Women's Page

BY A WOMAN



NANCY HANKS

Nancy Hanks perhaps would have lived and died unknown and unsung were it not for her famous son who said, "All I am and all I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." She was born about 1788, the daughter of poor but honest parents. Her father hired a man, named Thomas Lincoln to do rough carpentering and chores around the place. As Nancy was eighteen and a handsome lass, Thomas Lincoln fell in love with her and persuaded her to marry him. It was a very poor hovel that he carried her to, but she did all in her power to make it look like home. They were then living in Kentucky, but hearing that there was better land in Illinois, Mr. Lincoln moved with his family there. Nancy had three children the first was a girl and the second and third were boys, Abraham, the second child was big and strong his younger brother died in infancy. It was a hard life that Nancy led. The first winter after they moved they lived in a log cabin with only three sides, over the fourth side was a large piece of carpet which served as a door, and to let light in, and there were no windows. Although a carpenter, it never occurred to Thomas Lincoln that he should make doors and windows to his home. There was a dirt floor, but it was always swept and the hearth where a large fire blazed was always kept clean. Although her husband was ignorant and shiftless she never lost heart. Neither she nor her husband could write, but she could read and all that she knew she taught her children. Even among her neighbors Mrs. Lincoln had a reputation as an efficient house keeper. She sheared her own sheep and spun the wool into cloth. She was her own tailor and seamstress. She also helped her husband in the field with axe and hoe. Game was abounded and she was a sure shot with the rifle.

Possessed of a strong christian character she taught her children to read the bible and would spend many evenings telling them bible stories.

When three legged stools took the place of the blocks of wood which they had hitherto used for seats the whole family rejoiced. In 1818 an epidemic visited their settlement and Nancy Lincoln was among the number who had to go. She bade her children farewell and was buried under a beautiful Sycamore tree. The children, especially Lincoln grieved very much for their mother. The following summer Lincoln sent over one hundred miles for a traveling preacher to preach his mothers funeral sermon. The next year their father brought home another wife, Mrs. Sarah Bush Johnson, a widow with some property. Could the spirit of Mrs. Lincoln have seen her old home it would have gratified her to see six chairs a table, a bureau a chest and a feather bed, beside a four horse team. She would also have rejoiced that, though the second wife had two children of her own, she took the Lincoln children to her heart and also proceeded to make her husband bestir himself and make doors and windows for the house. Lincoln always carried the memory of his mother in his heart and she will live as long as Lincoln is remembered by the people.

LA MODE

Practicality for poor pocketbooks is the watchword of small courturiers at whose showings late today were exhibited fashions for modern matrons who want frocks capable of being worn in half a dozen different ways.

The suit ensemble idea, adapted to everything from street to evening wear, marked the showings, while the two-color idea permitting interchange of coats and dresses was a definite feature of Spring modes.

The suits shown depart widely from the old skirt and coat idea. Plain or printed frocks of small pattern, with matching coats or coats of plain material, were shown. The coats varied from short Eton jackets to seven-eights length. The skirts featured stitched-down pleats, releasing fullness below the knees.

Even dresses for the evening are designed for a double purpose. Several models shown had short coats making them adaptable for late afternoon wear.

Some one asked what Mrs. Hoover wore on Easter Sunday when she went to the sun rise service at the unknown soldier's tomb in Arlington. She wore a plain tailored blue dress with black hat. The gaily dressed crowd that left St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York were jeered at by the crowd of unemployed hungry people who were standing around as the congregation filed out of the church. So it seems that the President's wife set a good example.

A Russian woman and her husband who have lived in this country for some time and had prospered were seized with a longing to visit their country last summer.

They staid with friends there, and when the lady come down from her room dressed in her street clothes that she had worn in America, her friend said "O, do not go on the street in those clothes, for they will tear them off of you. So during the rest of her visit she wore shabby clothes and thereby was unmolested.

RECIPES

Toasted Cheese Sandwiches

12 slices bread.
3 tablespoons soft butter.
1-2 cup yellow cream cheese.
1-8 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons salad dressing.

Arrange the bread slices in pairs. Mix the rest of the ingredients and spread upon the bread. Arrange sandwich fashion. Place in a toaster and brown well. Serve warm.

Ham and Rice Cakes
(Serving 6)

1 1-2 cups cooked rice.
1 1-2 cups chopped cooked ham.
2 tablespoons chopped parsley.
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper.
1 tablespoon chopped onion.
1-4 teaspoon salt.
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1 egg or 2 egg yolks.
1-2 cup flour.
5 tablespoons fat.

Mix rice, ham, seasonings and egg. Shape into cakes and roll in flour. Heat fat in frying pan. When hot add cakes and brown well. Serve on platter and garnish with parsley. If desired, a thick white sauce can be poured over and around the cake.

Surprise Chocolate Pudding

2-3 cup sugar.
1-3 cup flour.
3 egg yolks.
2 squares chocolate, melted.
2 cups milk.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
1-8 teaspoon salt.
1 tablespoon butter.
1-3 cup shredded almonds.
3 egg whites, beaten.
5 tablespoons confectioner's sugar.

Blend sugar and flour. Add yolks and milk. Cook in double boiler until thick and creamy. Stir frequently. Add vanilla, salt and butter. Mix and pour into buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with almonds. Mix egg white and confectioner's sugar. When creamy, spread on top. Bake 12 minutes in slow oven. Cool and chill. Serve plain or with cream.

Tokens Issued to Cover Metallic Coin Shortage

Early in 1862 all metallic currency in the United States was gradually withdrawn from circulation. Many citizens anticipated the possible increase in value of all metals and began hoarding gold, silver and copper to such an extent that soon no metallic coins of any denomination were in circulation. It then became necessary for tradesmen to issue a medium that would meet the supply caused by the deficiency of government currency.

The first of these Civil war tokens appeared in Cincinnati in the fall of 1862 and began to circulate in New York in the spring of 1863. The first made in New York was the Lindenmueller currency, of which there were 1,000,000 pieces struck. Then William H. Bridgens, the die cutter, issued the Knickerbocker currency, consisting of numerous varieties and struck in large quantities. It was estimated that not less than 25,000,000 of these private tokens were issued throughout the eastern and middle western states until the government, by an act of congress in 1864, put a stop to their issue.

These little coins were usually accepted as 1 cent. The value placed on them today by collectors is 5 cents.

Shakespeare Shown as Borrower of Proverbs

Shakespeare has been given the credit for many a saying which he did not originate. Like storymakers and playwrights of this day, he undoubtedly incorporated into his dramas many a proverb and homely saying already perfectly familiar to his audiences. In the second act of "Hamlet" he makes his posturing hero say: "I am but mad north-northwest; when the wind is southerly, I know a hawk from a handsaw."

The connection between a bird of prey and a carpenter's tool hardly is obvious. But the fact is, Shakespeare was simply quoting a familiar proverb of his day—a corruption of a still older proverb, the sense of which was that a person could be so ignorant as not to be able to distinguish between a "hawk and a heronshaw"! Now, a heronshaw—or herneshaw, as it was sometimes spelled and pronounced—was a species of heron often preyed upon by the hunting falcons. So not to be able to tell the bird of prey from its harmless victim was an indication of stupidity, and vice versa.—Boston Transcript.

Weddings Come High

A wedding, well done, in New York costs between $50,000 and $100,000. A few items which contribute to the total: 5,000 invitations, $5,000; organist, $350 to $1,000; singer, $150 to $1,000; 300 pews properly decorated, $4,500; altar decorations bring the total to $7,500; food, $7,000; orchestra, $1,000; bridal clothes between $5,000 and $10,000; bouquet—for the bride, $100, for the attendants, $20 apiece. Attendants' costumes and gifts add a few thousands more. Fee to the minister, $500; gift to the church, perhaps $500. Smaller items: marriage license, $2; use of the church, $25; canopy, $30; tips to traffic policemen, between $25 and $150.—Exchange.

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Naturalized Briton Not Looked Upon With Favor

So far from wanting foreign residents to become Englishmen, we Britons discourage naturalization, Theodore Maynard writes, in the American Mercury. Englishmen, like poets, are born, not made; and if Frenchmen or Germans or Americans insist on renouncing their own nationality, well, that is their own affair, but they cannot expect us to be anything but suspicious of their motives.

Indeed, we narrowly regard our fellow subjects of foreign extraction, or with foreign connections. I have often heard Ford Madox Ford (whose name was once Hueffer) referred to as "that German fellow"; and Wilfrid Scawen Blunt once said acidulously to a friend of mine: "How is it that the two best known Sussex poets happen to be a Breton born at Versailles and a babu born at Bombay?"

Blunt for all his eccentricity and his wanderings in Arabia, remained very much the English squire; and the fact that about one-quarter of Belloc's blood was French and that Kipling (though of pure English stock) was brought up in India, prevented him regarding either of them as true blue.

Origin of Lamp Veiled in Mists of Antiquity

Authorities on the subject say the origin of the lamp is unknown. S. E. Spicer writes in the Cincinnati Enquirer. It is known, however that lamps were in use 6,000 years ago, for the excavations of the ancient cities of Babylonia and other countries of the East yield many specimens indicating that they were in common use there at that time.

At first lamps probably were made of clay and dried in the sun. Then, in the passing of the centuries they were made of iron, tin, copper, bronze, brass, glass, alabaster and other materials. In Rome and Greece, where the fine arts reached a high degree of accomplishment, lamps were fashioned in great beauty of form and variety of detail and were used for decorative as well as utility purposes. The spread of the Roman empire carried these lamps with it to the remote corners of the earth and they became known by the nation in which they originated. Eventually some of them came to America with the Pilgrims.

Moon Superstitions

The moon was in ancient times an object of worship and has remained to the present day the center of many superstitions. The times for sowing seed, gathering herbs, killing animals for food, taking particular medicines and treating various diseases were all regulated by the phases of the moon. Modern science has studied this supposed influence with generally negative results in regard to crops, weather, etc. The superstition about the moon affecting sanity is perpetuated in the name "lunatic," from the name of the moon, Luna. This is an old belief, as shown in the line of a Seventeenth-century English play, "When the moon's in the full, then wit's in the wine."

Excavating Old Germany

Digging in Germany might prove a profitable pastime. Within one week a householder of Marionburg dug up a keg of 697 silver coins of 1625-6, which were probably buried during the 30 years' war; a tourist discovered the skeleton of a bear in a cave near Karlsruhe, where none have been seen for 300 years; graves of ancient Celts have been found with bones five thousand years old; at Konigsberg the oldest find was a stone ax dropped there before the glaciers came down over Europe 8,000 years ago; under the altar of Speyer cathedral the stone sarcophagus of an early Christian saint was brought to light.

They Had Company

Billy spent a week with his grandparents in the country. While playing in the back yard he noticed a hive which contained bees and, being of an investigative turn, he picked up a stick and began to pound on it. Immediately hundreds of bees rushed out and little Billy was severely stung. When reprimanded by his grandmother and questioned why he did such a thing, he replied:

"I knocked on the door to see if there was anybody at home and I think they had company, grandmother."

Eggs-actly!

Marie always spent Thursdays with grandma, where she had a wonderful time because she always had her own way.

One evening when big brother Harry came as usual to take her home, she set up a mighty tumult. Grandma, in order to quiet her, gave her an egg to take to mother.

When they were outside, Harry said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself to act like that at grandma's?"

But Marie said, calmly, "Well, I got the egg, didn't I?"

Finally "Beautified"

Several Pittsburgh clubwomen are enjoying a snicker at the way of the world. For two years they campaigned in a futile effort to have certain vacant lots around the town beautified. And the other day a tour of the places they had marked for improvement revealed that every one was wearing the swell scenery of a miniature golf course.

Why Men Stare

Dr. Sidney Jones of the Aquitania, who is retiring after 36 years of sea service, was talking about time's changes. He thought the greatest change was in woman's dress, and on this subject he said wittily:

"It isn't the clothes that make men stare; it's the girl that should be in them."

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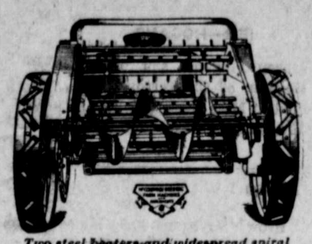
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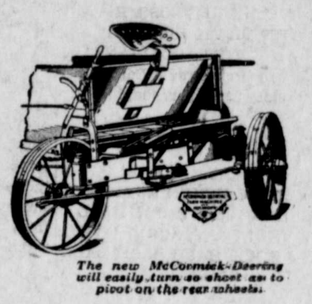
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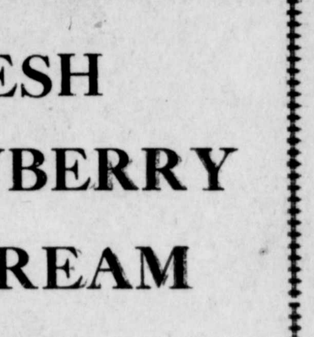
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