

Woman's Page

The eight pictures of the eight Edwards of England came out in the papers last week, some of them showing by their faces that they were strong stalwart men, and others looking weak and ineffective.

As we look at them, we remember that the kings who made the greatest success as Kings, were those who had good helpful wives. Edward I was blessed in his choice of wife, Queen Eleanor. She was always his counselor and adviser, accompanying him on his campaigns even on the crusades in the Holy Land. It is told of her that when he was wounded by a poisoned arrow from the hands of an enemy, she sucked the poison out with her own red lips, and nursed him until he was well again.

It is sad to think that such strenuous lives were too much for these noble women and that in many cases they died long before their lords and masters.

Edward the II, their son, was not so fortunate, for although he had married a beautiful French princess, who brought wealth and lands to England, the young king was already dominated by a worthless favorite, Piers Gaveston, and the queen resenting this, selected her own favorite and became one of the king's bitterest enemies.

It was this same king, who having been imprisoned and sent from one castle to another was finally put to death by having hot irons thrust down his throat. Isabelle, his wife, and her favorite Mortimer, were accused and he was tried and beheaded while she was imprisoned by her son during the rest of her life.

Queen Philippa, the wife of Edward III, was a brave lovely woman. She followed her husband to the wars, and was present at the siege of Calais. When Edward was at last successful in capturing the city, and had all the leaders, prominent citizens brought before him with ropes around their necks ready to have them executed, Philippa hearing of it, rushed in and upon her knees, begged Edward to spare their lives. He, not willing to grieve her, yielded to her request, and these same citizens became his loyal supporters, and Calais was a shining jewel in the crown of England, for many years. It was only after Queen Philippa died, that the king became a despot, and grew unpopular with his people.

After the long long battles of the war of the Roses, waged between the House of York and the House of Lancaster, Edward IV, Duke of York became king. Then as the Earl of Warwick hastened to France to make arrangements to get a French princess for the King's wife, one Elizabeth Woodville came to the king to ask him to restore her people's land to them. Edward was so charmed with her that he married her forthwith.

One can imagine the chagrin of the Earl of Warwick, who then became the King's foe, and went over to the Lancastrian side. Elizabeth found life very sad, because both Edward and she were dominated by Richard the King's brother, and when Edward died, she had her two sons, Edward V and his brother, Richard snatched from her side, and both murdered so that their uncle Richard could be king.

So Edward V never reigned, but was murdered in the Tower when he was only fourteen. Edward VI was never married. He died at the early age of sixteen although he had reigned for several years.

It was three centuries before another Edward ruled on the throne of England. The House of Tudor succeeded the House of York, then the House of Stuart, followed by the House of Hanover with its four Georges and King William who was followed by Queen Victoria with her long long reign. Then Edward VII, her son, came to the throne. Although he was a very gay prince, he made a good king, during his reign of seven years. This Edward was blessed with a good and lovely wife and she was always greatly beloved by the people of England, she

the dowager queen. After the World War the English changed the name of the House of Hanover to the House of Windsor.

Who will be the wife of the present Edward VIII? That remains to be seen.

HINTS OF THE HOUSEWIFE
Should the cake batter seem too stiff, beat an egg until the batter is of the consistency desired. Never pour in milk to thin batter, it will result in poor cake.

Time and money can be saved by filling the oven to capacity at baking time.

A roast for example may be baking at the same time with nut bread, pudding, or escalloped mixtures.

After using a chamois it should be carefully washed in warm soapy water pressed carefully on a flat surface to dry. Do not hang it in the air or on a radiator to dry.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIFE
Olive oil applied to the finger nails every night will keep them from getting brittle.

NOW AND THEN

The Sacramento Union each day publishes a poem selected by Dr. Richard H. Reeve, professor of English at Sacramento junior college. Contributions to this column from the public will be welcomed—Editor's note.

THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA
In the long ago, when the river ran
Undaunted on its way
From northern snows, to keep a tryst
With the waters of the bay,
California climbed the mountains blue,
And crowned with Shasta's snow,
She turned amid her trailing robes
To gaze afar—below.

Upon her skirts of rippling green
She'd fastened one by one,
A million golden poppy blooms,
All nodding in the sun.
At the wind-swept forest's murmuring,
At the calling of the sea,
She smiled, and the gathering voices
Burst into melody.

A melody that rose and fell
And far flung, knew no rest;
Proclaiming in one grand sweet song
The beauty of the west.
She smiled at men, who came to see,
And, fascinated, stayed;
All kindness and beautiful,
This wondrous western maid.

Their pathways trailed into the sun;
They crossed above the snow;
She leaned against the sunlit sky
And watched the cities grow.
Across her gown, a shimmering thread
Embroidered every fold
And wove a net of silvery rails.
Amid the poppies' gold.

She gathered all the shining ends
Into a gleaming knot,
And fastened it against her breast
In a beautiful flowered spot
She held this lovely jewel,
A priceless gem, apart;
So, forever, Sacramento rests
On California's heart.

NELLIE S. ALEXANDER, Sacramento.

A friend from Sacramento sent this poem to the paper so we have published it as it is. As one reads it and then looks out upon snowy ground, and ice bound river, it makes one long for the fields of rippling green and the beauty of the west.

'Avoid all foreign entanglements, said George Washington, our first president. It seemed to him then that the way was long between the old world and the new. In those days it took weeks to travel over the stormy seas.
He did not visualize that things

would ever be so that one could fly over the ocean in a short time, and that we could know in a second's time what is happening in foreign lands.

Those who listened in on Tuesday morning could hear all the solemn words and anthems that were said and sung at King George's funeral. They could see in fancy, while they listened, the great crowd, royalty and potentates gathered to do honor to the dead monarch. How may we avoid foreign entanglements? There is only one way and that is by the paths of peace. It is well that we, as a younger country, should learn what the old world can teach us, but by war never. Time can never heal the scars that war makes and we should surely try in every way to avoid every appearance of ill will.

January has now bidden us goodbye, and left February to do the rest of winter. We hope it will not follow its predecessor in giving us unusually stormy weather. Tomorrow is Ground Hog Day, but since roading of a woman's prophecy two weeks ago that the goose bone showed that winter was over, a prophecy that never failed, we are rather skeptical about all such signs even about the Ground hog's seeing his shadow.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Quinn returned to their home after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Devine in Middletown, Del.

The Ladies of the Roman Catholic Church are planning to hold a Valentine Card Party in the church hall sometime in February the date will be announced later.

Dr. and Mrs. Earle Gillfillan and daughter, Dortha, and Miss Marian Edwards, left on Friday to spend the month of February in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. John Newnam who has been sick with a cold for the past week is now able to be out again on duty carrying the mail.

Messrs. Walter Davis, Julian Davis, Misses Helen and Helen Davis spent last Saturday in Philadelphia, Pa., and witnessed a hockey game while there.

Mrs. Walter Hadley spent several days last week with her cousin, Mrs. Elwood Baker in Chestertown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Schrieber, of Chestertown, Md., and daughter, Anne, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Quinn returned home last Sunday after spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. T. P. Devine in Middletown, Del.

Misses Mary, Margaret and Eva McCauley, Mrs. Mildred McCauley, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the past week end with their mother, Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Dr. and Mrs. Earle Gillfillan entertained a number of guests at a Farewell Party last Saturday evening, about 29 guests were present, Mrs. Gillfillan, sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strickland, of Newark, Del., spent the week end.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jones, Jr., was christened last Sunday in St. Andrews Chapel by the Rev. Charles Atwater, of Chestertown, Md., the little daughter was named Laura Lee Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haley spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Everett, near Massey and

relatives in Wilmington, Del. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mack and family, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with Mrs. Mack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, near town.

Miss Martha Dixon returned home last Tuesday after being a patient in Dr. Jones Hospital in Wilmington, Del., she is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, of Wilmington, Del., spent last Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jarvis are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son last Sunday.

Miss Mary Scott, of Baltimore, Md., visited her father, Dr. E. A. Scott last week end.

Announcement was made last week by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cruikshank of near town of the engagement of their daughter, Alice Griffith to Mr. Marvin V. Williams. The wedding will take place some time in the spring.

Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Williams, of Worton. He is a funeral director, with headquarters in Chestertown, Md.

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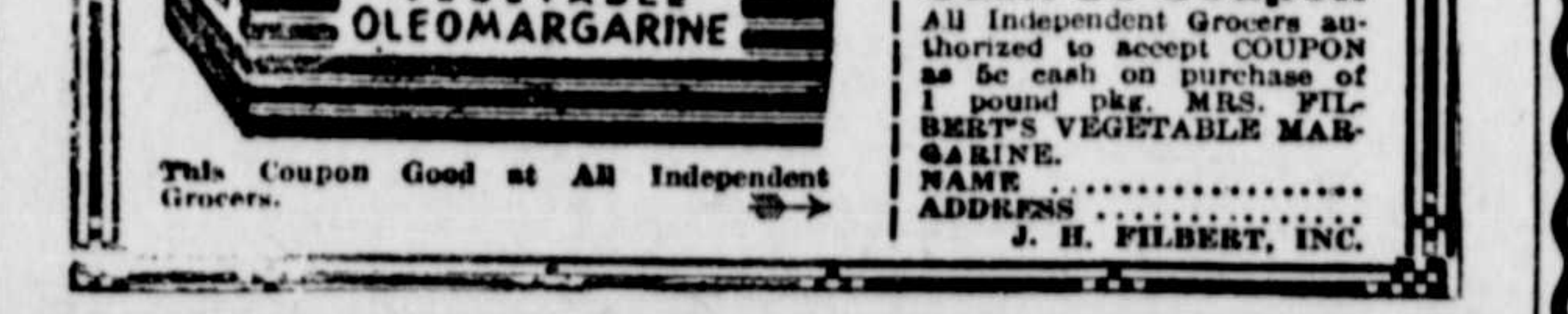
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STILL POND

Miss Lucille Parr, of Galena, visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Ford and other friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loller, of South Hampton, Pa., spent last week with Mrs. Gertrude Bradley. Mrs. Bradley is improving slowly. Mrs. Will Cooper is assisting in taking care of her.

Mrs. Kate Ford was the guest of Mrs. Annie Warren and Mrs. Rachel Dority last week.

Mr. Clifton Perkins, of Atlanta, Ga., was the guest of Mrs. Angie Rasin last Friday night and Saturday.

Mrs. William Medders is visiting in New York this week.

Due to the weather, the turkey supper which was held in the Odd Fellows Hall by the organizations of the Church was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford and daughter, Ella, visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, of Easton, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jennie Boulden was the leader for last Sunday evening services. Her topic was 'What Poets tell us about God.' Several readings were given by

the young people. A musical selection was rendered by Harry Henderson. We congratulate the boys choir who gave a selection. The choir consists of the boys in Mrs. Jennie Boulden's Sunday School Class.

The County Sewing Class, under the direction of Mrs. S. C. Statler, of Betterton was held with Mrs. Rotham Bramble on Tuesday afternoon. Anyone wishing to learn to knit, crochet or sew is invited to attend the class.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Williams Medders.

Mr. James Greenwood and aunt, Mrs. Mary Moore of Betterton, spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Many of our young people are enjoying the ice skating at Raymond's Lake and other places near town.

Don't forget the Surprise party to be held in the Sunday School room on this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. No admission. The adults are asked to bring 17 pennies and children under high school age to bring 5 pennies. You may be able to take them home and you may not. Come one and all and enjoy the surprise of the evening.

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