

THE GIRL HAD TWO OPTIONS

One On a Provider, the Other On a Saver.

She Consulted an Aunt of Experience Who Imparted Some Valuable Tips About Cold Ones.

Once there was a dark-eyed maiden who was being rushed by a cheap man and a provider. They took turn about in coming up to the house. She was a child wonder, when it came to spreading her dates so that one gentleman would not cross another's heat. Each of the applicants was led to believe that he was the only one for whom all the lights were turned up, regardless of the meter. He thought that when he failed to show up she was in her own room, looking at his picture and feeling blue.

The girl did what she could to foster these delusions because she wanted to hold as many options as possible, so as to have her pick. The cheap man had his good points. He was house broke and could play cards and he knew how to mix a dressing salad, if some one else tumbled the ingredients. But from 8 to every day he was a shylock and when he was in a crowd he never did anything rash that involved the use of money. He saved a little more than his salary every week, and was pointed out as a comer in the business world. It hurt him to let go.

When he wanted to give the brunette a frolic, he would get a book out of the public library and take it up to the house and read it to her. Once he put her on the car and gave her a ride down to the Second Baptist church to hear a free lecture on the Holy Land. When he faced up to a soda fountain one afternoon and ordered some malted chocolate for her, rumor had it that he had been taken with enlargement of the heart. At Christmas time he sent the dark girl a square card with a snow scene, a clump of fir trees and a frozen water wheel. When they went out to a party, he always remarked that it seemed to be a pleasant evening and they might as well hoof it. If the weather turned out bad and it was a case of landau, he would work up a nervous headache and jump the engagement.

The provider was just the other way. It was for buying. The queen received the violets every day or two, even though he had to catch even by lurching on buttermilk and sinkers. She got what she wanted and he took his chances on standing off the wolf at the door and dodging the tailor, the gents' barber and other creditors who were laying for him.

He took her to a theater and they had parquette seats on the aisle. After the performance the colored man would call out their carriage number and there would dash up a team of prancing bays driven by a rough man with brass buttons and a queer tall hat. The provider would hand her into the glittering vehicle with the graceful flourish of a Sir Roger de Coverley. The door would slam and away they would clatter, with all the awed spectators wondering which one of the Vanderbilt boys that was.

After he got back to his \$2.75 room and put the dress clothes where moths could not get at them, he would do some calculating on the back of an envelope, and discover that he had burned up just one week's salary between 7:45 and 11:15.

Then he would wish that a sweet-faced, white-haired old lady with a silver deposit vault full of gilt-edge securities might come along and adopt him and put him in a white and gold robe with a piano and a man servant.

The provider was a financial feather weight, but he was game as a pebble. He worked on the principle that a man can afford anything he can get. He allowed himself nearly everything that the rich folks have, except money.

He would invite the brunette to luncheon with him. When he was by himself he called it lunch. That was on the end usually makes a difference of about \$4.85 in the check. They would repair to a cafe with a piano playing in the center of the room and bread and butter 25 extra. Every time she pointed her finger at another item on the carte du jour, it was a sickening crimp in his visible nose and moved him about three inches nearer to hard pan, but he never twitched a muscle. He would look half over toward the waiter as

if it annoyed him to see money lying around.

He would walk out as light as a toy balloon and put her in a cab and send her home, and then he would be down to his gloves and a bunch of keys and a card case and a couple of street car tickets.

The brunette was up a stump when it came to making a choice. It seemed to be another instance of horse and horse. She knew that the cheap man would own bank stock and corner lots when the provider would be living on snowballs, and yet she could not bring herself to lean up against a stingy old thing who never unbuckled to give her a nice time. As for the provider, he was the kindest friend she knew and a good thing while he lasted, but she knew he could not last further than from here to the corner. She guessed that if she went ahead and married the provider, he would give her everything he owned, but he never would own more than you could put in a steamer trunk, without using the tray.

The cheap man, on the other hand, would have a neat balance and a strong rating, but it would require the use of an anesthetic to get a tailor-made suit out of him.

While in this quandary, she consulted her aunt Em, who was two kinds of a widow, grass and sod. She had buried one husband and come out in black. She had tied a can to No. 2 and come out in bright colors.

Aunt Em asked a number of leading questions in regard to the qualifications of the two suitors, and then she said: "My dear niece, this is a tall problem for a 20-year-old girl to close on, but you are entitled to a lot of credit for holding back and studying your cards. A lass who was short on foresight would have chosen the provider, in the foolish belief that she would continue to get the violets and the broiled birds and the carriage rides all the rest of her life. A mercenary maiden might have grabbed at the chance to be Mrs. Cheap Man, but you are dead wise in your theory that one who is a parsimonious papa during courtship will prove to be a close proposition as a husband. The man who will loosen up under the melting influence of true love is a born miser. Truly it is not what hubby has but what he hands out that entitles him to respect and helps one to endure him as a necessary evil. If you marry the cheap man, it is true that you stand a show of getting the whole estate sooner or later, but this is an outside chance, because the cheap man usually adopts a diet of prunes, graham bread, vegetable soup and plain spuds, and he will be here a long time. The world is full of women whose husbands are so far ahead of the game that they can put up gray stone blocks and make fat loans on improved real estate, and yet each of these wives is wearing last year's hat, with the wing moved over on the other side, and if she whispered automobile to old ready money he would throw a back somersault. If you are going to start in to do a forty-year stunt as a housekeeper to some human savings bank, you had better put the bargain on a business basis to start with. Go before a lawyer and have him frame up an iron-clad contract. Then you will get your little old six every Saturday night. Otherwise you will have to coax it out of him and get about 75 cents per throw. As between the generous young fellow who is flat and the moneyed man who never comes up, it is about six of one and half a dozen of the other. I think you are tied up with a couple of frosty ones. Auntie's advice would be to pull down the blinds and pay a visit to some other town where the new girl is a pleasing novelty, and there permit your affections to center on some tractable person who is neither a prospective pauper nor a close-fisted clam."

The brunette caught the wisdom of the suggestions and took a little jaunt to Cleveland where she fell desperately in love with a general manager of set habits and a calm, untheatrical generosity. They came to an understanding and lived happily ever afterward.

Moral: It is necessary to make a few purchases both before and after marriage.

GEO. ADE.

Mrs. Nation Threatens.

St. Louis, April 2.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Kansas, spent another hour and a half in St. Louis today and left in disgust at the things she saw and the treatment she received. "Those things will be different some day," she declared. "Look out for me after I get out from under bond in Kansas. I'll close these hell holes if I have to come back and smash every one of them."

She arrived from Indianapolis over the Big Four this morning and left later for Kansas City over the Washab. She said she was going home to attend to the cases that are pending there against her. She says she will never

lecture for money any more as she did in Cincinnati. The lectures did not pay, and she says she is glad they did not, and adds, "I'll keep on talking and working. Maybe I'll smash. I expect I will. But I won't go on the lecture platform. No, no; I don't like that."

Mrs. Nation's first act on arriving in the city was to knock a cigar from the mouth of a man who permitted smoke to blow in her face. Her last act, as she was boarding her train, was to give an American Beauty rose to a man named Eglehart from Chicago, who had two blackened eyes. She told him she would pray for him that he might lead a better life.

The promoters of the V. V. & E., now in the city, are very emphatic in their statements in this connection. They do not hesitate to say that they will not table a tender under the terms of the specifications which they hold to be prohibitive.

The terms of these specifications, which are on view in the office of the chief commissioner of lands and works, are in some respects very exacting, and by some railroad men are alleged to be so much so as to make their acceptance impossible to any company having a loan to float.

The principal terms of the agreement, which must be complied with to render a tender possible, are as follows: 1. The company must contribute to the government 4 per cent of the gross earnings of the road, said percentage to be a first charge on the railway.

2. All contracts must be submitted to the lieutenant governor in council for his approval, and all materials used in construction of the road must be subject to similar approval. 3. No aliens must be employed in construction unless it can be shown to the governor in council that the road cannot be built without recourse to them.

4. A daily ferry must be operated to some point on Vancouver Island daily from the Mainland.

5. The rates are to be subject to the supervision of the governor in council. The V. V. & E. promoters say that the imposition of the first mentioned clause would be to saddle the scheme with an incubus which would be fatal to floating the necessary loan. They also allege that the condition would be repugnant to the Dominion statute, which provides that the running expenses must be a first charge on the earnings. Bondholders would also object to any other charge taking precedence of theirs. Four per cent of the gross, they say, would mean about 12 per cent of the net earnings.

The provision relating to aliens is also considered superfluous and ultra vires of the province, as the Dominion laws prohibit the employment of aliens. To Victorians there will be some disappointment in the fact that although provision is made for a daily ferry, Victoria is not mentioned as one of the terminals of that railway, and under the specifications Ladysmith or some other island point might be selected. It is felt in some quarters that the conditions would not be accepted even by the C. P. R., and that no tender will be made for it, and the building of the road deferred—a consummation which the C. P. R. has sometimes been charged with desiring.—Victoria Times.

The Revolt in Arabia.

London, March 26.—Advices received here from Constantinople are to the effect that affairs are rapidly reaching a dangerous pass there. Turkish finances are in inextricable confusion, all government salaries being from six to eight months in arrears. Upwards of a million (Turkish) pounds is due for war material, while the military expenditure is daily increasing in order to cope with the rebellion in the province of Yemen, in Southern Arabia, and the possible rising in Macedonia. There is no doubt that Ottoman troops received a severe check at the hands of the Arabian insurgents who, in a manifesto denouncing the sultan, proclaimed his brother sultan with the title of Mohammed V. The Young Turk party have adhered to the Arabian proclamation and declared open enmity to Abdul Hamid. The sultan has fled to the palace and the sultan's adviser, Izzet Bey, is said to be preparing for flight. The patrols of Constantinople have been doubled, Mohammedans and Christians are arrested

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