

CANINE AS SPONSOR

Admission to Society in New York Declared to Be Easier Now.

Woman With Social Aspirations May Obtain Entry by Possessing Dog—Routes Are Open to the Climbers.

New York.—Time was when breaking into New York society was a simple matter. You merely waited. Eventually, in the course of several generations, you stood a chance of being invited to the very best houses.

It was three generations before the Arjors amounted to anything as social beings in this community, writes a New York correspondent. The Ven-Depites made the extraordinary leap in better time—in two generations—thanks to the mental resources and determination of a doughty social warrior whom the family acquired by marriage, and later lost by divorce.

People "get in" New York society now in a few years; sometimes in a single season.

Now a multiplicity of avenues of approach have been discovered. Here are ten: Dogs, women's clubs, publicity, charity, summer resorts, graft, the opera, first nights, travel (foreign), woman suffrage.

The avenue of dogs alone indicates the advance we have made. Some cynics may call it retrogression. How cruel when one can thus lessen the years necessary for a social entrée!

Children used to be the avenue of approach, which has been usurped by the later pets.

One of the first moves of the socially ambitious woman in New York these days is the requirement of a dog. If the proper beginning is made, if the right sort of dog is secured, the next step is to enter him at the first exclusive dog show.

There are dog luncheons, dog dinners, dog receptions to which her canine will be invited, and no canine can go alone. The mistress must be included. Some day she may eventually be invited on her own account.

Another avenue for the social climber is the summer resort and foreign travel. In itself New York is a glacial city, socially. Its surfaces are so rounded that it must be a hardy climber who can secure a hold. Thus many have resolved to bring into the strategy of their campaign a flank assault on the citadel of caste.

They remove their artillery to a distance. They pay outrageous prices to the hotels in the fashionable resorts in summer and to the stopping places on the grand tour to Europe in the hope of thus scraping a valuable acquaintance.

CREW COMMITS HARA-KIRI

Six Japanese Sailors on British Bark Helmsate End Lives When Mik-ado Dies.

Behavana, Java.—The British bark Helmsate, Captain Steers, arrived here from the north Borneo coast manned by an island crew of natives picked up by the skipper after his former crew, six Japanese, had committed hara-kiri upon the deck of the vessel after learning of the death and burial of the mikado.

Captain Steers says that he was proceeding from Peiori island to Zamara on the Borneo coast to complete his cargo of copra when he was hailed by the British barkentine Clyde Town, from the master of which he received a number of items of news, among them being the information of the Japanese emperor's death and burial.

Without realizing what it might mean, Captain Steers gave the tidings to the men, and immediately they were as stricken, raving about the ship and engaging in loud lamentations. When he remonstrated with them for allowing the bark to drift, almost they threatened his life and he said no more to them until he saw them fished off the deck, each with a knife in his hand and stomach bared.

The captain thereupon realised what was about to happen and came forth from his cabin with repeating rifle, but the men paid no heed to him and upon a signal each killed himself.

The Helmsate, the captain alone alive on board, drifted helplessly, but finally made Hadgona bay without serious injury, and here Captain Steers succeeded, after some days, in prevailing upon enough natives to man his ship and sail it to this port.

VISION OF TITANIC

Great Disaster Pictured by W. T. Stead in 1886.

Enormous Loss of Life Predicted by the Distinguished English Journalist in His Own Newspaper.

London.—An investigator, searching for material for a biography of W. T. Stead, the Englishman who went down with the Titanic, has discovered a strange prediction of his own doom made by Mr. Stead in the Pall Mall Gazette on March 22, 1886.

This article, written by Mr. Stead, was headed, "How the Mail Steamer Went Down in Mid-Atlantic."

The article appeared a couple of days after the Oregon was lost, and purported to give a description of the scene of horror that ensued on the biggest Atlantic liner, when at last the passengers realized the ship was doomed. In a footnote, Stead wrote:

"This is exactly what might take place and what will take place if the liners are sent to sea short of boats."

Here are some extracts from Stead's grim prediction:

"From below there came a queer sucking sound, with an occasional long gurgle, and I saw that the ship seemed to hang as the seas met her."

"The boats were made fast to stand heavy weather, and only skilled sailors could launch them."

"I calculated that, by loading all the eight boats down to the water's edge and by packing the children along the bottom boards, we might accommodate 400 people. We were carrying 916 altogether."

"A loud crack, followed by a wallowing noise like a thunder, rendered all other sounds insignificant, and a captain who was going out to New York, said: 'The bunkhead's gone. We must take our chance.' The ship stopped nearly dead, and began to tremble curiously, but it was only the river of water pouring aft, and we soon saw the firemen driven up like rats from a burrow. 'Stand by the boats!'"

"The order was given, and the boat-swain's call rose in a long, tremulous screech. One of the starboard boats was successfully launched, and the officer stood, revolver in hand. 'Women first here. Thompson, you will steer her. Take four men and no more. The young English lady was lowered down, although she clung to her father and begged him to let her stay. 'No, darling, goodbye. Be happy,' he said, and then stood composedly by the bury-bury."

By an extraordinary coincidence Stead describes the girl as "a dark beauty, about eighteen years of age." One could almost fancy that he saw as in a glass darkly the then yet unborn Mrs. John Jacob Astor.

"At last only one light boat remained, and still there were over 700 of us jammed in the narrow space left by the awful list. The captain has dropped his hands—he could do no more. One sailor said: 'We've stood it long enough. Tom, let's have our turn.'"

MANY TERRAPIN ARE HATCHED

Georgia Man Finds Way to Keep Species From Becoming Extinct.

Philadelphia.—At the Hotel Hanover is A. M. Barbee of Savannah, Ga., who is hatching diamond back terrapin these days, and proving that the reptile can be conserved and a supply arranged for generations to the come. This will be good news to the bon vivant, for it has been proclaimed that the finest flavored member of the terrapin family will soon be extinct.

Barbee, who has been in the business of catching and selling terrapin for twenty-three years, began to study the matter of establishing hatcheries. He has succeeded. The female terrapin has a habit of depositing about ten eggs a month. She spreads them out on the sand and gets away, leaving no further interest in her offspring. But the crows, who are as fond of terrapin as is a millionaire, swoop down upon them.

Barbee established a farm where this year he will hatch 70,000 little diamond backs.

"At this farm, which is on the Isle of Hope, about nine miles from Savannah, the terrapin go to him when he calls. When he feeds them he floods the sand piles on which they live, and when they have fed the water is drawn off. He hopes to interest the government in his plan."

PRUSSIA TO TAX BACHELORS

All Getting \$750 a Year Up Will Be Specially Assessed for Remaining Single.

Berlin.—The Prussian diet is now giving its formal official consideration to a project for taxing bachelors. The original bill has been amended so as to make the tax effective only in the case of unmarried men whose income exceeds \$750 a year.

Such men will be called upon in case the bill passes to pay a tax of from ten to twenty per cent higher than married men with corresponding incomes.

The bachelor tax will take the form of an income sur-tax. The idea of the legislators who are backing the bill is that men who have to support wives or children ought not, in justice, be compelled to pay as much toward the support of the state as men who are leading the care-free, irresponsible lives of bachelors.

The project is fathered by the conservatives of the diet and has every prospect of becoming a law.

U. S. HORSE DECLARED FIRST

Fico, Ridden by Lieutenant Adair, Leads Big Field in Broad Water Jump.

New York.—The United States won the international broad water jump at the horse show and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt won the Nata challenge cup contest for the third year in succession with his Sir James, thereby taking possession of the trophy, valued at \$850. The latter event was confined to amateurs driving their own horses attached to rigs. William P. Kearney, driving his splendid black stallion, Triumph, was given second prize, the reserve ribbon.

Fico, ridden by Lieut. H. R. Adair of the Tenth United States Cavalry, outclassed thirty-five other horses, including several foreign entries, in the first-named event by jumping eighteen feet. Second prize went to Spec, ridden by Lieut. C. H. Lebonchere of the Royal Holland Hussars, and the third to Decade, exhibited by the United States Mounted Service school.

ONE BRACELET TO AN ARM

High School Girls at Camden, N. J., Are Restricted as to Adornment.

Camden, N. J.—Girl students at the Camden high school are now prohibited from adorning themselves with more than one bracelet on each arm. This is in accordance with an edict issued by the principal, Miss Clara Burrough, and violation of the rule will result in the offending miss being sent home for the day.

Many of the girls have been wearing three or four bracelets on each arm, and the merry jingling therefrom has upset discipline and interfered with the studies to such extent that the principal limited the arm bands to two.

The new rule is the last on the list of "social conditions and manners to be upheld by the girls."

SUES DOCTOR FOR \$15,000

Seattle Jeweler Brings Action Against Physician Who Told Him He Had Cancer.

Spokane.—Because he did not die, Goldblatt, a Spokane jeweler, has brought suit against his physician, Dr. G. R. Rohr, for \$15,000. Goldblatt alleges in his complaint that Doctor Rohr told him he had cancer of the stomach. Believing that recovery was impossible and wishing to leave his property in cash, Goldblatt says he sold his jewelry business at a sacrifice he estimates at \$15,000, and waited for death to claim him. Becoming impatient at his continued presence among the living, he consulted eastern specialists and was told that he was perfectly well.

Wages Jump From \$2.65 to \$100. St. Clairsville, Ohio.—John Rothgob was making \$2.65 as a miner until gas was discovered on his seventeen-acre farm. Now his income is \$100 a day.

WHALES ARE AWED

Captain of Blubber Bark Describes Eruption of Volcano.

Portuguese Sailors Pray to the Saints and Every Form of Life in Sea or Air Vanishes—Hurricane Hits Ship.

San Francisco.—The whaling bark Gayhead, Captain Wing, which left here seven months ago on a blubber expedition in the frozen north, returned with 350 barrels of sperm oil, the product of eight whales, and an account of the volcanic eruption at Katmai in June. The Gayhead was 200 miles from the volcano at the time of the eruption. Whales were plentiful, sea birds were visible in all directions and fish, large and small, could be seen in the clear, green water.

A whale had been cut out of the school that was spouting not far from the bark, had been killed and made fast alongside the vessel. Fires had been started under the blubber kettle and the work of cutting up the whale was in full blast when a muffled explosion (that seemed to shake the universe) was heard. It was followed by six more explosions.

A few minutes later there appeared on the horizon a small, black cloud that assumed leviathan proportions as it rushed toward the Gayhead. There was wind with it, and it struck the vessel with the violence of a hurricane squall. As it hit the bark the air was filled with fine white dust, that soon covered the decks.

The blackness was on both sides of the vessel. "Black as the darkest night," is the way Captain Wing describes it. Between the two strata of black was a column of fiery yellow, bright as gold. Captain Wing, who has passed many years in the arctic and who recognizes the explosions as of volcanic origin, says that the combination of black and yellow was the strangest sight he had ever seen.

The Portuguese whalemans quit work, dropped to their knees and invoked the aid of every saint on the calendar. They were satisfied that the day of judgment had arrived. The shower of ashes and the accompanying darkness lasted for forty-eight hours.

"As the squall approached," said Captain Wing, "I noticed the whales skeddaddie. They hooked on at full speed. When the air cleared, two days later, there was not a whale in sight, nor a fish nor a fowl, nor a sign of any kind of life. It was not until the Gayhead had cruised many miles and had winged its way far out of the track of the volcanic dust that as much as a bird was seen. That cursed squall queered our cruise all right."

It was more than a month later that the people on the Gayhead learned that Katmai had been in eruption.

FATHER YIELDS LIFE FOR SON

As Tree Falls He Hurts the Boy to Safety and is Caught Himself and Crushed.

Aberdeen, Wash.—While Frank DeHart of Oakville, Ky., was pined to the ground by a tree, his seven-year-old son worked frantically to pry the immense trunk off his father's body, and, failing, ran four miles to his home to summon help. Men rushed to the spot to find DeHart lifeless.

According to the boy he and his father had stopped to rest on the bank of the river, when suddenly a large tree near which they were sitting toppled without warning.

DeHart grabbed the boy and threw him out of harm's way. His act of heroism cost him his life, and the trunk caught him across the chest.

JURORS ARE GIVEN KISSES

Wife of Defendant in Tacoma Case Embraces Women Who Returned Verdict.

Tacoma, Wash.—Hugs and kisses for three woman jurors and handshaking for the men made up the final picture in the trial of J. Matthew Murray, an attorney charged with defrauding an ignorant client. The attorney's young wife gave the kisses, and they followed a verdict of not guilty, capping the climax of a day in court made sensational by the defendant's personal appeal to the jury, in which he broke down and wept, the women on the jury doing likewise. A second charge, the result of the bar inquiry, is on the docket against Murray.

MAYOR PLANS AMUSEMENT

Philadelphia Executive Would Make Roof of the City Hall into a Summer Garden.

Philadelphia.—If the plans of Mayor Blankenburg are carried out, the roof of the Philadelphia city hall will be utilized next summer as a garden for the free use of the public. A glass awning is planned for stormy weather. There will be musical concerts evenings by the Philadelphia orchestra and the Municipal band. The entire cost of the project is to be defrayed out of the annual appropriation to the mayor's office.

CLERKS FLED INTO VAULT

Breaking Trolley Bounded Like Earthquake in Atlantic City and Workers Are Panic Stricken.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Half a dozen clerks were standing near the big vault in the Chelsea National bank in this city, discussing the earthquake. Their backs were turned toward the street. Suddenly there came a blinding flash, as though from a huge ball of fire, followed by a rumbling noise. The clerks, terror-stricken, and without waiting to investigate, took it for granted that another earthquake had visited the city, and they considered the safest place was the big vault. Into this they jumped, and, pulling the door shut, awaited developments.

They waited for a long while, but seemingly nothing happened. Then they tried to open the vault door, but could not. It was some time later when the cashier, missing the clerks and noticing that the vault door was closed, opened it, and found the young fellows nearly smothered.

A big campaign banner, water soaked from the rain, had fallen across the trolley feed wire, breaking the wire and causing the flash and explosion which the clerks noticed. The breaking of the feed wire tied up trolley traffic on the lines for nearly two hours.

BABY IS BLOWN OFF SHIP

Goat Floats on Ocean but Child Falls Out and is Drowned Before Aid Reaches Her.

Melbourne.—A dispatch to a local paper from Hobart says that a baby daughter of Mrs. Hennie Larnock was carried overboard from the deck of the steamer Adelaide and lost. The mother was wheeling the child in its carriage along the deck when some women passengers addressing her caused her to leave the handle for a moment, and during her brief absence a gust of wind filled the top of the cart and the light vehicle was whipped over the rail.

For some hundred of feet it was carried like an airship and then it somersaulted into the sea. A boat's crew was immediately lowered and the carriage was easily picked up, but the little one could not be found after several hours spent in the vicinity of the crashed mother, who had to be locked in her cabin, was compelled to proceed without her baby.

It is said that had the little one been strapped into her cart she would very likely have been saved, for the wooden carriage would have kept her afloat until the ship's boat would have reached her.

ROW OVER PASTOR'S VOTE

Popularity Contest Brings Charge of Padded Returns at Woodbury, N. J.

Woodbury, N. J.—Among the congregation of the three colored churches in this city there has been for some time a good deal of controversy as to which had the most popular pastor.

Finally it was decided to put the matter to a test vote, each voter contributing five cents for the work of the three churches. The contest closed the other night, and as the exciting count concluded trouble was precipitated which may go somewhat further.

According to the count Rev. Mr. Groves had 1,140 votes; Rev. Mr. Harris, 840, and Rev. Mr. Hersey, 377. Pastor Harris at once accused Pastor Groves, the high man, of padding the returns by buying \$25 worth of votes with his own money at the last minute. Pastor Groves sniffed and said he had the votes all the time and withheld them to the last merely to see how far his opponents would go. Pastor Harris now claims that he has 1,400 votes, and a recount may be asked.

SOUBRETTIE IS A TEACHER

Budapest Council Decides Stage Life Need Not Bar a Girl From School Work.

Budapest.—That a soubrette is not necessarily an improper person to teach school has just been decided by the school authorities of Budapest. Fraulein Sari Peresel, a beautiful young teacher in the Budapest Girl's school, spent her hours when not in school fitting herself for the stage. She recently was given an engagement in a Budapest theater as soubrette. She asked the school authorities' permission to continue teaching her class in the daytime until she gave her new career a trial for one year. Strong opposition was raised. A conference between the school authorities and the city fathers finally decided that a soubrette, when as capable as Fraulein Peresel, was not improper as a teacher.

MAN STEALS POLICE STOVE

Kansas City (Kan.) Trusty Sells a Station Heater for 59 Cents—Is Fined.

Kansas City, Mo.—John Jones, a negro trusty at No. 3 police station in Kansas City, Kan., was fined \$200 in police court for stealing the station stove, wheeling it to a junk shop in the station wheelbarrow and selling it for 59 cents. In addition to the fine John was sentenced to wheel the stove back to the station and set it in place again.

"I see that you cannot be trusted," said the judge in imposing sentence, and he cautioned the workhouse guards to see that John did not soil his ball and chain.