



MYSTERY OF SINGER SOLVED

Village Crier, Arrayed in Sailor Rig, Is
Termed "Sing-Bad, the Sailor"
at Concert.

Ordinary concerts had grown rather stale in Middleton, where everybody sings, or thinks he can.

So a novelty was arranged, in which each performer was to appear in a fancy dress and sing a suitable song. The first items went off very well, although when Miss Antike came on in a simple, girlish gown and sang "For Ever and For Ever" the audience got nervous, and thought she meant to do so.

Then the village crier appeared in a sailor rig and declaimed "Asleep in the Deep" in a voice high pitched and cracked.

"Who is he?" "What character does he represent?" were the questions the listeners asked each other wildly.

Then came the usual voice from the rear of the hall, saying:

"Why, 'e's Sing-Bad the Sailor!"—
New York Mail.

FAR BETTER.



Ruth—Fred brings me chocolates with my initial stamped on each piece. Freda—My! The chocolates Jack brings me have "Price \$2" stamped on the box.

Quite Appropriate. A clever newspaper man tells a story of a friend of his whose small son asked why the collections at the Sunday meetings were taken up in pans.

"Because, my boy," answered the witty father, "a pan is the most fitting vehicle in which to get the dough."

Hopeless Insolence. "It must be a terrible thing to know that you are to be shot at sunrise," commented the highly imaginative person.

"Yes," answered the lazy citizen; "it's bad enough to have to get up at sunrise, without going through the rest of it."

A Utilitarian. "Mrs. Twobble has taken up a new fad."

"What is it?" "China decorating."

"Is Mr. Twobble interested?"

"Not at all. He said he would rather see a broiled lamb chop on a plate than a whole flock of bluebirds."

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"Yes," rejoined the fair suffragette, "and I'm right here to inform you that I intend to be the one."

Universal Instinct. "Are you a candidate?"

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "There's no use denying it. Every man is a candidate for something; only in most instances his chance is so small that it isn't worth while for him to declare himself."

Demonstration. "I know you don't believe in gambling, and I play cards and bet on the races, but I can prove my moral superiority in so doing."

"Then prove it."

"You are a good man—I don't deny it. But I am a better."

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dox."

"How's that?"

"Well, when she first married him he was quite tall, but ever since he has found he is always short."

NOT SILLY ENOUGH TO WORK

Tramp Admitted He Was Little Bit Weak-Minded, But He Was Too Wise to Join Army.

Early one bright spring morning a ragged tramp called at a country vicarage, where the woman of the house had the name of being very charitable. "Kind woman," he began whiningly, as he doffed his cap politely, "I ain't had a bite to eat since my supper yesterday, an' termorror will be the third day."

"Poor fellow!" said the kind-hearted woman. "You must be hungry! But you look strong. Why don't you look for work, or, better still, join the army?"

"Ah, mum, ye see, I'm a little bit silly—" began the man in explanation. "Yes, but silly people can often get work," interrupted the lady.

"But I'm not that silly!" finished the tramp quickly.—London Answers.

A Warning.

"What are you doing in my room?" asked the man who was awakened by a burglar.

"I'm robbing the place."

"You merely think you are. Everything here was bought on the installment plan, and if you take the property you'll be responsible for the balance. You're not robbing anybody. You're running into debt."

No Use.

"It's no use trying to please everybody."

"That's right," replied Mr. Meekton. "I bought a music machine for each member of the family so that there couldn't be any argument. Now everybody wants to play his favorite selection at the same time, and we're even unhappier than before."

Nothing Doing!

"With this attachment on your auto if you knock a man down it won't hurt him a particle, won't disable him for a minute."

"Nothing doing!"

"But you don't seem to appreciate."

"Don't eh? If I was to knock a man down without disabling him what do you think he would do to me?"

Yea, Verily.

They had been married just three short weeks and the honeymoon had begun to slump the slumps.

"There is only one thing certain about marriage," remarked the former bachelor.

"And what is that, dearest?" queried his better two-thirds.

"The uncertainty thereof," he answered.

A Happy Thought.

"Once I get to sleep I'm very hard to wake," said the man who talks about trifles.

"If your house were to catch fire you might burn to death."

"I've thought of that. Er—is there such a thing as an asbestos night-shirt on the market?"

Money by the Bushel.

She—What's this I hear about your getting a large sum of money from some woman?

He—Someone's been kidding you. Who was the woman?

She (innocently)—Why, May Wheat, they told me her name was.

Bliss of Ignorance.

"Just look at this, Jane," said the lady of the house, "I can actually write my name in the dust on this sideboard."

"So yez kin, ma'am," replied Jane, admiringly. "Yez oughter be proud av th' eddycation yez do have."

The Apprehension.

"Do you permit dogs in this apartment house?"

"No," replied the agent.

"Afraid they might annoy the residents?"

"No. The quarters are so cramped we are afraid of the S. P. C. A."

BARGAINS.

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Pretty, Simple Waist

Or all simply made waists this is, perhaps, the prettiest. Its soft fluffiness in front and the fullness gathered from the shoulders are very attractive, while the gathered surplice collar—if this name may be given quite a new form of decoration—is most charming and becoming. Indeed, the whole decorative scheme of the waist lies in this broad, short surplice, which, instead of being gathered into the waistband, is cut off and arranged to hang in folds, like the fronts of a

any sort of clothes. She dresses herself for the office just as immaculately as for a drawing room.

An essential to a neat, attractive appearance on a rainy day is some sort of waterproof coat. This need not be a hideous affair of rubber, drab in color, shapeless as to fit. Really smart waterproof coats are to be found in these enlightened times, one seen recently being in pewter gray waterproof tweed, designed to withstand the wickedest weather. It was lined with a lovely Wedgewood blue shade of silk. The coat buttoned at the top with two large tweed-covered buttons, or it could be worn open. It had two capacious pockets at the sides, and the garb was completed by a jaunty and sensible little hat in blue felt, with a gray ribbon and untarnished steel buckle, and a pair of high waterproof boots.

The whole was a judicious mixture of the picturesque and the practical, and proved that we can wear the most perfectly weather-resisting garments and still look quite charming on a wet day. The idea that "any old clothes" will do for bad days is quite exploded nowadays.



Bolero Surplice Waist.

bolero. The idea is quite new and very simple, although it does not look so. One has only to gather the top into the shoulder seam and let the pointed ends fall naturally. A pretty little twilled ruffle edges the fronts, sailor collar and cuffs, and nothing could be more easily made than this form of sleeve and collar.

The design also is made so that the surplice pieces can be omitted and leave a most attractive plain waist with a full front.

Everybody likes this style of blouse, because it is easily put on and buttoned up in front, and is equally applicable to many sorts of material. You will find that all the crepes both silk and cotton—are very attractive when made up this way, and silks and ginghams serve as useful and decorative an end. A great many attractive plaid silks and ginghams are in the market, and they are smart with plain-colored dresses. Then, too, the pattern will be found very practical for thin summer goods, such as dotted and figured swiss and lawns. In case you make the waist of any summer material the collar may be omitted and a fichu or net collar worn separate, since this may be removed and a fresh one put on at will, and so the waist remain nice for several wearings.

NEGLIGEE OF CREPE



Charming negligee of crepe meteor trimmed with cording and mousse fur. The "Chin-chin" cap has a cored net crown, and is trimmed with pink roses in pastel shades and ribbon streamers. Petticoat of white washable satin, plaited chiffon and net.

DRESS WELL FOR RAINY DAYS

Inclement Weather Should Not Be Made an Excuse for Undue "Slopishness" in Dress.

The up-to-date business woman refuses to work in unbecoming garments, no matter what the weather may be. Rain or shine, she insists upon looking well dressed, knowing that her appearance is no small part of her success. The time has passed when the efficient worker was content to wear

Two-Toned Manila Sport Hats. One side of the two-tone Manila is always white, and the other may be any of the brilliant sweater shades.

Then huge flower motifs cut from denim are buttonholed with heavy embroidery floss to the hat, which is often embroidered in other ways. Two-tone Manillas are certainly stunning, and lend themselves to the many embroidery ideas which are much favored.

HANDICRAFT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

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HANDY THINGS TO MAKE FOR MOTHER.

For the sleeve board (Fig. 1) you will require wood three-quarters or one inch thick, out of which to cut pieces A and B (Figs. 2 and 3), and a carpenter's "dowel" stick about two feet long from which to cut four pieces five inches long for connecting A and B. Figs. 2 and 3 show the measurements for cutting pieces A and B.

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TOILET CASE FOR TRAVELER

Adapted to Every Requirement Needed by Man Who Is Frequently Away From Home.

This is a handy case that would form a most acceptable gift to prepare for a man who has much traveling to do. It is designed to contain a military hair brush, razor, shaving brush and shaving papers. It is carried out in dark-colored art linen, lined with sateen and bound at the edges with narrow ribbon.

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The case can be cut out entirely in one piece, and the portion that forms the pocket for the shaving papers folded over and sewn down at the sides.

To close the case, the two side flaps are folded on to the center portion, then the large pocket folded upwards and the top flap folded downwards. To secure the case, the top flap is tied on to the back of the pocket for the shaving papers. This is illustrated by the lower sketch, and the initials of the owner of the case might be worked where indicated.

FOR THE SMALLER CHILDREN

Nothing Better Than the Rompers, Either for Playtime or the Formal "Dress-Up" Occasions.

For playtime nothing can ever take the place of rompers. These can be as attractive as one wishes them to be. They should, however, be made of some color that does not show the first streak of soil nor the first wrinkle. Gingham is always good. A big check is effective and does not show soil easily. Use a dark, plain material for trimming bands, at belt, for a collar, cuffs and at the knees.

For the very small boy, the one under five or six years, wash suits are always best. Those of pure white or pink or blue are quite suitable for afternoon wear, but they become soiled so quickly that they are quite inappropriate for morning wear. One of tan or a stripe of tan and white, red and white, blue and white or blue and tan is a much wiser choice for morning than the all-white sort. Gingham is a good material to choose.

For afternoon, however, a suit of blue or pink poplin with collar, cuffs and belt of white and the tie of black is very attractive, especially if white stockings and black patent leather pumps be worn.

rights B the right distance apart for the slot for the bread knife. Nail uprights B in place, then slip a saw through the slots, and cut a small groove in base A (D, Figs. 9 and 11) so the knife will cut through the bottom bread crust easily.

Strip E (Fig. 9) is nailed to the far edge of base A, to push the bread against when cutting, and strip F (Fig. 9) fits between uprights B, on the end of base A, and should be of the proper width so there will be exactly five-sixteenths of an inch space between its inside edge and slot D.

make one by inserting a needle in the bottom of a tapered cork, and a feather in the top.

Enough cork furniture can be devised to furnish a doll's house completely. Fig. 17 shows a bed. This has a cardboard mattress, cork feet, and a pillow of two tapering corks.

CORK TOYS.