

Imitations at best are imitations, substitutions never satisfy - Insist on having Blue Ribbon Tea.

The Unknown Bridegroom.

Half an hour later, Jamie having been tucked out of sight behind the big Saratoga in the closet, another maid was admitted to put the rooms in order, and after this was done the girls felt that they were tolerably safe from espionage for the remainder of the day. They both took turns, with Mrs. Seaver, remaining to guard and entertain Jamie, and as Florence had refused to go down to breakfast, a tempting repast had been sent up to her, and thus the boy had plenty to eat.

"I cannot understand such a strange story," he said, in a puzzled way. "Sir Julien Page, an old acquaintance of yours? You met him in Rome and he now has Jamie a prisoner in the Towers?—It seems the most improbable thing I ever heard of!"

"Well, I congratulated myself that that affair was settled for all time," Mr. Seaver resumed; "but you must remember, I was surprised when we recently met Leighton in Rome, and I heard of the wonderful luck that had come to him. He seemed very different, too—more manly and dignified; and when we continued to me one day that he still loved Floy to distraction, and begged me to use my influence to help him win her, I began to think it might be a fine thing for the girl, after all, to marry an English baronet, and step into such an exalted position. I confess, now, that we have found out how he has been playing the hypocrite, I am rather ashamed of the way that he has pulled the wool over my eyes, for I have rather prided myself upon my shrewdness in reading human nature; but the lawyer concluded with a somewhat crestfallen air—

"What is the name of the firm who advertised for the nearest of kin to Sir Julien and Lady Page?" Mr. Carroll inquired. Before his companion could reply there came a knock on the door. Mr. Carroll arose and opened it, and found two women waiting outside. A low exclamation of surprise escaped him, and he went out, closing the door after him. He remained so long that Mr. Seaver began to grow impatient, for he was sitting at the breakfast table in the Towers on the afternoon train. But the young man finally returned, and his friend was surprised to see the change that had come over him. He was no longer the same man who had been so meek and unassuming, but now he was an expression of mingled joy and triumph. "You did not tell me the name of that firm," he observed, as he resumed his seat.

"Wilmington & Hayes, Lincoln's Inn, I believe," responded Mr. Seaver. "Will you come immediately with me to their office?" questioned the young man. "What for?" "Because I wish to inform them that Sir Walter Leighton, the present master at Worthing Towers, is a rank impostor and usurper," said Mr. Carroll, in a tone so deadly calm that the lawyer regarded him with amazement. "Bless my soul! young man, I don't believe you know what you are talking about," he exclaimed, with a shrug of his shoulders. "Why, Leighton has proved his position beyond question. He had his parents' certificate of marriage, his own baptismal certificate, besides numerous letters that had passed between him and his wife before their marriage, which plainly show that Mrs. Leighton was a Vincent, and full sister to Lady Laura Vincent Page's father."

"Nevertheless, I shall prove him to be an impostor and usurper," steadily returned Mr. Carroll; "especially, if he went on with a ring of exultation in his tones, 'as I have it in my power to also prove that the youngest son of Sir Julien and Lady Laura Page is alive and well at this moment, and so, of course, the so-called Sir Walter Leighton's claim becomes null and void.'"

"What! you believe that I believe that you are losing your head, Carroll!" cried Mr. Seaver, regarding him with a frown of perplexity. "You certainly are soaring beyond my comprehension," he said. "Listen, my good friend," said the young man, leaning nearer and speaking impressively, "Jamie—my Jamie, whom you assure me is at this moment safe with your wife's ward, is Sir Julien Page's youngest son and heir."

"The lawyer started to his feet, and for a few moments stood a picture of petrified amazement. 'Zounds! Carroll, you cannot mean it!' he said, in a hoarse voice. 'You are crazy!—you don't know what you are talking about! And yet—'

Success in Breeding Sheep.

The Essential Principles. Some British Methods.

In his illustrated address on "The Mutton Breeds of Sheep" at the recent Winter Fairs, Mr. F. W. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner, outlined the principles essential to success in breeding live stock. There are, he said, four features of the live stock business to which our people pay too little attention, viz., environment, continuity, utility and crossing.

PAINFUL RHEUMATISM.

How it is Caused by Bad Blood, and How Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Not many years ago doctors thought rheumatism was only a local pain caused by cold or wet in ageing joints and muscles. Now they know that rheumatism is caused by the blood becoming tainted with uric acid from disordered liver and kidneys. This acid eats into the vital organs. It destroys their vitality, attacks the joints, stiffens the joints and irritates the nerves. The colds and wet make every bone groan with aching rheumatism. You blame the weather, but the real cause is acid in the blood.

A SMILE IN EVERY DOSE.

If your little ones are cross, peevish and fretful, give them Baby's Own Tablets, and they will soon be cheerful, smiling and happy. Worried mothers who use this medicine will find there's a smile in every dose. Mrs. H. Nathieu, Noshington, Ont., says: "Before I began using Baby's Own Tablets my little one was always sickly and cried day and night. But the tablets have regulated his stomach and bowels, given him strength, and he is now good-natured and growing finely."

THE CLOVER SEED CROP OF 1904.

It is difficult in any year to make a close estimate of the supply of alfalfa and red clover seed until the season for threshing is well advanced. As a part of their work the instructors in seed growing, who are employed by the seed branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, collect information and make observations regarding the conditions of this as well as other crops during the growing season.

A QUESTION.

Are Three Women Out of Five Disappointed in Their Husbands?

Disappointed? Yes, because there, lives within the very flame of love a kind of wick or snuff that will abate it. At one pole we have the grass widow, who asks if love cools after marriage, replied: "Why, it freezes solid!"

Useful Hints.

A delicious warmed-over dish may be made by mincing the cold remnants of the calf's head and heating them in a sauce made with the liquor in which the meat cooked. Here is a wrinkle, says a late English magazine, for cleaning laces at home. You must often have despaired of getting your lace that delightfully dingy, yet clean, color which you see in the shops. Make some very weak tea and add a few drops of India ink (the best) to the tea. Dip in your lace.

Six Sayings to Remember.

Out of a large number of quotations selected by our readers, the Woman's Home Companion for January prints the following as the six most helpful sayings for the year. They are worth remembering: "There is something better than making a living; making a life. Our success in life depends upon our will to be honest, to be kind, to make up our minds, to be true to our principles, to be in small actions. If we fail in our present circumstances to live nobly, we need not imagine we should have done better in any other. Develop a great character in simple duties and in inconspicuous trials. To be of good cheer in case of disappointment, exercise greater charity toward the erring, and make more allowance for the opinions of people whose views differ from mine, to make more progress. To be honest, to be kind, to make up our minds, to be true to our principles, to be in small actions. If we fail in our present circumstances to live nobly, we need not imagine we should have done better in any other. Develop a great character in simple duties and in inconspicuous trials. To be of good cheer in case of disappointment, exercise greater charity toward the erring, and make more allowance for the opinions of people whose views differ from mine, to make more progress."

Wisdom of Little Fritz. "It's a clock, Fritz. We must run home." "No, if I go home now, I shall be whipped for being so late. I'm going to stay till 9, and then I'll get bonbons and kisses because that's a man has of fortitude and delicacy."

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