

THE LITTLE SEASON IS OVER IN LONDON; AMERICANS BID FOR FAVOR OF THE SMILING PRINCE

London, April 28—May 3 is this year the official date for the end of the "Little Season," with all its diplomatic entertaining and parties for debutantes, and the beginning of the principal London Summer season.

The official beginning of the season is always on the opening day of the Royal Academy, one of the principal artistic and social events of the year in Europe, and one which draws its crowds of celebrities to London.

The Court will be returning to London about a week before this event, for Queen Mary has not yet completed all her plans for entertaining during the coming months. She is to give parties on the largest scale she has yet attempted. Her love of orderliness in her social arrangements is well-known, and to keep her social registers in trim she has just added another secretary to her staff.

Wales Swamped With Invites.

Wales is already inundated with invitations to balls, dinner parties, supper parties, and even breakfast parties—many of them from American hostesses who are making their headquarters in London.

He has already accepted several of them, and the fortunate ones are the envy of every London hostess.

It is no secret that Wales thoroughly enjoys himself at the informal parties given by American hostesses—and so does his brother, the Duke of York, who later this season intends to be as socially active as Wales himself. York is, of course, in the fortunate position of being able to return hospitality more easily than Wales for his charming wife has an almost unequalled flair for entertaining on a royal scale.

New Yorkers Abroad.

London has prepared some big surprises for its visitors, and these are now being revealed.

Always claiming to possess some of the most luxurious restaurants and dancing facilities in the world, London finds that during the past two of three months the leading fashionable resorts in towns have been planning new restaurants and dance-foyers on a scale of luxury worthy of fable and legend.

The new restaurant foyer of the Savoy has been opened this week, an event which was attended by all social London, including many distinguished American visitors, such as Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Steele of New York, Mrs. John P. Shelley and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeland of Long Island.

Dance on Air.

The floor, which is even larger than that of the old Savoy ballroom—now to be used for banquets and private balls—is so constructed that guests will literally "dance on air." Instead of the usual steel wires and springs, it is supported over a number of sealed air chambers, in which air is kept under pressure. This gives the floor a more gentle resiliency, and is claimed to be better suited to modern dancing styles.

English Novels Bloodless.

Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith, the famous Sussex authoress, at a gathering of British novelists this week, declared that the modern English novel had become one of conversation and idea rather than of action.

"The modern novel is distinguished by its tendency to be completely bloodless, like the fortunate state of society which has produced it," she declared.

Miss Kaye-Smith, in commenting on American novels, said: "America is perfecting the technique of novel writing and has made it possible for almost any well-educated and observant writer to produce a good novel without a vestige of inspiration."

Movie Suppers Latest Innovation.

The "first nights" of big films are becoming important social events in London and some hostesses find it more fashionable and exclusive to give "movie dinners" instead of theatrical dinners.

"Movie suppers" are also a new innovation which is becoming very popular among London hostesses. Head Chef Latty has composed a series of special supper menus, intended to be in the "spirit of modern movies and usually containing a dish symbolic of some movie triumph."

The Sunday afternoon shows by the newly-formed Film Society provide a meeting place for both the fashionable and the artistic world, and apart from the ultra-modern Continental and American films which are shown, there is always included in their programs an American film comedy of ten or fifteen years ago, which appears more strikingly funny by contrast with the modern productions.

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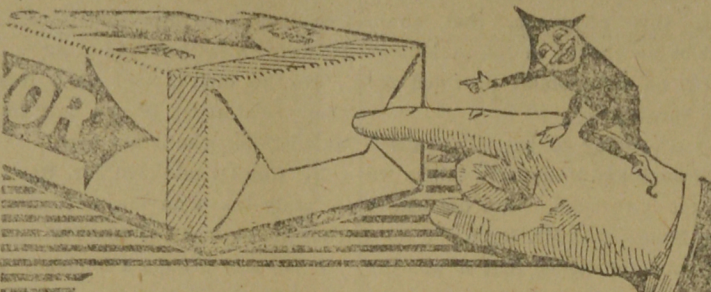
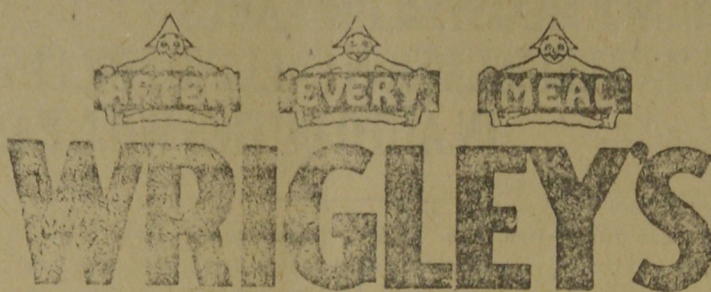
Berlin, April 28—It is due to the astuteness of postal authorities in Upper Hessen, Germany that a postal card, which bore no address other than "V O—619" reached its correct destination. It was clear from the message written on the card that the addressee was the owner of an automobile and investigation led to this identification through his local license number.

God Save the King's English.

A London firm received from a merchant in Porto Rico a letter which, properly framed, now hangs upon the wall of the home office—proof in denial of the ancient libel that the English don't know a joke when they see it.

The letter read as follows: "Why, for God's sake, you send me pump without handle. My customer hollar like hell for water."

"P. S.—Since writing, I find the dam handle in the box." (Doran.)



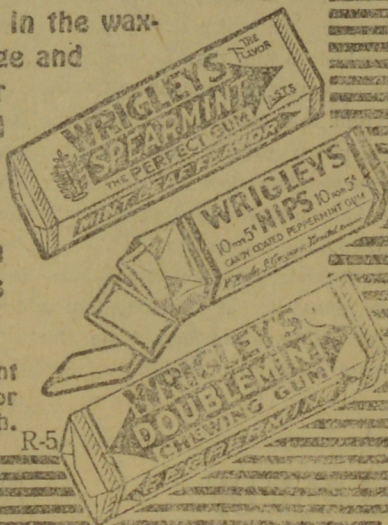
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An unexpected and attractive opportunity is within the grasp of some citizen of Fredericton to attend the Sesqui-centennial International Exposition to be held at Philadelphia, opening June 1st, 1926, and running to December 1st 1926 as the guest of the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association. There is to be a special party formed consisting of one fortunate person from as many of the three hundred towns on the Chautauqua list as can qualify.

The party will spend three days in Philadelphia at the expense of

the Chautauqua Association and will attend all of the interesting features of the Exposition under conditions that will insure their getting the most of their trip.

The appointment of the person from Fredericton to be a member of the Sesqui Party is left in the hands of the local Chautauqua committee with certain reservations. The text of the official offer which has been extended to the local Chautauqua committee by Chautauqua headquarters follows:

The Swarthmore Chautauqua Association will pay the railroad fare of one person to be selected by the Fredericton Chautauqua committee from Fredericton to Philadelphia. "The Sesqui-Centennial city" and return to Fredericton and his hotel expenses for a three days' stay in Philadelphia as a member of the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association Sesqui-Centennial Party.

Provided:

1. Sufficient season tickets are sold in the Chautauqua campaign of 1926 to cover the contract and local expenses.

2. All season tickets are sold at full price.

3. No season tickets are given away or sold to guarantors in excess of the actual number required for their families.

4. First opportunity to act as delegate be given by the Committee to the person selling the greatest number of season tickets.

Note—Other people from Fredericton appointed by the Chautauqua committee will be welcome as members of the Chautauqua Sesqui-Centennial Party and will receive the advantages of special rates for accommodations and entertainment which the Chautauqua Party will secure. Such extra people will pay their own transportation and hotel expenses.

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