

ANSWER TO HIS PROPOSAL IN LONG LOST BOOK

Romance Behind a Little Ad in London Paper MISSING LETTER TURNS UP

Hall Caine Receives Many Congratulations on His 60th Birthday — Printer's Blunder Put Cocoon in the Dictionary

(Times' Special Correspondence)

London, May 21.—There proves to be quite a pretty little romance, which would do nicely for the plot of a short story, in connection with an advertisement which appeared unobtrusively in the "small wants" column of a London evening newspaper the other day. One pound was offered by the advertiser for a copy of "Lady Elaine's Martyrdom," now lives, and has lived for the last ten years, in the United States. Before crossing the Atlantic, to see (and find) his fortune, he lived at Clacton-on-Sea, in Essex, and there fell head over heels in love with the daughter of a local solicitor. He proposed to her by letter, but she replied all he received was a copy of "Lady Elaine's Martyrdom." He waited for a letter which never came, assuming that silence meant refusal, sailed for America. There he has prospered, but has never married, his heart remaining true to his English "Poll."

About a month ago, workmen were repairing the house which he occupied at Clacton and behind the skirting round the hall door he found a letter addressed to him in a feminine hand. This was forwarded to America. Containing a few words in answer to his letter of ten years before, it had been posted with the novel, and by some queer accident slipped between the skirting and the floor underneath the letter-box. The answer did not contain definite "yes" or "no" but said that he would learn what was in the girl's heart if he turned to a friend in Clacton to all in his power to secure a copy of the novel for him. One might suspect the hand of the artful press-agent were in the case of a new novel, but in the decade that has passed since its publication, the humble authoress who penned it has died and the firm which issued it has gone out of existence. The heroine of the little romance proves to have left Clacton and, up to date, no copy of the sought-for novel has reached the hero's representative in the seaside town.

Hall Caine was sixty a few days ago and his English publisher tells me, received something like 100 congratulatory telegrams and newspaper messages. He is at home in the Isle of Man, it seems, and hard at work on a new play, about which, however, nothing may be told yet. His yearly income now is said to be at least \$50,000.

Meanwhile his great rival, Marie Corelli, has been protesting with her usual vigor against what she describes as "acts of vandalism" at Stratford-on-Avon which is her home. She told the Stratford-on-Avon guild last night that when she first came to live there she foresaw many of the dangers threatening the historic town, and did her best to warn as well as save. Since then, she said, she has been an unwilling witness of the destruction of much that was valuable and beautiful, notably the "swan house" erected on the nearby village of Shottery. At the end of her address she urged her hearers not to let Shakespeare's birthplace degenerate into a mere suburb of Birmingham.

They take ragtime here—still a popular craze—with deadly seriousness, and analyze it as painstakingly as if it were a new serum. The latest to put the synoptical method on the dissecting table is Mrs. Maude Egerton King, whose husband is an intensely earnest member of parliament and who herself has written several thoughtful books. It is almost pathetic to read this serious little lady's estimate of the all-conquering melodies in "The Ragtime."

It is impossible to believe that ragtime—or the post-impressionism and futurism which it resembles in its conscientious preference for hideousness—is what some claim for it, the aboriginal first effort at utterance, and as such to be welcomed and watched; it is too like the dried of racial senility. It is frightfully old, cold and decrepit, not young, passionate, and gigantic, and that is why it is surely a disastrous fashion for young blood to submit to.

Poor little Mrs. King! She does take it so hard.

The Cocoonist You know how to spell "cocoonist," of course, but do you know why you spell it that way? Probably you, in common with a lot of other people, have paused, pen in hand, and wondered what that superfluous "a" was doing in the middle of the word, and how it came there, and now, at least, an explanation is vouchsafed. Sir Everard Thurn, a traveler and administrator, cleared up the mystery in an address which he delivered to the members of the Royal Horticultural Society this week, and incidentally told how this nut got its name to begin with.

It had been noticed, he said, that in the course of its growth the nut which was now known as the cocoonist was similar to the face of a monkey, and so the Spanish or Portuguese word, "Coco," meaning a grin or grimace was attached to it. This was it known when Doctor Johnson wrote his famous dictionary and the great lexicographer duly had an article on the "coco nut." But a compositor blundered, as many a compositor has since, and inserted an "a" into the word and an even more careless proof-reader passed the blunder, and so the word appeared in Johnson's dictionary as "cocoonist" and set the fashion for spelling the word in England for all time.



SHOP GIRL FINDS LOST JEWELS WORTH \$22,000

New York, June 2.—In less than half an hour after she reports the loss of jewels valued at \$22,000 in the millinery department of a store in Herald square, Mrs. William L. Walker, wife of a stock broker living at No. 50 West Fifty-ninth street, recovered her gems.

Mrs. Walker had worn the jewels, consisting of a pearl necklace worth \$20,000 and diamond rings valued at \$2,000, at dinner the previous evening. She had them in a small bag which she was carrying to a safety deposit vault. She stopped at Macy's, and while shopping in the millinery department discovered that the reticule containing the jewels, which she had carried in her hand, was gone. Mrs. Walker told the manager of the department of her loss and he ordered that a search throughout the department be made.

Before the search was started a salesgirl found the reticule. On observing the value of her find she hurried with the gems to the lost and found department and Mrs. Walker was told that her jewels had been recovered. The identity of the girl who found the jewels was not disclosed. Mrs. Walker said she wanted to leave a check for the reward, but the store would reward her for her honesty.

Mr. Walker, who is a partner in the brokerage firm of Raymond & Pynchon, with offices in the Waldorf-Astoria, said the pearl necklace was perfect and that if required twenty-two years to match the pearls.

SHIPPING

Almanac for St. John, Monday, June 2. High Tide, 9:57 Low Tide, 4:30 Sun Rises, 4:44 Sun Sets, 8:00 Time used is Atlantic Standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN

Arrived Saturday, May 31. Stmr Governor Cobb, 1456, Allan, from Boston via Maine ports, A. E. Fleming, pass and mtd. Schr Monday, 864, Burnie, from Perth Amboy for Fredericton, 688 tons coal. Arrived Sunday, June 1. Schr Hunter, 187, Sebason, from Boston. Sailed Saturday, May 31. Schr T. W. Cooper (Am), Whelpley, for Stonington (Conn.), Stetson, Cutler & Co. Coastwise—Schr Jessie Ashley, Spicer, Maitland; Lena Maud, Ellis, Point Wolf.

CANADIAN PORTS

Quebec, May 31—Ard stmr Victoria, from Liverpool. Ard June 1—Stmr Wittkind (Ger), from Rotterdam; Turcoman, from Avonmouth. Montreal, June 1—Ard Saturday stms Victorian, from Liverpool; Manchester Importer. Old Saturday—Stmr Tunisian, for Liverpool; Athens, for Glasgow; Prentiss, for Cereva, for London; Jackson, for Dundee; Devon, for Australian and New Zealand ports; Manchester Importer, for Manchester. Old Sunday—Stilian, for London via Havre; Vaderland (Bel), for Antwerp; Mansman, for Bristol.

BRITISH PORTS

Barbados, May 18—Ard schr Rosalie Bellrose, from Bellrose Cove; Dorothy Duff, from Bahia; 19th, bark Gaspe, from Macao. Fort Natal, May 30—Ard previously, stmr Toronto, Torkildsen, from St. John via St. Vincent (C. V.), and Cape Town. Main Head, June 1—Ard stmr Letitia, from Montreal. Liverpool, June 1—Sld stmr Corsican, from Montreal. Glasgow, June 1—Sld stms Scandinavian and Cassandra, for Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS

New York, June 1—Ard stmr Caronia, from Liverpool. Havre, June 1—Sld stmr Pomeranian, from Montreal. Sicily, June 1—Ard stmr Ascania, from Montreal. Venyard Haven, May 31—Ard schr Ruth Robinson, from Windsor (N. S.); Ernest T. Lee, from South Amboy; Rebecca G. Whildin, from South Amboy.

ITS LIFE ONLY THREE DAYS LONG

London, June 2.—A new insect which has only just been discovered is to be seen at the Exhibition of the Royal Society at Burlington House. It has been named the protura, and makes its appearance in public for the first time. It is barely discernible with the naked eye, but when viewed under a microscope it has a striking resemblance to a monoplane. The protura is extremely rare. It is found in peat and there are only a few specimens. Of its activities nothing is known so far, beyond that it lives on decayed vegetables and that its span of life does not extend beyond three days.

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LOSES ACTION AGAINST NEAL INSTITUTE, MONTREAL

Montreal Herald.—On the ground that if not a complete, at least a temporary cure had been effected, as was proven more especially by the fact that the plaintiff had thirty and sixty days after his discharge paid the balance of his treatment fees without demur, Judge Demers yesterday dismissed the action of T. O. Laferrere against the Neal Institute, a local drink-cure institution. His Lordship held that the fact that Mr. Laferrere, who sought recovery of some \$200, had only instituted action four months after his discharge from the institute and had made payments on account a couple of months from the time of the discharge, showed that he had not manifested dissatisfaction with the cure within the time when such dissatisfaction would avail. There was also the fact that on his discharge from the establishment, he had signed a writing, the general purport of which was that he recognized that he had been freed from all craving for liquor, and that he acknowledged the validity of the treatment which he had undergone. Under the circumstances it might be presumed that the cure was only a temporary one, but in any event it was a cure, and he could not complain as he himself acknowledged that he had been cured.

Daily Hints For the Cook

SWEDISH COFFEE BREAD Two cups of milk put on to scald. When lukewarm add 1 yeast cake, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 8-4 cup sugar, good piece of butter and cardamom seeds, if wanted. To make "about" 1 1/2 dozen, pound and put through coffee grinder, with a little sugar. Then add enough flour to knead. I always set my bread in the morning, but if you set it at night just make a sponge of flour, milk, yeast and salt and add the other in the morning, or all the goodness will raise out.

PEANUT COOKIES. One tablespoon of butter, 1-4 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1-2 cup flour, 1-2 teaspoon lemon juice, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons milk, 1-2 cup finely chopped peanuts. Cream butter and sugar together, add an egg well beaten. Mix and sift baking powder, salt and flour, add to the first mixture, then add the milk, peanuts and lemon juice. Drop on a buttered tin in teaspoons one inch apart. Bake 15 minutes in a slow oven.

Is Health Only a Game of Chance?

If you are accustomed to look on health as a gamble you will probably prove a loser early in the game. Some may hold on to health and life for a considerable time and defy the laws of nature, but there are many rules of the game which are conducive to health and long life. Take nervous diseases, for example. There are many symptoms to warn one of the approach of nervous exhaustion long before there is danger of locomotor ataxia or some dreadful form of paralysis. But they seem such little things that their danger signal is not taken notice of. Sleeplessness, headache, indigestion, irritability, loss of vigor and energy, discouragement and despondency, all point to low vitality and exhausted nerves. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has been wonderfully successful in the cure of nervous diseases of a serious nature, such as locomotor ataxia and partial paralysis, and considerable patience are necessary. On this account we prefer to think of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food as a preventive treatment, which overcomes these symptoms by rebuilding the feeble, wasted nerve cells and restoring vigor to mind and body.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

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The Month of Beauty

By J. R. HAMILTON Former Advertising Manager, Wanamaker's, Philadelphia (Copyrighted)

JUNE IS THE month of snow white beauty—with color as a background.

Peeping white lingerie, white stockings, white waists and white dispositions are the mode.

Women never look so lovely as in June. With their faces and their graces they seem to flit about like White Cross nurses in the battle of hearts, and the way they attend to the wounded is merciful.

The stores are billows of whiteness in these first June days—great waves of white waists come rolling in, and the great lines of white petticoats with their laces and embroideries look like the white, serrated, foaming crests that fling themselves at the shore.

If you haven't caught this spirit of the white month, by all means get it now. There is a charm to this white apparel which only a woman can understand, but which every man can feel. And as for colors? Why use them of course. For color is the natural background for white. Any color goes with white, for white is all colors in one. Colored waists, colored dresses, colored hats, slippers and stockings, in harmony—or in pleasing contrast, if you will—but let the underlying feeling of your whole dress ensemble carry the idea of white.

This is a wonderful month for you in the stores. Everything imaginable to lend to the mystery of your charm is now on display. Slippers, hosiery, lingerie, dresses, waists, millinery, neckwear, fabrics, embroideries, laces—are all waiting for you in heaping piles and in bulging racks. All of these things are being advertised in this paper today and every day to help you in your choice.

Read every one of these Ads—they all have a story to tell. They all are showing you plans for the increasing of your pleasure and your charm. And when advertising can do that for a woman, it should be gratefully received.

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