

THE TIMES-STAR FEATURE PAGE

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Invite the Unwelcome Sweetheart In and Give Your Son or Daughter an Overdose of Acquaintance, But Never Forbid Marriage, for Opposition is the Greatest Match-maker in the World.

I WONDER if parents realize how often they rush their children into hasty and unsuitable marriages? Mary has a beau of whom her parents disapprove, and their only idea of dealing with the situation is to forbid him to come to the house and to threaten her with dire penalties if she so much as looks at him or speaks to him again.

Perhaps Mary and the boy are not really in love with each other at all, and have only been indulging in a little harmless flirtation. Very likely, even if they do care for each other, they realize that they are too young to marry and have not enough money upon which to set up housekeeping, and they are content to leave their wedding day to some indefinite time in the future.

Left alone, such affairs often after than not simply wear themselves out. After a while the boy and girl get tired of each other and drift apart. They meet new people and form new ties, and think with a shudder or a smile of what they missed in not marrying their boy or girl sweetheart.

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But the minute the father and mother begin doing the heavy parent stuff the inevitable tragedy happens. The young couple are thrown into each other's arms. The faint spark of affection is fanned into a flame of passion by opposition. Lock a girl up in her room to keep her away from a man and she will climb out of the window to get to him if she has the spirit of a mouse. Forbid a young man to come to the house, and he will meet the girl on the street and take her to the nearest Marriage License Bureau.

THE thing has happened a million times. It is as old as romance. It began with the first man and woman who risked Eden for a bite of the forbidden fruit and who threw away all the good things in the world for the sake of the one thing that was denied them. It has always been that way. It will always be that way.

It is the thing we can't have that we crave most. It is the thing that is dangerous to go after that we risk our lives to get. The green peach on the top of the tree has an allure for us that the ripe one that is ready to fall into our mouths never has.

THIS contrariness of the human heart has thrown a magic halo about multitudes of commonplace girls and boys and made other boys and girls determined to marry them just because their families are trying to prevent the matches. And it is why Sally turns up her nose at the nice, settled, prosperous business man whom papa brings home with him to dinner, and why John ducks the good, domestic, rich girl next door whom mother is always throwing at his head.

Strange that parents never realize that opposition is the greatest matchmaker of them all, and that the surest way of hurrying on a wedding is to forbid it.

Strange that parents do not realize that there is no other way so potent of enhancing the charms and virtues of a boy or girl in their children's eyes as by forcing them to become his or her champion.

YET that is what mother does when she nags Mary ceaselessly about Tom's faults and criticizes everything that Bob's girl does and leaves undone. It puts Mary and Bob on the defensive. It makes them go on a still hunt for every good quality in Tom and Sally, and by hypnotizing themselves into the belief that Tom and Sally really are the paragons they have represented them to be to mother in the heat of the argument.

Strange that parents never realize that their children grow up and get beyond the age where they can force blind obedience upon them, and that they do not perceive that when this time arrives they must use subtlety instead of force in dealing with their youngsters.

NOW, there are many ways in which an undesirable marriage can be broken off besides forbidding the banns and locking the door, which methods are effective in these days of emancipated youth. First, as I have said, is Time, which is a most potent ally and fights on the side of the parents.

Almost any suitable match can be prevented by stringing an engagement out from year to year. For, after all, love isn't totally blind. It merely suffers from an astigmatism, and sooner or later it focuses its vision on the blemishes that would make the man or woman a misfit husband or wife.

MARY gets tired of Tom's shiftlessness or disgusted at his drunkenness. John somehow gets a line on Sally's greediness and selfishness, and he begins wondering how he is going to like spending a lifetime with a woman whose temper is hung on a hair trigger and explodes at every jest. So gradually and imperceptibly Time gets in its deadly work and the love affair that would have been fatal if rushed into marriage by parental opposition peters out harmlessly, like a spent firecracker.

Ridicule is another effective weapon with which you can puncture the little red balloons of romance. The young who are deaf to pleadings and impervious to reason can always be stabbed to the soul by a smile.

A GIRL may defy her mother and go with a man whose moral character is as solid as evil living can make it, but she will drop him cold if somebody makes fun of him for wearing a dirty collar. And "She's a pretty young thing, but she eats peas with her knife" has kept more than one young man, infatuated with a pretty face, from making a misalliance that would have wrecked his life.

Oh, there are many ways of breaking up an undesirable match, but open opposition is not one of them, and parents would be far wiser to invite the unwelcome suitor in and give the girl an overdose of his society than they are to forbid him the house.

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Fashion Fancies



By Mme. Lisbeth

WINTER came early to Paris as well as to the United States this season, and fur coats were never more popular. Short fur jackets are not being shown "over there," but fur garters are meeting with great success. This luxurious coat of cocoa ermine is one of the latest models. It is trimmed with soft, fluffy fox and has the shaped sleeve that is so well liked this season.

Mink is the favored pelt for both coats and capes. The only novelty is the sleeve in which the markings of all striped furs like sable, mink, chinchilla, gray squirrel, etc., go around instead of up and down. So great is the mink mode this season in Paris that many furs are being ing up every kind of fur into imitations of it.

For every day wear the coat of Persian lamb is the best liked, not broadtail or unborn lamb, but full grown. Persian lamb coats of good quality are lighter than seal skin and quite as durable and impervious to rain and snow. They are developed with collars of mink, skunk, silver fox and lamb itself. The flare is not being used as much in fur coats as in the models. It takes away from the warmth of the coat and is not as attractive in fur as in cloth.

Family Menus

Breakfast.
Corn Flakes. Bacon. Coffee.
Toast. Dinner.
Oyster Cocktail.
Roast Chicken with Dressing.
Mashed Potatoes. Squash.
Cranberry Sauce. Hot Rolls.
Celery Salad.
Plum Pudding with Lemon Sauce.
Coffee.
Cocoa. Hot Buttered Toast.
Apple Sauce.

TODAY'S RECIPES.

Celery Salad.—Take three-quarters cup of shredded celery. Shred the celery in two-inch lengths and let it "curl" in cold water two hours. Make a French dressing of oil, vinegar and cranberry juice and salt. Mix with the celery. Arrange nests of lettuce, pile the celery each, and sprinkle chopped nuts over them and place a cherry on top.

Plum Pudding.—This recipe makes a good plum pudding, and is given in small amounts, appropriate for small families. It keeps well. On the day used, cut off the amount needed for serving and steam. Take one cup suet, one cup brown sugar, one cup currants, one cup raisins, one cup fine bread crumbs, two-thirds cup mixed peel, one and one-half cups flour, one large chopped apple, three eggs, one-half teaspoon each of nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon and salt, one-half tumbler grape juice. Steam three hours.

Lemon Sauce.—Take one cup of water, one cup sugar, one tablespoon cornstarch, one egg yolk, juice and grated rind of one lemon. Boil water and sugar for a few minutes, then add cornstarch moistened with a little water and cook till for five minutes. Add yolk of egg, lemon juice, rind and salt, allow to cook up, then keep hot in double boiler until ready to serve.

It is advisable when making new curtains to sew hems of equal width at the top and bottom, so that after washing the curtains may be reversed and the wear upon them equalized.

Your Birthday

December 2.—You are persistent and ambitious, but you are rather inclined to be hard on wrong-doers. You are fond of going out, enjoying entertaining, and you love music. You are rather dreamy, and sometimes allow your temper to get the upper hand of you. You are loving and helpful, and happy most of the time. Yours should be an ideal marriage.

Your birth-stone is the turquoise, which means prosperity.

Your flower is holly.

Your lucky color is pink.

Says "Dollar Down and Dollar A Week" Creates Prosperity

By P. H. BEE.

IN THE past we have heard a great deal about the virtues of the thrifty citizen who "lived within his means," saved as much of his weekly pay-roll as his stomach and landlord would allow, denied himself all the "luxuries" (so called) of life, and just at the time when he didn't care whether he lived or died, could boast a nice fat bank roll, and when he crossed the great divide, friends and neighbors would shake their heads and say, "He was a good citizen, and a fine example for the young men of today."

The "goodness" of such a citizen is a matter of opinion, and a debatable question. The writer contends that if every person adopted the "denying" method of living, and saved and saved, business would gradually come to a standstill, and soon there would be nothing for the thrifty savers to save.

ONCE WERE LUXURIES.

A few years ago (and not so very many, either), the necessities of today were considered luxuries, and the common or ordinary man who earned his living and received wages or salary, looked upon an automobile, a piano, phonograph, good furniture and clothes as signs of wealth, and only possible for those who were able to "burn."

Had conditions remained thus, the Lord only knows what the present population engaged in the manufacture of cars, pianos, radios, etc., would be doing for a living. Would there be millions out of work, unable to earn the wages of many of them are now accused of recklessly spending?

And it is the "Dollar down, and a dollar a week" method of living that has created the present boom in business and credit. Credit keeps our wheelhouse in motion and credit keeps the retail business afloat. It is the "Dollar down, and a dollar a week" method of living that has created the present boom in business and credit.

EARN BY INSTALLMENTS.

The consumer earns his wages by installments. Must he wait until he has accumulated enough to pay in cash for what everybody else has obtained on credit?

Timely Views On World Topics

AMERICAN college methods and the lecture system were criticized by Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, former president of Amherst College, in a recent speech.

"Thousands of persons in a football bowl go on when a player performs with brilliance," he said. "A player who is a coach in the world of teaching ever seen in the world. What happens if a young man studies philosophy in college?"

Dr. Meiklejohn tells his parents and friends that everything has been criticized? I know what he has lost his religion and is in danger.

DEFINES LIBERAL EDUCATION. Control of American colleges by presidents and boards of trustees "who are interested solely in business expansion" was denounced by Dr. Meiklejohn as "the one external factor that does more harm than any other." He defined liberal education as "knowing."

Control of a subject as a contribution to the understanding of life. In the ideal college, he said, teachers and pupils would study together with a single aim—to find the answer to the question how one should live in America.

"Football can be taught successfully in America because the people understand football, but with philosophy it is quite different," he concluded.

Dr. Meiklejohn attacked the American college as an institution without spiritual purpose and its lecture system as an unworkable arrangement which injects the mediocre minds of teachers between those of great thinkers and the students.

To Make Pine Cough Syrup at Home

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You know that pine is used in nearly all prescriptions and remedies for coughs. The reason is that pine contains several peculiar elements that have a remarkable effect in soothing and healing the membranes of the throat and chest.

Pine cough syrups are combinations of pine and syrup. The "syrup" part is usually plain sugar syrup.

To make the best pine cough remedy, you need money buy, but 25¢ ounces of Pine in a 16-oz. bottle, and fill up with home-made sugar syrup. Or you can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup.

Make 16 ounces—more than you can buy ready-made for. It is a good and pleasant—children like it. You can feel this take hold of a cough in a way that means business. The cough may be dry, hoarse and tight, or it may be slightly loose from the formation of phlegm. The cause is the same—inflamed membranes—and this Pine and Syrup combination will stop it—usually in 24 hours or less. Sprinkle it on a hot, wet cloth, rub the face briskly—every blackhead will be gone.

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Notes From Movieland

By DAISY DEAN.

WE HEARD a strange story that's being circulated in Hollywood and several press agents are willing to testify as to its veracity. It runs something like this: A few weeks ago Harry Langdon, the First National comedian,



ALICE CALHOUN.

saw a preview of Syd Chaplin's "The Man On the Box" and was so impressed with Alice Calhoun's work that he wanted to get in touch with her at once.

Every time he called her on the phone she was busy and could not arrange to meet him. Weeks passed and still the elusive Miss Calhoun could not be seen. Then came the eventful day.

Langdon was riding down Hollywood Boulevard in his big car when he caught the rear bumper of a roadster. In the roadster sat Miss Calhoun. They recognized each other and proceeded to talk business right in the middle of the crowded street. She accepted his contract offer and started to work a few days later. All the promising actresses in Hollywood are now praying that Langdon's auto will smash their cars all to pieces if a contract as his leading lady follows the collision.

In "A Kiss For Cinderella," which will be released at Christmas time, trick photography was used by the director to show the transformation of the pumpkin and mice into a gorgeous coach of gold drawn by white horses.

A new series of Andy Gump comedies are now under production. Joe Murphy will again play the part of Andy. Fay Tincher will be Min and Jackie Morgan as the kids.

Pat O'Malley and Virginia Valli are co-starring in a story of circus life, "The Trail of the Tiger."

Viola Dana has the lead in "Wild Oats Lane." She is shown first as a small town girl, then as a "fai lady."

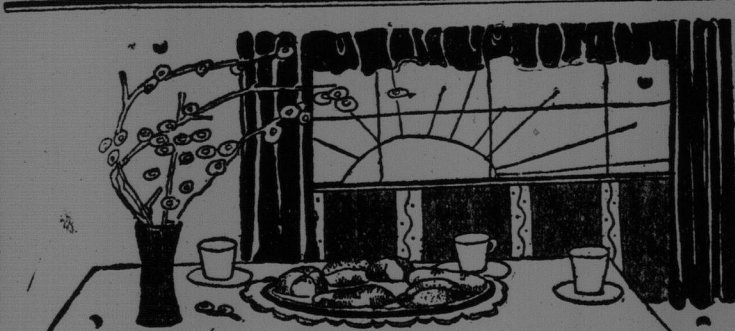
A Thought

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.—Luke 12:22-23.

EVERYWHERE the human soul stands between a hemisphere of light and another of darkness; on the confines of two everlasting hostile empires. Necessity and Free Will—Carlyle.

BLACKHEADS

Blackheads simply dissolve and disappear by this one simple, safe and sure method. Get two ounces of peroxide powder from any drug store—sprinkle it on a hot, wet cloth, rub the face briskly—every blackhead will be gone.



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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

THE LAST OF THE GARDEN.

Morgiana had scarcely finished her story when Mister Blue Cap came to take the Twins away.

"Oh, must you go?" said Morgiana. "I'm sorry, for I love to have company. It is so pleasant here in the garden."

"Was that all there was to All Baba?" asked Nick. "What became of him after the forty thieves were all dead and their captain got away?"

"The bad captain came back another time," said Morgiana. "This time he pretended he was a distinguished traveler. But he wouldn't eat any salt when he sat down to dine with my master."

"This made me suspicious and peeping into the dining room, I recognized the old rascal at once."

"So I gave the alarm and he jumped out of the window and fled. We haven't heard from him since. Here comes Mister All Baba now, and his wife also."

"I heard you tell these children about my narrow escapes," said All Baba. "If they stay awhile longer I shall tell them all about the treasures I found in the robbers' cave. I will show them such as I have here."

"Oh, thank you," said Nancy and Nick. "Shall we have time, Mister Blue Cap?"

Mister Blue Cap looked at his watch. "I can't tell exactly," he said. "It is time for the wedding in the picture next door, and the little flower girl and page haven't arrived. It may be that you Twins will have to take their place. But go on and see what these kind people have to show you and I shall stay in the garden and let Morgiana show me her flowers."

"Gladly!" said Morgiana, getting up from her stone bench and walking off with the kind little fairyman.

So Nancy and Nick went into the house with All Baba and his wife to see the treasures. It was no wonder the thieves came and tried to get all the things back, they thought!

There were vases of gold set with rubies as large as eggs, cups out of single sapphires, and goblets so dazzling with diamonds that it almost blinded one to look.

There were rugs so silken fine that

Light.

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He—"I do. Whenever a tradesman sends me a bill I turn it—Tut-Bits."

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