

## GROWING TALLER.

American Girls Are, It is Said, Increasing in Stature Every Year  
—Reason Therefor.

It has become a familiar spectacle at fashionable weddings of late to see the fair bride towering several inches above the bridegroom, and sometimes forced to gaze weekly at the crown of his head.

This was the case with Mrs. Davis Hennem Morris, Mrs. George Vanderbilt, Marie Churchill, the countess of Craven, and Miss Whitney, and was a fashion also set by the young duchess of Marlborough, who was an inch taller than her English lord.

It is a decided reversal of the old order of things and has given rise to no end of speculation and comment.

That women are growing taller with startling rapidity is shown by the testimony of the representatives of the women's colleges.

Dean Smith of Barnard college, said that, while it was her fixed conviction that the average height of the American girl had much increased during the last score of years, Barnard, unfortunately, has no gymnasium and therefore she could give no statistics.

"But," added Dean Smith, "Brynn Mawr has kept a most comprehensive and accurate set of statistics on this point, and the physical culture charts at this college prove beyond contradiction that the American girl is to-day at least two or three inches taller than she was 20 years ago."

"The exercises would doubtless have a tendency to increase the height of women," said Dr. Smith. "I shall watch this growth in stature in the future with a great deal of interest."

The fashionable tailors and modistes one and all say that the increase in height of the American girl is marked. Said Mr. Samuel Haas, of 19 West Thirty-first street:

"There is a marked increase in the height of our patrons, particularly noticeable among the younger women—debutantes and young women in their second and third seasons. It is not at all uncommon for us to take measures of a young woman who is five feet ten inches, and an absolutely perfect figure, according to the proportions called artistic."

"I notice the increase in stature is apparent in the younger women."

## AS USUAL, LOVE FOUND A WAY

Romance Began in Germany Culminates in a Chicago Wedding.

Ethel Schwaan was a romantic maid of a dozen years in the little town of Druisburg, Germany. There lived in the town of Druisburg a young man named Carl Redlinger. He was years older than she, and he scarcely noticed her, but she adored him. He was her hero. When he came to America a few years ago she mourned a long time in secret. But the years passed and she never heard from him, and then, through the shifting of fortune, she, too, set sail for the United States.

This was a year ago. All the way over she had been thinking of her lost hero. She wondered if he were still as good and noble as ever. She had heard that he had settled in a small town in Illinois, but she didn't know where.

Then Miss Schwaan did some hard thinking. She sat down and wrote a letter, addressing it to Carl Redlinger, Elgin. On the outside of the envelope she wrote: "Please return if not called for in ten days." Then she wrote another letter and addressed it to Carl Redlinger, Bloomington, with the same instructions on the envelope. Every day she wrote one or more of these letters, all addressed to Carl Redlinger and each directed to a different town. Every day she got letters back, and so the months went by until one day August Carl Redlinger walked into her home at 139 Orchard street, Chicago.

The wedding that took place at the Schwan residence tells the rest of the story, and the young couple left the next morning for their farm at Rockport, Ill.

## MUST WEAR UNIFORMS.

Naval Chaplains on Duty Must Wear a Distinctive Dress Which Is Being Designed.

Secretary Long has determined to end the anomalous condition presented on shipboard by the appearance of regular naval chaplains without a distinctive uniform and has accordingly appointed a board of officers consisting of Commodore F. J. Higgins, Capt. John Schouler, and Chaplains W. O. Holway, D. H. Tribon and W. F. Morrison to devise an appropriate costume.

There was a time when naval chaplains wore a uniform that marked their military character while not concealing their clerical occupation, but this distinctive dress was abolished and now the "sky pilots," as the jacks call their spiritual advisers, wear what clothes they please on ship and off. Although chaplains have relative rank and title, ranking from lieutenant to captain, they are the only officers of the service who do not wear uniforms.

Even the pay clerks, who are rated as civilians, wear the undress uniform of the regular officers.

New Way to Arrest Bleeding.

By the electric hemostat of Lawson Tait bleeding is arrested without the use of a ligature. It is practically a pair of forceps for nipping the artery, but the forceps contain a platinum wire heated by electricity, and the compressed artery is cauterized in a few seconds, thus preventing further escape of blood.

## Pay in the Japanese Navy.

A Japanese admiral receives, by current ordinance, 6,000 silver dollars a year, a vice admiral 4,000, while first and second-class captains get 2,496 and 2,263, respectively.

## IT CHANGES THE MAP.

Birth of New Republic of United States of Central America.

Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras Unite in a Central Form of Government—Constitution Patterned After That of United States.

A complete transformation of the geography of Central America has occurred by the birth of a new republic, the United States of Central America, and the disappearance of the republics Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras, except as states of the new union. As indicating the dignity and importance of the United States of Central America, it is pointed out that its population of about 2,000,000, an area of about 110,000 square miles, a great stretch of seacoast on the Atlantic and Pacific, and the site of the Nicaragua canal through which commerce will ultimately pass from ocean to ocean.

A federal form of government is adopted, the boundary lines of the state being continued as heretofore, except as changed by each ceding one department to form a federal district, similar to the District of Columbia, where the seat of federal government is to be located. This ceded district surrounds the Gulf of Fonseca on the Pacific side, and the capital is located temporarily at Amatapala on the Tigre island, lying in the Gulf of Fonseca. The capital will remain here until the congress of the new republic selects a permanent site for it.

The constitution provides for a president, elected for four years by the direct vote of the people, with a provision against immediate reelection. The president is made the commander in chief of the army and navy, and his functions are much in line with those of the president of the United States. The presidential election occurs the first Sunday in December, and at the same time representatives to the new house of representatives will be elected.

The legislative power is given to a congress of two houses, the senate being made up of six senators from each state and three from the federal district, while the house of representatives has one representative for each 30,000 inhabitants. This makes a senate of 21 members and a house of about 70 members. The congress meets March 1 next, the inauguration of the president following on the 15th.

The federal judiciary provided by the constitution is patterned after the system of the United States, and, indeed, throughout the constitution there is a close resemblance to the systems in this country.

The governments of Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras become states, their present presidents giving way to governors. The states retain control over affairs of a purely local character, and have legislatures and direct local affairs, much as the states in this country control their local affairs.

Heirs TO GET A BIG ESTATE.

A Fortune of Over \$5,000,000 to Be Received by Pennsylvanians.

Alfred Loy, of Reading, Pa., left for Colman, in Alsace-Lorraine, to look after an estate said to amount to 53,000,000 francs, in which some hundred persons in Berks and Lehigh counties are interested. The heirs say this is not one of the many European estates existing only in the minds of men who work upon the credibility of the alleged heirs, but that in this case they have letters from German government officials assuring them that the vast property is awaiting the rightful owners.

The heirs tell quite a romantic story in connection with this inheritance. It is said that, while the estate in this section of the country is known as the Rupp estate, it is in reality that of Henry Von Peterholz of Alsace-Lorraine, who died in that country more than a century ago. He had a daughter, Ursula, an only child, who fell in love with one George Rupp in 1750. Her parents opposed this match because Rupp was not her social equal, but the young couple ignored the objections of the girl's parents, eloped, were married and coming to this country, settled at Chapman's Station, Lehigh county, where they died in 1806 and 1807 respectively. It is the descendants of the runaway couple who now claim the estate in Alsace-Lorraine, and they have raised a large sum to carry on the investigation.

ECONOMY OF CANALS.

Consul Writes That Germany Has Discovered the Secret of Cheap Freight Rates.

Consul Monahan, at Chemnitz, has been making a series of special reports to the state department on the utilization of natural water powers and canals in Germany. He gives some figures to demonstrate the economy of the system practiced there, particularly in the reduction of freight rates, and says the importance of canalization to an industrial country need hardly be mentioned. With two canals now under construction completed, cheap transportation is possible to all parts of the empire. The results have always more than justified the expenditures, "and," says the consul, "the Kaiser's recent remarks that the empire's future is on the water is an encouragement to the canal builders."

One of the reports deals with the question of electric transmission of power derived from mountain water-course.

Output of Sewing Machines.

More than 500,000 sewing machines are made every year in the United States, being nine-tenths of those made on the globe. About 200,000 persons are employed in this industry.

## CURED STUDENTS OF HAZING.

Mayor of a Southern Town Took the Law in His Own Hands and Gave Them a Flogging.

Mayo W. C. Jemison, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., has taken upon himself to break up hazing in the University of Alabama, says the Atlanta Journal. And he has started in this purpose in a most forcible and determined manner. He visited the university the other night and severely flogged several of the students who participated in the hazing of his son, Allen Jemison, who was recently put through the university mill.

The mayor's son was recently entered in the university. The boy promptly proceeded to administer to Allen the dose that has been accorded to the new cadets—a substantial "buckling." Being embarrassed and distressed at the treatment, young Jemison left the institution. He returned, however, after a lapse of a week, and was welcomed back with another "bucking." The young man, it appears, returned home and reported the occurrence to his father, whereupon the elder Jemison, who is an alumnus of the institution, equipped himself with a horsewhip and went to the cadet barracks after midnight, after the boys had retired. According to the accounts he went straight to the room of the three cadets who had been most severe on his son and called them out upon the stoop. They were in their night clothes, which were built of thin material, and it is said the mayor's cruel whip stained the clinging garments well with blood. The mayor is credited with having executed the most approved job of hazing that has been known at the university in many a day.

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GIRLS FIGHT A BRIDEGEROM.

He Had Jilted One of Them and Received a Severe Beating at Her Hands.

One suit of clothes is generally enough for a bridegroom on his wedding day. George Dascam, a boss carpenter of Orange, N. J., needed two suits of clothes and a tuxedo for his wedding. The bridegroom, however, had arrayed himself with a horsewhip and went to the bride barracks after midnight, after the boys had retired. According to the accounts he went straight to the room of the three cadets who had been most severe on his son and called them out upon the stoop. They were in their night clothes, which were built of thin material, and it is said the mayor's cruel whip stained the clinging garments well with blood. The mayor is credited with having executed the most approved job of hazing that has been known at the university in many a day.

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ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE.

Vente de Propriété de Valeur dans le Septième District.

Mme Martha L. Grunberg vs Mme Anna M. Echde.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA PAROISSE D'ORLEANS—No 57,124.—En vertu d'un writ de saisie et vente à moi adressé par l'École Civile de District pour la Paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessous intitulée, je procéderai à la vente à l'enchère publique, à la Bourse des Encanteurs No 840 rue Carondelet et Baronne, dans le District de cette ville, le JEUDI, 8 décembre 1898 à midi, des propriétés ci-après décrites, à savoir:

1. Huit lots de terrains avec les améliorations qui s'y trouvent, situés dans le Septième District de la Paroisse d'Orléans dans l'îlot 123 borné par les rues Zimpel, Burdette, Troisième Avenue et la rue Carondelet, lot No 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, au sud de la rue A. Bourboué, le 2 février 1871; lots 11 et 12 mesurant chacun trente pieds de face sur la rue Plumb, par une profondeur de cent vingt pieds, lot No 13 formant l'enclosure des rues Plumb et Burdette.

2. Huit lots de terrains ensemble dans le Septième District de la Paroisse d'Orléans dans l'îlot 155, borné par les rues Zimpel, Burdette, Troisième Avenue et la rue Carondelet, lot No 123 borné par les rues Zimpel, Burdette, Troisième Avenue et la rue Carondelet, dans l'affaire ci-dessous intitulée, je procéderai à la vente à l'enchère publique, à la Bourse des Encanteurs No 840 rue Carondelet et Baronne, dans le District de cette ville, le JEUDI, 29 décembre 1898 à midi, des propriétés ci-après décrites, à savoir:

Quatre lots de terre ensemble avec toutes les bâties et améliorations qui s'y trouvent, situés dans le Septième District de la Paroisse d'Orléans dans l'îlot 155 borné par les rues Zimpel, Burdette, Troisième Avenue et la rue Carondelet, lot No 123, borné par les rues Camp, Chestnut, Harmony et Pleasant, désigné par les numéros 1 à 4 à quinze pieds de profondeur, et les numéros 5 à 8 à vingt pieds de profondeur, lot No 13 formant l'enclosure des rues Plumb et Burdette.

3. Deux lots de terrains ensemble dans le Septième District de la Paroisse d'Orléans dans l'îlot 155, borné par les rues Zimpel, Burdette, Troisième Avenue et la rue Carondelet, lot No 123, borné par les rues Zimpel, Burdette, Troisième Avenue et la rue Carondelet, dans l'affaire ci-dessous intitulée, je procéderai à la vente à l'enchère publique, à la Bourse des Encanteurs No 840 rue Carondelet et Baronne, dans le District de cette ville, le JEUDI, 29 décembre 1898 à midi, des propriétés ci-après décrites, à savoir:

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