

Kisses For Asking If You're a Sheriff

New York, April 1—"Don't take the Shifter seriously or the joke's on you." This statement was made today by Mrs. Helen R. Bradley, director of the service club of the Girls Probation and Protective society, regarding the freak cult that has swept the country in the last two weeks and has set educators, clergy, women's clubs and parents associations seething. The emblem of the society permits flirtations between members.

"To sensible, well-balanced girls the thing is a joke, pure and simple," said Mrs. Bradley. "To scatter-brained girls it may conceivably be the beginning of evil. In either case it is a symptom of that desire to startle people which the new freedom has implanted in the young people of today."

LIKES TO APPEAR DANGEROUS

"The modern girl likes to be a bit dangerous. She has more freedom and gains it younger than the girl of any other phase in history. Modern girls like to shock their elders. 'Oh, why do you wear so much powder and rouge', I asked one of the girls. 'Because it gets such a rise out of mother,' she answered. So it seems to me that the best way to treat the shifters is to say as little as possible about them. And what you do say, say it with smiles."

But city authorities here and elsewhere are figuring whether the Shifters, originated first in fun, have not gone too far. Shifter "initiation" fees have grown to the point where "graft" is suggested, and six times within the last forty-eight hours men have stepped up to strange girls and kissed them because each wore a Shifter pin. These pins are selling at 8 cents each on every down-town street corner. The Shifter step is being writhed at every public and private dance. You can't walk down Broadway without some one blandly asking if you are a Shifter and trying to pin a badge or snap a clip on you.

SEE DANGER IN SOCIETY

Such organizations as the Vacation society and other girls' associations see in the fad a breaking down of girls' morale as grave as that effected by the war and jazz. Officials of girls' clubs argue that for a girl to accost a strange man on the street even in jest; for her to accept a present from him, even of candy, and for her to run the risk of being kissed by a passer-by merely because both wear the metal Shifter paper clip indicates a lack of self-respect.

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HON. J.B.M. BAXTER AS HE IS SEEN IN PARLIAMENT

A writer in the Montreal Standard in discussing Leader Meighen's Lieutenants has his to say of Hon. J.B. M. Baxter:—

A burly form looms up this year for the first time in the personage who bears the impressive name of John Babington Macaulay Baxter—a name that in itself suggests the cool calculations of a public career. He comes from down by the sounding sea and the quiet roar of old Fundy is in his voice. He is a remnant of the grand style—the style of the deep tragedian like Henry Irving in "Hamlet's" soliloquy. He has been a conspicuous figure in the rugged politics of his native province, used to be Attorney-General and is known as Dr. Baxter, by reason of the fact that he is a doctor of Civil laws. It is no reflection on their eminence to say that down there they are almost as numerous as Sam Hughes' honorary colonels in the early days of the war with this inference that they know their business.

Mr. Baxter's career at Ottawa was largely inglorious.

He had the misfortune to come in just as the procession was moving out was sworn in as Minister of Customs and immediately went on the stump in New Brunswick. At least he accomplished something. He won five seats out of eleven with narrow majorities, but they were won anyway. When he got back to Ottawa it was not to carry on a department for which one doubts not he was qualified, but rather to resign with the rest. Now he is in Opposition. He made his maiden speech in the house the other day and did well although he lagged at the end after getting off to a fine start. He spoke in a moderate vein, those who know him best say he has two kinds of speeches—quiet tone which probably he essayed for the debut, and the savage, sharp denunciation. He can draw from either repertoire and doubt less will as time goes on. You gather a rather favorable opinion of Baxter. He doesn't suffer from the lean and hungry look of some in his neighborhood, but is a great big burly six-footer, with sloping shoulders and an inclination to stoop forward. He speaks very good French and in fact started off with it the other day, a fact which emphasizes that the lower provinces in culture as in breadth of view, car give cards and spades to some other parts of the country. It is unfortunate that Mr. Baxter arrives at the heel of the hunt and it may be some time before he will be able to bag a department again, but in opposition he will be what a late Senator from Halifax would term, a valuable "adjutant"

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R. D. HANSON,
Secretary to School Board.
Dated February 24, 1922.

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Harvard University Endowment Invested to Good Advantage

(Boston Globe)

So wisely is the general fund of Harvard University, now approximately \$40,000,000, that few evidences of the recent strain of business depression are to be detected in the annual report of the treasurer, a fact which is considered an excellent test of the soundness of the financial policy of the corporation.

Of the \$40,000,000 fund in question about 8 per cent, according to the report for the last fiscal year, was maintained as a liquid reserve in the form of commercial paper, mostly the notes of well-known New England textile mills. Real estate and stocks of real estate trusts, all representing Boston property, accounted for another 15 per cent, while bonds and mortgages formed the great bulk of the fund, mostly in the form of bonds, making a total of some 62 per cent. The remaining 5 per cent included all of the stocks held by the fund.

Government and municipal bonds held the smallest place among the various kinds of bonds, with a total investment of \$1,391,210. Harvard's income is non-taxable and the corporation for this reason avoids the lower rate afforded by tax-exempt bonds. Aside from the United States, the Governments whose obligations are included in this list are Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, and Switzerland.

OTHER HOLDINGS

Railroad bonds form the largest group of Harvard's holdings, with a total of \$8,508,950 while the bonds of telephone, gas and electric light and power companies form a close second with \$7,489,025 for a total. Industrial bonds account for \$3,898,469 and traction and real estate bonds and mortgages form smaller groups. Among the stocks held by the Harvard Corporation, industrials are the largest group, with rails second and public utilities third.

Of the 229 securities held by Harvard, all but 15 of the number are paying regular interest or dividends. Traction bonds and railroad stocks show the highest percentage of casualties, with six traction bonds in default out of 19 and five railroad stocks out of 15 of the dividend list.

LOEW'S THEATRE

A block of 10,000 shares of Loew's Boston Theatre, Inc. forms the largest single holding in the entire list of securities. This block is worth \$585,845, according to the entry upon the books. It is the entire issue, and was taken, together with \$360,000 in cash, in payment for the land on which Loew's Orpheum Theatre now stands.

HIGHEST RETURNS

The highest return as a group is naturally shown by the industrial stocks, which yield 7.7 per cent on book value. Public utility stocks come next, with 6.1 per cent, then industrial bonds, with an even 6 per cent, the rate of return declining from this point to 3.1 per cent from investments in tractions.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant.

I kin remember when folks had a spoon holder on the table as well as one in the parlor

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MAKES ANY ONE WILD

A horse is better broke,
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Does not the radiophone furnish another talking point for the dealer in suburban real estate?

EX EMPEROR NOW LIVING IN POVERTY

Vienna, March 24—A letter printed in the Neues Wiener Journal, written by a former court attendant of the Empress Zita who is sharing the exile of Charles and Zita in Funchal, describes the hopeless financial outlook of the ex-imperial family. It was sent to Baron Schager, the former Emperor's confidant in Vienna.

The writer states that the former Emperor's hair has turned white since he left Hertenstein, near Loucerne, last October. She says it is a pitiable sight to observe him wandering restlessly about the garden, like a "caged deer, watching longingly the vessels at sea."

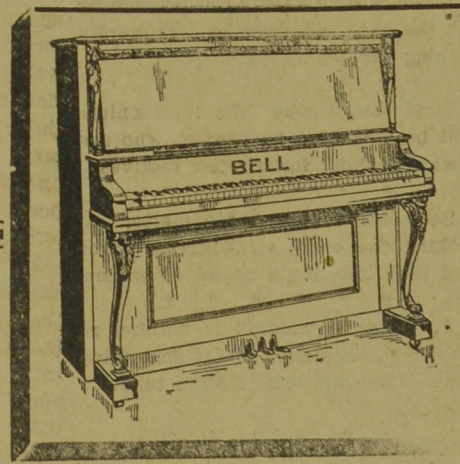
The former Empress, who is expecting another child, has little chance of getting the proper attendance, the lack of funds precluding the services of a physician. An Austrian midwife is on her way to Funchal.

Charles has had to leave the Villa Victoria in Funchal because he could not afford to pay the rental, and has removed with his family to an old house on the top of the mountain. The doors and windows are shaky and it is there miles from town to the house which the Portuguese proprietor placed at the former Emperor's disposal gratuitously. The imperial couple sleep in a tiny room, in which there is space for only the beds and a small washstand. Fuel is lacking entirely.

The writer of the letter adds that Charles and Zita will have to leave even this refuge in three months, knowing not whither to go. The cost of living is tremendously high, everybody expecting tips, even the detectives who are supposed to watch the family. The companion of the former Empress appeals for help declaring it her duty so to do, as the imperial family are "too proud to complain."

It is understood the Hungarian supporters of the Hapsburg family are raising a fund for their monarchical leader.

Mr. R. B. Maxwell, President of the Great War Veterans Association for Canada will be in Fredericton on Wednesday April the 5th and will address a public meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, York Street in the evening. Mr. Maxwell is the father of the G. W. V. A. and under his guidance the organization has grown until it is today one of the greatest institutions in Canada. His address will be of interest to the citizens of Fredericton generally as well as to returned men and it is expected that a representative audience of Fredericton's citizens will avail themselves of the privilege of hearing Mr. Maxwell and of learning what the G. W. V. A. stands for and what work it is doing for good in this country. There will be no admission fee charged.



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