

THE MOOCHI, THE LATEST LONDON FAD HITS NEW YORK; IT IS FRIGHTFULLY SAVAGE

(New York Sun)

New York has at last obtained a peep at the Moochi, a new dance inspired by the sight of Zula warriors prancing to the rhythmic beat of Tom-toms, for which a vogue more widespread even than that of the late lamented Charleston has been predicted.

A tentative announcement of the Moochi was published in the Sun as long ago as August before the details of the new step, then a jealously guarded secret in London, had been revealed to dancing teachers in this country.

Miss Dorothy Cropper, president of the New York Society of Dancing Teachers and in instructor for the Dancing Masters of America, was the first to import the Moochi from Europe, where it is now immensely popular. Miss Cropper gave the first professional demonstration of the dance at the New York society's monthly meeting held last week at the Hotel Astor.

Basic Step a Swiver

The Moochi, Miss Cropper told a reporter for The Sun, was invented by Robert Seille and Annette Mills of London, who were largely responsible for introducing the Charleston to Europe. This internationally famous couple made a trip to Africa in the course of which they were spectators of a Zula war dance. Realizing that some of the native steps were applicable to a civilized ballroom, they promptly set to work to adapt these.

In a letter to Miss Cropper, Mr. Seille stated that the Moochi has absolutely no relation to the Charleston—also supposed to have originated in the African Jungle.

The basic step is a swivel. With every step taken the foot is turned outward, as in the Charleston, but instead of being turned back again it is twisted only half way. Although the description sounds somewhat similar to a Charleston step, the Moochi swivel is markedly different when actually seen. Five combinations were offered

in the original version, namely, the walk, chasse, moochi, turn and spin.

The Tom-Toms

One of the most attractive features of the new dance lies in the music, specially written, which is extraordinarily fascinating. It is written in 3-4 time but with six beats to a bar. In other words, instead of the dreamy "one-two-three" of the waltz, the measure is counted "one-and-two-and-three-and," which supplies the pulsating effect of tom-toms beating.

The original tune—called "The Moochi,"—contains real Zula war-dance music, and the African motif has been extended to the accompanying lyric which begins with the words "Oosala, oosala." New Moochi tunes are now being composed in London, where the dance has been received with an almost fanatical fervor.

Moochi teas are held daily in the fashionable West End hotels and restaurants—the Cafe de Paris, Ciro's, the Mayfair, the Savoy, the Kit Kat Club and others—of the English capital. Society couples and those who find themselves at leisure in the afternoon make a point of stopping in at 4 o'clock, sip a cocktail and try out this latest step. As a drawing card, the management of most of these places is providing instructors, free of charge, who demonstrate the various Moochi steps for the benefit of those as yet unfamiliar with the dance.

On the Riviera, too, the Moochi has caught on like wildfire. The extent of this popularity may be judged by the fact that the Negresco in Nice—a hotel with an international reputation—is advertising the dance extensively.

As yet, it is too early to form an opinion as to whether the Moochi will also sweep this country off its feet, or rather on to its feet. Mr. Seille and Miss Mills think it will. Miss Cropper has shown the dance to the New York instructors, and it remains only for the orchestra to begin playing Moochi music, barbaric, pulsating, irresistible, at least to Europeans.

AMERICAN WRITER CLAIMS THAT THE GARDEN OF EDEN WAS NEAR LAKE MICHIGAN

Billerica, Mass., Nov. 29—Those who shiver on the shores of Lake Michigan may or may not be comfortable by the conviction of Arthur Sanborn of this town that Adam and Eve once disported themselves there clad, presumably, in a fig leaf or two apiece.

Sanborn yesterday gave the world a brochure of modest length in which he set forth his opinion that Michigan's southern peninsula was the site of the Garden of Eden. Sanborn hopes that his theories will confound earlier theories who have identified Mesopotamia with the first homestead of Mankind.

Sanborn based his theory for the most part of his interpretation of the Book of Genesis, but at times delved into geology and kindred sciences.

From the verse "and a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads," Sanborn derives most of his argument. This sentence, he explains, tells of the formation of the Great Lakes.

Nowhere in Asia, he says, "nor in any land accessible to the ancients, is there any river system that answers the description in Genesis, or even remotely resembles it."

"It has always been assumed that the River of Eden was parted into four heads," he continues, "but the words expressly are that it was first parted, and then became into four heads, which describes Superior's outlet precisely; for a head of water formed by a river is a lake, and nothing but a lake, and no one would apply it to anything but a lake who had a lake to apply it to. As the ancients had none they applied it to rivers."

"Assuming, then, that the land of Eden was the whole region of the Great Lakes, and the Garden of Eden the projection of Michigan's southern peninsula, it will be seen at a glance that it counterparts exactly the Eden of Genesis. Standing on its northern extremity and looking across the Straits

of Mackinac, where Lake Superior throws its flood through the St. Mary's River, 'from thence it is parted,' one channel breaking westward to form a great backwater, Lake Michigan, and the other, bearing south through Lake Huron and the Detroit river, where it bends sharply to the east to overflow Lake Erie and its easterly extension, the Niagara River and Lake Ontario.

The first lake, Pison, becomes Lake Michigan, and Havilah the west beyond it; Gihon becomes Lake Huron, and Cush the middle west. Phrath becomes Erie and Ontario, stretching into Assyria, the east."

How man's first parents, whom tradition and the Bible say were scantily clothed, managed to survive the rigors of a northern winter is explained very neatly by Sanborn with the simple assertion that winter did not exist in that time.

"When the ice pack retreated from the Great Lakes at the end of the ice age," according to Sanborn, "it was followed by an invasion of southern warmth through 10 or 15 degrees of latitude. The climate was much milder than at present, tempered further, as it is today, by the west and north-west winds."

Man was banished from the garden by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Sanborn's opinion. So the east along Lake Erie, he "descended the Hudson River, and in Northern New Jersey

'WASP WAISTS'? CERTAINLY WILL BE BACK

New York, Nov. 27—The first harpoon in a whalebone war was hurled today. Mme. Binner, Fifth Avenue corsetiere, called a conference of eight New York corset manufacturers in an effort to receive concerted action preventing the return of the "wasp waist."

Mme. Binner, who corseted Lillian Russell's famous figure in the days of Diamond Jim Brady and who numbers society matrons and actresses among her clientele, declared a conviction that the present fashion trend was in reality the first step in an attempt to bring back the hourglass figure.

"Don't tell me women won't go back to pinching their waists if fashion demands" she said. "They may say they won't—but they said they would not come back to long skirts, too!"

"They're coming to me today—women of 45 and girls of 18—crying for small waists as a 'baby cries' for candy."

"They see one of the new frocks and the saleswoman tells them they must have a small waist to wear it. Advertisements, fashion stories—everything they read about style tells them their waists are much smaller. Now how much is 'much'? The women don't know. They read figure measurements by the yard, telling them that for a certain height they should have a certain waist measurement."

"Those figures pay no attention to weight and bone structure. They're nonsense. If we don't nip this business in the bud it will go on until women's waists are pinched as they used to be and their health suffers accordingly!"

Mme. Binner said she found no fault with the styles as they exist today. The present mode, she declared, is a natural one and as such, reveals figures to the best advantage.

"Women have told me that they feel better wearing a light supporting girdle," she said. "But they don't feel better or look better when girdles pinch enough to interfere with circulation and comfort. Wasp waists won't do anybody any good."

The meeting adjourned to draw up figures for correct feminine waist, hip and bust measurements, taking weight and bone structure into consideration.

The Turkish government has engaged a Netherlands specialist to supervise the construction of a dam that will impound 10,000,000 cubic meters of water to irrigate the Angora plain.

What is described as the world's longest motor route for tourists has been established between the head of navigation for Nile river steamers and Cape Town, South Africa.

For instruction as well as entertainment a phonograph and projector have been combined, still pictures shown on a screen being automatically changed at nine seconds intervals.

An interesting innovation would be lip sticks that would make lips look like lips.

found easily-worked deposits" of copper and iron.

The flood, says Sanborn, was caused by the antics of a now unknown planet then situated in "the void between Mars and Jupiter, now thinly tenanted by the Asteroids."

"As it drew closer to Jupiter," Sanborn explained, "its orbit swung within the orbit of Mars, which has an inclination of almost two degrees, and in the years of the deluge it encountered the earth in its plane of the Ecliptic. Suddenly, far within the path of the moon, it confronted our western hemisphere."

Heart and Nerves So Bad Was Unable To Sleep For Hours

Miss Theresa M. Ravary, Gallingertown, Ont., writes:—"I was troubled almost a year, with my heart and nerves, and was getting at night when I would be unable to sleep for hours. I was told to take Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills."



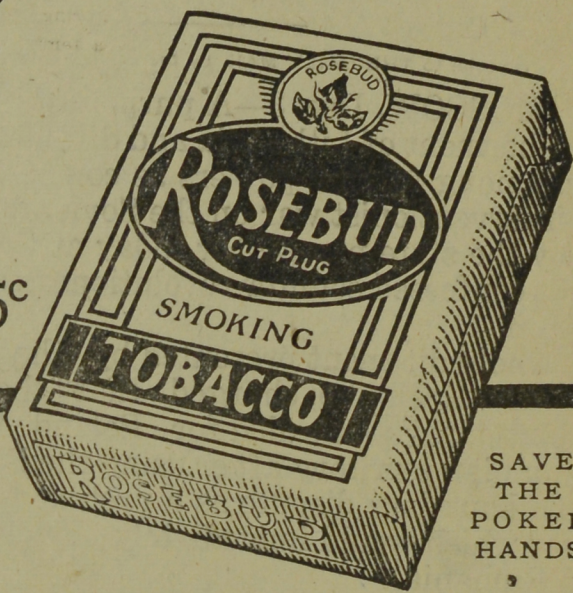
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greatness to be thrust upon him a second time? We have no doubt but that ex-Leader Dysart has had many a quiet laugh since the late election at the expense of the safety first bosses who made such a mess of things.

Attacked with appendicitis, a man in British Columbia rode 21 miles on a motorcycle over rough roads to the nearest hospital. By that time his appendix felt pretty good in comparison with the rest of him.

A Garden of a thousand acres or more will soon be opened on the U. S. Canadian border to celebrate the long peace between these countries. The best monuments are not in stone. Gardens grow. So do Friendships.

One doesn't hear anything about the dangers of kissing any more, so we suppose the educational campaign must have broken up that deadly habit.

A college professor urges young lawyers to marry their secretaries. The trouble with that is, few lawyers have the requisite eloquence until they're older and more experienced.

Yale scientists have found a rock that goes back 185,000,000 years. The only antique left now to discover is the loose-leaf ledger Eve used for a wardrobe trunk.

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