

# From the Woman's Point of View.

By VERITY.

## TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

### They Say:

That many people, while listening to Archbishop Averil's able and inspiring sermon at the Pro-cathedral on Sunday morning, regretted that it could not be broadcast for the spiritual help and enlightenment of the community.

### N.Z. in London.

New Zealand was represented recently at a revival of "The Beggar's Opera" in London, where its popularity has never waned. The Misses Burton were there, taking a night off from arduous study of arts and crafts. They were accompanied by Mrs. S. K. Sleight, also Lorna Smith, whose fine contralto is having the best of English training; and they all hailed from the Scottish city. Near to them sat Mr. Marsh, who it will be remembered, was art director of the memorable exhibition of 1925-26; and he told how, at the first Hammer-smith production of the opera, Mrs. Edwards used to go to all the rehearsals, studying the characters and modelling from life those charming figures from the quaint musical masterpiece that ravished the eye in the British section of the exhibition, where Polly Peacham smiled her way into everyone's affection.

### War-Time Heroism Recalled.

Miss K. M. G. Mary Davies, the youngest daughter of Sir R. H. Davies, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, India, has died at Cannes, says the "Morning Post."

She ranked with the heroes of yellow fever and malaria because, just as they injected themselves with those "diseases," so she, as a nurse working at the American Hospital, Neuilly, Paris, in 1915, deliberately injected herself with the bacillus responsible for producing gas gangrene.

At the time she was working as a bacteriologist under Dr. Taylor, whose duty it was to investigate the causes of gas gangrene, which was resulting in numerous deaths and amputations. Doctor Taylor was experimenting with guinea pigs, but was unable to obtain results which would allow him to apply his conclusions to human beings.

### "Last Experiments."

The crucial experiment of inoculating a human being with a pure culture of the bacillus was necessary, and this appeared to be impossible. Miss Davies, who had studied bacteriology at the Pasteur Institute, had seen about 200 fatal cases of gangrene, and had seen guinea pigs die, but also recover, under Dr. Taylor's experiments.

### THE ANNIVERSARY

(By Olwen A. Joergens.)

I WOULD not question when you went away—

There is a right beyond our loves—  
God knew;  
And when hushed voices spoke of death,  
I saw  
Vision of life through you.

Now, when the spring and summer sweep along,  
Proud with new days, I lift my head  
and smile;  
When noble deeds are talked of, and great love,  
I close my eyes—and smile.

But at day's end, O Heart, when years roll by,  
And still new lovers linger in our lane,  
Oh, One out of the world, why was it you?  
And there is pain, dumb pain.

Without revealing her intention, she took a room near the hospital, and one day Dr. Taylor received a note from her, asking him to come at once to make "last experiments."

He found that she had given herself two deep injections of the culture of the bacillus, in the muscles of each thigh, and had thus furnished him with a pure case of gas gangrene. Dr. Taylor at once injected the antidotal preparation of hydrochloride of quinine with which he had been working.

### Risk of Death.

Miss Davies was removed to the American Hospital, and in 24 hours she was pronounced out of danger. By her self-sacrifice in taking the risk of a painful and lingering death she had proved the efficacy of the cure, and had thus saved thousands of lives. The treatment was subsequently used at the American Ambulance, but the modesty of Miss Davies prevented any honour accruing to herself.

The best memorial of her life, a relative writes, would be for a further investigation to be made in this respect.

### Embrocation.

Take half a pint turpentine and two eggs, put all into large bottle, cork it, and shake till the mixture becomes a cream, then add gradually one pint of vinegar and bottle for use. This embrocation will keep for years, and is improved by the addition of a small lump of camphor.

### Coming Fashions.

Fashions to-day are divided into three classes. There are day-time clothes for town, evening gowns, and sports clothes. One might think it would be difficult to confuse three such definite groups, but those who wear satin shoes on the street, high heels, with tailored suits, and silk stockings on the golf links, are so numerous that no census taken on taste could overlook them.

Ensembles will increase in number for sports, afternoon, and general wear, but this will not make for monotony, and frequently the coat will belong to the dress by virtue of the merest convention of a thread; also that uniformity will be dead, and women will dress according to their personalities, their activities, and the occasion controlled by the permanent limitations of good taste and the current limitations of the mode.

### The Sports Mode.

The tailored top-coat for travel, town, or sports wear is straight and tight-fitting, belted or unbelted, and may be fur-trimmed or plain. It may be pleated or trimmed self tucks. Pockets are essential, and often belt arrangements are cut in one with pockets, panels, sides, or back.

Cardigans continue in favour, and are tight-fitting at the hips and buttoned fairly low. They are multi-coloured, checked, have horizontal stripes, and are of plain colours, finished silk bind.

Jumpers are interesting. They are woven, they are plain, or of fancy jersey, in one, two, or three colours. They are belted or unbelted, have square or round close-fitting fisherman necks, and with or without collars.

## The Letters of Annabel Lee

My Dear Elisabeth,—

Wellington has greatly appreciated the presence of so many distinguished visitors who are attending the General Synod, this time assembled in the Capital City, three years ago at Dunedin, which sweet city of hospitality is spoken of by many in glowing terms. Great dignitaries foregather daily and hold commune on matters of import to the religious life. A strange and moving thing it was to hear the out-of-door service at Quinton's Corner on a recent evening; the Church of England is but rarely brought to our doors, so to speak, or preached to the man in the street. An experience that will live long in the memories of those privileged to see and to hear.

No more appropriate gift could be imagined than the bronze of great beauty which is to be presented by Lady Fergusson to the Otago Women's Club. From Italy comes that winged figure of rare loveliness, akin as it is in subtlety of appeal to the Victory of Samothrace—but complete, as the Samothrace is not—and instinct with rare, strange quality of gracious motion. An inspiration, this statue, typifying perfection of feminine grace and activity; and, seen from whatever angle, charms the eye and the taste of those who love beauty.

Intriguing, indeed, are the texture and glow of that ring velvet which, it is to be foreseen, will be a vogue in the coming season. Of this caressing silken stuff, greatly to be admired was a gown recently worn by a dainty dame in porcelain, whose clear and pale colouring was enhanced by the pearly grey-tint of that enviable garment, which obviously had been swished and draped by an expert. Framing a pair of blue eyes that rivalled those of Thomas Hardy's heroine was a swathed turban of the same kindly hue; while reptilian shoes and shoulder-knot of satin rose-

### Silhouette.

The correct silhouette is made up of matching garments of two, three, or four pieces, forming an ensemble. Firstly, the three-piece tweed or suiting ensemble, consisting of coat, skirt, and woven jumper of various combinations of matching and contrasting materials and colours. Secondly, for wear under the topcoat, a two or three-piece woven suit, consisting of jumper and skirt, or for variety an extra garment in the form of a sleeveless cardigan. Diagonal and horizontal stripes are favoured, or the all self-colour woven garment neatly trimmed suede.

Skirts attain distinctiveness either by being finely and fully pleated or of frankly bold check or stripe pattern. They may be of suiting or heavy tweed, according to use.—Miss Sproston, 4YA, Dunedin.

### "THE BETTER WAY"

#### A COMPETITION FOR HOME-MAKERS.

##### MONTHLY PRIZES.

All women whose homes are to them a source of abiding interest and delight, have their own treasured secrets of housekeeping: It may be an unusual recipe, a scheme for brightening an uninteresting room, a labour-saving notion, an idea for decorative work, a dress or toilet hint, or a pet economy. There is always a special method of performing various household tasks—the "better way." "The Radio Record" offers a prize of half a guinea each month until further notice for "Better Ways" from our women readers. The right is reserved to publish any entry not awarded a prize on payment of a fee of 2/6.

Entries must be written in ink, on one side of the paper only, and the name and address of the competitor should be written on the back of each entry.

The May "Better Way" competition closes on May 11, and the result will be announced on the women's page on Friday, May 18. All entries to be addressed:

C/o "Radio Record,"  
Box 1032, Wellington.

Country readers are advised to post their entries early to ensure their being in time.

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### Princess Arthur as Hospital Nurse.

Few people who know Princess Arthur of Connaught and the wonderful work she does for charities would believe that she could find time to go to a hospital in London every day she is in town, don nurse's uniform, and carry on the ordinary work of a nurse; but she does so, driving herself in a little blue two-seater car, morning after morning, long before many of her friends are astir.

The following incident is interesting: A well-known surgeon was driving to a house to perform an operation, when he came upon an accident.

The surgeon took the injured man to hospital, where he left him in the charge of one of the nurses.

On his way back he called to see how the man was.

"Who did this bar-lage?" he asked, and the nurse who was entrusted with this piece of work was pointed out to him.

"It is beautifully done," he said, and even then he did not recognise the nurse as Princess Arthur of Connaught.

### Children's Community Singing.

The charms of community singing have spread, and at 3L.O the kiddies are to have their own community singing half-hour. For some weeks past songs, both words and music, have been taught over the air, and it is thought that the time is now ripe to gather them together and discover how much they have remembered. Apart from the "entertainment" side of the question, the community singing half-hours for the children will have an immense educational value, training the youthful memory and sense of rhythm, and cultivating a good ear for music.

### Royal Visit to Trade Fair.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles, spent a busy morning recently at the British Industries Fair at the White City.

They were greeted on arrival by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister (president of the Board of Trade) and Mr. Amery (Secretary for the Dominions).

The Royal party then separated, the Queen and Princess Mary making a shopping tour in one direction, while the King inspected other exhibits. They visited stall after stall, talking with the attendants, and displayed intimate knowledge of the great variety of manufactures.

### The King and Wireless.

The King showed a surprising knowledge of wireless. At the stall of the Langham Radio Company His Majesty told one of the attendants that he found difficulty in cutting out London from his set at the Palace. His Majesty said that he could not get Paris or Germany on his set there, but added that there was no difficulty in getting foreign stations from Sandringham. He has an expert's knowledge of wireless, and knew all about the wavelengths and dial readings on his own set.

### The Queen's Quaint Purchase.

The Queen showed herself a connoisseur of gems. One of her early visits was to the stall of the National Jewellery Association, where she examined a Chaldean necklace 4000 years old, such as might have been worn in the days of Abraham. Her criticism of some Australian emeralds shown her was that they were "not clear, but of quite good colour." She was attracted by an old Persian ring, which contained the tooth of a wild animal as its chief decoration, and had nothing but praise for a box cut from a single amethyst, inlaid with gold.

### Many Purchases.

Her Majesty and Princess Mary made many purchases during the morning. The Queen retains her preference for blue. Shopping bags, shingle sets, note cases, rugs—a dozen novelties—all seemed to be in varying shades of blue. A nursery rug, with Little Bo Peep sitting upon it, is probably destined for Princess Elizabeth; and some tiny Royal proteges will have much pleasure from the "Ben Hur" chariot, with its galloping horses and little chariot-coers, which the Queen purchased from a stall run by disabled ex-soldiers.

### THE CHARGE

(By Olwen A. Joergens.)

YOU left a rose with me, and I have laid it

As things without a price are laid away;

Alone my lips caress it, visions only  
Lie on its leaves, and soft words when I pray.

You left a charge with me that I remember

When all forgot, and life itself rolls by.  
You laid love's yolk upon me; God is witness

How I have clung to it—yet Love not I,

A woman with immeasurably loving.

I stretch my arms for you. The swift years flee.

Beloved, return to me with love untried

Or let me wait in faith eternally.

### The "Nosey Parker" Stall.

One purchase the Queen carried away with her. At one point she found herself in front of the "Nosey Parker" stall. Here numerous grinning masks faced her, with bulbous balloon noses which swell and diminish as the wearer wishes. One nose swelled to Titanic proportions as the Queen approached; and she stopped. "These are very funny," she said. "I must have one." She purchased two, and carried them away.

### Woman Militant.

Three hundred thousand fighting women, according to the Moscow correspondent of the "Chicago Tribune," are enrolled in the Soviet Red Army, the formation of which will be celebrated on February 26. They are chiefly concerned with the aviation and poison gas departments. One hundred thousand more are enrolled in the Red Cross. Despite their nominal status, they receive training in rifle practice, grenade throwing, and field telephone and telegraph work.

"Without making military training compulsory for women," says an appeal addressed to them, "it is necessary that all working women should work wholeheartedly to reduce military illiteracy."

Service for women, which was started by Captain Botchkareva, and her company of women volunteers known as the "Battalion of Death" against the Germans in 1917, has thus become an accepted fact on a large scale.

### When Eggs are Scarce.

Soak some bread in boiling milk till spongy, beat smooth. Heat square inch of butter and small teacupful milk. Butter a fireproof dish, break in two eggs, whisk well, gradually adding two tablespoonfuls of the soaked bread, salt, pepper and mixed herbs to taste. Whisk thoroughly, add boiling milk and butter, and cook slowly till set, stirring frequently to break up lumps. It should rise to top of dish. This dish is beautifully light and is the size of four eggs scrambled in the usual way.

The "modern woman" is one who can hold safety-pins and a cigarette in her mouth at the same time.

