted, however, that the park will be more attractive next year by reason of the proposed establishment of high class amusements than it was the past summer.

Work will be resumed on the extension of the interurban next spring and it is not improbable that cars will be operated to Berne before the fall of 1909.

Several macadam roads were accepted and are now a part of the macadam road system of the county. The commissioners accepted the Reynolds No. 4, Monroe Central No. 2, Lachot, Bucher, Ahr, West Pleasant Mills No. 1, J. A. Cline and the Washington-Kirkland roads.

The official bonds of Surveyor-elect Ernst, Coroner Grandstaff, Auditor-elect Michaud and Sheriff Meyer were accepted, and the bonds placed in the custody of Clerk Haeffling for safe keeping.

In the petitions for the Buuck highway the costs and damages has been assessed against the petitioners and others interested. When this cost and damage is adjusted the highway will be opened.

The viewers report upon the Decatur & Monroe No. 6 road was approved, and the road ordered constructed.

The board goes to Bluffton Friday, where they will take part in a joint session with the Wells county board, the matter under consideration being a joint county line road.

Appointment of superintendents on macadam roads was considered and several appointments were made. Conrad Doehrmann, Sr., was appointed on the Gallmeyer road; Samuel Jaeger on the Preble-Kirkland and Henry Wafel on the Wafel road.

The board will likely wind up the business of the session tomorrow. They will meet on December 23 to finish the business of the year.

Miss Ida and Beatrice Van Camp and Arthur Stevens, of Decatur, were the guests yesterday of Miss Nellie Heshner. They returned to their home last evening.—Bluffton Banner.

Messrs. Chris Buuck, Henry Gallmeyer and Conrad Doehrmann who, three weeks ago left for Natowa, Kansas, have returned to Adams county. They state that they had the time of their life hunting jack rabbits, prairie chickens and visiting friends.

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Wabash, Ind., Dec. 8.—Five minutes too late a restraining order was served upon the county commissioners yesterday afternoon to prevent them ordering an election under the county local option law. A restraining order had been asked and the commissioners cited to appear before Judge Plummer at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They appeared and an error in the papers was found, and the restraining order could not be issued. The commissioners returned to their chambers and the attorneys for the saloon men hastened to their offices to prepare new papers. In their absence Representative Fred I. King demanded and obtained action on the petition. Five minutes later a new restraining order was issued, but it came too late. Tuesday, Dec. 29, was the date selected for the election. This will make Wabash county the first in Indiana to vote. The injunction was demanded on the grounds of unconstitutionality and because the county council had granted no appropriation for the election. The county council will be convened to make the appropriation. The saloon men promise further moves, but they met with signal defeat today.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 8.—There was filed with the county commissioners yesterday a petition asking for a special election giving the people an opportunity to express through the ballot as to whether the sale of liquor shall continue in Lawrence county. The petition contained over double the number of signatures necessary. The commissioners have set Dec. 29 as the day on which the election shall take place. Immediately following the announcement of the date a representative of the brewery interests said an injunction would be secured to prevent the holding of the election. It has developed today that there will be a hot fight in every township on the part of both sides.

Columbia City, Ind., Dec. 8.—The Whitley county board of county commissioners deferred action on the petition filed Saturday asking for a special wet or dry election until 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon. The petition was signed by 1,229 voters, but attorneys for Benjamin Raupfer, proprietor of the local brewery, and saloon keepers have learned some signatures were secured on Sunday and will use every means possible to prevent calling of special election.

Huntington, Ind., Dec. 8.—Every minister in the county was made a member of the County Ministerial Association today at a banquet and meeting held behind closed doors in the Presbyterian church. It is said the new members were taken in order that the Ministers' Association may have a thorough county organization in the local option election fight.

Prof. Waterbury, who is trying to break a time record at pions playing at the Dreamland theater was carefully watched last night, several people remaining with him during that time to see that he did not take his fingers from the keys. His meals are carried to him and put in his mouth by his careful, loving wife, who remains awake all during his performance. His record is 27 hours of continuous playing, and if he breaks this he must play after 10:47 this evening. He started on the long grind at 7:47 last evening.—Bluffton Banner.

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