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### SPRING

The sparrows are building, my dearest one;  
And the skies are wind-swept clear.  
The shy green blades of grass peep up—  
So I know that spring is here!  
The Spirit of Life awakes and sighs in flower and budding tree.  
The unchained snows break up and run  
Away to the lake and sea.

The treetops sway, and the waves-lets play  
And break on the river's shore.  
The river that winds like a silver thread  
And the falls that spray and roar  
The winds that blow and the things that grow,  
The bright stars watching late,  
The birds that sing, and, oh! the spring;  
For flowers and spring I wait.

The ice-floes are breaking and floating away  
On the river's cold deep blue;  
And the Secret of Life comes near to me  
And I know that God is true:  
And the moonlight gleams on the waking land  
And ever the wild things sing  
The old sweet truths they know of love  
And flowers and joy in the spring.  
—Vera Reding

### "HAREMS" IN THE HOUSE

Fashion's Latest Fad Wins Its Way into Westminster

Since Guy Fawkes' Day it has been reckoned as easy for a camel to quirm through the eye of a needle as for a person unarmed with the necessary pass to enter the inner doors of the Houses of Parliament. But it has been done, and by a pair of pretty "harem" girls. It was not a harems movement. They were simply two pretty Irish maids from the Palace of Fashions who were out to be seen and admired.

They arrived in an automobile at the strangers' entrance to the House of Commons, and, not having the necessary tickets, were stopped by the policeman. They smiled, coaxed, made the stern lobby bluish and simply told him they wanted to show the members

of the House how nice their wives would look in harem skirts.

Whatever else they said, they managed to pass, and made their way to the lobby. Hard working legislators started and stopped, blinking their eyes as they saw these two pictures of loveliness quietly strolling about between the Kings and Queens of England in Westminster Hall.

At least one cabinet minister took a surreptitious peep at them from one of the doorways leading to the chamber itself, but scuttled away to safety as they approached him, with a look of dismay on his face. No member had the effrontery to put a "question to the House" about the unusual visitation, but members forgot the business of the hour to talk about the remarkable dresses of the pretty Fitzgerald and O'Brien in the lobby.

Whatever else happened, the girls certainly came from the House smiling and happy. Cheered by the crowd, a wag started singing, "Fall in and follow me," and his invitation was accepted—to quite an embarrassing degree. But they passed through the "Row," with the rubbernecks in their train; had tea at Prince's and walked home without any of that ridicule with which the "harem" or even its freak predecessor, the "hobble," was first greeted, which recalls Lady Russell's remark when the "harem" appeared, that, notwithstanding the sneers of the fashionable modiste, it had come to stay.

### KAISER'S PRETTY DAUGHTER

Princess Victoria Louise, the kaiser's only daughter, is not quite nineteen. But she's colonel of a famous British regiment of hussars—the "Death or Glory Boys"—so named because of their gallant record and the greswome insignia of skull and crossbones worn by the officers on their busbies.

Of course, the princess' commission as colonel is honorary, like all those army jobs exchanged between European royal families, and doesn't require her attendance at drill every day. She has an especially sunny disposition, is the best looking of the kaiser's family, and possess in marked degree the domestic virtues characteristic of the German fair sex.

## THE COSY CORNER

DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN

This is a little section of the paper, which from day to day will be devoted to subjects of special interest to women. Any and all of the ladies of Prince Rupert are invited to contribute to its columns, and to take part in its discussions. Suggestions and criticisms are invited by the editor. The hope is expressed that "The Cosy Corner" will fill a social need.

### Social Notes

Miss G. Thomas and Miss Wood of New York, arrived on the Prince George on Saturday morning, and are guests at the Prince Rupert Inn Annex. After a short stay in town they will proceed to Alaska and other points of interest in the west.

Mrs. Frank McArthur and Mrs. George Abels, who have been guests at the Annex for several weeks, left on Saturday on the Inlander to join their husbands in Hazelton.

Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Konkey left on the Prince George this morning, on a trip to Vancouver and Seattle.

Mrs. A. E. MacMaster was the hostess of an exceedingly smart Bridge party on Saturday afternoon. The rooms were gaily decorated with a profusion of spring flowers and presented a charming appearance. Mrs. P. I. Palmer was the winner of the first prize, Mrs. Tremayne the second prize, while the consolation fell to Mrs. Cade. Miss Martin, Miss Brown, Miss DuVernet and Miss MacMaster assisted the hostess. The following is a partial list of those present: Mrs. DuVernet, Mrs. Roberson, Mrs. Burrett, Mrs. McIntosh, Miss DesBarres, Mrs. James, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. D. G. Stewart, Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. McMullen, Mrs. Vernor Smith, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Craig, Miss Craig, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Pillsbury, Mrs. H. L. Johnston and Mrs. Keen.

A complimentary dance is being arranged for in McIntyre Hall for Thursday evening, in honor of Mr. Horace DuVernet and his bride, who are expected in the city on Wednesday.

Mrs. R. Ross and Miss Matheson left this morning on a trip to Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Holien are guests at the Annex until their new home on Fifth avenue is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Long of Victoria, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Long.

Mrs. C. B. Lockhart entertained a few ladies at Bridge on Saturday afternoon. The hostess was assisted by Miss Lockhart and Miss Brown. Mrs. Arnold was the fortunate winner of the star prize. The guests included: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Stork, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Reddie, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Brandt and Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Keene of Metiakatla, is the guest of Mrs. DuVernet.

### The Scandinavian Society

Yes, we love with fond devotion Norway's mountain domes.  
Rising, widespread o'er the ocean  
With its thousand homes.  
Love and cherish while we're sending  
Thoughts to Fatherland;  
And the saganight that's sending  
Dreams upon our land.

Bjornsen, the great Norwegian poet, brings in these lines a picture of the Northlands with the impressions that a weird ancestry has left on the minds of the old Viking's descendants. From the days of Leif Ericson and his Vikings, explorers of Vineland the Good, the sons of Scandinavia have been more or less with us in upbuilding of this great continent.

The Scandinavians' Society on Prince Rupert is a gathering of men for mutual aid and fellowship among the Scandinavians of Prince Rupert and for preservation of gems of ancient as well as modern literature, language and

art dear to the heart of the sturdy Northmen.

The Society is making a special effort at present to bring all the Scandinavians in the city into membership.

### FASHION'S FANCIES

Whispers Wafted from the World of Dress

Kilted skirts are promised for girls' wear again; also kilted flouncers under one-piece loose frocks. Another idea is the "band" flounce trimming on girls' dresses of plain material.

Beads are used everywhere. No kind of trimming is so popular.

Where the coiffure is concerned there's a rumor that the little straight fringe—light, and very short—is being revived again in Paris. Some time ago it was tentatively introduced, and how many girls are frankly adopting it, especially in cases where the hair is firmly banded round the head a little above the forehead as a support to the clusters of curls on the crown.

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

The Little Things You are Apt to Need Now and Then

In making tailored buttonholes always wax the thread and linen before beginning. Let linen thread run along edge of buttonhole while working with silk, and change for every buttonhole.

When making a meat loaf, place three hard-boiled eggs in the middle, end to end. When the meat is cut a slice of egg is in the centre of each piece. It makes a very attractive luncheon dish.

A delicious salad is made from different nuts, white grapes, a little shredded grape fruit, pineapple cut into cubes, and shredded celery. Mask in mayonnaise or serve with a cream dressing.

When a boiled egg is the usual breakfast dish, vary it by breaking it raw into the egg cup, and cooking in hot water to the desired consistency. The flavor is quite different than when cooked in the shell.

Save the narrow paper that strips of ribbon come on. When stitching on thin materials use these papers to place under the goods to avoid puckering. They are much easier to use than strips of newspaper torn up.

Pierce each end of an egg and blow contents out. Fill with plaster paris (warmed); let harden and you have a nest egg that will last for years. Moreover, this is much better than the white china egg generally used.

### Skena Boats Stranded

The Skeena River steamers Operator, Conveyor and Distributor which left here for Hazelton last Tuesday and Wednesday are tied up at about Mile 62. The water is three feet eight inches below zero, but there are hopes that it will rise quickly. The weather at Hazelton and district is clear and cold.

### City Council Tonight

To grant an extension of time to return the assessment roll to City Assessor J. C. McLelland from April 30th, the time required by law for it to be in, to May 4th the city council will meet tonight. Before the roll is returned every taxpayer has to be notified and as the assessor has had such a volume of work lately he has not had time to complete the roll hence the extension.

Dance—Weekly dance every Saturday in the K. of I. Hall 4-26m

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## ITEMS OF SPORT

A proposal to abolish the hammer throw from the list of track and field championship events is receiving serious consideration at Yale as a result of an accident last Saturday to "Pete" Francis, one of the university's athletic stars. The wire hammer handle broke when Francis was throwing the weight, cutting his cheek and narrowly missing his eye. Francis is a son of a former Ambassador to Austria.

The Handicap Committee of the Women's Eastern Golf Association has placed Miss Dorothy Campbell of Hamilton, Ont., the U. S. and Canadian champion, and Miss Fanny C. Osgood of the Country Club, Brookline, Mass., the association champion at plus one at the ratings.

John K. Forsythe, the new president of the C. L. A., is the first Toronto man to obtain the honor since Fred Garvin was president in 1892.

### BALL PLAYERS' NAMES

Odd Cognomens of Some Men Who Figure in Baseball

What's in a name? What? Well, it might be cursorily mentioned that there's a big lot in some names, both in the number of letters and in the vowels, diphthongs and consonants. Viewing the perennial question from that standpoint, allow us to submit a few given publication in J. H. Farrell's latest bulletin of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues: First come corrugated handles such as these: Jaraginj, McWhirter, Vyskocil, Welsenstein, Coughanour, Woodyatt, Kossuck, Traillkill, Dahikamp, Schamburg, Nagelesen, Favereau. Ye gods! enough! Guess we haven't a few tongue throttlers in this national game?

You may josh about "One Round" Hogan, "Knockout" Brown and "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson and such esteemed gentlemen of the prize ring, but who will gainsay that these illustrious names have more distinction about them than a cosmopolitan list beginning with Guy Featheroff and Ransom McManus?

Which for you, S. Gordon McDuff or Battling Kelly? Or would you rather come when the manager bellows William Stump or Sam M. Guss in preference to "Fighting Dick" Hyland? Have it your own way.

O, what romance weaves itself about such genteel monickers as these: Samuel G. Fritz, Lige Wooley, Pembroke Finlayson, O. M. Bagwell, Cleon P. Kilburn and Percy Ling. What a fine team could be composed of L. E. Wisdom, Merie D. Spaid, W. B. Rudisill, Bud Moe, Harry Killalay, A. H. Schneffe, Glade Warrick, Melvin Legates and Arthur Chirpich.

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