

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

The Fair Sex

BOHEMIAN GROVE, CALIF.—Up here in the Bohemian club's grove where, during the summer encampment, no women are allowed either at large or on the leash, I've been thinking about their little peculiarities.

If two women were cast away on a desert island with just each other for company, and after, let's say, ten or fifteen years, the rescue steamer arrived, they'd both be half way up the gangplank before either remembered the really important things she'd been intending all along to say to her companion; and no matter if the tide were falling and the wind rising, they'd stop right there in their tracks and thrash it all out.

If you doubt this, see what happens when a pair of them are swapping good-bys, after an all-day conversation, on finishing a long chatty motor trip together. If they can find a narrow doorway where they'll block traffic, that's where they'll halt, always.

It's a curious sex, any way you take it. But we men keep on taking it and liking it. I don't know whether we're dumb—or numb. Must be one or the other.

Chip Off the Old Block. CELEBRATING his fifth birthday the other day, my small grandson and namesake met another gentleman of like age who bragged that his nurse brought him to the party in a car.

"Can your mama drive a car?" inquired the guest.

"No," answered my descendant, "but I'm going to teach her. All you do is start off and keep going till you have to stop, and then you say, 'Damn those red lights.'"

It would appear that Cobbs has been listening to his grandfather.

Praising King Edward. IF HE was a Communist, of a breed who are usually half-baked mentalities, it was only to be expected that his effort to murder King Edward should be—thank heavens—a fizzle.

If he was a lunatic, then he's the kind of lunatic who should spend the rest of his days behind high walls. If he was a deliberate assassin—well, at least he gave a gallant monarch a chance to show how gallantly monarchs can behave in the face of danger.

Any man, given the royal background and an open path to the throne, can be a king, but not every king is a man. This king is—he proved it and this part of the world rejoices at the outcome.

The Troubles of Europe. WE MAY have our own troubles, including so many mounting taxes over the land and so much mountain music over the radio, but what with Spain rent by internal war, and France having strikes which almost approximate war, and Poland threatening revolt against Nazi control of what, laughably, is called the "Free" City of Danzig, and the rest of them pretty generally stewing in their respective political caseroles, we're lucky.

In fact I can think of but one thing the European nations have which we could use, but, alas, will never get, needless to say. I refer to the money they owe us.

How the League Performs. UNDER the rattle of the machine guns and the shrieks of the victims as civil war flames across Spain, that faint creeping sound which you hear, sounding something like a mouse in the wainscoting, is the League of Nations taking its customary prompt steps to enforce peace upon this and all other distracted countries whatsoever.

By the way, does anyone remember when, once upon a bygone time, there was a war to end the persistent disease called war, a final war which forevermore would restore true democratic principles and motherly love to rival nations and embittered peoples? To date the result makes one almost despair of ever finding a cure for my dandruff.

IRVIN S. COBB.

Copyright—WNU Service.

Pandas Live in Trees. The panda, not to be confused with the giant panda, is a scientific puzzle. In some ways he looks and acts as if he might be a relative of the raccoon. In other ways he seems to be kinfolk to bears. Scientists never have been able to decide this question, so they gave him a family name of his own, *Aelurus fulgens*. In their native Nepal, pandas live in holes in trees and sometimes hide among the rocks. They are nocturnal creatures, and it is customary for them to have twins. Their cry is a sudden squawl.

"The Man Who O-O"

Tales and Traditions from American Political History
By FRANK E. HAGEN and ELMO SCOTT WATSON

HE DEFEATED HIMSELF HISTORIANS lay the blame for James G. Blaine's defeat to a number of men. But the fact is that Blaine defeated himself—with the aid of Roscoe Conkling.

It started when both men were young congressmen. One day in 1866 the New Yorker, who had been lordling it over the lower house, became engaged in a dispute with the Maine representative and declared haughtily: "If the member from Maine had the least idea how profoundly indifferent I am to his opinion upon the subject under debate, I think he would hardly take the trouble to express it."

Blaine rose and, facing Conkling, delivered this speech: "As to the gentleman's cruel sarcasm, I hope he will not be too severe. The contempt of that large-minded gentleman is so willing; his haughty disdain, his grandiloquent swell, his majestic, supereminent, overpowering turkey gobbler strut has been so crushing to myself and all the members of the house that I know it was an act of the greatest temerity to venture upon a controversy with him. But, sir, I know who is responsible for this. It is not his fault. It is the fault of another. That gifted and salubrious writer, Theodore Tilton of the New York Independent, spent some weeks in this city recently. His letters published in that paper embraced, with many serious statements, a little jocose satire, a part of which was the statement that the mantle of the late Winter Davis had fallen upon the member from New York. That gentleman took it seriously and it has given his strut additional pomposity. The resemblance is striking. Hyperion to a satyr; Thersites to Hercules; mud to marble; dunghill to diamond; a singed cat to a royal Bengal tiger; a whining puppy to a roaring lion."

That brief talk—it took only two minutes—ruined Blaine's political career forever. It completely squelched Conkling but it pierced his vanity to the roots. From that moment he hated Blaine and for the next 20 years devoted himself to thwarting the "Plumed Knight." Twice he kept the New Englander from getting the Republican nomination and once contributed to his defeat at the polls in November.

ROORBACK AS ELECTION time nears, watch out for "roorbacks"—those campaign lies which are circulated in the last few days of a campaign by partisans of one candidate to discredit and perhaps aid in defeating another candidate. We've had such canards in every political campaign since the days of John Adams but it wasn't until 1844 that they were given their distinctive name.

On August 1 of that year a letter was printed in the Ithaca (N. Y.) Journal which asserted that James K. Polk, the Democratic candidate, branded his slaves with his initials as though they were so many cattle. Other abolitionist journals promptly reprinted the letter to sway sentiment in the North against the Tennesseean and it was as promptly denounced by Polk's supporters.

The editor of the Journal was attacked viciously and he retaliated by starting libel suits against his detractors. He declared that the truth of the statement could not be doubted, since the authority for the statement was a book which had "received the approbation of every American critic." It was Roorback's "Tour Through Southern and Western States in the Year 1836" and Roorback was a foreign observer with no personal interests and no friends to flatter. Moreover he had written his book long before Polk was a candidate for President.

But Polk's friends soon proved that the whole thing was a hoax. They showed that the alleged quotation from Roorback's "Tour" had been lifted from George William Featherstonaugh's "Excursion Through the Slave States." After giving verbatim this Englishman's description of a slave trader's encampment, the author of the letter to the Ithaca Journal had added: "Forty of these unfortunate beings had been purchased, I was informed, of the Hon. J. K. Polk, the present speaker of the house of representatives; the mark of the branding iron, with the initials of his name on their shoulders, distinguishing them from the rest."

After this revelation, the whole "villainous forgery" was investigated, the editor of the Ithaca Journal was exonerated and the author of the letter exposed as a Democratic officeholder, belonging to a faction opposed to Polk. The excitement over this incident died down before the election but by that time the fame of "Roorback," a man who had never existed, was firmly established and his name has come down in history as a synonym for a political forgery of a lie in a whispering campaign.

© Western Newspaper Union.

Silk for High Style Sports Wear

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



MIDSUMMER means sports, and this year sportswear in the fashion picture means silks, for every outdoor activity from golf to swimming or just lazing about.

The smart golfer, this season, wears a simple shirtwaist frock of washable end-to-end or striped silk shirting or of classic silk crepe of marvelous quality or some one or other of the new linenlike silks, if not silk shantung. These smart and practical silk shirtmaker dresses often have fly fronts, tucked bosoms and pockets for your golf tees as the model centered in the picture displays. Blue silk crepe fashions this stylish and practical frock.

Very feminine and graceful for tennis are short dresses of soft silk weaves such as silk jacquards or Chinese silk damasks which are light, cool and comfortable. They are usually cut short, with sun-back decolletage, offering a refreshing contrast on the courts to the shorts and slacks that are so commonly worn. New for the tennis enthusiast is a white jacquard silk crepe frock cut on princess lines with a gored handling, the jacquard patterning showing lively little tennis-playing figures. See a model of this description to the left in the illustration. Note it has a squared decolletage and wide shoulder straps. Culottes are also a practical choice for tennis dresses.

For beach and bathing very smart women are wearing silk. The newest mode going is the little dressmaker suits fashioned whimsically of plain or printed silk crepes, silk shantungs and other novelty silks. Kind to the figure are they, being made in one piece effects with pleated or flared

shorts. The most practical have matching jackets reaching just to the bottom of the suits as you see pictured to the right in the group. This model is of daisy-printed, dependably washable silk crepe. The shorts are pleated and the loose, matching swaggy jacket has a youthful Peter Pan collar.

For the girl with a perfect figure there are also the silk lastex suits which fit the body like a glove and have touches of dressmaker detail at the bosom. The newest trick is to wear them with one's jewels. There is such a variety in silk bathing and beach suits this summer that you can have two or three entirely different types in your outing wardrobe.

Pajamas are a "must have" for a vacation outfit, whether they are elaborate models that must stay on the beach or in the cabana, or the womanlike strictly tailored types that can safely receive guests in your own home or go out to call informally at an intimate friend's. They are made in tailored silk linens, silk shantungs, novelty sports silks, silk crepes.

Bathing suits with halter bodices and wrap-around skirts made of print silks in gay peasant design are also very goodlooking, and add infinitely to the picturesque beach panorama.

The craze for prints increases rather than languishes. It seems to be prints for everything and instead of growing weary of them there is that in them that intrigues more and more as the season progresses. If the entire costume be not of print then fashion offers a compromise in the way of accessories of vivid silk print. Such accents as belt, triangle scarf and bag of colorful silk print enliven many costumes.

© Western Newspaper Union.

SAILOR SUITS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Fashions for girls are playing up nautical themes. It is said that "back to school" clothes will adopt such details as lacings and marine insignia. The sailor suit in navy and white of linen or light wool is an immediate favorite and will remain important throughout fall. The "gob" beret in white felt or pique with sprightly ribbon ends over the hair at back is ever so smart to wear with the new sailor-inspired dresses.

BRAIDED ELASTIC MAKES DANDY BELT

Golf is a game where enthusiasts are offered more accessories a season than can be squeezed into a dozen clubroom lockers. All are intended to improve a duffer's game, but most of them turn out to be gadgets that fail their purpose.

One really successful accessory, however, that will be very much in evidence on the golf course this summer, is a belt made of braided, silk-covered, elastic cord. The belt looks like one of the corded belts so popular this season for sports wear. The rubber cord supplies the extra "give" that every sportsman seeks, and makes for maximum playing comfort.

The belts come in the leading summer colors, including black and white combination, polar bear, marine blue and plain white.

Blue Jeans Sportswear Is Popular With Young Folks

Of particular interest to young people is the blue jeans sportswear worn by many of the debutantes. With these navy blue jeans are worn shirts of every shade popular this year, with contrasting ascots and scarves. A popular head-dress is the halo in various colors and materials, which keeps the hair from blowing in the eyes, and is very attractive. For the very active amusements, sneakers are popular, with navy and white the predominant colors.

The tailored suit for week-end trips is much in evidence, as are culottes, tennis dresses and the highly practical three-piece dresses with shirts, shorts and skirts.

Captivating Daytime Frock



Pattern No. 1916-B

This clever dress features a flattering yoke which dips to a point in front and is equipped with twin slashes a few inches below the neckline to accommodate a ribbon bow of any color you wish to use. Most women like several different ones to which they match their accessories. Radiating tucks at the yoke and waist contribute a smooth fit and flattering effect, while center seams in front and back terminate in two kick pleats for reserved fullness where it will do the most good. The pointed pockets with shaped turned over flaps are novel. You'll want to make more than one dress, because the pattern is so easy to follow and the fabrics so numerous to choose from. How about seersucker, novelty cotton, linen, crash or silk.

Barbara Bell Pattern No. 1916-B is available for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 14 requires 3 1/2 yards of 39 inch material. Send 15 cents in coins.

Send for the Summer Pattern Book containing 100 Barbara Bell well-planned, easy-to-make pat-

terns. Exclusive fashions for children, young women, and matrons. Send 15 cents for your copy.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., 247 W. Forty-third St., New York, N. Y. © Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.

The Mind Meter

By LOWELL HENDERSON

© Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.

The Famous Men Test In the following test there are ten problems. In each one a man's name is given, followed by the names of four professions, vocations, or avocations. Cross out the particular occupation or pursuit in which the man is or was most famous.

1. John Bunyan — composer, writer, marathon runner, inventor.
2. Frank B. Ellogg — golfer, lawyer, manufacturer, physician.
3. Elias Howe — poet, opera singer, inventor, explorer.
4. Victor Herbert — football coach, composer, lawyer, financier.
5. Gerhart Hauptmann — composer, kidnaper, dramatist, golfer.
6. Noah Webster — lawyer, statesman, inventor, lexicographer.
7. Eli Whitney — statesman, inventor, lawyer, actor.
8. Ferdinand Magellan — inventor, navigator, artist, pianist.
9. George W. Goethals — lawyer, engineer, composer, historian.
10. Henry Clay — physician, historian, statesman, explorer.

Answers

1. Writer
2. Lawyer
3. Inventor
4. Composer
5. Dramatist
6. Lexicographer
7. Inventor
8. Navigator
9. Engineer
10. Statesman



NEW YORK Bound?

The WOODSTOCK

nationally famous as a "good hotel" is just a step from the amusement center of New York...TIMES SQUARE...just minutes from all places of interest.

Write for booklet "W." Room and Private Bath \$2.50 SINGLE \$3.50 DOUBLE HOTEL WOODSTOCK 43rd ST. EAST OF TIMES SQUARE, N. Y.



35c & 60c bottles 20c tins

The Original Milk of Magnesia Wafers