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WEAT THE BUTLER MISSED!

I would like to acknowledge the help of my children, Larry and Charlotte, in the research for this book, and also my wife, who, when I told her I had been searching for the right word for two weeks said "How about 'fortnight'?"

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*(This is the shortest introduction possible, a five-letter word, in order to leave room on the page for the lady. Anything shorter could only be a four-letter word, and that would not be suitable for a book of such a jolly nature.)

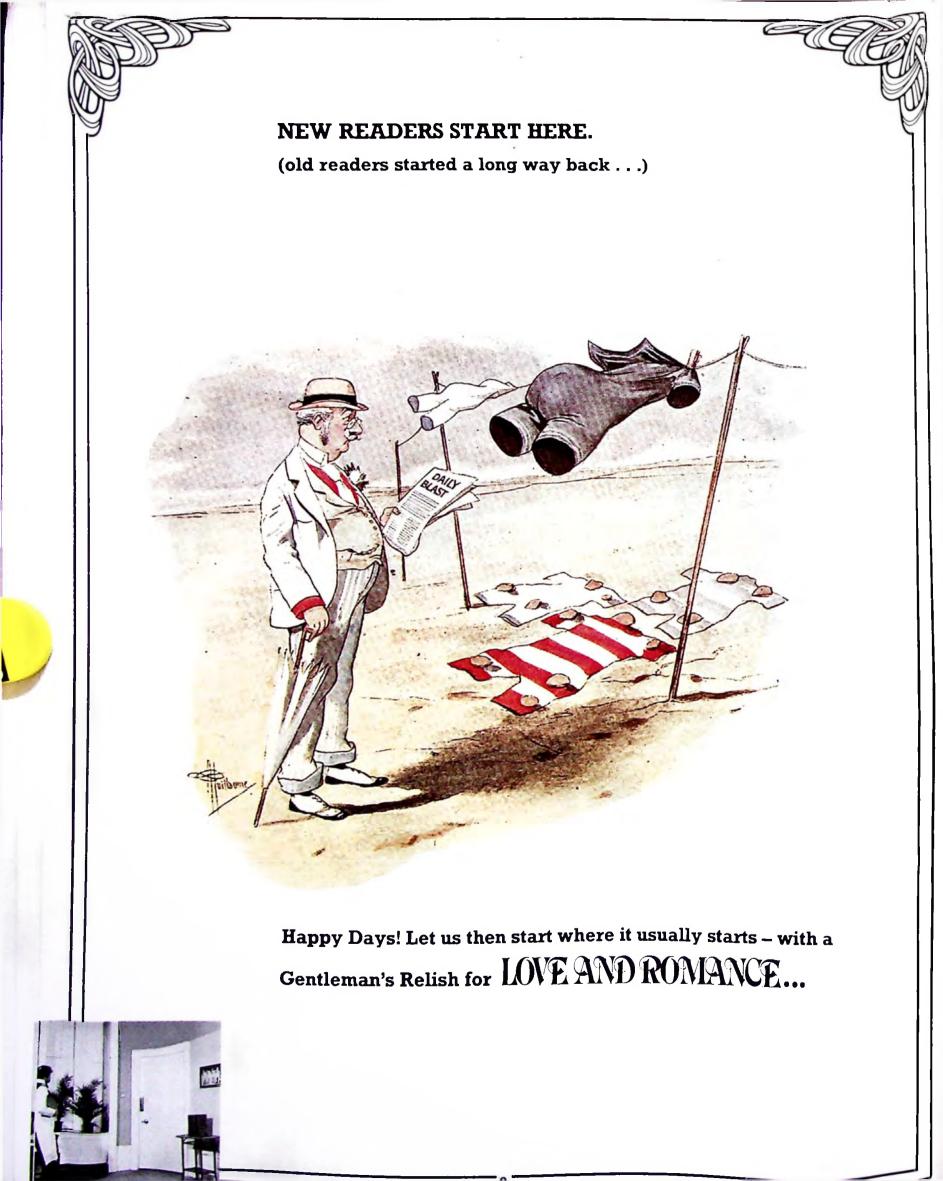
ARELISHFORTHELADIES

The "Gentleman's Relish" of the title is usually understood to refer to a rather piquant sandwich-filling, very popular with our grandfathers – and indeed, the front cover of this book offers us a very charming sandwich; two of our grandfathers, sandwiching someone else's grandmother.

The ladies, God bless them, provide the filling of the sandwich throughout this book – some light and mouth-watering, some humble and home-cooked, some delicate, some distinctly meaty; some, I hope, to suit every taste. Like its companion volume, *Sauce*, published recently, *Gentleman's Relish* is crammed with bygone pictures; charming, grotesque, exciting, and comic (perhaps in itself a description of Woman with a capital W). When presented at table, Gentleman's Relish was served with varieties of toast; when presented here, only one toast will serve – "The Ladies".

How delightful they are - and how necessary. After all, what self-respecting man would think of marrying anything else?

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A Relish Fore. LOVE AND ROMANCE

"Love – what a volume in a word! An ocean in a tear! A seventh heaven in a glance! A whirlwind in a sigh! The lightning in a touch!" and sometimes, I might add (to Tupper's immortal, though seldom quoted words) "a storm in a tea-cup!"; and of course, not everybody's cup of tea. But the pictures on this and the following pages are drawn with such loving care that there can be no doubt as to the artists' leanings. The little tree in the drawing below seems to be made up entirely of apples, waiting to be picked. Is that why the girl is standing beneath it? For love and romance is all about picking and being picked – the lady weaving the silken web of delights with eyes, lips, and fingers; the man (to use the terms of the Army chap below) skirmishing round the objective with a view to an attack, but ready to withdraw should the ground prove unsuitable (He's at it again, seen through the mirror in the top picture).

Because it is mostly Man's nature to avoid being captured before he is ready. It is the woman who lays the table and serves the meal – it is the man who eats it, and then tries to leave without paying the bill.

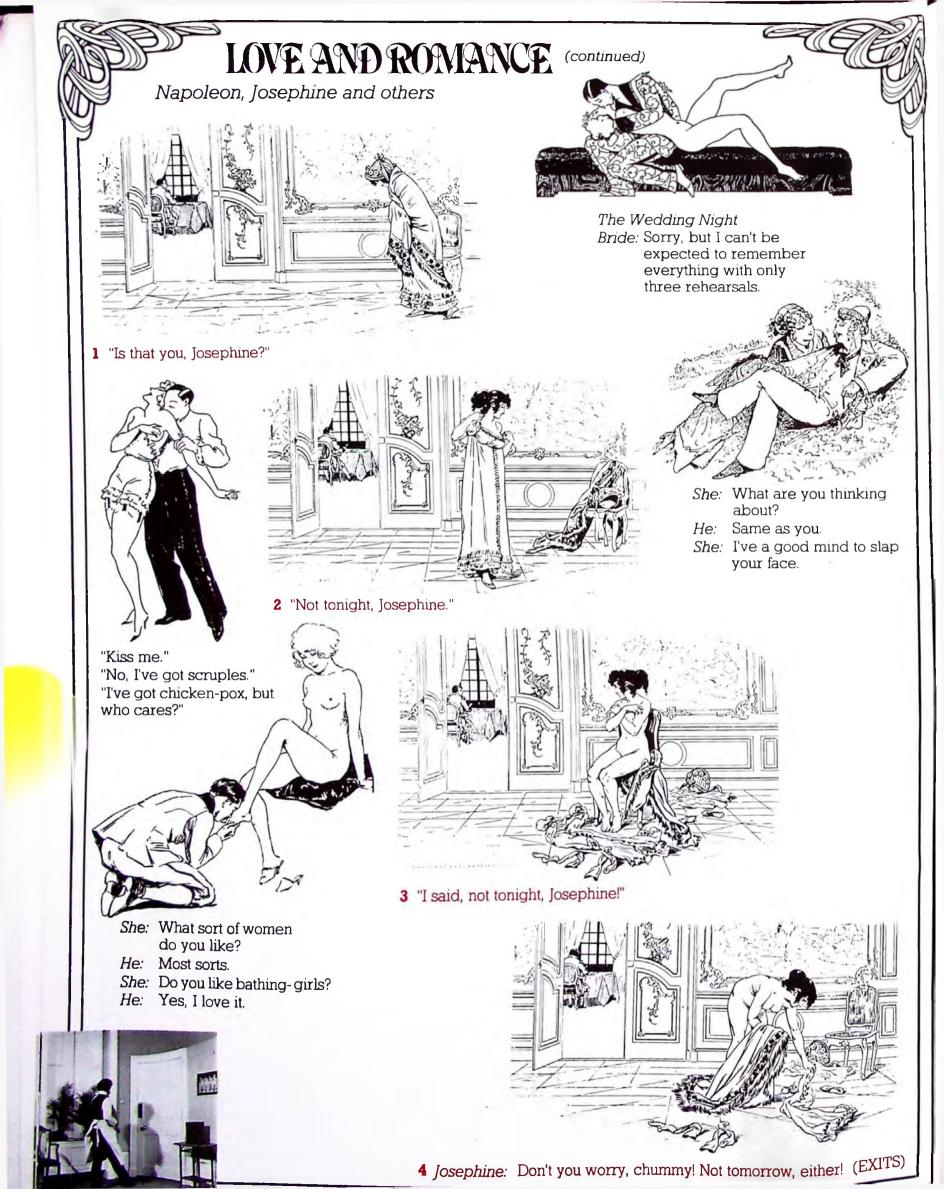
The army officer who addressed his troops before a battle as follows, must merely have been passing on his own recipe for life. He said:

"Now listen, men. You have a tough battle before you. Fight like heroes until your ammunition runs out – then run like Hell. I'm a bit lame, so I'm going to start now." He could only have been a bachelor.

But I'll wager some woman caught up with him!

Engaged.

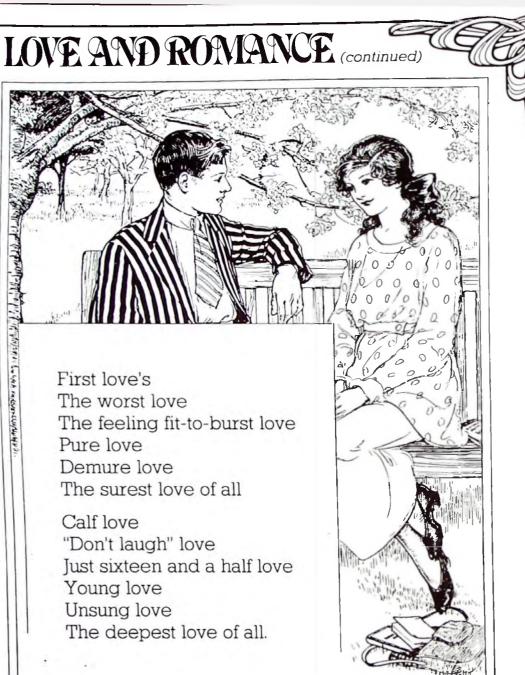


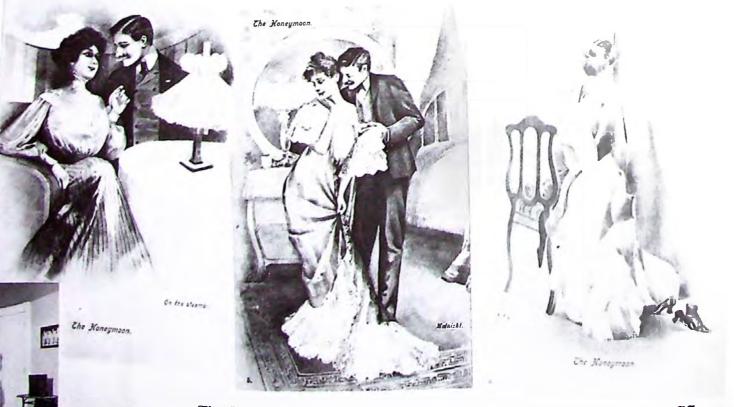




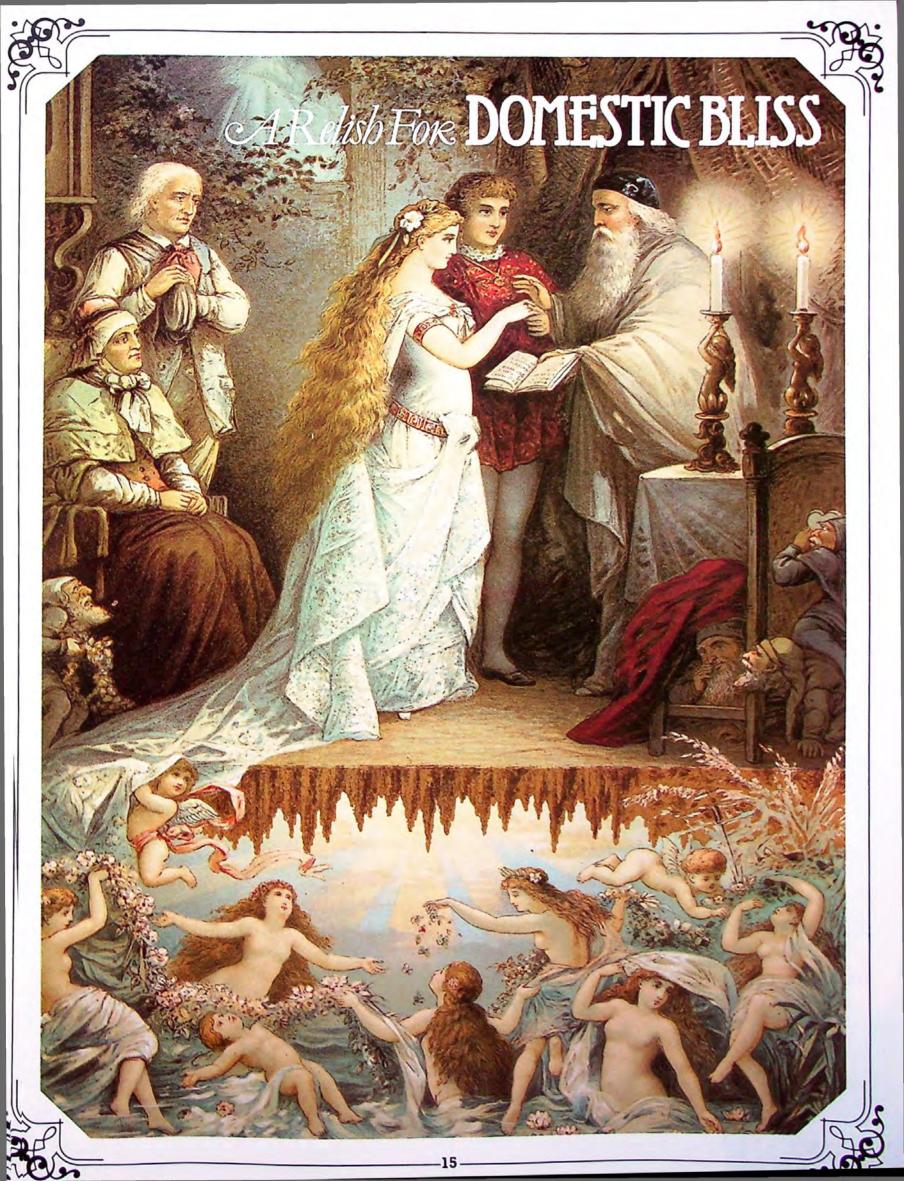


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The Honeymoon – which, of course, takes us to DOMESTIC BLISS ...





ARelishFore DOMESTIC BLISS

"Love makes the world go round. Marriage makes it go flat." Bernard Shaw (no, that's not him above, although it looks like him) couldn't have put it more plainly. But this isn't a plain book, and I beg to disagree with his revered bones.

A bachelor has no-one to share his troubles with. Admittedly, he hasn't got as many troubles. Nevertheless, throughout life's trials and tribulations, it is an immense relief to have a wife by your side, and occasionally in other places. What bliss to hear a voice suddenly pipe out "John, there's something in this bed!" "Good gracious, what is it?" "Me!"

> Not only a wife, but a home. That haven which you leave early in the morning, and arrive at early in the evening, too tired to enjoy: content to flop into an

> > armchair and listen to your wife telling you what an enjoyable time she has had in it. That rallying-place of the affections, that seat of all comfort and that constant source of expense.

> > > All summed up by the man who answered the door to a tramp.

"Excuse me, sir," said the tramp, "have you any old clothes?"

"As a matter of fact, I have," said the man. "What do you do with them?" enquired the tramp, hopefully.

"I fold them carefully and hang them over a chair every night, and then in the morning I brush them, and put them on again."

Here following, some of the pros and cons of domesticity.



Few Domestic Pearls



"How much are your lace collars?" "Two for half-a-crown, Madam." "And how much is one?" "One and sixpence." "I'll take the other one."

"Oh yes, the new vicar is wonderful – he really brings things home to you that you never saw before."

"Oh – rather like the laundryman."

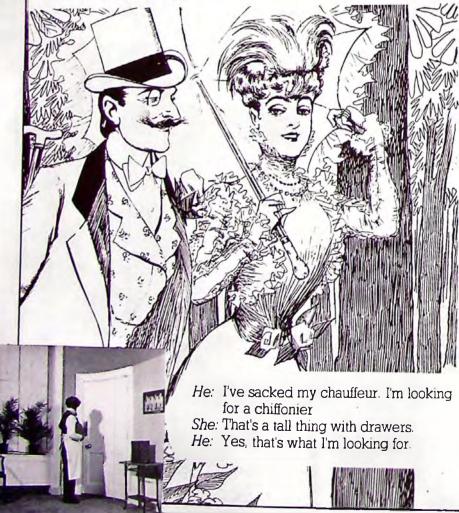


"I don't intend to have more than three children. "Why not?"

"I've been told that every fourth child born into the world is Chinese."



A Domestic Pearl.



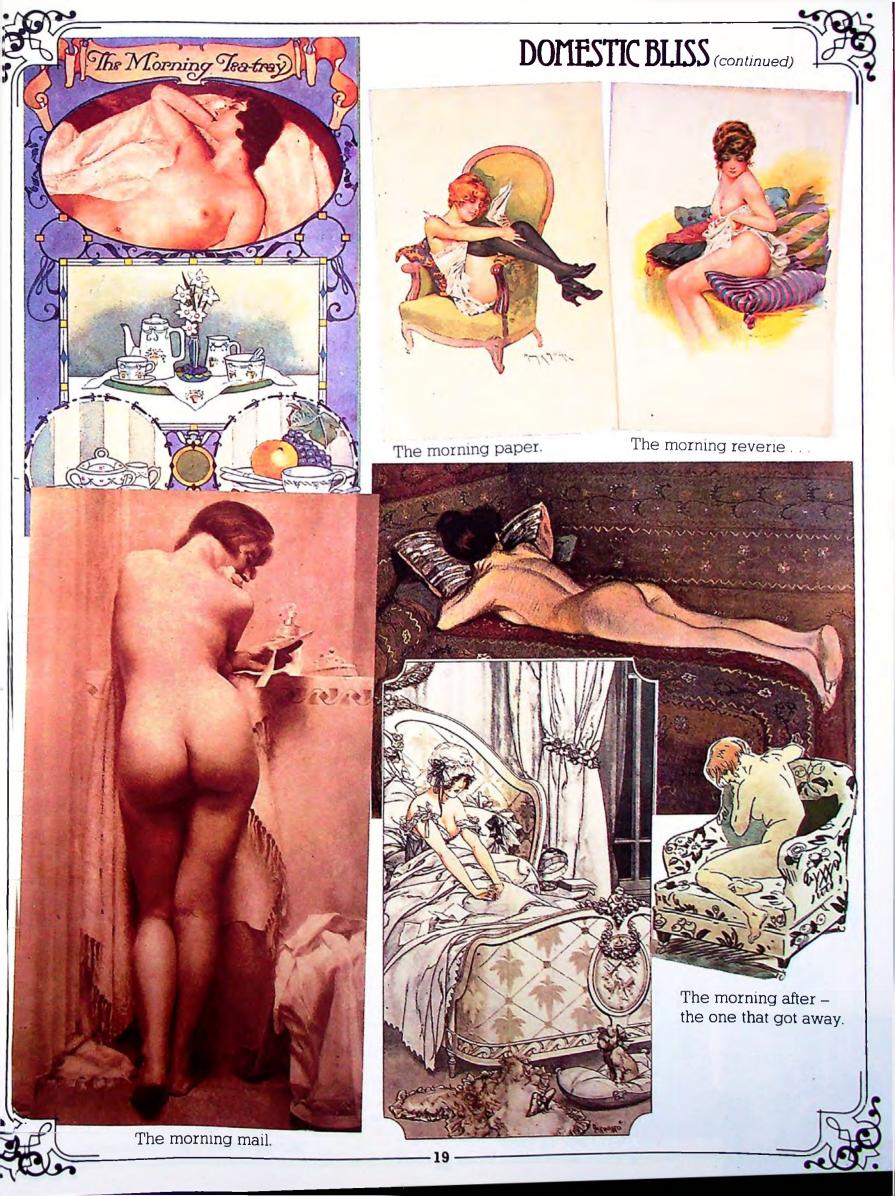


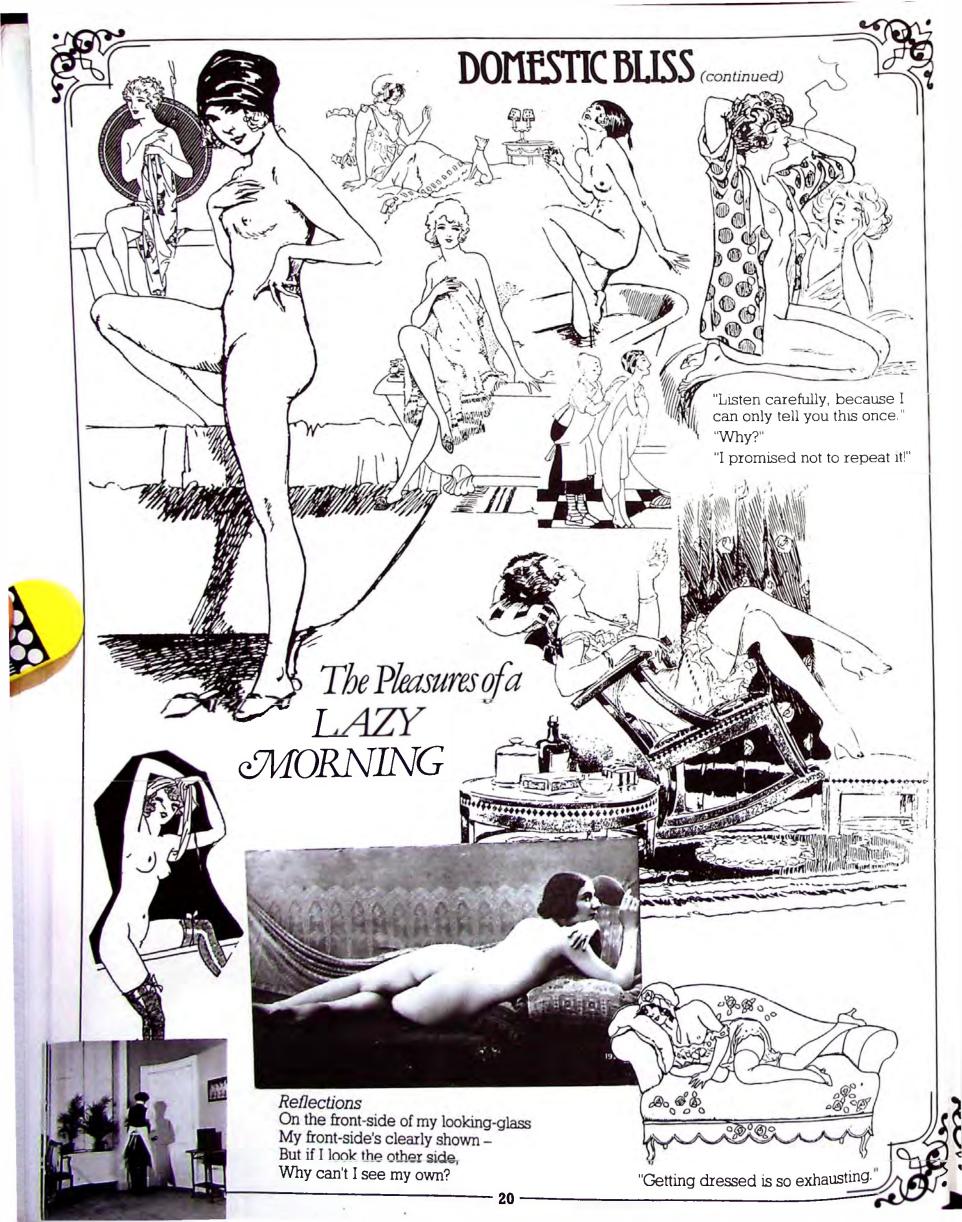
"She wouldn't marry me on account of my family." "Your family?"

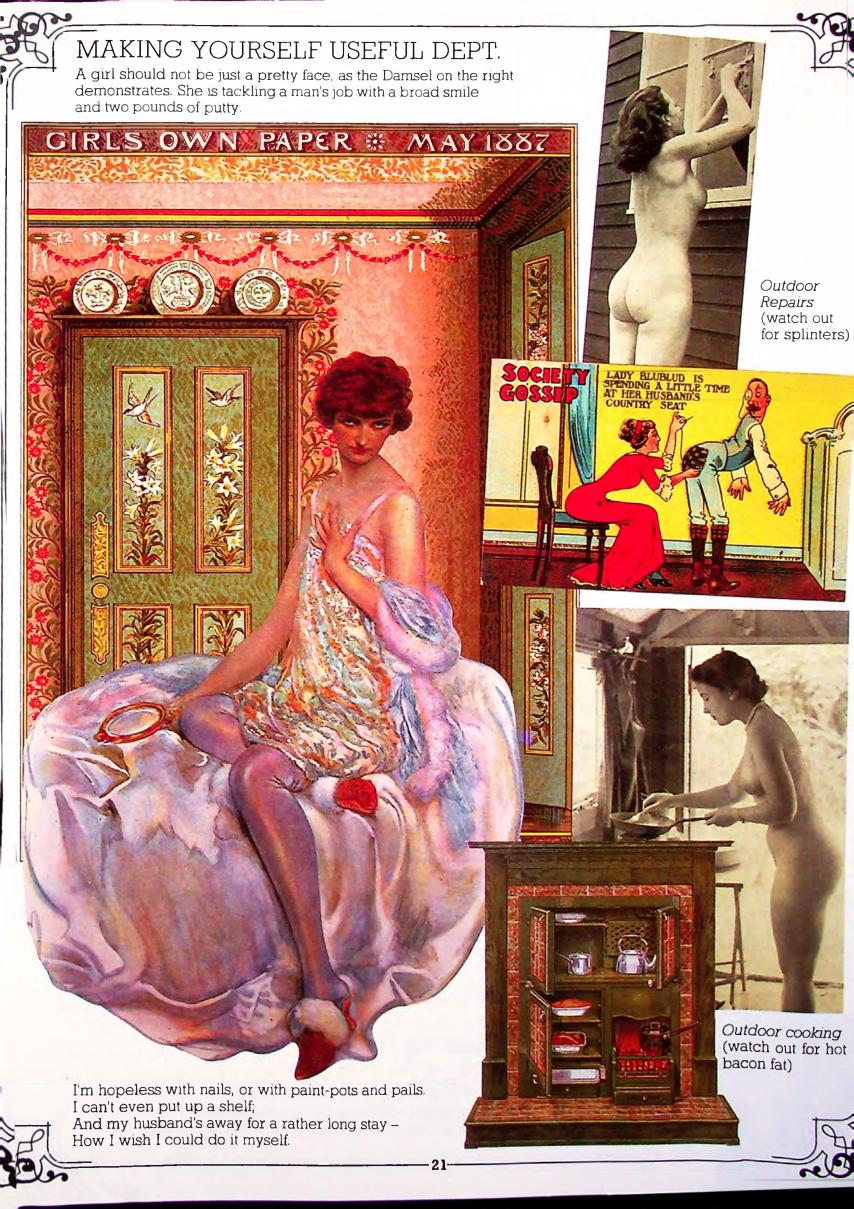
"Yes – a wife and four children."



He: I've made up my mind to stay in. She: Hard luck: I've made up my face to go out.





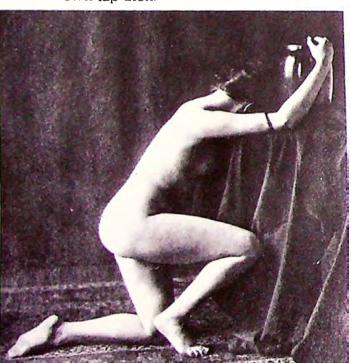




He: Yes, I am! She:Oh well - go and sit on your own lap then.



When a man and a woman marry, they become one. The question is, which one?



DOMESTIC TRAGEDY -RUN OUT OF TEA, AND IT'S EARLY CLOSING!

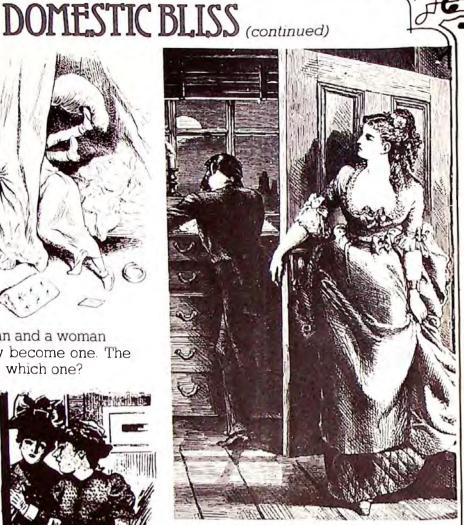
DOMESTIC DRAMAS





"Doctors say hard work never killed anyone, but who wants to prove it?"

Incompatibility between husband and wife tends to become acute when he has no income and she has lost her pattability.

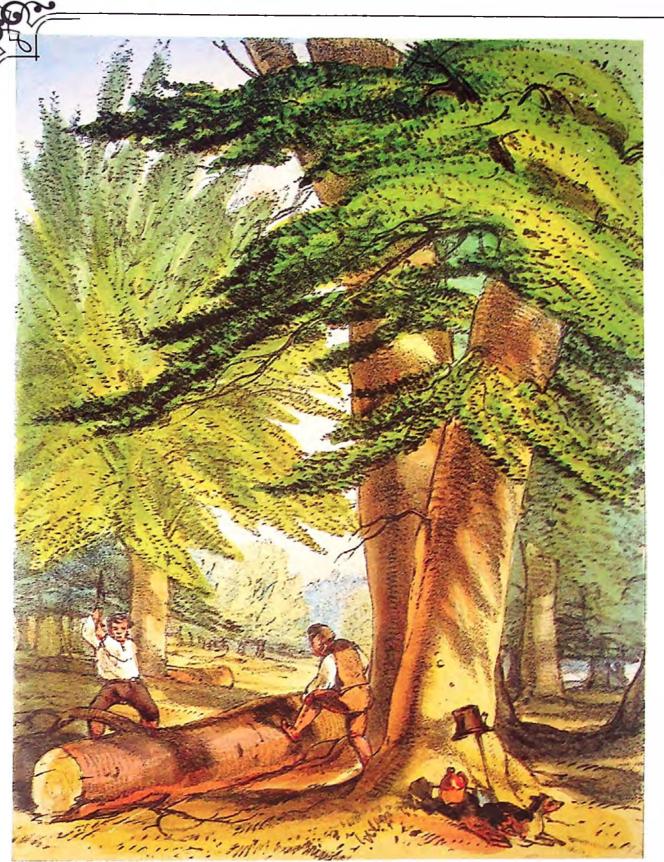


The woman who often wondered where her husband went to in the evenings – then one night, she came home early, and there he was.



"And where's your brother Johnny?"

"He's in bed with a bump on his head" "Good gracious. What happened?" "Johnny and I were seeing who could lean out of the window the farthest, and Johnny won."

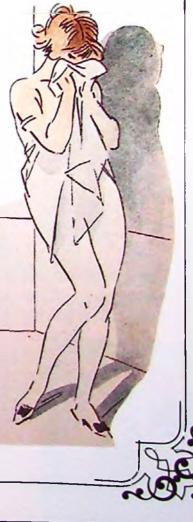


The language of love

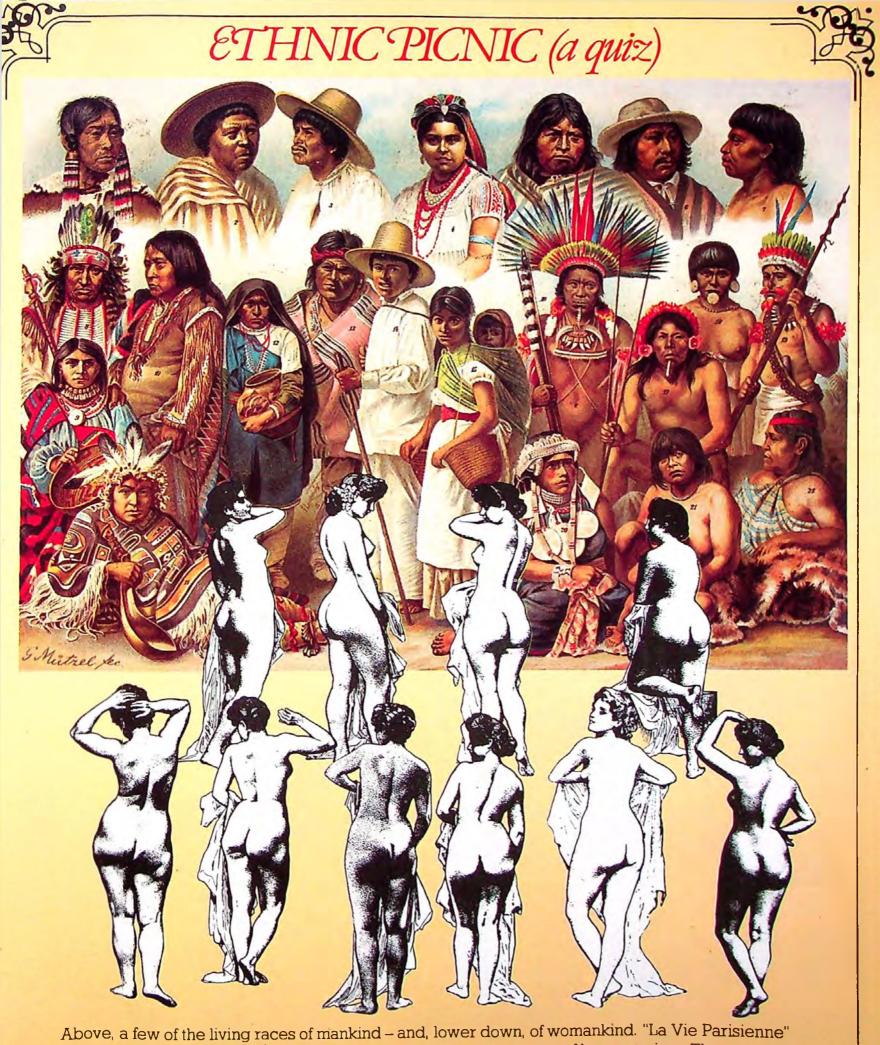
Young William: Fur ar tis un umpt oo be gurtin ye dingby me an fur madle to up pars toot git marrid satdy.

Old Garge: Oh, woy?

Young William: Be scrantin me grubs fur darn thold mosin clern wi Betty, an her baist copt an anglin ben sertan thold pudden club.

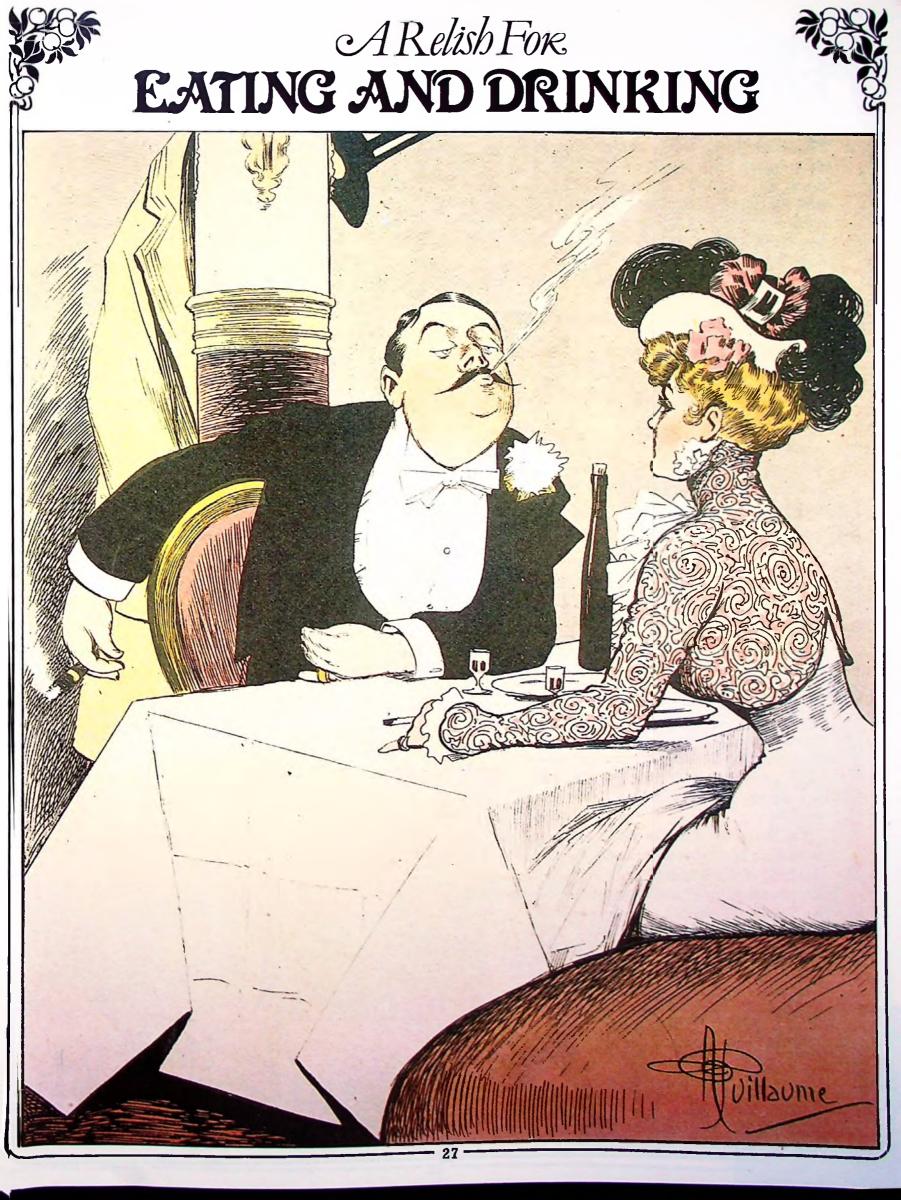






Above, a few of the living races of mankind – and, lower down, of womankind. "La Vie Parisienne" held that it is possible to tell the nationality of a lady by the contours of her rear view. The question is, which base is based in which place? The above countries are here represented:— FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, BRITAIN, GERMANY, ITALY, AMERICA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, and GREECE. Can you recognise any of them? Score one point for each correct answer, or ten points for not bothering.





A Relish For. EATING AND DRINKING

There are three things which most men do – which they seem always to have done, and perhaps always will do: and two of them are eating and drinking. (The third one is smoking, see right.) They are severally a comfort, a habit, a way of life, a means of continuing to live.

Pleasures, of course; pleasures attacked from all sides (sometimes quite rightly). Dieticians tell us we all eat too much – but it must be remembered that eating brings enormous pleasure to a number of enormous people.

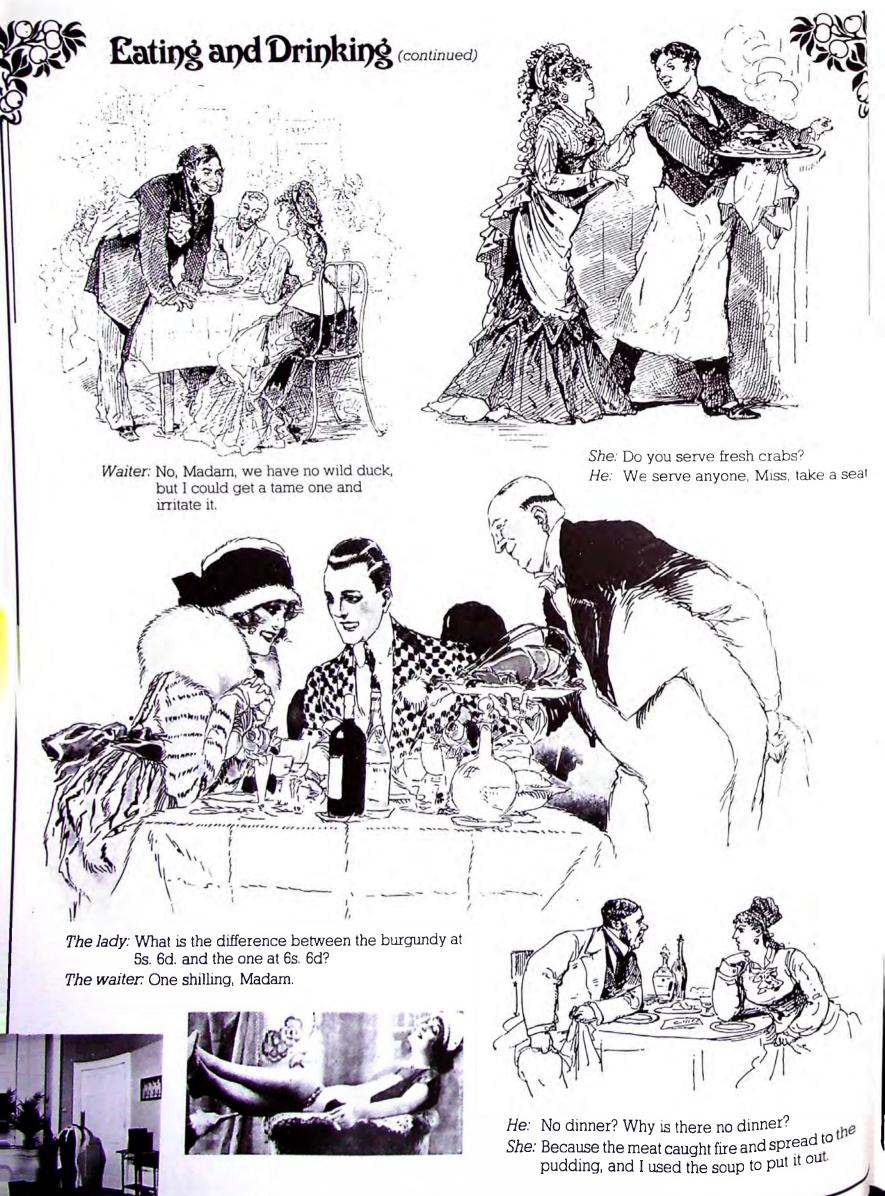
Drinking, condemned since before the invention of the bottle, and the subject of countless quotations ("Work is the curse of the drinking classes" is my favourite); and smoking, ridiculed succinctly by the expression "A fire on one end, a fool on the other." Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen, is believed first to have said this – although she may have been referring to something else.

Nevertheless, the men and girls on the following pages seem to be enjoying themselves; the bottom girl on this page (you'll know the one I mean) appears to be positively wallowing in a mountain of the fruits of nature – although maybe she has simply lost an ear-ring.

But there is no doubt about the pleasure those two ice-creams are bringing – or the promise of the champagne in the cooler – or the satisfaction of the Eastern Gentleman with the long hookah.



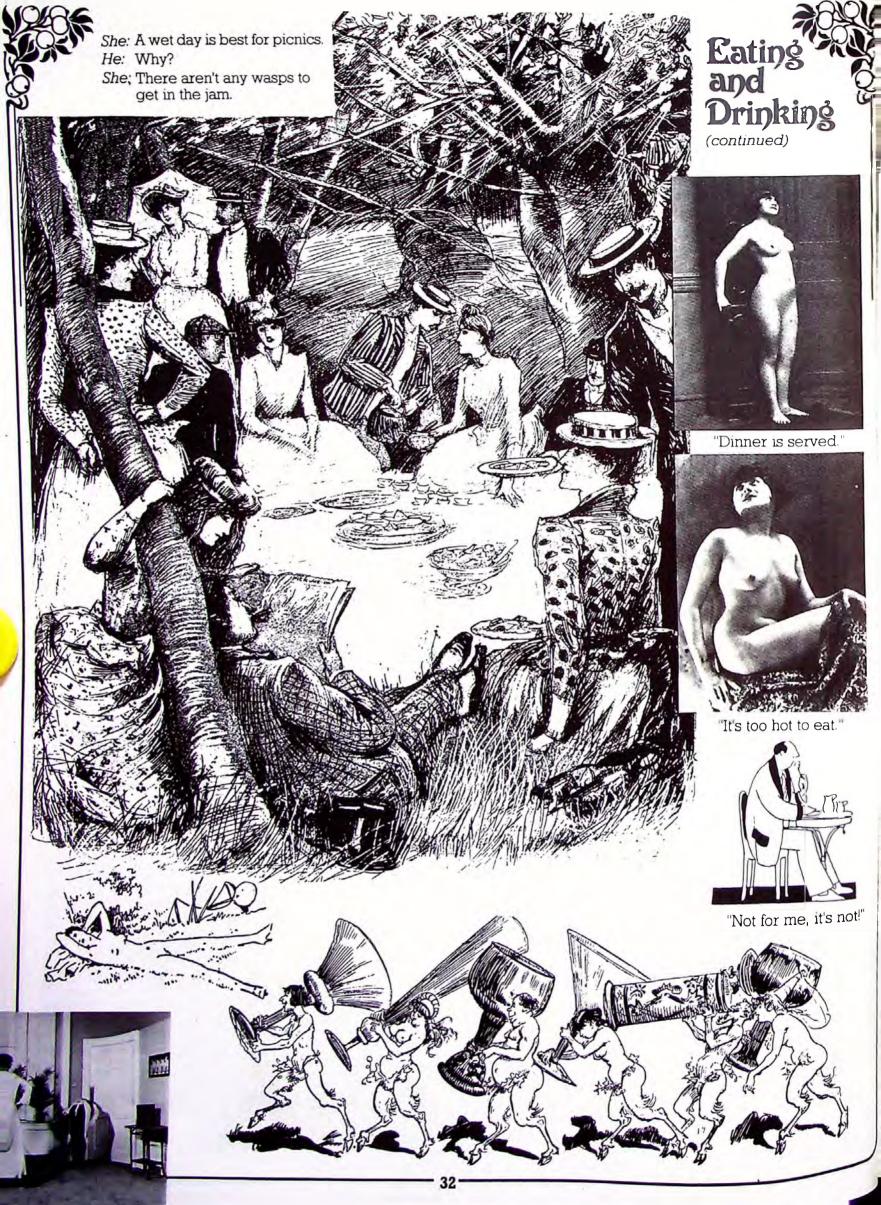






"That was the last course? But Lady Bedwell – what happened to the Pâté à la Russe?" "Why, Mr Gorge, we had that yesterday!"

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Eating and Drinking (continued)

WINE, AND TOBACCO, AND LOVE

Young Cupid stands poised for his next naughty deed With his constant companions, the Grape and the Weed. The one with the other they go, hand in glove The pleasures of wine, and tobacco, and love.

On their own, they're enjoyed from Havana to Hull But, like soup, without salt they are wholesome but dull; And a Latin in Luton would tell the same story, The pleasures of Vino, Tobacco, Amore. In France they import their tobacco, it's true – (Of the threesome, they claim to have fathered but two). So to Paris we turn for the thrill, the allure, The pleasures of Vin, et Tabac, et L'amour.

How sad that these pleasures, so fleeting and frail, Can end up distorted, diluted and pale And our dreams, once delightful, now doleful and drear, Boil down to our fags, and the Missus, and beer.

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Eating and Drinking (continued)

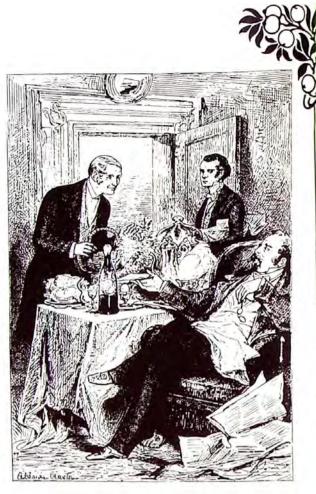
THOUGHTS AT TWILIGHT

Now when tranquil Hesper glances mutely through my window-pane Longing thoughts and wistful fancies thrill my spirit once again And a phantom dinner-table greets my vision – snowy white As I don my suit of sable, in the tender evening light.

While Apollo's horses wander out beyond the western sky Let me sit awhile and ponder; will the wine be truly dry? Ah! though time is ever bringing added cares to line my brow, All the day my heart keeps singing – "Salmon is in season now."

See! The silver moon is gleaming; birds are still, and lilies droop. And I'm doubting – hoping – dreaming – will they give us turtle soup?



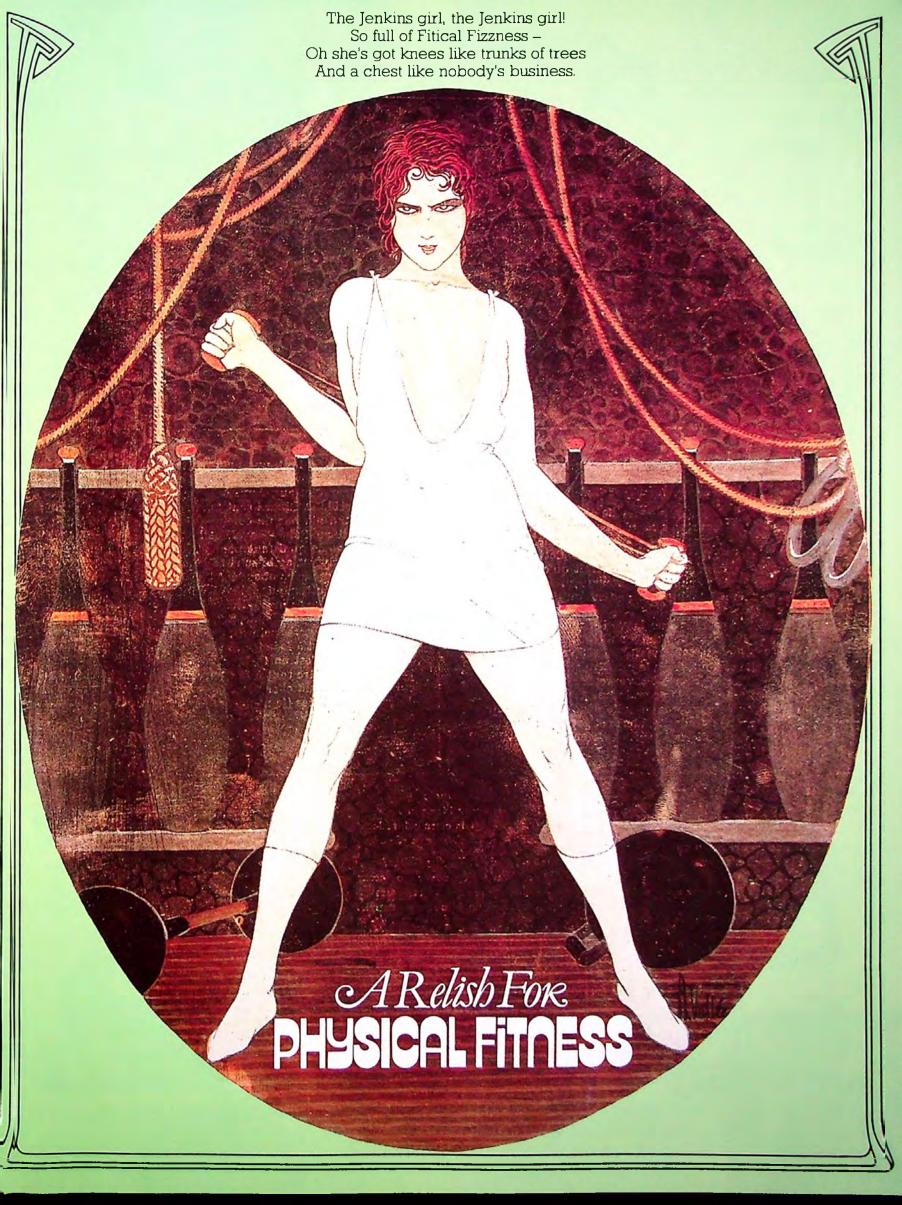




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- Day begins I lie and languish; day proceeds, through lunch and tea
- Fraught with danger, fraught with anguish, lest it end with fricassee!
- Will, oh will they place before me Spring's sweet gift of lamb and peas
- Will a holy calm come o'er me, dining, dreaming at my ease
- Till at last I sigh and smoke a lovely lissom cigarette
- While I sip my café Mocha, thinking of the things I ate?
- Ah! When day is slowly dying, evermore with throbbing breast,
- I am dreaming, I am sighing, hoping bravely for the best.





A Relish Fore. PHYSICAL FITNESS

The pictures on these pages were drawn by a French artist of the 1890s at some resort like Aix-les-Bains, or as the English called it "Aches-and-Pains", where ladies of breeding went for the water-cure, from which many of them never quite recovered – partly because of the cold water, but mostly because of those big hairy attendants.

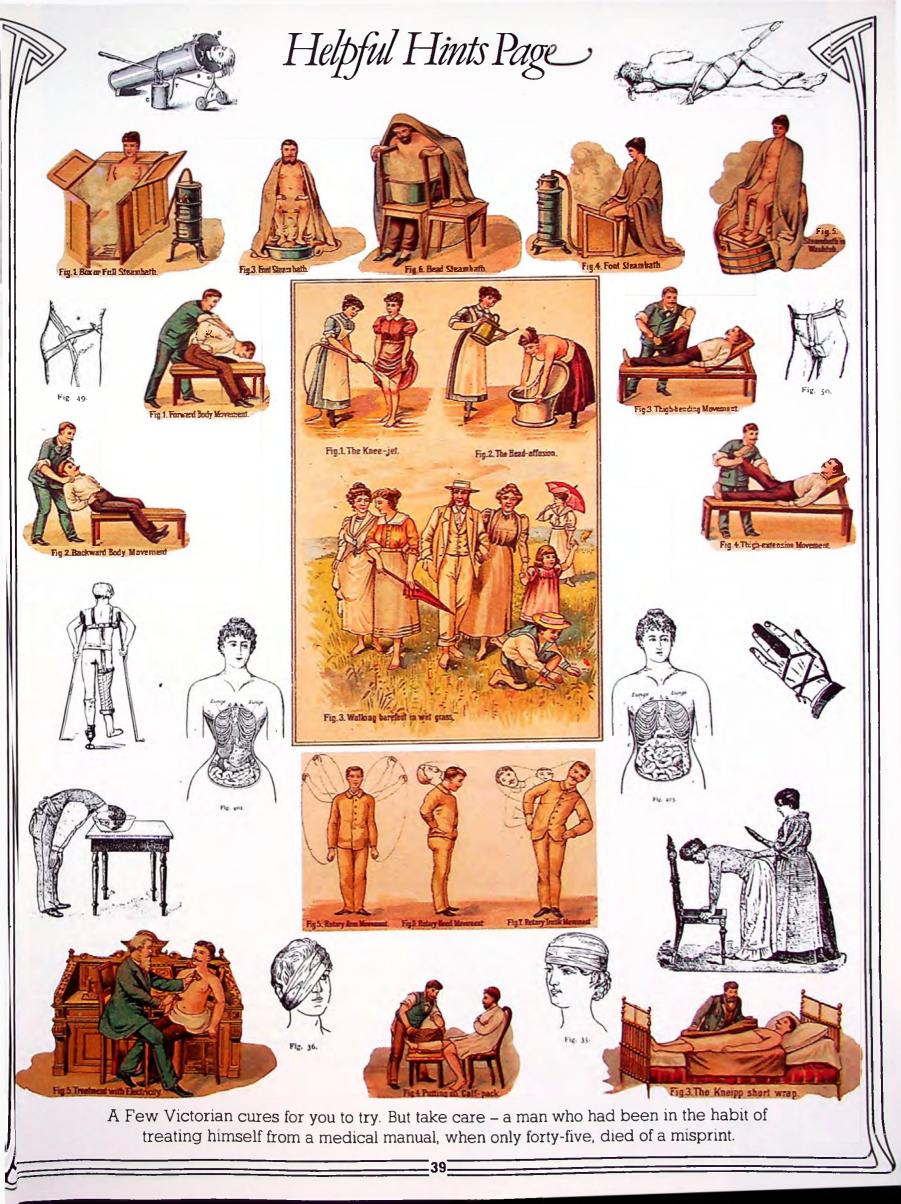
The next few pages are devoted to the urge to keep well. They certainly look well doing it.

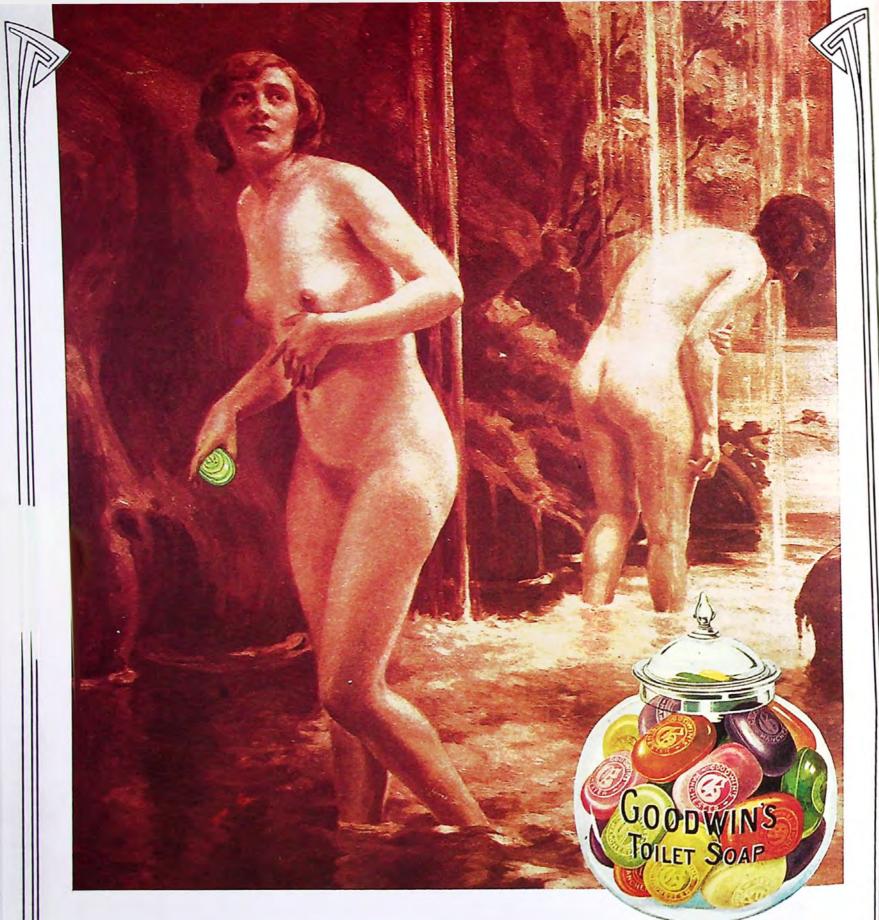




"As you're here, dear, would you mind blowing my nose for me?"









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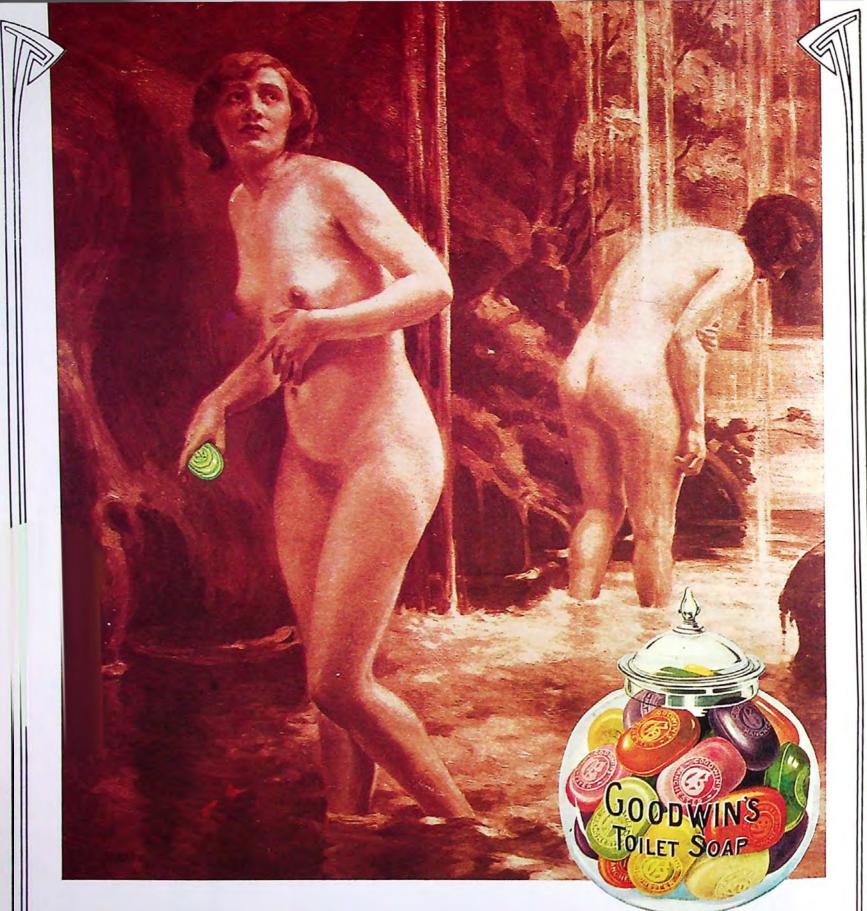
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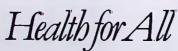
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WE LOVE TO SEE A GOOD HALF BACK AT CHRISTMAS

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RACING FOR GIRLS Racing for girls is the thing, without doubt; Racing for girls can be fun, But racing for girls can soon wear you out, If you finish up not catching one!

"Do you notice any improvement in me today, caddie?" "Yes, miss - you've had your hair done."



Rowena took up boxing, but Her fists were more like flippers. She met a man from Billingsgate, So now she's boxing kippers.

GARDENING

A healthy occupation, and a rewarding one – and a skill to be admired. Green fingers are almost as attractive as green eyes.

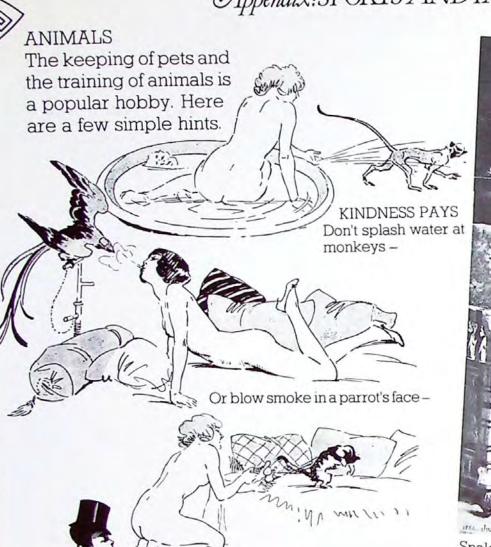
Here are some delightful paintings by the great Walter Crane, being some of the young things you might happen across in your own garden – granted a little imagination.

Queen Flora in the garden reigns O'er many golden hours. How sweet those blooms, those maidens fair, Each with the names of flowers: Two sorts of Lily blossom here, Their perfumed charms on show. This one the fickle, one-day kind, (The other see below).

Here's Ivy – she's the clinging sort, Her strength could undermine you – So if she kneels and grabs your trunk Beware, lest she entwine you.

Sweet Honey-suckle, she's a girl Who dotes on wealth and rank So don't let Honey suckle All your cash out of the bank.

This fearsome maid is out for blood, Poised, ready for the kill. She'd eat you up for breakfast and Her name is Tiger Lil. Appendix: SPORTS AND PASTIMES for Girls (continued)





Snake-charming-simply don't do it.



(She could

Or spray the cat with perfume while

Badger-training can only take place at night;



Make sure the animal you are trying to train is alive:



And cock-fighting is for men.

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The word "Society" doesn't mean what it did. Nowadays it means all of us. We are all members of society. In Victorian and Edwardian days, indeed into the Twenties (whence the pictures on this page come) it meant "High Society" – the Gentry, the In Crowd; as opposed to Hoi Polloi, the Plebs or, as they are described by a Theatrical friend of mine, the Punters.

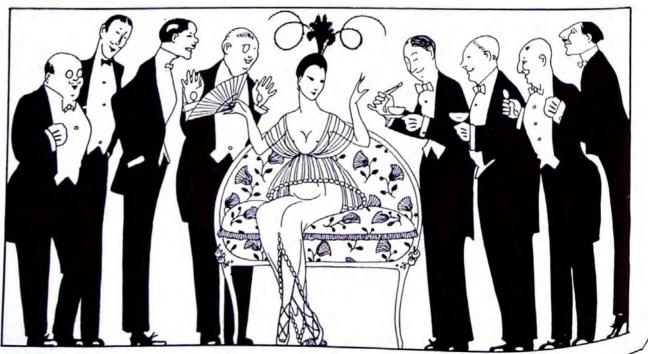
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Society 2

A woman once entered the surgery of a Society doctor and said "Doctor, can you help me? My name is Jones." "No," said the doctor, "There's no cure for that." That was Society.

The young men were all Officer Class. Utterly without fear or chins. Stupidly brave, they charged with the Light Brigade. Spineless, yet the backbone of the country: and although such classes exist in most nations, it seems a particularly British phenomenon. In the United States it was not nearly so marked; while our young gentlemen shot pheasants, theirs were content to shoot pool.

But the girls! They were nearly always pretty, and invariably beautifully "got up"; and their dainty faces and figures more than made up for any pangs, be they of envy or pity, that we might feel for "SOCIETY".





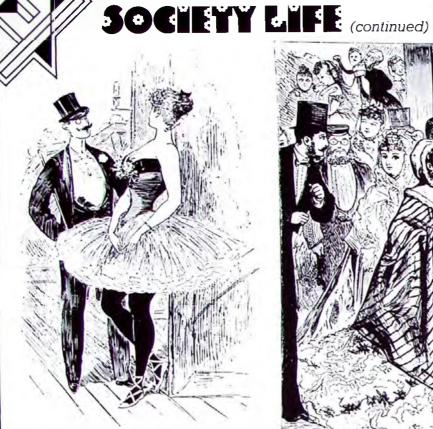


AT THE BALL He (with a groan): I've only one friend on earth – my dog. She: Isn't that enough? He (with a sigh): No. She: Why don't you get another dog?

AFTER THE BALL "Yes, I agree – he's a perfect gentleman – he bores me as well."

AFTER THE BALL "That's where he kissed me"

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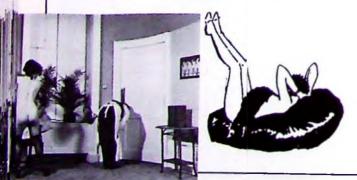
- He: Yes, I began life without any shoes on my feet, and now I've half a million.
- She: Good gracious who cleans them all?



He: Have you heard the story about the pound of sugar? She: Yes - it wasn't refined.



She: I've heard so much about you. Now let's hear your side of the story.





She: Mr Sinnick is very polished, isn't he? He: Very! Everything he says reflects on someone.



She: A man has broken Mary's heart He: What did he do, borrow a steamroller?



"My butler left me without any warning" "Mine left me without any spoons"



"There's a man at the circus who jumps on a horse's back, slides underneath, catches hold of its tail, and finishes up on its neck. "That's easy. I did that the first time I ever rode a horse.





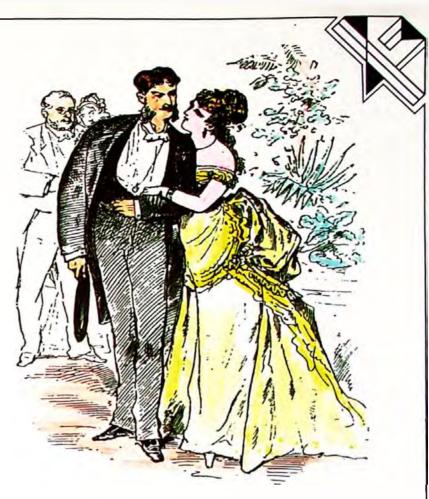
"She's never been kissed – she swears." "So would you swear, if you'd never been kissed."



- He: I saw you twice last night, and you didn't acknowledge me.
- She: I never acknowledge people when they are in that condition.
- He: What condition?
- She: Seeing things twice.



Mother: Hm. Very nice. Young Millyuns seems to be very friendly of late. Do you know what his intentions are? Daughter: No, and I don't care – I know what mine are!



She: She told him all about her past.He: What candour!She: What a memory!



"Have you been away?" "Yes." "Where?" "Brighton." "Doing what?" "Minding my own business." "Oh? The change must have done you good."





- She: No one will know it's me I'll be wearing the mask.
- He: But I will be with you! She: Very well, then – you wear the mask.









In any work of such a visual nature, not to have a section on ART would be unthinkable. Not high art, but everyday art, the stuff from which this book is made.

The pictures speak for themselves, and I gladly let them do so.

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LOOKING FOR A MODEL "Don't be embarrassed – I'm a sculptor as well."



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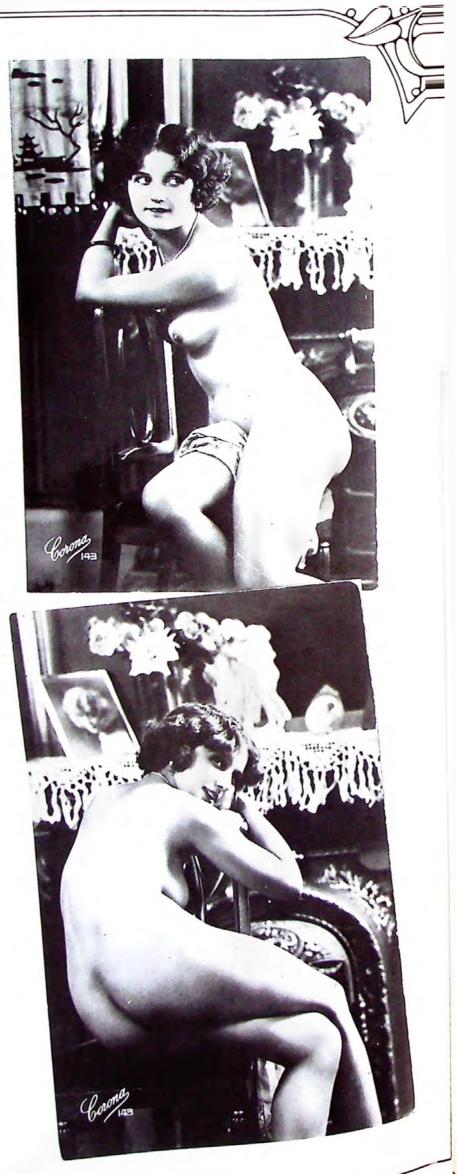
"In painting, as in everything, one must start at the bottom." Van Gogh* *(NB - This does not apply to swimming.)

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Model Thoughts

Am I the prettiest girl In the world? And am I the one With most brains? *George* says I'm the prettiest girl In the world, (But he works for a butcher In Staines).



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ART VERSUS PHOTOGRAPHY

Obviously, this young impressionable impressionist lad would like to forsake Mother Art, in favour of the more tangible delights of the girl with the album of photographs under her arm. To me, their charms are different, but equal.

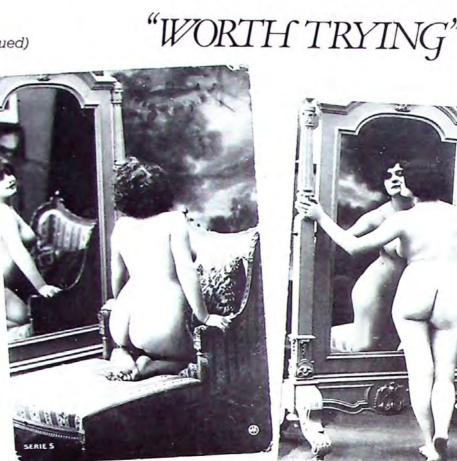
The champions of the palette-knife say that a photograph is there, take it or leave it; whereas a painted picture is reciprocal. In other words, one has to give something to Art, in order that it shall give something in return.

I don't hold this view. After all, a piano can move me – but I can't move a piano.

This may sound to some like a facetious remark, which, in keeping with the general tone of this book, of course, it is; and I hope that the next two or three pages will be found equally so.



He tried her on the footstool,



He tried her on the chair:



He tried her by the mirror – Yes, he tried her everywhere:

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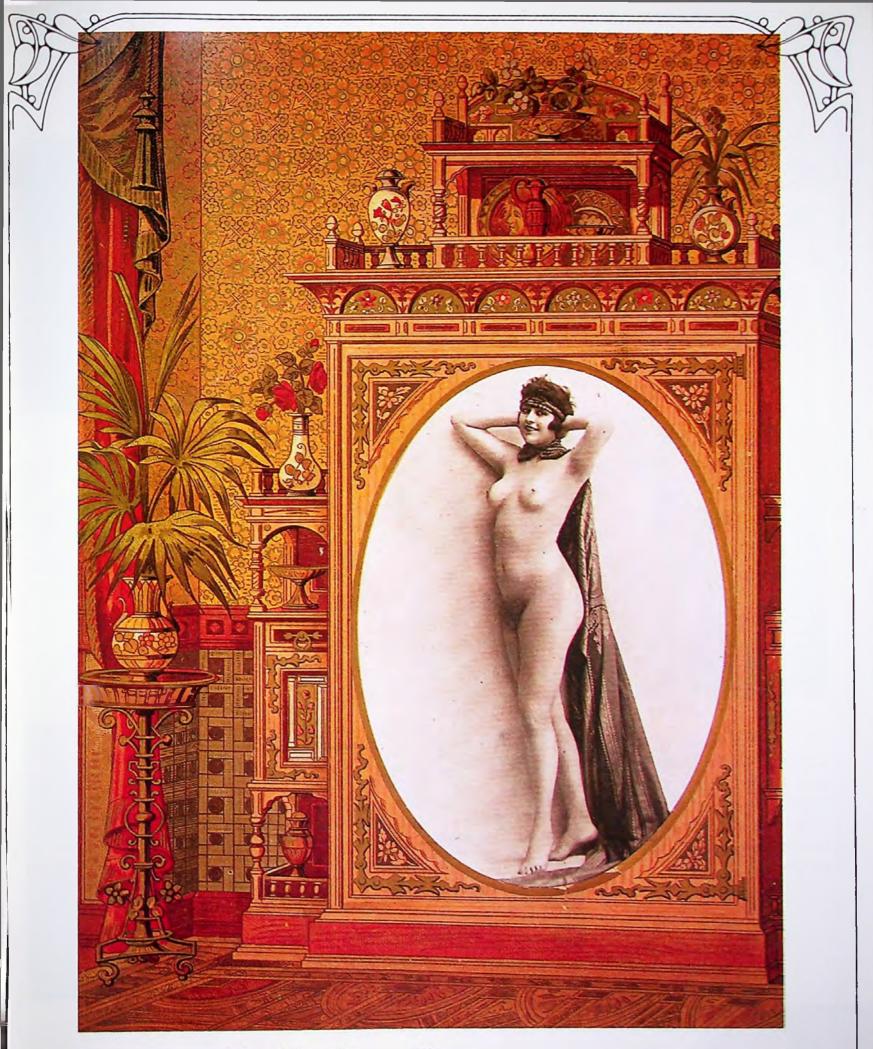
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He tried her in the linen chest, You should have heard her laugh -He tried in every way he could -To take her photograph!



"In a beautiful golden frame_"

This is a page (actual size) of one of the very fancy, and sometimes idiotic, albums made to house Victorian photographs. This design is presumably intended to show you what you would look like in the wardrobe mirror.







"Do you know," said a mother, "what happens to little girls who don't eat their food?" "Yes, mummy – they grow up to be fashion models."

Indeed, fashion models of today, when seen without clothes on, do look rather as if, fairly soon, someone is going to create a well-built girl there, as soon as they've finished getting the scaffolding up.

But it was not always thus. As the tide of fashion goes in and out, so does a girl's shape. Her waist rises, her bust falls, spreads out and disappears over the horizon. Brassieres have appeared and disappeared regularly, too; some with cups so tiny that they were named "pimple dimples"; and others, huge and sturdy, known simply as an "over-the-shoulder-boulder-holder".

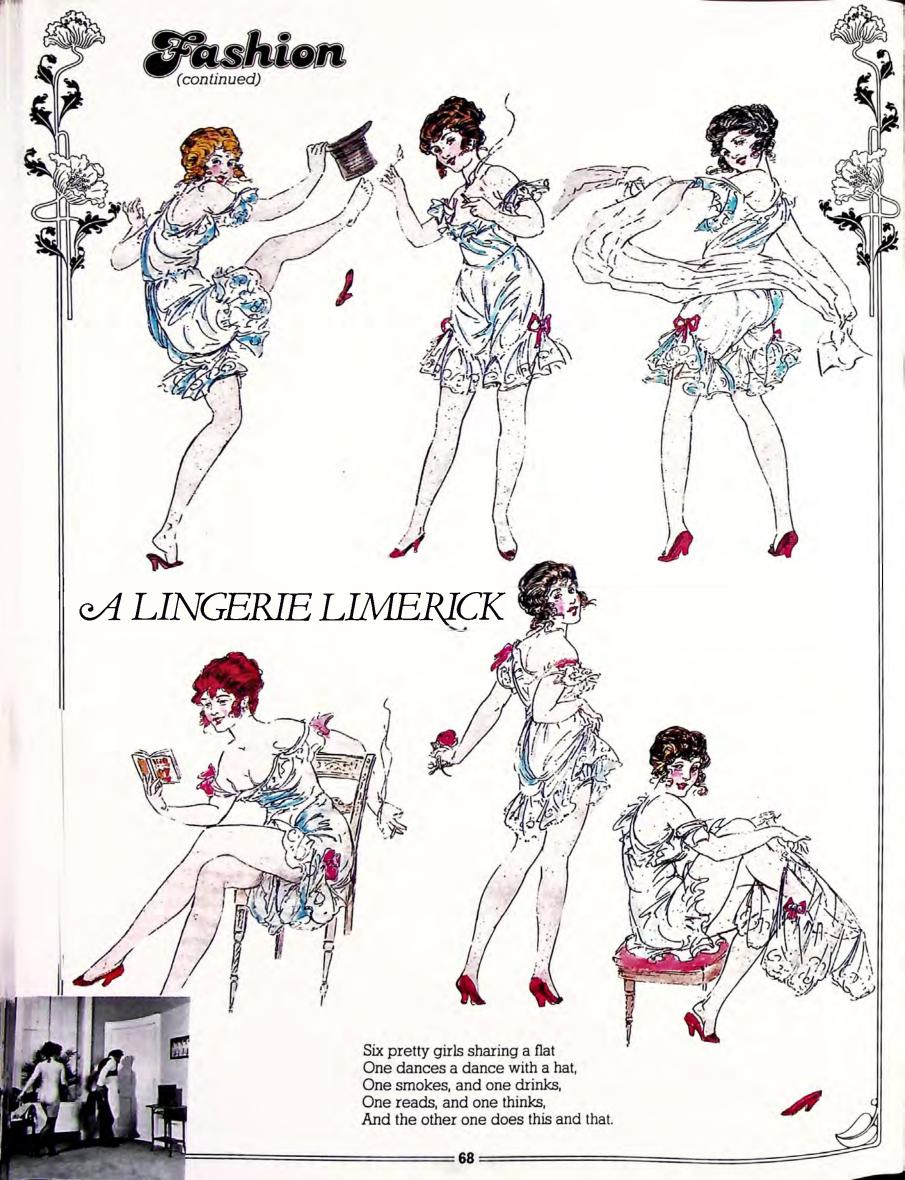
In the Nineties, a girl showed her ankles, in the Twenties, her knees, in the Sixties, her thighs, and at all times, her independence.

If she follows fashion, she cannot be immodest – only if she continues with last year's fashions too long, or starts next year's too soon.

This section is a large one, as there is a lot of ground to cover.

But well worth every square inch.













"Men are attracted to two sorts of women – those that wear well, and those that wear little."



French Designer: Oui, Madame, I will cut the bodice much lower. Can you be sparing the time next week to come round a give me a fit?



I DO WISH THEY WOULDN'T GO OFF AND LEAVE YOU IN THESE DRESS CUBICLES!



"I ventured out with a boy last night, Who I thought that I could trust But as we walked home, he said with a groan, I must kiss your lips or bust! I couldn't think what to say or do To preserve my maidenly vows – So I said, "Let's make it the lips tonight 'Cos I'm wearing a high-necked blouse!"



AN ADVERTISEMENT OF THE TWENTIES

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This coat was paid for by her boss Who asked her if she'd try it – She didn't get it to keep her warm, She got it to keep her quiet.





"I think we've covered everything."



"It's as broad as it's long, Madam."



Another clever idea - a few strips cut out here -



- and wrapped round there! Two out of one.

ECONOMY-PARIS 1917

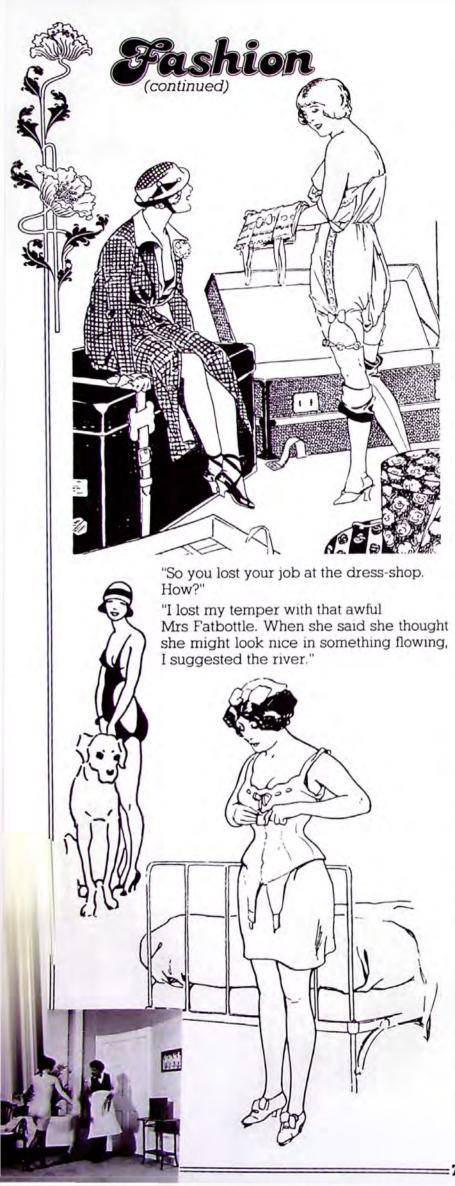
During the First World War, it was announced in Paris that three metres of cloth, not more, should be enough for a dress. La Vie Parisienne seized on this news item as a source of sauciness for its illustrators. Why not two metres? they asked. Or even one?



A clever idea - now you see it, now you don't.

A pretty economy - a boa of flowers.

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THE RAPE OF THE LOCKS Her tresses have gone – she has cut off her hair Since the foibles of fashion made fun of them.

Since the foibles of fashion made fun of them. And as we're all aware, she keeps many things bare But her head isn't usually one of them.



ISIT TOO MUCH?



VERSE ONE Is it too much? Is it too much? My dress for the carnival – is it too much? It's made out of rhinestones and lace that is Dutch, And there is so little of it – is it too much?



VERSE TWO Is it too much? Is it too much? This mere wisp of nothingness – is it too much? If the gentlemen look, will they soon want to touch? And there's so much available – Is is too much?



VERSE THREE Is it too much? Is it too much? And the back looks extraordinary – is it too much? Like two big white rabbits squashed up in a hutch – Well, I mean, no, but honestly – is it too much?



VERSE FOUR Is it too much? Is it too much? I'm beginning to feel it's just slightly too much. If I sit, and lean back, and my left knee I clutch You can actually see my oh yes it's too much!

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The Lure of a Lady's Fan (concluded)

She will simper from behind it She will twist it and unwind it She will wiggle and rotate it if she can – She will open it out wide Or she'll snap it shut and hide Behind the flutters of her fascinating fan.

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"The first one to put it on, can have it – all right?" shion

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The Sales

I've just had a very nice Day at the Sales, It's a day that I always enjoy – I rang up the office and Said I was ill, Then had lunch with that Patterson boy.

Then off to the Sales, it was Ever such fun, And I got quite a lot of nice things: A lovely pink girdle, a Really tight one, With that big thick elastic that "pings".



And a green thing with bows (they had several of those) and a white thing with drapes, like a goddess,

And a black thing with strings, and a blue thing, with things – and a red thing with straps, and a bodice.

Can't wait 'til tomorrow, to go in to work, and walk in dressed up like a toff!

But after today I'm so tired – oh well, I'll ring up for another day off.





This is the girl who'll see it through What e'er her education Foursquare and solid as a rock The girl with the firm foundation (continued)

AND IN

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FASHION IN THE MOVIES

In 1928 Hollywood decided they had had enough blondes, and fancied a few more brunettes. This, according to a magazine of the time, is how one studio went about it.

WORTH WATCHING

A fashion suggestion of the Twenties was to replace the buckle of a girl's shoe with a tiny watch



"Eleven o'clock! Time I was up."



The Lady Doctor: My word, you're running a temperature.

"Where's that waiter? Can't he see I'm all behind?"



"Either my watch has stopped or my foot's gone to sleep."

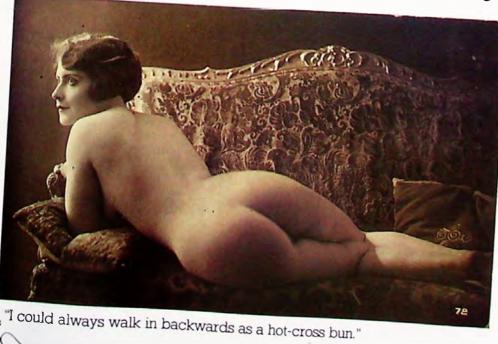


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Time and a half.





The FANCY DRESS Party

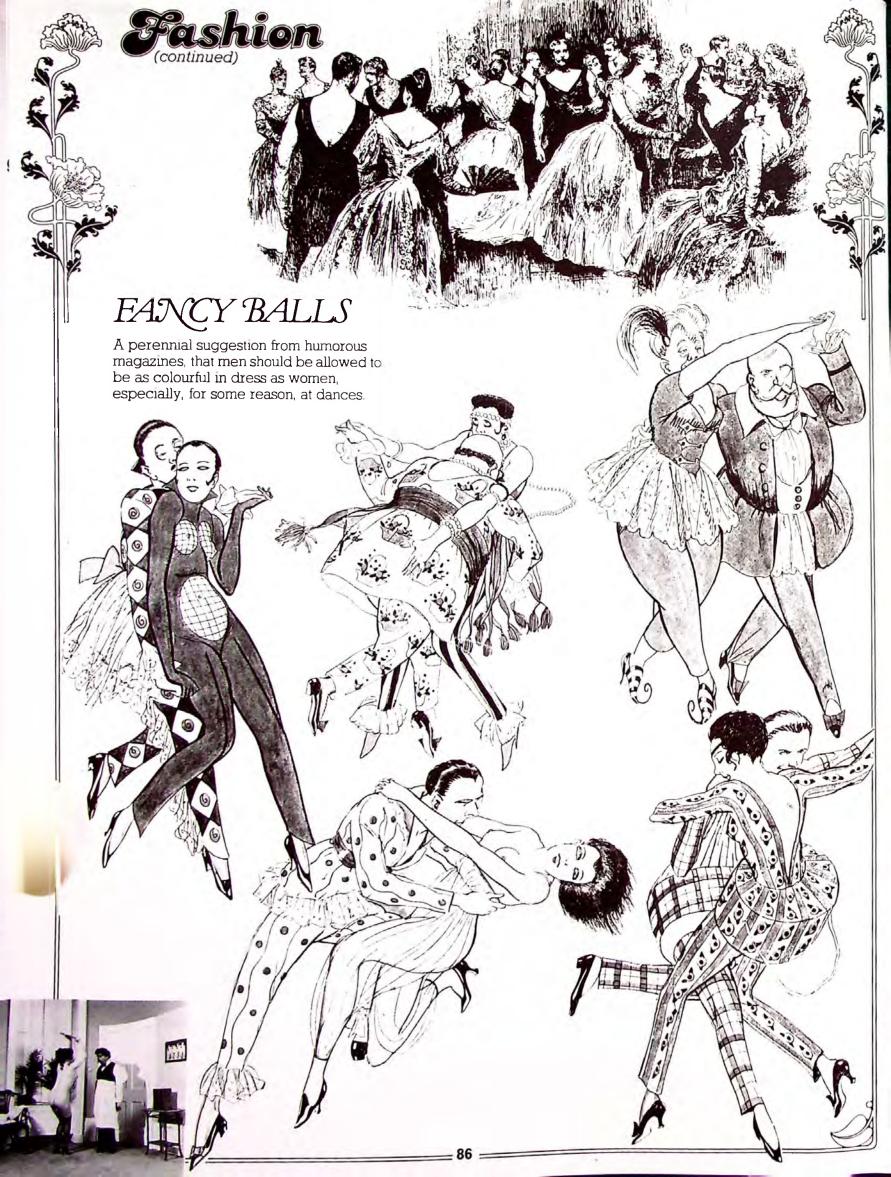
I'm off to a fancy-dress party, And I've looked through my fancy-dress trunk,

It's so long since I've had a good nimmage,

And I've sorted out all sorts of junk.

There'll be lots of young men at the party,

And I'm now in a bit of a funk -If I go as a champagne bottle, I'm pretty well bound to get drunk.







A Relish For Foreign Parts

A subject touched on here very lightly, as must be the case with so few pages; a glimpse of the Clyde; of the girls of the East, the bonhomie of the French railways, and mention of the men who go down to the sea in ships, if possible without leaving a forwarding address.

A couple of pages, also, featuring the vehicle that will get you there – the motor car, each with a girl to match. Because no one wants to visit foreign parts unaccompanied. "He travels fastest who travels alone," it is said, but he's only got to hang around when he gets there, waiting for her to catch him up.



Dover



The Banks of the Clyde (Traditional Air)

On the banks of the Clyde, on the banks of the Clyde, I saw a maiden sitting down upon the riverside. I asked her for to marry me, but she to me replied, "I wouldna marry a steamer's boy, upon the river Clyde."

On the banks of the Clyde, on the banks of the Clyde, I saw a maiden trying 'neath the willow tree to hide. I asked her for to marry me – she answered back with pride, "I wouldna marry the captain of a steamer on the Clyde."

On the banks of the Clyde, on the banks of the Clyde, I saw a maiden fishing, and I offered her a ride. And her answer it came floating back upon the evening tide, "I'll gladly go with the owner of a steamer on the Clyde."

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The MOTOR CAR or how to get there...

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Family Saloon £159

THE ISIS

Once owned by the showman, Houdini, This model is not for a meany – Though the best you can buy, Fuel consumption is high – Twelve miles to the Gin and Martini.

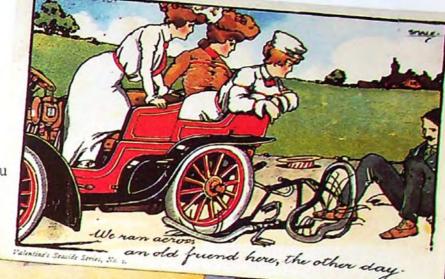
THE MINX

This trim little Minx is the one – Well-upholstered and beautifully done, The line is ecstatic, And fully pneumatic, And the headlamps are second to none.

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How many, Miss?" "Well none, actually – I was just wondering if you could help me re-fold my road map."





Family Saloon

RW 3515

THE WIZARD

If you're looking for speed and attack, With this one you're on the right track – Economical, fast, With a shape built to last, And a nice double seat at the back.









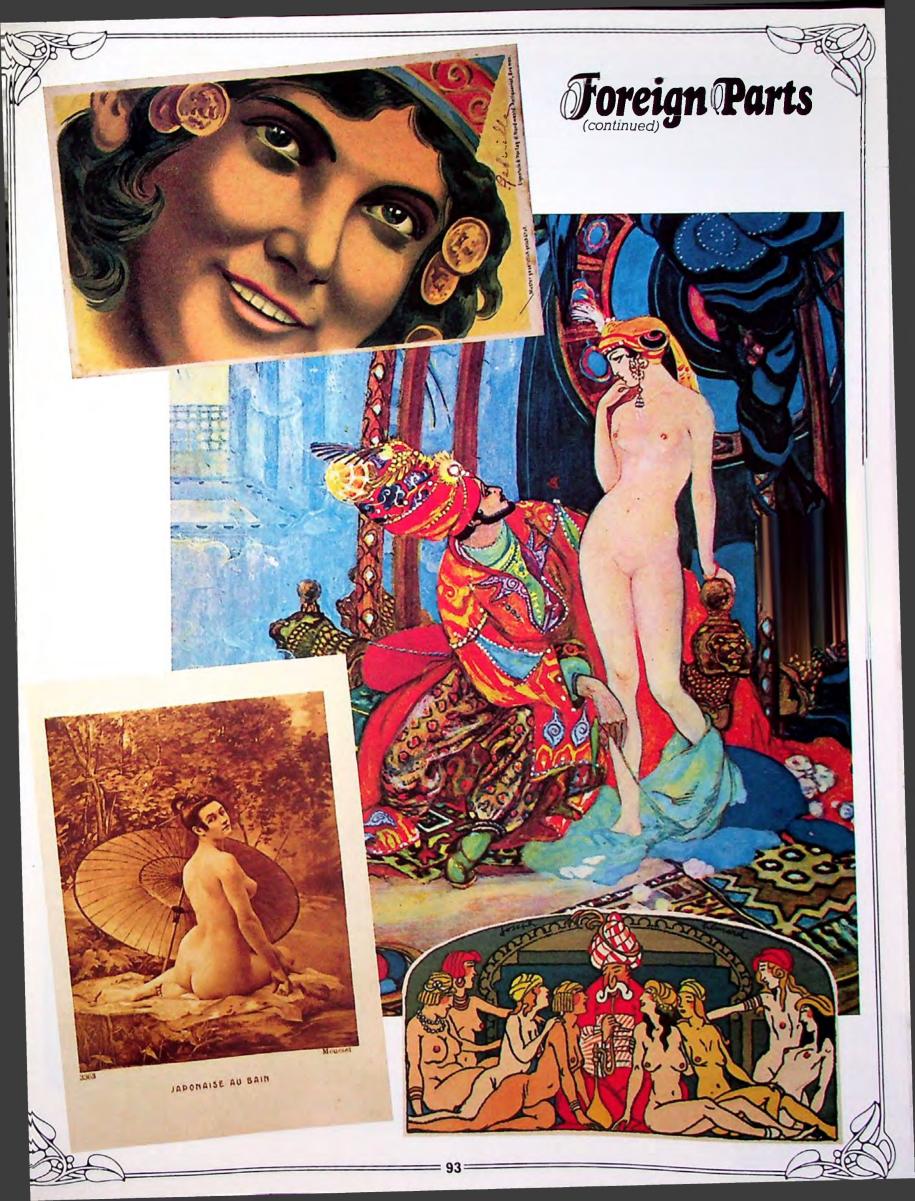
"When I went East, my ideas went West." (Hyman Goodman 1913 –)

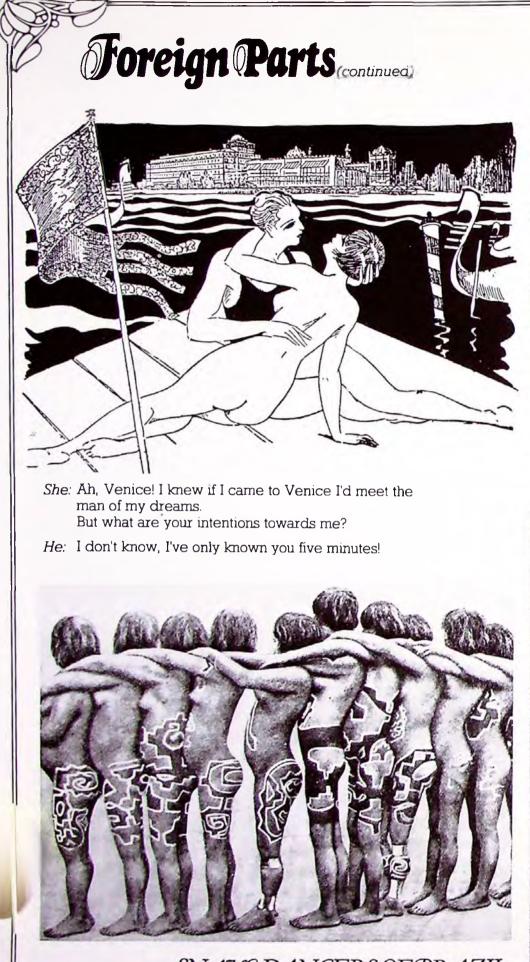
Here, perhaps, are some of the reasons why.





Inger





SNAKE-DANCERS OF BRAZIL



The girls who dance the cobra-dance In Amazonian climes, Will attack you if you try to get acquainted.

But the local missionary says They're very nice at times, And not as black and blue as they are painted.



She: Do people fall off the mountain often? He: No, just once.



Here's looking at you, four-eyes.

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INEXPLICABLE

Nor blew the wind, nor dripped rain As away in the early morn, My sister and I by the trip-train From the little grey town were

borne. We spent a day at the seaside And jollily jinked we there, And my sister Jane to me sighed,

"Oh my heart is as light as air!" And I tried her weight on the

weight machine And she scaled precisely five thirteen.

We arrived at that seaside station

At the end of that golden day,

To return to our destination To return to the gloom and grey.

And my sister Jane let a tear drop

As sadly she hung her head, And in sorrowful tones she told me.

That her heart was as heavy as lead!

Then I tried her weight on the weight machine

And she wasn't an ounce over five thirteen!

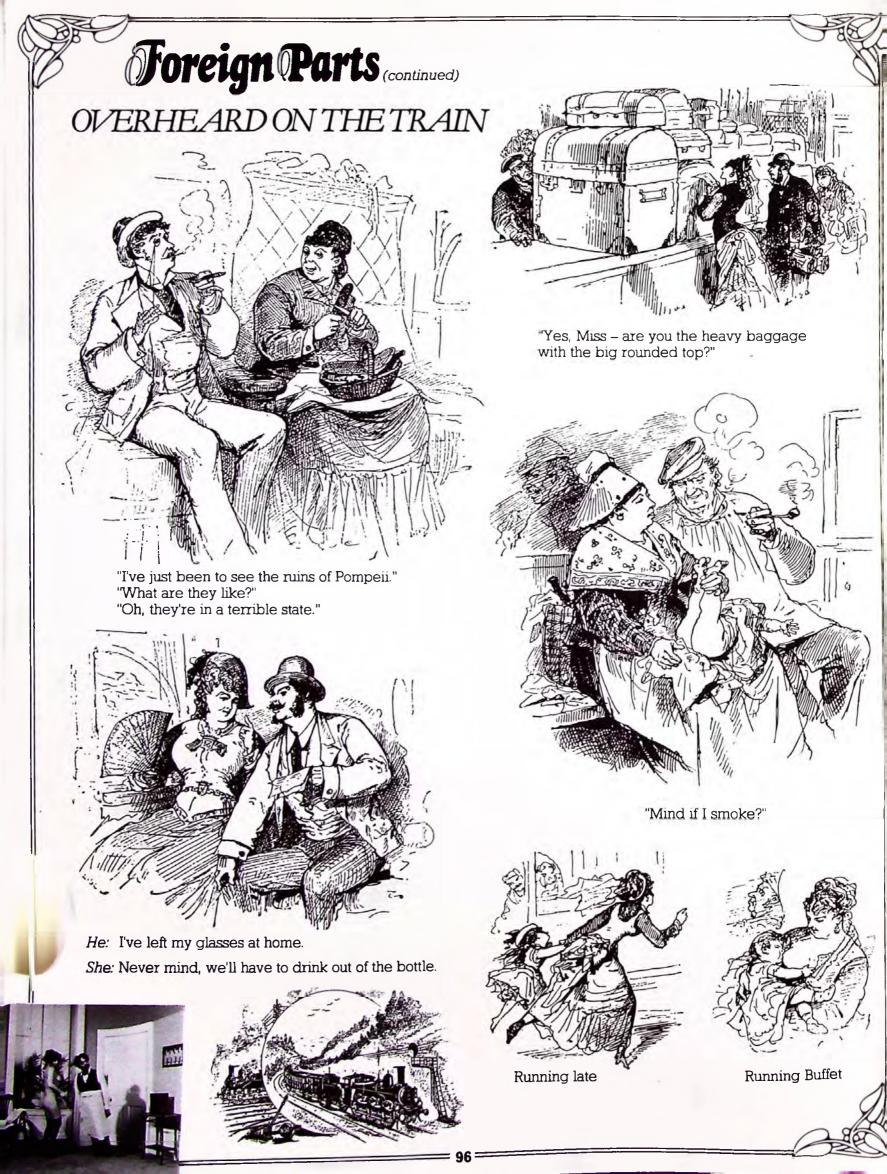


"Are you sure I've left nothing behind porter?" "Not even tuppence mum!"





"Room for a little one?"











"Why aren't You in the Army?"

"HE'S A NAVAL MAN" To the Tune of "The Sailor's Hornpipe" (Traditional)

He's a naval man You can tell it by his walk He's a naval man When you listen to him talk And the drunken thing's he'll utter When he's lying in the gutter You can bet your bread and butter He's a naval man. If his kitbag's full of wrinkles He's a naval man If he reeks of rum and winkles He's a naval man If he hums a little ditty And he tells you that you're pretty You can bet your Bristol City He's a naval man.

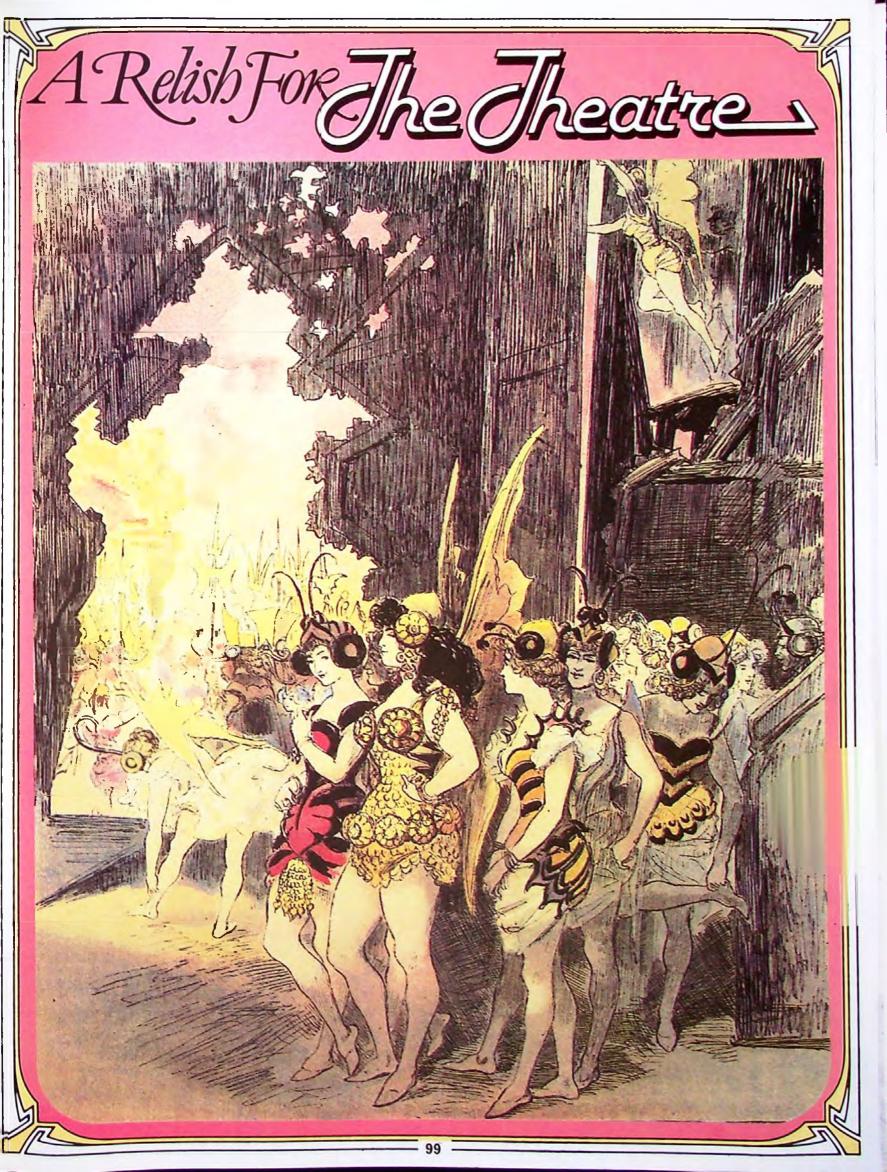
He's a naval man Of the ocean going sort He's a naval man With a girl in every port. You will see him grab and hug her Yelling, "Once aboard the lugger" He's a dirty rotten bosun Of a naval man.

If he takes you in a row boat On the Serpentine And he tries to get his hand upon Your plimsoll line You can bet the skin you're born in If he grabs you without warning You'll be scuppered in the morning – He's a naval man!









A Relish For The Theatres

All the prettiest girls are to be found in the theatre – and they've all got hearts of gold. They bounce on in the ballet, they parade in the pantomime; they drive away, momentarily, the nightmare world of reality, and delight us (sitting in the circle with our opera glasses glued into position), with their pert expressions . . .



"LA WHO?"









COMMITTEE

SPRING

With a crutch in his hand, and his hat on one side, His purse full of cash, and his heart full of pride, Fitz-Clarence de Belleville struts gaily along, Cheerily humming a snatch of a song,

For fickle Dame Fortune has smiled with a will, And De Belleville, at last, has his name in the bill.

SUMMER

Society welcomes De Belleville's new "school", A sort of a hybrid 'twixt Irving and Toole, Votes his Hamlet "intense", and his Lear "too, too", His Paul Pry the finest the stage ever knew;

And well may the tide of their favour run strong, For he's "posted" in letters a yard or two long.

AUTUMN

But, somehow, Dame Fortune - an innate coquette -All at once poor Fitz-Clarence resolves to forget; Like a star in high heaven, or spent rocket-stick, He falls out of favour remarkably quick:

And the name on the bill-board less legibly shines, He is found in small print, 'midst the spirits and wines.

WINTER

This may mean bread and cheese, but his fame-dreams have vanished

To that Limbo where so many visions are banished: He still, with avuncular aid, can contrive To keep his old gin-sodden body alive;

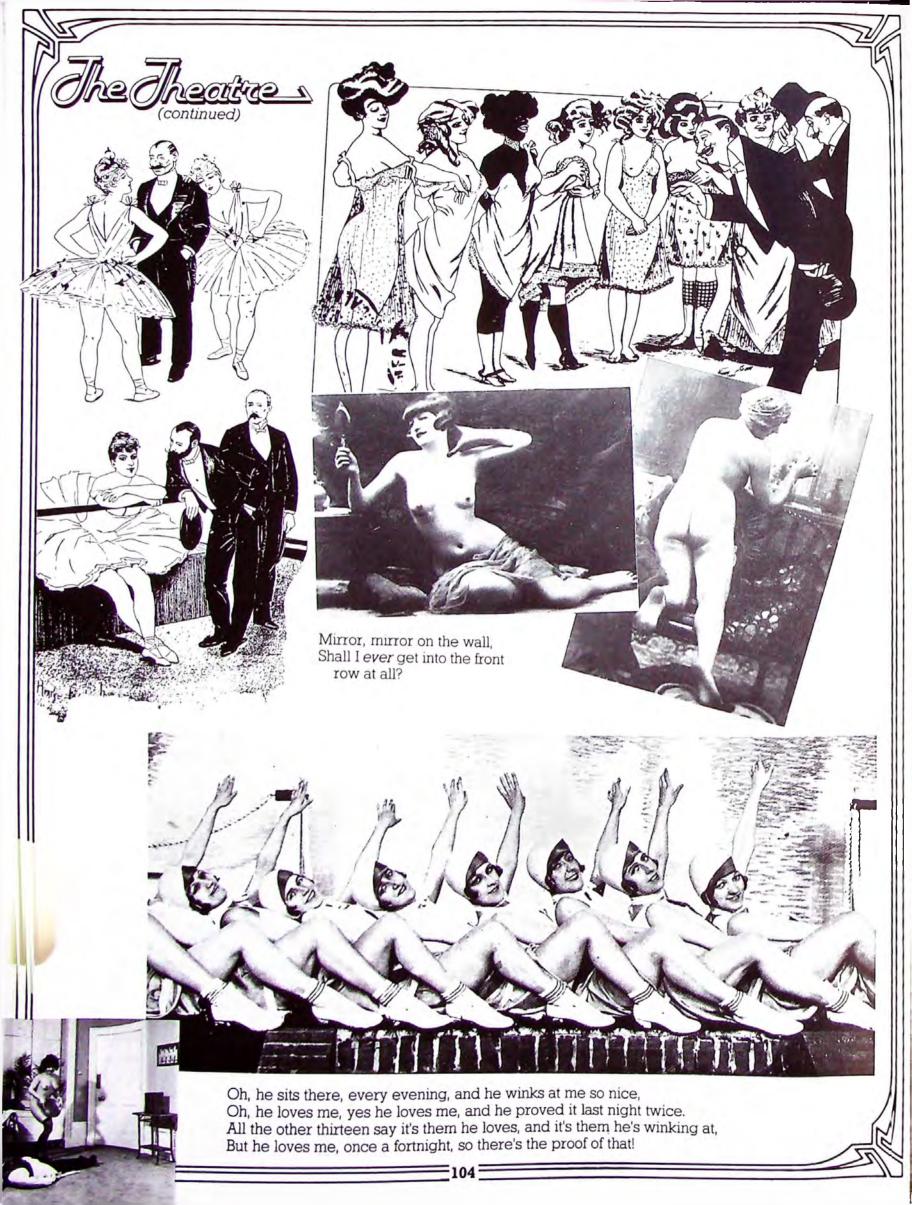
But for him 'tis the winter of sore discontent -On a bloater he dines, and is chased for his rent! ARTHUR GODDARD

"Never out of season"

Liner

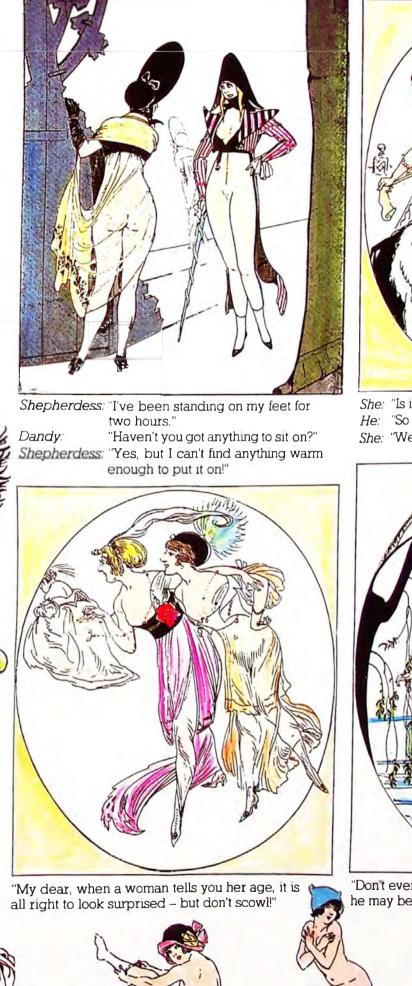
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THE CHORUS GIRL In All Her Moods-



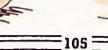




She: "Is it true that money talks?" He: "So they say." She: "Well, could you leave some? I get lonely."



"Don't ever tell him you're not that kind of girl – he may believe you."



BAL TABARIN

Theatres

(continued)

At The Play

I saw you listlessly flirt your fan, Last night, at that foolish play, Where lovers' histories smoothly ran In the old, unlifelike way.

You must have heard what the fiddles cried – It sounded so plain to me. It was "Love, love, love, and there's naught beside"

No mention of gold, you see!

And someone dozed in his heavy way – The Croesus you stooped to wed: And someone almost forgot the play, For watching your golden head.

Ah! is it true – were the fiddles right! – That a gilded bondage palls? When Comedy strutted the boards last night, Did Tragedy sit in the stalls?



THE FOLLY OF THE THEATRE THE REASON OF THE WORLD

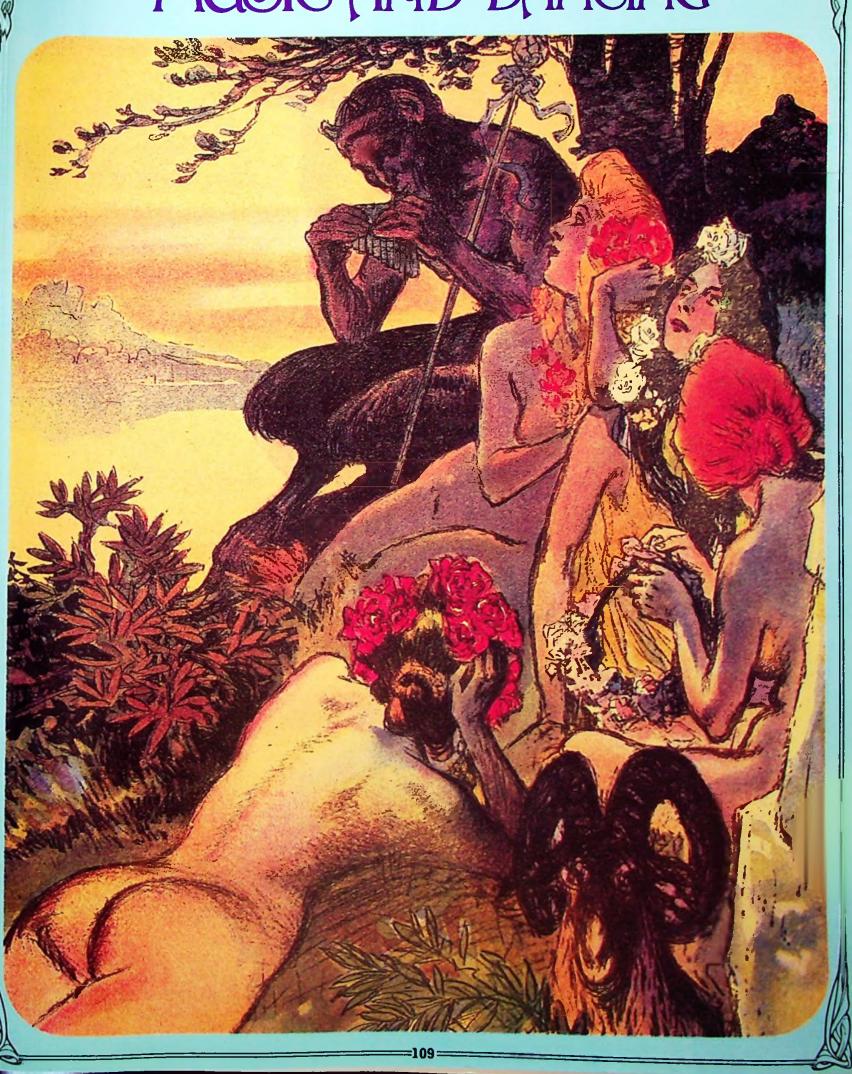
"Hot-blooded folly boots cold reason out, And dances on the virgin's lily bed" (Two Gentlemen of Venice, Act I, Sc. V)

> The world of cold reason Proceeds on its way Ignoring the folly Of Theatre, With a book for a head, and A virginal tread It considers it wise To forget her.

> > The world is a solemn and Serious place The Theatre is jocund And jolly; If the one gives the other a Smile on its face Is that not a good reason For folly?



CARelishFor MUSICAND DANCING





"Can you play pizzicato?" "I can play in any condition."



She's good on the piano and She's fine on the harmonium, She's excellent on everything, But best on the linoleum.

"I know a girl who plays the piano by ear."

"That's nothing. I know a man who fiddles

ARelishFor Music and Dancing

"I play by roll."

"If music be the food of love, play on. If not, let's eat."

Shakespeare didn't actually say all of that, but it neatly sums up my fairly light-hearted attitude to music.

I love a good tune, and a witty lyric, and some songs bring a tear to my eye. Some, indeed, bring a tear to my heart which doesn't need to reach my eye. But if I were forbidden music for a year, I wouldn't make a song and dance about it.

So it may surprise no one to learn that my relish is for something comical rather than classical; for Music Hall from Gilbert and Sullivan downwards.

With the Dance it is the same. Here you will find not Ballet but Ballroom; but mainly a couple of comic songs. I hope, if you don't know them, you will be glad to make their acquaintance.



Her gaze is sweet and quizzical Her smile so photographable Her laugh it is so musical Her music is so laughable.





Music and Dancing



("The Soldier-boy's Dream") Sung with great effect by the one and only HARRY FIELDING

Composed by Harry Butterworth Words by M. Stein

VERSE I

- A soldier lad was far from home, a-fighting at the war
- To win the day for dear old England's name.
- They'd sent him off to do or die as many had before,
- To do his best, though he was not to blame.
- He thought of his old Mother dear, a-sitting all alone
- At supper, and a lump came to his throat.
- He took up pen and paper, to send a letter home,

And his eyes were filled with tears as he wrote:—











Skelches of Tommy's life Out on rest - N 7 · Dear Dolly : I am at present staying at a ferm, and am in the pink





THE BLACK PUDDING MARCH (continued)

CHORUS:

Send me a lump of your old black pudding,

That's the stuff that I love most. Send me a lump of your old black pudding

And a slab of dripping toast. We're fighting to make this old world good enough for folks who really care; So send me a lump of your old black

pudding And I'll know that you're still there.

"CLOSE UP!"

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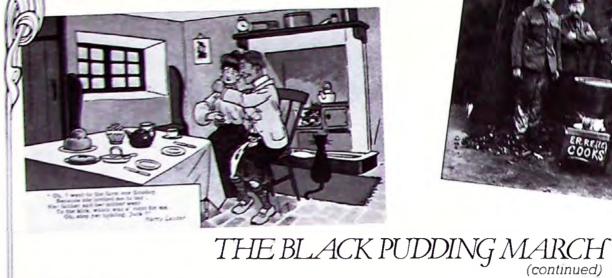
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"IS THAT YOUR BANK?" "YES "I SHOULD LOVE TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT"

"KEEP IT UP!"







VERSE 2

- A Scottish lad was over there and he was fighting too,
- And thinking of his homeland far away.
- He thought of all the things his darling Maggie used to do
- As they wandered through the heather on the brae.
- And then a dreadful longing seemed to fill his Scottish heart
- As he pictured Maggie sitting by the fire,
- And he wrote these simple words to her Although we're far apart,

There's really only one thing I desire:----

CHORUS:

- Send me a lump of your dear old haggis, That is what I'm craving for, the noo, If I could just get my hands on your dear
- old haggis
- I would know that you're still true.

I've never seen a haggis like my sweet young Maggie's

And although I'm far from hame, Just send me a lump of your dear old haggis

And I'll know you feel the same.

THE BLACK PUDDING MARCH





Douer vision si chere amen roue de seidet (-



VERSE 3

- An Irish boy lay wounded in the camp that very night,
- But the suffering and pain he bravely bore
- And he watched the others writing, and he wished that he could write
- To his colleen back on dear old Erin's shore,
- But his wound would not permit it, so he just lay back and thought
- Of the little patch of green that he called home,
- Of the humble little cottage, and the girl for whom he fought,
- And his loving thoughts went winging o'er the foam:----

CHORUS:

Send me a parcel of Irish stew, dear, Wrap it up and send it piping hot.

- If I could just dip me bread in your Irish stew, dear
- Then I'd know you've not forgot.
- There's noboby nearly as good as you, dear

With your taters and your meat, So send me a parcel of Irish stew, dear And my life will be complete.

CODA (with gusto)

They're fighting to make this old world good enough to live in side by side,

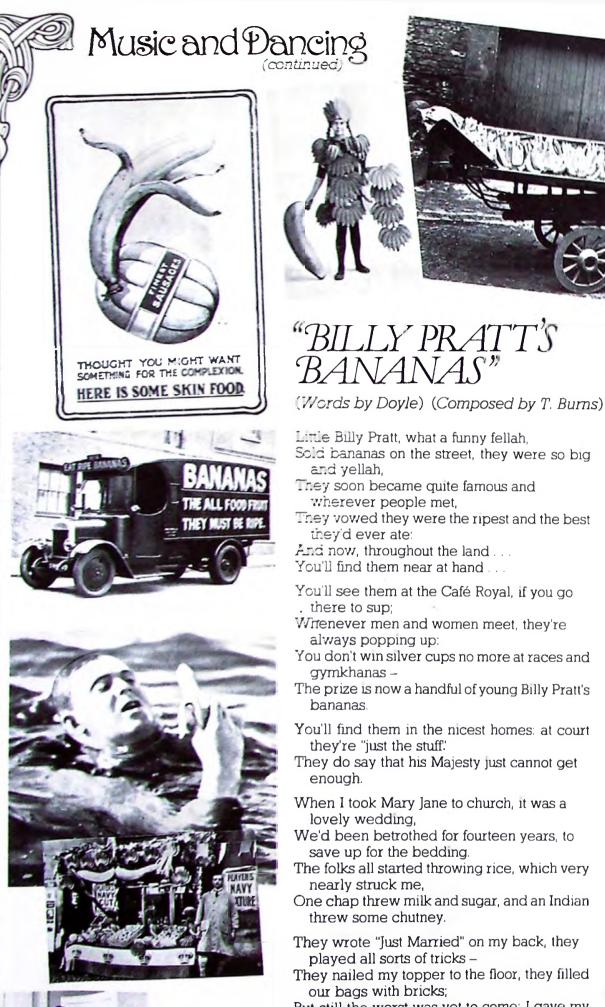
So with your stew and your haggis and your old black pudding

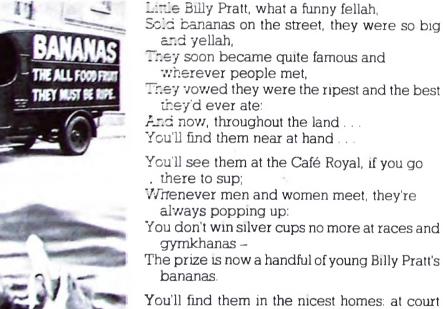
You can keep them satisfied!











Wrienever men and women meet, they're

You don't win silver cups no more at races and

The prize is now a handful of young Billy Pratt's

You'll find them in the nicest homes: at court they're "just the stuff"

They do say that his Majesty just cannot get enough.

When I took Mary Jane to church, it was a lovely wedding,

We'd been betrothed for fourteen years, to save up for the bedding.

The folks all started throwing rice, which very nearly struck me,

One chap threw milk and sugar, and an Indian threw some chutney.

They wrote "Just Married" on my back, they played all sorts of tricks -

They nailed my topper to the floor, they filled our bags with bricks;

But still the worst was yet to come; I gave my bride a kiss.

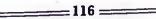
Then climbed the hill to Bedfordshire, to start our wedded bliss;

"Oh Jack," said she, as she undressed, "what's that in your pyjamas?"

And I found that it was one of little Billy Pratt's bananas!







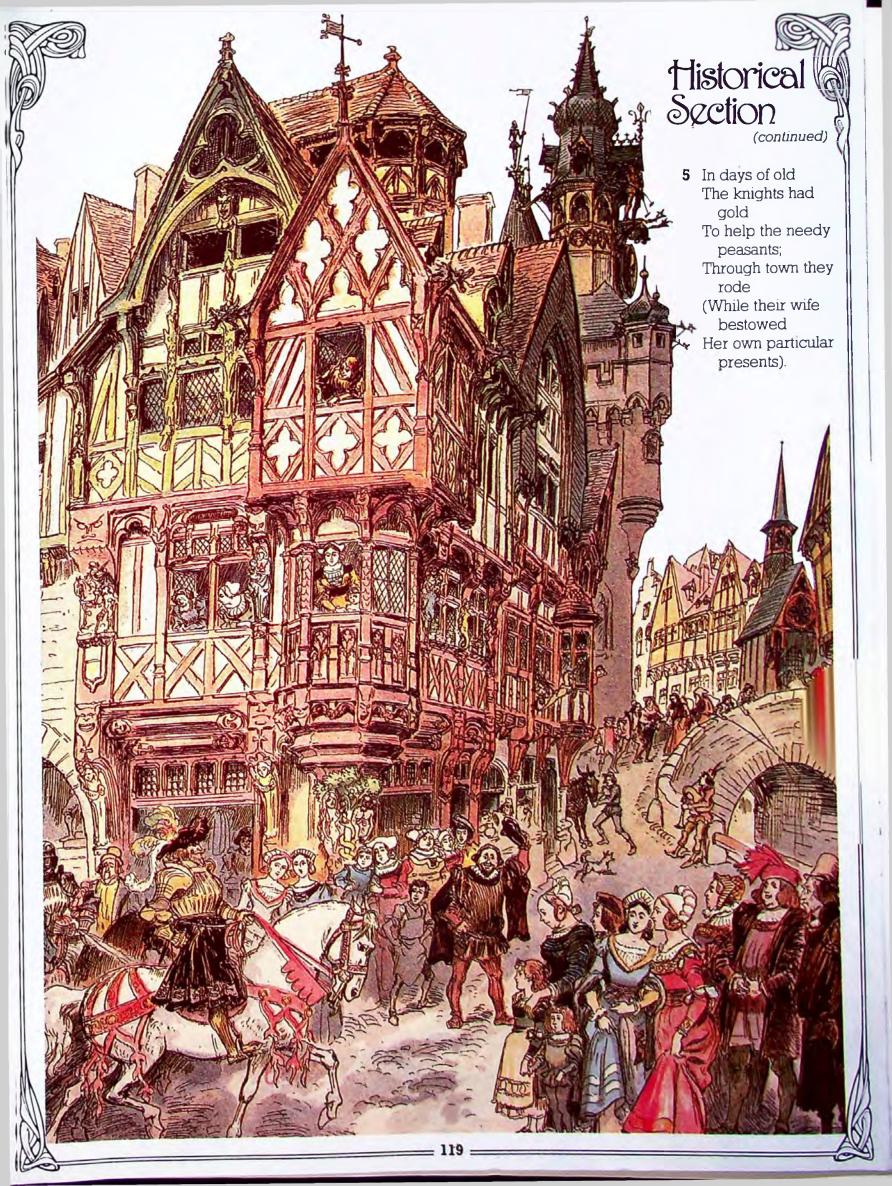
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In days of Old

- In days of old When knights were bold They thought their life enthralling; They fought in wars And hunted boars, And treated girls appalling.
- 2 They locked them up in iron belts
 To curb the girls' desire – But love will always find a way
 Given time, and a bit of bent wire.

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Christmas roses, Christmas roses! Greet the sunshine cold and clear – Who'd resist such pretty posies Heralding the Christmas Cheer?

Santa Claus, within the mountain Stirs himself as they appear, Watching as they bud and blossom Heralding the Christmas Cheer.

Christmas Roses! Bloom un-noticed While we drink our Christmas cheer; Polishing our Christmas Noses Not with roses, but with beer.



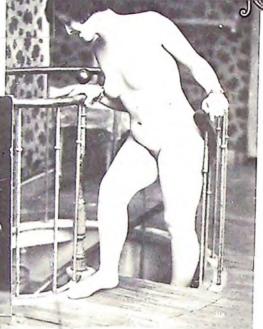
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I'm staying up for Santa
 I wonder what he'll bring?
 I hope it's something wearable
 I'm chilly in this thing.





3 I'm 'phoning up for Santa To bring me something nice I hope it's something furry My legs are just like ice.



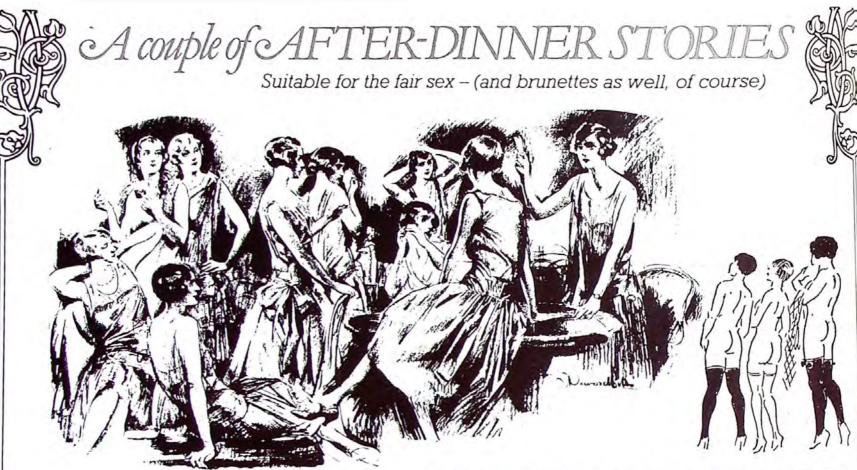
4 Perhaps he's left a parcel If he's already come; I hope it's warm and full-length I'm freezing round my tum. 2 I'm looking out for Santa Is that him on the stair? I hope it's something nice and warm I've not a thing to wear.



5 He's left this stupid dolly Just like the year before! He promised me a fur coat The silly fat old BORE.

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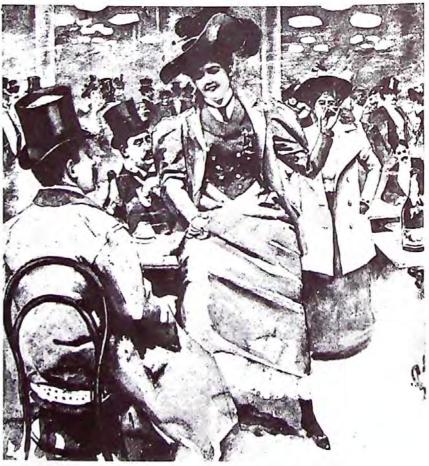




Two men left a banquet together. They had dined exceptionally well. "When you get home," said one, "if you don't want to wake your wife by falling over in the bedroom, undress at the foot of the stairs, fold your clothes neatly and creep up to your room."

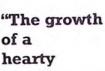
The next day they met again at lunch. "How did you get on?" said one. "Rotten," replied the other. "I took off all my clothes at the foot of the stairs, as you told me, and folded them neatly. I didn't make a sound, but when I reached the top of the stairs I found it was Baker Street Station!"

Mr Isaacs, a tailor, found that he had amongst his surplus stock, half-a-dozen thirty-shilling shirts that he had been unable to sell. So he asked for the advice of his friend Solomons. "I'll tell you what to do," said his friend. "Put the six thirty-shilling shirts in a parcel, enclose an invoice for *five* shirts at *forty* shillings, and send them to old McDougall down the road. He'll buy them right away, and you'll get ten pounds instead of nine." The next week Solomons asked his friend how the dodge had worked. "Solly, you've ruined me!" said Isaacs. "I sent the six shirts and the invoice for five, just as you told me. And what happened? McDougall sent back five shirts and said he hadn't ordered them!"



The waitress had hair like sunshine and eyes like forget-me-nots, and the young man was anxious to know her. When she took his order he asked for "a steak and a few kind words".

She brought the steak and put it in front of him. "What about the kind words?" asked the young man. The waitress leant forward towards him and whispered confidentially, "Don't eat the steak."



laugh"

"Laugh and the world laughs with you - weep, and you sleep alone."

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We all love to laugh. Even the three or four dozen people in the world who don't, will say that they do. It is a communal pleasure, mainly; the more, as they say, the merrier.

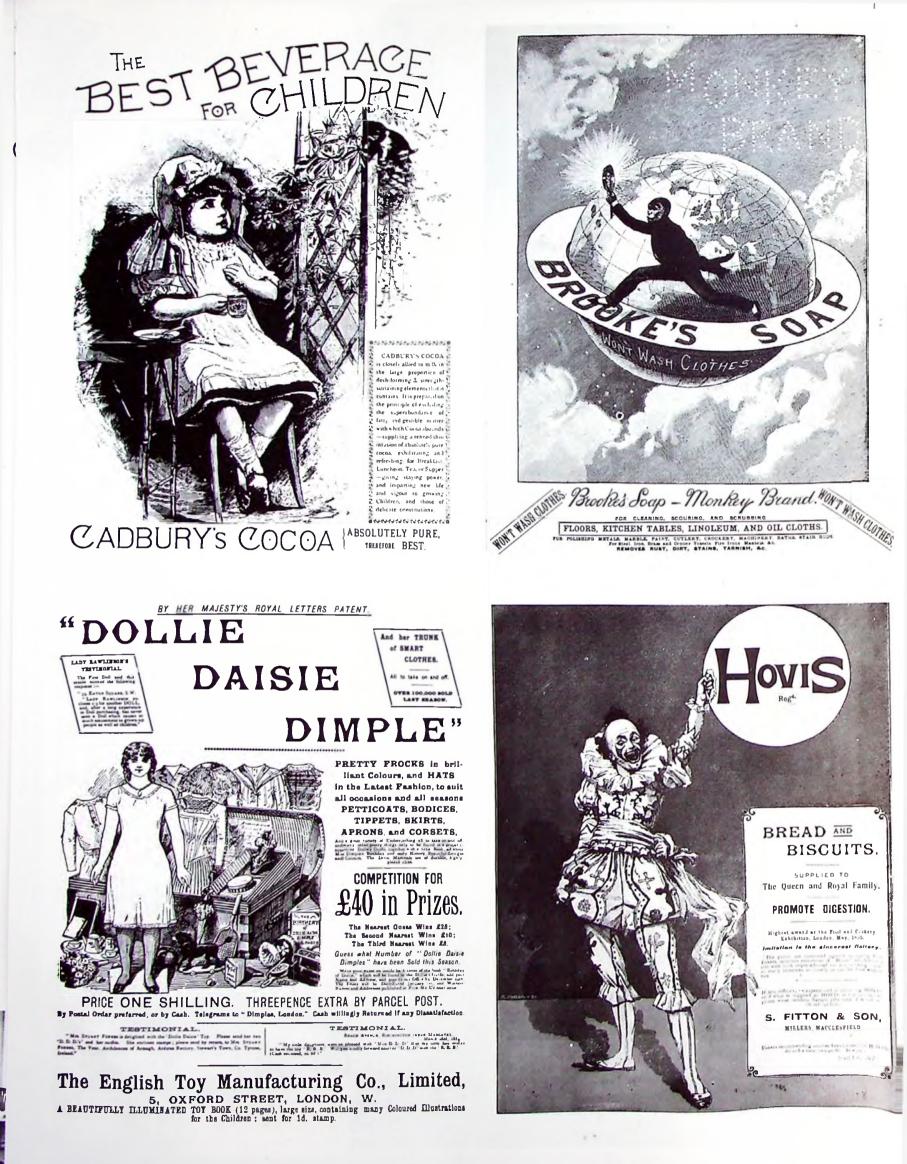
But it is also a solitary joy; and I hope that this book has brought you a laugh or two, enough for you to grant it a place on your bookshelf.

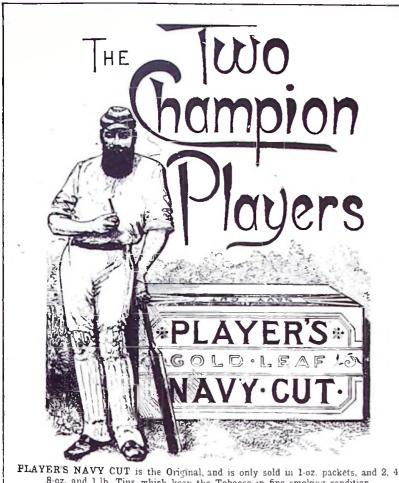
A final word – not all of us are lucky enough to possess a library – or indeed such a charming librarian but I think you will agree that I could not have found a more suitable picture to illustrate

THE END



Relish for Laughter





 PLAYER'S NAVY CUT is the Original, and is only sold in 1-oz. packets, and 2, 8-oz. and 1 lb. Tins, which keep the Tobacco in fine smoking condition. ASK AT ALL TOBACCO SELLERS, STORES, dc. AND TAKE NO OTHER
 SMOKERS ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST IMITATIONS. The GENUINE Lears the Trade Mark, "NOTTINGHAM CONTLE" in core to be land fin.



My friends know well my name is BROOKE, but yet on every hand. In sportive familiarity, I'm called: "OLD MONKEY BRAND!" And when they see me advertise, in various change of pose, They smile as they remember that I WON'T WASH CLOTHES!





