

# MADAM PAUL DESCHANEL THE EX-PRESIDENT'S WIFE

When Fashionable Paris Gathered to Honor the New Ruler  
She was Alone With Her Children in a Second Rate Hotel  
—No Expressions of Sympathy for Her—Stands Loyal-  
ly by Husband During His Illness.

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Paris, Oct. 31 (By Mail)—While the gilded salons of the Elysee were a glitter with the shining decorations of diplomats and the rich costumes and flashing jewels of all fashionable Paris gathered to honor France's new President and his family Mme. Paul Deschanel, a few hours ago the first lady of the land, was alone with her children in a second-rate hotel in a re-

mote, unfashionable quarter. Paris is so occupied in shouting, "Vie Millerand!" that no one notices the change in the fortunes of the Deschanels. While out at Versailles troops were marching, aeroplanes flying and crowds cheering the name of Millerand as he was being elected, M. Deschanel was being taken in a closed automobile to a private hospital in the suburbs of Paris and his wife and children quietly weeping, and accom-



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## MATRIMONIAL TIPS IN SERMON

(Philadelphia Bulletin)  
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Some of the "don'ts" for young women contemplating matrimony as set forth by Mr. McCormick in his sermon yesterday are:

"Don't marry a man to reform him. Beware of damaged goods."

"Don't marry a man to convert him. Many a life has been ruined through the linking together of a Christian and an unbeliever."

"Don't marry a man who has not saved up some money. It costs a lot to live nowadays. You can't live on sunshine and fresh air."

"Don't marry a man who is rude to his sister or mother."

panied only by the one army officer detailed to supervise the exit from Rambouillet, came to their meagre lodging in Paris. There were no good byes at Rambouillet and no welcomes in Paris—no expressions of sympathy, no inquiries at the hotel, not one vestige of the "politesse" which, as Mme. la Presidente this weeping woman commanded from all.

### A tremendous Blow

The former President's health has taken a turn for the worse, but so far as appearances go Mme. Deschanel seems to have changed more than he. Instead of the proud, confident, superbly dressed figure she presented when mistress of the Elysee she now appears in simple black, her figure bent and her face lined and aged. The sudden departure from the Elysee was a tremendous blow, to her. She has always been intensely ambitious. Her husband's political success was always her principal thought and from the earliest days of his career it was she who urged him on to higher offices. The hope that he might one day become President of France, vaguely formulated at first, later became an obsession with her. She aided him to that office with that grasp of social politics which only French women seem to acquire and, with her hope fulfilled, she presided at the Elysee functions with such consummate grace and tact that she soon had all of diplomatic Paris at her feet.

She was, perhaps, the first to realize the seriousness of her husband's physical condition and, realizing what his collapse would mean, she endeavored to persuade him to take a complete rest long before he was ordered by his physicians to relinquish the cares and duties of his office. During his stay at the summer Elysee at Rambouillet, Mme. Deschanel was her husband's constant companion and nurse, and despite the trying nature of his illness which rendered him irritable and difficult to please, she never left his side.

### Visits Her Husband

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Latin Quarter since she arrived there, has been to visit her husband at the little private hospital at Malmaison. She slips out of the hotel lobby her face veiled, and hurriedly enters, not the luxurious limousine with the liveried footmen of the Elysee, but any rattling taxicab that happens to be at hand. She dismisses the cab before the hospital is reached and finishes the journey on foot. No one notices her as she comes and goes.

Mme. Millerand, France's new "first lady", is a quiet, home-loving woman with but small interest in affairs of state. Her chief interest are her four children, Jean, who is twenty-one years old; Alice, who is eighteen; Jacques, sixteen; and Marthe, eleven. It is predicted that the social season at the Elysee under the new regime will be marked by quietness rather than gaiety.

## THE HOUSING PROBLEM IS STIRRING ROME

(By "Riezi" staff correspondent Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

Rome, Oct. 20—(By Mail.) However bad housing conditions may be in New York or London, they cannot be worse than they are in Rome. During the war Rome has increased her population by over 50 per cent. Many wealthy people from all parts of the South have settled in Rome the war has brought to Rome thousands of Italian and foreign officers, secretaries etc., who find life so pleasant that they will not leave the Eternal City. Provincial officials transferred to Rome, simply refuse to come, being unwilling to share the lot of the homeless.

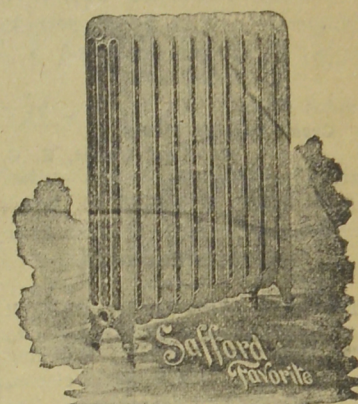
For vacant houses and flats a premium is demanded, papers report of a case where 100,000 lire (about \$20,000) were paid. Such premiums are called "buonuscita" (a "good move"). Building activity is almost stagnant, and at the present rate it will take decades to erect sufficient houses.

The inhabitants of a large tenement house in the Via Alcaldi; following the example of the metal workers have adopted a drastic plan of self-help. The house having just been sold, the new owner sold the flats on the "premium system". The present tenants however did not fall in with this scheme; they refused to leave, established a kind of guard house in the porter's lodge, and whenever a "suspicious" person demands admission the well-organized inmates are "ready for battle." A big red flag has been hoisted. The authorities have to interfere and this kind of occupation may soon become the rule.

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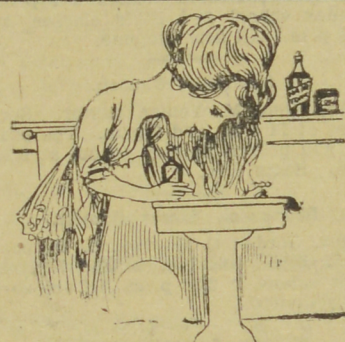
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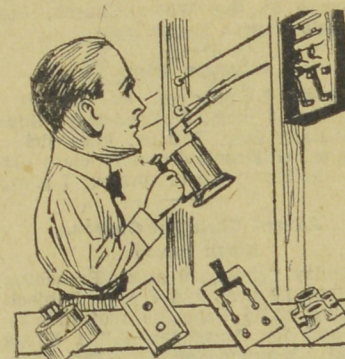
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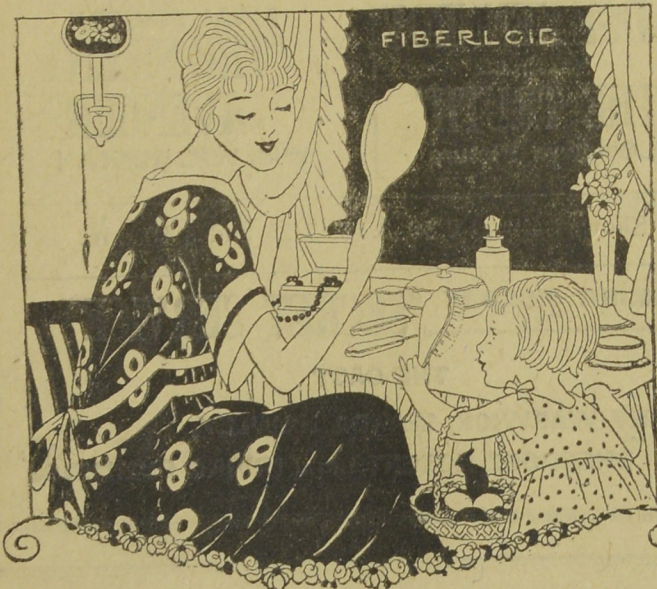
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