

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS TALKED OF BY GRANDMA

(New York Sun.)

The modern grandmother who powders her nose, indulges in a fortnightly facial and sports a flared skirt, does not often recall the days when she glided in hoops and petticoats, but sometimes a wraith of sentiment for the past seems to envelop her and she romances about the clothes she wore as a girl in the eighties.

"I remember my plum-colored silk so well," she says with a faraway look in her eyes. "It had a velvet basque trimmed with iridescent beads and a much beruffled skirt that touched my ankles. It took eight yards of silk at three and a half dollars a yard to make. Then the eighteen dollars for the needle brought the cost of the dress quite high. Well, we got fewer dresses then and wore 'em longer."

Under the dress I wore a hooped skirt. About eight hoops or reeds ran about the bottom and from these radiated lines of tape which met in a buckled belt. The effect was that of a maypole and its steamers.

"Then over the hooped skirt I wore two muslin petticoats. They were ruffled, embroidered and starched as stiff as boards. If they weren't stiff I wouldn't wear them. Under the hoop I wore one petticoat which was not quite so elaborate."

"Did I feel uncomfortable in so much gear? I should say not. The rustle of silk and the crackle of starched muslin were music to my young ears. Now they do not even listen for such sounds, for there is no swish to the draperies of the modern silhouette."

"Musolini promises aid to Italian wheat growers." We have several plans around we are not using.

## WILL MAKE A CASH GIFT TO MR. LAPOINTE

Ottawa, Oct. 28—Definite plans have been formed for a Dominion-wide collection amongst Liberals for the collection of \$125,000 for Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, who will celebrate 25 years continuous service as a member of the House of Commons next February.

Hon. Philippe, former Liberal organizer in the Quebec district, has been appointed chairman of the drive. The committee in charge of the Ottawa district includes such outstanding Liberals as Hon. Charles Murphy, Hon. Andrew Haydon, and Hon. N. A. Belcourt.

It has been pointed out that Hon. Ernest Lapointe has made a sacrifice of his own career for devotion to his party.

Premier King has heartily commended the move and will be one of the contributors.

The \$125,000 will be collected this autumn and will be presented to Mr. Lapointe in the form of gilt-edged securities at a banquet in his honor in January.

## OPPOSITION IS LEADING IN OLD COUNTRY

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 30—With results from thirteen constituencies definitely known, the Opposition party, led by Sir Richard Squires, had elected ten members to four supporters of Hon. F. C. Alderdice, leader of the Government party in the Newfoundland elections held yesterday. Twenty-four constituencies, electing a total of twenty-six members, were yet to be

## CANADA DOES NOT WANT U. S. BULLETS

Ottawa, Oct. 30—Steps have been taken by the United States government to see that in future bullets fired from the revolvers of American preventive officers stationed on the border near Windsor, Ont., do not cross the Detroit River into Canada. A report of an investigation made by the United States authorities into complaints last spring that bullets fired by United States officers had struck three different places in Sandwich and Windsor, has been issued by the Department of External Affairs here. The investigators found that, in the first of the three cases under investigation, a bullet which entered the home of Mrs. Arthur Powers at Sandwich, Ont., was actually fired by an employee of the United States government. There seemed to be a misapprehension on the part of many of the preventive officers as to the distance bullets from their revolvers would carry, it was stated. However, steps have been taken to prevent any repetitions of this.

In the two other cases, the investigators failed to find any evidence that the two bullets, one of which struck the windshield of a Canadian automobile and the other the sign on a gasoline station had been fired by United States officers.

Fairy Story: "Once upon a time a fellow set out for Europe, and nobody at the parting happened to think of 'Bum voyage!'"

heard from, including St. John's City East, where Hon. Mr. Alderdice is running, and Humber, contested by the leader of the Opposition. Sir William F. Coaker was elected in Bonaville East.

## THE DUTCH HAVE RECLAIMED ZUIDER ZEE AND WILL NOW HAVE A NORTH SEA OUTLET

Holland is engaged on two pieces of engineering, each of its kind the greatest in the world. One is the reclamation of the Zuider Zee and the other, the new lock at Ymuiden, Amsterdam's outlet to the North Sea, is nearing completion and will, it is hoped, be wholly finished by August of next year, writes a correspondent of "The London Times."

While Rotterdam keeps a jealous eye on Antwerp, Amsterdam watches in particular the German ports, and it is well for Holland that the vigilance does not slacken. The two cities are, indeed, the two great arteries of Dutch economic and commercial life. New industries—electric supply, artificial silk, coal (for coal mining can be classed as new for Holland)—are forging ahead, but, after agriculture, the backbone of Dutch trade is still shipping. Holland is one of the great carriers of the world, of which her colonies are no unimportant part; her area of distribution includes the great hinterland of the Rhine and the Meuse, and, as English shipowners have found of recent years, her share of the entrepot trade of Europe has steadily become greater and greater.

### Ports Improved.

To retain and, if possible, to enlarge her share Holland is determined that her ports shall be kept abreast of the times and be able to accommodate ships of greater size if the movement for larger tonnage should go still further. In this respect Rotterdam and Amsterdam feel the disadvantages as well as the advantages of their position. Well placed as distributive centers, they are both ideally compact, but the long miles of the approach to them have entailed constant expense not only for maintenance but for en-

largement as the existing waterways have been outgrown. Rotterdam has therefore laid its plans for the enlargement of the New Waterway; the new lock at Ymuiden is the reply of Amsterdam to these growing pains.

A journey down the fifteen miles of the North Sea Canal, which connects Amsterdam with the coast, will give some inkling why the Dutch are classed among the world's great civil engineers. On both sides are typical stretches of "polder" land; the sale of the reclaimed meadows contributed more than a quarter of the 40,000,000 guilders which was the cost of the original canal. Drawing near to Ymuiden the boat will pass under the huge steel railway bridge which pivots about its center to allow a liner or warship to pass up to the shipyards of Amsterdam. At the end of the main channel is the original Ymuiden lock, which was opened with the canal in 1876. Before twenty years had passed the lock had become insufficient for the traffic passing through it, and in 1896 a new and greater lock, 738 feet long, 82 feet wide and 33 feet deep, was built by its side. This, again, soon proved inadequate, and in 1911 a commission recommended the construction of a new lock 1,180 feet by 131 feet by 46 feet.

### Exceeds Suez in Size.

Partly because of the war it was not until 1917 that the act sanctioning the new work was passed, and by that time it was decided still further to increase the dimensions to 1,312 feet by 164 feet by 49 feet. (For convenience all measurements have been converted in this article from meters to feet. The figures are exact to the nearest whole number.) This is the scale on which the lock is being completed—a scale which will make Ymuiden lock the largest in the world, greater than the locks of the Panama Canal (1,000 feet by 110 feet by 43 feet) or of the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal (1,083 feet by 148 feet by 45 feet). The North Sea Canal will be dredged out provisionally to a depth of 41 feet, but the eventual depth will be 49 feet. The deepening to 41 feet will give the canal a cross-section of approximately 14,000 square feet, which will make it larger than the Suez and about as large as the Panama. Land has also been acquired for its widening.

The new excavation at Ymuiden began in 1919 and concreting in 1923. Foundations and subterranean water are a difficulty in most Dutch building, and Ymuiden has been no exception. The sandy soil and the great depth of the lock made it necessary to incase the whole pit in steel sheets, reaching to an impermeable layer of clay 125 feet below sea level. The lock itself is of reinforced concrete and is being constructed in three parts, of which one, the eastern entrance, with much of the lock chamber, is already finished. Nearly 8,000,000 cubic feet of reinforced concrete and 15,500 piles will go to the making. Figures, however, at least to the untechnical mind, can convey but small idea of the size of the undertaking.

But stand in the bed of the lock and its immensity becomes apparent. To right and left are the towering walls of concrete broken by the oval mouths of the culverts and the huge recesses for the sliding caisson gates—one at the east end and two at the west, for there is to be a gate in reserve. The recesses are designed also to serve as dry docks for the gates, should the occasion arise. The lock will be closed by rolling gates of steel, each weighing 1,184 tons and having an air chamber of 49,400 cubic feet. The chamber again is divided into sixteen compartments, each of which can be filled separately with water or emptied by compressed air. For normal working the air chamber will be partly filled with water, and the weight of the gate on the runners will be about 120 tons. When all compartments are emptied, the gate will float with a draught of thirty-nine feet.

"Now I've had my revenge" said the shoe shop proprietor to his friend as a customer left.

"Revenge? How so?"

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## EXTRACT WAX FROM NEW UTAH COAL

Pittsburgh, Oct. 31—More than three gallons of wax has been extracted from one ton of Utah coal in the United States Bureau of Mines laboratory here.

The wax is essentially the ordinarily known stuff used in candles. The coal yielding the wax is Mesa Verda, one of the least known in the United States and one of the most recent—that is, coal which was formed in geological times that are recent as compared with Eastern coals. The Bureau of Mines first extracted the tar from the Utah coal, getting about thirty-two gallons from a ton, and then the tar obtained 11 per cent of wax. In announcing the research the bureau says:

"It is suggested that the high wax content of tars of this sort might be directly exploited to yield an important increase in by-products with very little preliminary development work."

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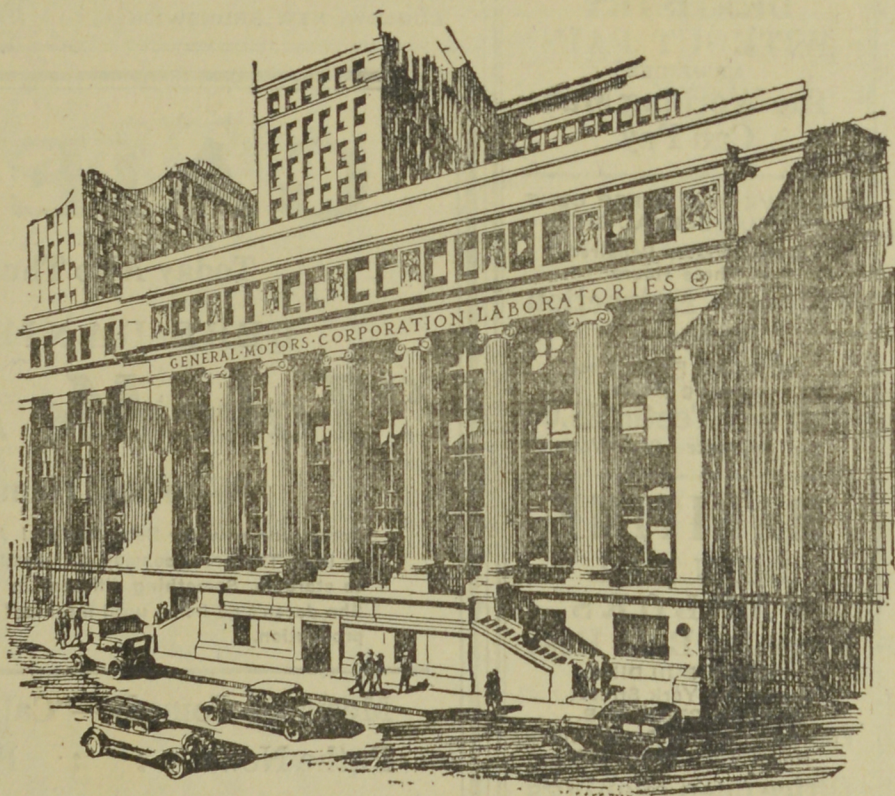
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