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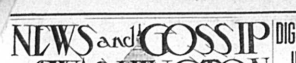


Smart Set Woman Helped Out the Entertainment

WASHINGTON—A smart set woman was entertaining a hot party—musical comedy—Monday night. She was wholesome figure, with a cleverly conserved throat line and one of those satisfactory heads that can stand simplicity of hair fixing. Her dress was a filmy white something all over sparkles, and there was a cerise rouge rose—giant specimen of the millionaire maskima—that wanted to flare a vivid crimson, but thought it more stylish to smolder the latest dull red. Every woman knows.

For company there were other smart set women with more or less conserved throat lines; an ex with one or less conserved throat lines; an ex wife—if No ture had her chance—ought to be doing the home circle act with slippers and cigar, another who suggested a student lamp—midnight oil variety—turned human, and a third——

The third was a youngish and distinguished smart setter who looked as if Mother Nature had said to herself while creating her: "I'll cut this one out of my Burton Holmes pattern."

And it was so done.

While rather a small hot party, it was awfully stylish, and nothing could have been smoother than the concerted amability with which the members of their society so as to divide it impartially between the ladies, which, confidentially, is something of a stunt.

But none was so discriminatingly entertaining as the woman with the satisfactory head—which shows the good material inside. To the student lamp man, who doubtless ran to brains, she was seriously interesting, and her laughably humorous banter was just the right thing for the fat man who any time but really dearly loved his joke; but when the Burton Holmes pattern took his turn in the seat next——

She looked in a vanity box, looked in its mirror and dabbed some powder on her nose.

The other women who were looking and listening, and the pattern young man who was looking and talking, ignored the powder dabbing with a matter of concern—and then applied to her as to something as natural as to be worth noticing. So that was all there was to that.

At least, it would have been all if it hadn't been for the people in the orchestra, and the opposite galleries, and the standing room outlets, banked against the aisles across—and one musician in the group who looked like all his brothers of the brasses and the drums. It had been rather a long wait between numbers, and everybody in the house—including the leader—was staring at the boxes to pass the time.

And the smart set woman accommodatingly helped them out.

One orchestra person, for instance, whose own nose was hopelessly beyond the reconstitutions of powder rags, and for other reasons who probably wouldn't like to be described—that she considered that any woman who would sit in a box before a house full of people and powder——

That never mind. There are some remarks that can never be quoted so long as New Year resolutions hold good.

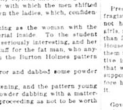
This Government Scientist Is Expert on Bats

IT HERE is an earnest and brilliant scientist in the service of the government who is an expert on bats. These bats are the kind that have the bodies of mice and the wings of Providence and a great capacity for doing what at night and batting into everything in the dark.

The scientist of this scientist is Dr. H. K. Fischer, and from him the bat, no matter what his species is possessed of no secret.

It was he who dispossessed benighted public opinion of the cherished notion that bats were prized into women's hair. It is he who confidently pointed out that no should be held responsible because bats or bird bats, or whatever they are, were handed things to have avoided.

Dr. Wagner is Uncle Sam's sardine expert. It is his duty to find out what brands of the sar- dines. The doctor has it down to a fine science. He can identify the sardine with the same celerity tht an effectionate thoroughness that Dr. Fischer has shown regarding the bat. He is one of the few men who can trace the sardine schools and high schools and colleges on the high seas by a yaw. According to the doctor, the habits of the sardine are many, the chief one being the many fish which regard it as their natural prey. Dr. Wagner has been appointed ambassador to Uncle Sam in various various ways for preserving and continuing the sardine, and his reforms have been heralded everywhere as distinct advances in this field of endeavor. Recently the doctor made his annual report to the department, in which he drew up that fine old institution, the canned sardine, as an adjunct of midnight lunches and Sunday night suppers.



Secretary Daniels' Sons Are Practical Boy Scouts

JONATHAN DANIELS, aged twelve and Frank Daniels, aged ten, sons of Secretary of the Navy Daniels are enthusiastic boy Scouts and know all the rules of the organization by heart. They were not in camp during the recent storm, having enlisted for the winter months in the Scout Troop of Chevy Chase, Md., but they were busy at home with the other members of the troop, helping to clear away the wreckage of fallen trees and limbs.

Frank Daniels danced around excitedly suggesting various things. When the scoutmaster suggested the axe he first motion was toward Paul's bloody nose, as though to see if it were broken.

Jonathan said that all right, established confidence. His nose is all right now, so he can admit a few and tried that the first thing.

Seeing It Was Only a Watch He Didn't Care

THOMAS R. SHIPP, the executive secretary of the National Conservation Congress called on President Wilson one bright morning in September to ask the president to deliver an address at the convention of the congress in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Shipp, whose face showed signs of outdoor treatment, pulled out a remarkable looking watch and handed it to the president.

"I think it was this, said Mr. Shipp. "It is a present I received from the Boy Scouts of this country in connection with the conservation congress brought to me from Switzerland. It has phosphorescent hands which may be seen in the dark. It has a compass on the top face of the watch and two minute intervals. It has the sun, moon and stars flaring and setting, a calendar and an alarm.

It also has an alarm. You see, I had this arrangement set to go off at seven and set the alarm for that time. But I was awakened in a hot early. The bell went off promptly, you see."

Somewhat to his surprise, Mr. Shipp found the president with a smile. "It might have been some Republican sounding the alarm."

DIGEST of WORLD'S IMPORTANT NEWS

EPITOME OF THE BIG HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK.

TO BE READ AT A GLANCE

Items, Both Foreign and Domestic, That Have Interest for Busy Readers, Arranged and Classified for Their Convenience.

Washington

Following a spirited debate the senate at Washington, adopted by 41 to 31 Senator Norris' resolution requesting the interstate commerce commission to ascertain whether in the last six years the United States Steel corporation has been guilty of giving or receiving rebates.

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That exports of the navy department at Washington juggled statistics in the navy year book for 1914 so as to make the American navy appear inferior to the Germans, and thereby use the United States down from second to third place in the list, was the charged by members of the house who oppose a big navy.

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President Wilson again told the suffragists at Washington that he could not help them. When the working women's delegation was again and more than 50 indefinites, called at the White House the president told them to tell them that he could not take the initiative in indefinite legislation and that woman suffrage would have to be supported by the people before he could know how he would express his views upon it.

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Government monopoly of telephone and telegraph lines, wireless communication systems, and control of all radio transmitting messages may later be declared by the United States senate, if a resolution introduced at Washington by a committee which conducted an investigation for Postmaster General Burleson into the practicability of federal ownership of telephone and telegraph lines.

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The senate committee on privileges and elections at Washington voted to recommend immediate creation of trade commissioners at Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Valparaiso, Lima, Panama, Shanghai, Hongkong, Yokohama, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, Capetown, Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland, Honolulu, Manila, Vladivostok, Petrograd, Moscow, Odessa, Constantinople, Athens, Rome, Genoa, Milan, Trieste, Marseilles, Lyons, Bordeaux, Havre, Paris, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff, Hull, Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent, Liege, Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin, Frankfort, Leipzig, Dresden, Munich, Stuttgart, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Trieste, Zurich, Geneva, Basle, Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Oporto, Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Calcutta, Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Honolulu, Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, Wellington, Capetown, Durban, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Valparaiso, Lima, Panama, Guayaquil, Mexico City, Vera Cruz, Tampico, Havana, Kingston, Port au Prince, Santo Domingo, San Juan, Caracas, Maracaibo, La Guayra, Trinidad, Barbados, Georgetown, Paramaribo, Fort de France, Pointe a Pitre, Martinique, Basseterre, Guadeloupe, Roseau, Dominica, Castries, St. Lucia, Kingstown, St. Vincent, St. George's, Grenada, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Scarborough, Tobago, Bridgetown, Barbados, St. John's, Antigua, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Plymouth, Montserrat, Roseau, Dominica, Fort de France, Martinique