Girl Guide Activities.

(By "BROWN OWL.")

FIRST NEWTOWNARDS COMPANY.

THE members of the 1st Newtownards Company gave a most interesting and successful display in the Guild Hall, Newtownards. The hall was filled with the parents and friends of those interested in the Guides. Miss Gillilan, the captain of the company, is to be congratulated on the high standard of work exhibited.

The display opened by inspection and an address by the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. F. M. Weldon, who also gave a short address, in which she pointed out that one of the aims of the movement was to develop girls and develop character, so that they might be of great help to the parents and the community at large.

This was followed by a display of drills of different kinds, tableaux, Guide and Brownie games, signalling, and first-aid.

Those present at the display included:—Miss K. Hogg, District Commissioner; Miss King, district captain; Miss Ewart, captain 2nd Newtownards; Miss Salter, lieutenant 1st Newtownards; Miss Harvey, Brown Owl; and Mrs. Bennett, Tawny Owl.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT CONWAY.

An interesting presentation took place at Conway Dunmurry, in connection with Mrs. Bailey, who has just resigned the District Commissionership of Lisburn and district, owing to a change of residence.

The Divisional Commissioner for South Antrim, Miss M'Meiking, presided, and expressed the regret that she and all the Guiders felt at losing Mrs. Bailey, who had done such good work, and who was also the friend and adviser to all Guiders and Guides in the district. The only consolation from the point of view was that Mrs. Bailey's help would still be available for Lisburn.

Captain Dr. M. Quinn presented an album containing the names of the Guiders in the district, and a short address to Mrs. Bailey.

Divisional Commissioner, Miss M'Meiking, on behalf of all the Guiders, presented an linen hand-embroidered lunch cloth and napkins.

Mrs. Bailey, in acknowledgment, made a charming speech, and all the Guiders took the opportunity of a "farewell talk" with "never a cup of tea."

ULSTER HEADQUARTERS.

Will Ulster Guiders please note that Ulster headquarters will be closed for Easter holidays from 6th till 11th inst.

BELFAST COUNTY SECRETARY.

Will Belfast Guiders please note that Miss Travers will be away from home from 4th inst. to 1st May, when all Guide communications should be sent to Mrs. Brice Smyth, 29, Twenty Square, Belfast.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Ulster Girl Guides Executive Committee was held yesterday afternoon at Ulster headquarters. The Ulster Chief Commissioner (her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn) presided.

The financial report was submitted by the Hon. Treasurer (Sir Frederick Moneypenny, K.C.V.O.), and it showed a most satisfactory credit balance.

It was reported that the proposed combined Scout and Guide rally arranged for 18th August had been postponed, as this date had been selected for the international motor race, but it was hoped that the Chief Guide and Chief Scout would be able to come over for the rally early in the summer of 1929, when the plans already made would stand.

Those present at the meeting included Mrs Molloy, M.B.E.; Mrs. Malcolm Patrick, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Hermon, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Goodwin, Miss M'Meiking, Mrs. Weldon, Mrs. Monroe, and Mrs. M'Ferran.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held prior to the Executive Committee meeting, and a conference of Ulster Commissioners, at which the Ulster Chief Commissioner presided, took place in the morning, when Commissioners from many of the counties were represented.

THE KING OF AFGHANISTAN'S INTEREST.

Lady Baden-Powell, the Chief Guide; Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout; Lord Lollieo, and Sir Ian Hamilton walked through the Scout lines with the King of Afghanistan at a rally of 400 Scouts in London.

It is possible that Afghanistan may have its own Guide and Scout movements, inspired by the Royal visitors. The King was so much impressed by the display that he asked the Chief Scout whether Scout instructors from foreign countries could be taught the Scout procedure.

King Amanullah was especially interested in an episode called "An Epitome of Rovering," enacted by the London Rovers, in which aspiring Scouts took the solemn vow of initiation.

Displays of Morris dancing and the Flamborough sword dance, with its rhythmic movements, especially captivated the Afghan King.

TO-NIGHT'S GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

This evening the leading gymnastic clubs of Ulster, Girl Guides, Boys' Brigade, Boy Scouts, &c., will take part in a demonstration of physical education and gymnastics in the Grosvenor Hall, Belfast, under the auspices of the Ulster Amateur Gymnastic Association. The Minister of Education (Viscount Charlemont) will preside.

THE FOUNDATION GARMENT.

Corset Demonstration at Messrs. Arnott's.

Now, when the outfit for spring and early summer is holding a prominent place in all minds thoughts it is appropriate that Messrs. Arnott's are paying much attention to the foundation garment, in which lies the secret of good dressing. During this week an expert is in attendance on the premises, Castle Street and High Street, and is giving daily lectures on the figure and figure control from a medical point of view. Her views are demonstrated by mannequins of every type of figure. Messrs. Arnott guarantee to give a perfect fit with the Bective corset without restriction. This is a most vital point in these days of freedom of dress. The importance of the Bective corset chosen by an expert cannot be stressed too much.

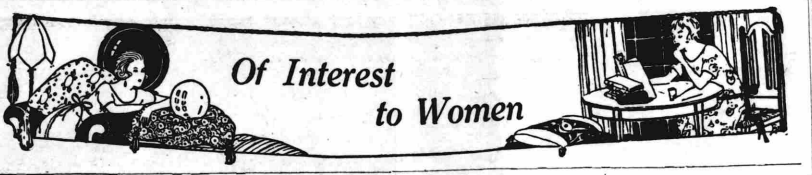
A beautiful corselet with an inner belt for slimming stout figures was marked at the low price of 18s 11d. This could be had in all fittings and sizes. Coutil and brocade formed a comfortable wrap-around corset at 12s 11d, while for figures which are twice alike a back lacing garment will be valuable at 8s 11d.

Many ladies find it impossible to wear a busk, and for those the side lacing corset has been designed with much success. It was particularly struck at the moderate price of the Bective corsets, for they can be had in the corselet type from 4s 9d.

The advantage of wearing brassieres is exclusively demonstrated at Messrs. Arnott's, who advocate the use of these health protectors. All Bective models can be worn without losing shape, as they are artistically cut.

JAMES MOORE, LTD., STAFF DANCE.

The staff of James Moore, Ltd., Donegall Place, Belfast, had no thought of the criticisms of the detractors of jazz last night. They spent a joyous time in the Carlton Dining, dancing gaily to the latest dance measures. Last night's function was the first organised by the staff. It was open to all employees in the firm's various departments, and they attended en bloc with their friends, the total of some 200. So successful was the dance that the staff are intent upon making it an annual event. Excellent music was served by the Burrowes-Cowser Orchestra. Exhibition jazz blues and quick-step dances were given by Mr. Neely and Miss Sloane, by permission of Mr. Alex. Gardner, Ltd.



The Yashmak Doomed.

TURKISH WOMEN'S NEW ERA.

IN this country there are two widespread misconceptions, or rather misconceptions, about the Turkish women. One is of the harem woman, who eats sweets and only lives to please men—this type only existed in a limited sense even years ago. The other is of modern Turkish maidens, who, having discarded the yashmak and asserted their right to choose their own husbands, long for European amusements and distractions.

While advanced Turkish women do not veil, they have not adopted European styles in millinery. Instead of hats they wear kerchiefs to match their dresses.

In discarding the veil they have not done anything very revolutionary. The working women never veiled. But once Turkish girls started going to public schools, lycées, and "mixed" universities the doom of the yashmak was sealed. Many old-fashioned women still cling to the veil, just as many women in this country have refused to "bob." Some women wear European dress in the house, but on going out change into a loose gown and yashmak.

Madame Halidé Edib, Turkey's great woman novelist, told a Daily Telegraph "representative in London that the modern Turkish woman, like her English sisters, wants to take part in her country's life. In every family the woman is helping the man. Under the old Family or Islamic Law polygamy was allowed, although it was not general, being restricted to the Sultan's harem and to the wealthy class. With the change over to the European family system Turkish women are now free to choose their own husbands.

"Only twenty years ago," said Madame Edib, "marriage was the Turkish woman's only goal. Now women are better educated, and marriage has become a much more personal matter. We do not have the distinction about employing married women that you have in this country. The wife knows that unless there is money in the family she has got to work. The married women can get any job.

"Women are doing new more or less what European women do. They teach, become secretaries, and work in the different Government departments. We have two women lawyers and six doctors. Many women go into business either as buyers or to open shops. The Turkish women are emancipated socially, educationally, and economically—but not yet politically. There has never been a very serious agitation for women's votes."

There was no really big outcry against the movement for women's education. Apart from the fact that there are not nearly enough schools, Turkish women now have the same chances educationally as men do. There was some opposition at first to women training for a medical career, which was felt to be too hard for them.

Turkish women used to be very interested in their homes, but now they have numerous social distractions such as the dansante and also tennis, which was popularised through the schools.

The Professional Touch in Cooking.

THERE are several useful devices on the market just now which are calculated to lend quite a professional air to home-cooked dishes.

The new pie crimper that crimps the edge of the tart and completely seals it, trimming away at the same time all superfluous paste, gives to the dish the neat "finished" appearance that is usually achieved only by the chef. The crimper is in the form of a roller with a handle which enables the cook to guide it round the rim of the dish. As it goes, it leaves a pretty edge of pastry with a corrugated pattern, which seals the border so completely that no gravy or juice, and consequently no flavour, is allowed to escape. Iced cakes can also be decorated with this crimper.

Another invention which conveys the professional touch is similarly in roller form. This is a biscuit cutter which is simply rolled along the mixture to produce a series of oval discs, cleanly cut and of the right size for baking.

A Bowl of Anemones.

ONE of the loveliest flower-decoration themes I have seen for many a long day was the outcome of that inventiveness which is mothered by necessity. The florist's shop, rich in blossoms, was "short of green." And a couple of small bunches of anemones that have to be split up to do duty for half-a-dozen flower bowls must be supplemented by foliage of some kind to camouflage the glass-block which supports the individual flowers.

I take no credit for the inspiration which solved the problem. For it was no inspiration. Simply a despairing last resort that visualised nothing of the ultimate beauty it achieved. A country friend had sent a sheaf of palm sprays. Pussy-willow palm not yet matured to mellow gold, but still in the dull silver stage. Not until one or two of the silvery-blossomed stems had been mingled with the rose and purple anemones did I realise what beauty the alliance held. If you have access to a wood where pussy-willow grows, try it! And your bowl will look just exactly like one of those natural-spreading, perfectly-balanced flower-decorations that one so seldom sees outside the home-page artist's domain!

H. B.

"Early spring models show the jacket and cape cut in one." The idea is attractively carried out in a hip-length, belted coat of tan flannel, with cape attached at the shoulders and tucked to suggest a deep yoke. The skirt is in shades of tan, yellow, and brown.

NEW SPRING FASHIONS FOR EASTER.—A large and beautiful variety of New Spring Millinery just arrived from the fashion centres—Felts and Straws—delightful to wear, and specially suitable for the Easter Holidays. Also New Spring Coats and Costumes in the very newest and smartest styles and shades.—J. ROBB & CO., LTD., Castle Place and Lombard Street.

Keeping Slim.

SOME SIMPLE EXERCISES.

By GYM

IF you wish to be in the prevailing fashion without injuring your health with noxious drugs, keep your diet within reason and attain the slim silhouette by means of exercises.

The following, if faithfully and regularly performed for five minutes night and morning, will considerably reduce your hip measurements and enable you to slip into the "little frocks" you admire so much on other girls.

EXERCISE No. 1.

Remove all hampering garments. Take a firm footstool and place it in the centre of the room, where it will be possible to swing the leg freely without smashing the furniture. Stand on the left foot only upon the footstool, letting the right leg outward as far as it will go and backwards. Do this exercise five times, and then repeat the process with the right leg placed firmly on the footstool, letting the right leg hang limpy at the side. Then swing the right leg outward as the exercise for five minutes, changing legs after each fifth swing.

EXERCISE No. 2.

Stand firmly on both feet in the middle of the floor with head raised and body erect. Rest the hands on the hips. Raise the right leg and kick as high as you can, resting your weight upon the left leg. Return the right foot to the ground and rise on the toes with both feet.

Now return to the original position, that is, with both feet firmly planted upon the ground, and kick as high as you can with the left leg. Continue this exercise, changing from leg to leg, for at least five minutes.

The Mis-Mated Benedict.

HIS LEGENDARY "LOYALTY."

RECENTLY a woman writer avowed that one never heard on the disillusioned husband's lips any echo of the disillusioned wife's talk about a life sacrificed on the conjugal altar. That if disillusionment came it was the wife alone who lamented the laying-waste of the years.

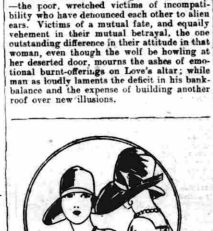
What a felicitous experience of masculine restraints! Personally, I have yet to meet the mis-mated benedict who maintained a gallant, mute-lipped silence on the score of his matrimonial woes. Invariably, in cases that have come within my own purview, both partners to the unsuccessful life-partnership have been equally articulate in their denunciations of destiny. And I have little doubt that I am not peculiarly alone in this lack of evidence of that chivalrous husbandly discretion and unshaken loyalty.

On the contrary, the old Adam has made the unappreciative non-understanding wife so immoderately short cut to heterogeneous feminine sympathies that his potential new conquests have grown wary of him, and have diverted those sympathies by no means infrequently to the unknown feminine figure in the domestic background.

It is, in fact, because husbands have with such eloquence given themselves away that husband-stealing has not quite the allure that once it held. Feminine hearts are no longer so easily wring by benedictine griefs that are a little too fluently articulate for credence.

Quite apart from the not-very-pretty picture of a feminine spokeswoman who, herself economically enfranchised by virtue of her inherent gifts, sets up the abandoned wife (who has no such economic harbour in sight) to be shot at in the daily Press—one grows increasingly impatient of this legendary conception of masculine matrimonial loyalty, so constantly disproved in real life. Only too demonstrable is the fact that ill-mated husbands are every whit as ready to prate of matrimonial "life-sacrifice" as are ill-mated wives. The conquists they still manage to achieve by such talk—despite a gradual feminine enlightenment—bear sardonic witness to the fact.

Put them in the stocks together, if we must—the poor, wretched victims of incompatibility who have denounced each other to alien ears. Victims of a mutual fate, and equally vehement in their mutual betrayal, the one outstanding difference in their attitude in that woman, even though the wolf be howling at her deserted door, mourns the ashes of emotional burnt-offerings on Love's altar; while man as loudly laments the deficit in his bank-balance and the expense of building another roof over new illusions.



The vogue for little bows, though easily overdone, is charmingly expressed in this gown of black ring velvet. The bows and black bands round the cuffs are in soft black satin ribbon

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3-Piece Wool Suits in all colours, from - - - 16/6

New Brown 2-Piece Suit, long coat and jumper, and skirt to tone - - - - - 112/6

Kasha 3-Piece Suit, coat trimmed contrasting shades, crepe-de-chine jumper (sleeveless), skirt pleated at sides - - 139/6

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C.P.A. RUGBY CLUB CONCERT.

A concert organised by Mr. David M'Intyre on behalf of the C.P.A. Rugby Football Club was given in the Assembly Minor Hall last evening. Mr. W. T. Ewing presiding. The artists were—Mrs. R. W. Woods, Miss King, Miss Nan Carswell, Mr. R. W. Woods, Mr. T. Henderson, and Mr. A. Johnston. A collection was made on behalf of the Club funds.

BROOKVALE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL CONCERT.

The lighter side of school life was demonstrated in a delightful manner yesterday afternoon by the pupils of Brookvale Collegiate School, Belfast, at the annual concert in the Sinclair Memorial Hall, Antrim Road. Memory recalled the days when school work was not conducted on such a broad interpretation of the old adage that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and one rather envied the modern school child, whose "daily grind" is interspersed with so much of the pleasant. Parents and friends composed a large audience which greatly appreciated the various items presented, and Miss Ferguson and Miss M'Bride, the principals of the school and the staff are to be congratulated on the all-round excellence attained.

Some sweet choral singing was heard in "An Irish Lullaby" (Stanford), "The Sieve Root Song" (Dawson), with Miss Elsie Bass as soloist, and "On the Bay of Biscay" (which were rendered by the school choir, conducted by Mr. C. Lindop, A.R.C.M.). Dumb-bell exercises and skipping exercises were given with both grace and charm by the junior and senior drill classes, while the singing games by the kindergarten were delightfully performed. The choir also sang "My Bonnie Lass She Smileth" (Morley), "I Have a Song to Sing O," with Miss Elsie Hills and Sadie Stuart as leaders, and "A Spanish Dance" (a Basque melody). The programme concluded with scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by the junior grade.

Mr. J. H. Strain, B.A., chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and a silver collection was taken in aid of the Victoria Homes.

ULSTER BANDS.

At the annual meeting of the Ulster Brass and Military Bands' Association, Councillor W. A. Cochrane, J.P., presiding, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. A. Cochrane; chairman, Mr. Wm. Rankin (Rescue Band); vice-chairman, Mr. S. Record (Edenderry); hon. secretary, Mr. James Mellon (Sirocco); assistant secretary, Mr. Ernest Marshall (35th Old Boys); treasurer, Mr. James Banford (Ormeau); executive, Messrs. James Crozier (Postal), Matt Silcock (Edenderry), Robert Banford (Ormeau), Wm. Corkin (Lisburn), James Brown (Rescue), W. Wright (Sirocco), and Wm. Irvine (Ballynahinch); hon. auditor, Mr. John Rea.

U.S.P.C.A. AND ANIMAL WELFARE.

The Belfast Branch of the U.S.P.C.A. investigated 76 complaints of neglect and cruelty in Belfast during March. Sixty-one persons were warned, six were prosecuted, three were convicted, one case dismissed, and several prosecutions instituted.

The number of animals admitted to the Hamilton Street Shelter during March was as follows:—107 stray dogs, 73 stray cats, 1 swan, and 1 pigeon; 29 dogs got good homes, 7 were claimed by their owners, 2 went to hospital (Glengormley) for treatment, 41 were destroyed, and 28 remained in the shelter. Thirteen cats got good homes, two were claimed by their owners, 43 were destroyed, and 16 remained in the shelter.

Dispensary—33 dogs, 10 cats, and 5 horses were treated at the City Dispensary during March.

The Wendy Hut

Our Grand Easter Serial.

ANOTHER STORY OF TEENY TINY FARM

MRS. NOAH'S GARDEN.

(Part 1.)

BRENDA loved her garden, and she thought it terribly aggravating, just when she had bought all her little packets

of seeds and was eagerly looking forward to planting them, that it should rain ceaselessly for two whole days. There seemed nothing to do indoors She was tired of her dolls and her books and her knitting.

"Why don't you set out your Noah's Ark, darling?" asked Nannie. "Last time you played with it you were ever so happy."

"Last time you played with it you were ever so happy."

Brenda repeated the words slowly to herself. Suddenly she remembered! Last time she had played with her Noah's Ark, she had stepped over the tiny hurdles with both feet and had become a Teeny Tiny person at Teeny Tiny Farm.

Could she go back and visit dear Mr. and Mrs. Noah and all the darling animals again, she wondered? That would be a lovely way to spend the rest of the long wet afternoon.

Hastily she started to set out the Noah's Ark folk upon the nursery hearthrug. Mr. and Mrs. Noah had both told her (she was remembering it all now!) that any time she wanted to pay them another visit all she had to do was to step over the hurdles with both feet.

Slowly she lifted first one foot and then the other. Already she could feel herself growing smaller and smaller. . . . with a shout of pleasure, Mr. Noah himself hurrying over the green fields of Teeny Tiny Farm to welcome her!

(To be Continued.)

The Princess and the Pony

PRINCESS Elizabeth—
The Duke of York's wee girlie—
Has got a Shetland pony
With a silky tail and curly.

The Duke and Duchess bought him
At a scrumptious London fairing.
(Mother knows what sort of coat
The Duchess was wearing.)

Princess Elizabeth—
(You've seen her in the papers)—
Is sure to be delighted
With the Shetland pony's capers.

Bravely she'll gallop him,
Her dimpled arms akimbo;
Wouldn't it be lovely if
She christened him Bimbo!

DAFFY DILL.

When Fay Comes to Stay.

THE day had been perfect; the fete a brilliant success! The guests, taking supper on the terrace or contentedly strolling about the beautiful grounds, were delighted when the torch-light procession wound its way over the velvety lawns. The procession halted and the leader, speaking through a megaphone, invited everyone to follow it to the Rose Garden.

No sooner was everyone seated than a dozen golden rockets shot up into the sky, and flares of rose and blue and gold lit up the distant woods and trees.

A blue flare behind the sundial showed up Fairy Fay and Fleur, who cantered forward on Sultan and Snowy and proceeded to do their newest tricks. They were dressed in fluffy ballet skirts of rainbow tulle, and the whole effect, as Fay had promised Grannie, was quite enchanting!

When at last they had ridden off into the darkness, far away in the distance the band started to play, and a brown elf (David) led forward a little silver fairy. The blue flares which had lighted Fay and Fleur now gave way to a steady glow of rose, and, softly and lightly as a feather, Veronica danced before the delighted guests.

Then Uncle Markie and his friends produced the grand finale. All around fell shower upon shower of golden rain, and rocket after rocket soared up and floated earthward again in myriads of coloured stars.

When the roars of applause had at last subsided and everyone had finished congratulating the excited children, "Peter's right!" said Daddy. "Do things do happen when you come to stay with us, Fay."

And he bundled three tired little people into his car and drove them quickly home to bed.

(The End.)

Little Boy—"I stayed in the drawing-room all last evening when Mr. Spooner was callin' on sister, just as you told me."

Mother—"That's a good boy; and here are the sweets I promised you. Dad you get tired?"

Little Boy—"Oh, no. We played blind man's buff, and it would have been lots of fun, only I was 'he' nearly all the time."

New Adventures of the Chums—45.

TALES FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.

ALADDIN.—Told by Richard.

Aladdin, who had been hiding behind the curtain, rushed forth and began his search for the lamp. At first he failed to find it, and then it struck him that the magician would probably carry such a valuable treasure in his pocket, and sure enough he found it tucked away under his robe. The surprise of the Princess was great when she saw the power of the lamp. At the first summons a genie appeared. "Carry us all home," said Aladdin, "and put the palace down in its proper place." "Hear! Hear!" cried Gwen, who simply couldn't hold her tongue. Instantly they all found themselves home once again.

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