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SHORT STORY.

Mrs. Busby's Idols.

COMPLETE IN THIS NUMBER.

Mr. Busby eyed the sky as he leisurely walked from the bars to the house. The morning sun was veiled by a heavy mist, while low in the southwest a bank of dark grey clouds was visible. After a prolonged scrutiny, Mr. Busby pondered the matter. It was not until he had washed his hands and face in the back kitchen porch and entered the room where his wife was taking up the breakfast, that he said: "There's like it might rain."

"That is what you always say if there's a cloud in the sky," Mrs. Busby said tartly. "I'll thank you to lift that boiler on just the same." "Gone to wash? It's most certain to rain."

"Let it rain. I haven't any patience with such weather," and Mrs. Busby rushed down cellar for a pitcher of cream. Her husband never hurried. He put the boiler carefully on the stove, built up a good fire, and, in obedience to a gesture from his wife, took his place at the table.

Mr. Busby always thought before he spoke. This time, after a brief but earnest blessing, he devoted himself to hard eggs and potatoes for five minutes before saying in his drawing voice: "That was a powerful sermon of the elder yesterday, Mirandy. I always thought that text about Ephraim being joined to his idols might apply to some of us. Most every body here has idols of some sort or other."

Mrs. Busby stirred her golden brown coffee reflectively. "Perhaps so. I hope the people who need it look Mr. Ranton's fine application. As for me, I once had an idol, but God took it."

"There was a pause. The thoughts of both husband and wife travelled to the parlor where hung the picture of a child, a wee maiden with laughing blue eyes, and dimpled arms. It was the picture of little Leah, their only child, whose death twenty years before, had left the old farm desolate.

Mr. Busby's mind was too deeply stirred by memories of his child, to speak. But when a dash of rain came against the window pane, his wife exclaimed crossly: "There, it's raining. And if I don't wash on Monday, nothing good will come of it."

"Tain't an idol, is it, Mirandy?" The good man of the house pushed back from the table. "Now, it doesn't seem just right to be so set on you all on this 'rubbish' work, especially as you want to. It 'pears to me it might be an idol."

"What an ideal just look there, Joseph. See that dirty spot on the tablecloth, where you've rubbed your old coat sleeve. This tablecloth was clean yesterday morning, and now it must go in the wash, making three big pecks. I'd wish you would wash more careful."

"Why, now, Mirandy, I do try to be careful. I wish you would see what a mess that tablecloth is. You ought some turkey-red ones."

"Yes, I did buy some, and a look of elegant crossed the face opposite Mr. Busby. "But I want it understood, I am not going to wash 'em. I will work my fingers to the bones before I'll set my table with anything but a white cloth," and she stroked the glossy linen approvingly.

"I know, Mirandy, but maybe that's another idol. You see, you think a sight of such things." "Now, Joseph Busby, if you are going to talk such nonsense as that, you'd better get to work. The sun is shining. So you see it was right for me to wash after all."

dearest little fellow," she went on. "But I don't understand," and Joseph Busby's arms closed tenderly around the little orphan. The story was soon told. "Of course, we'll keep him, and do the best we can by him," Mrs. Busby said, by way of conclusion. "Dinner is ready, and the green peas and custard pie will taste good to little Joey. I guess you were right about my idols, Joseph," stopping to fasten a towel around the child's neck in lieu of a bib, "but they are overthrown. Now, I'll try and not make an idol of Joey."

OYAMA'S STRATEGY. The Greatest Master of Flanking Tactics Since Time Began.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript pays this tribute to the Japanese commander-in-chief:— "The battle of Mukden designated Field Marshal Oyama as one of the greatest strategists which the world has ever seen. We may, without too much assumption, rank him not only with Von Moltke, Grant, Lee and the other noted generals of the past century, but indeed with Alexander the Great, Hannibal, Caesar, Marlborough and Napoleon Bonaparte. In general ability as a leader he is equal to any of these, and in at least one branch of military warfare he is superior to them all. He is the flanking master of flanking tactics which any nation has produced since time began. Kuroki's famous move across the Liao-Yang, and Oku's onslaught on the Russian right at the Shaho River, as well as the combined advances of Kuroki and Oku at Mukden, all established this. Each of these movements was the direct cause of the retreat of Kuroki and each was employed so advantageously that he was wholly unable to make a counter attack or defeat the flanking force while it was separated from the main part of the army. The Russians have generally been able to meet a frontal attack of an equal number of Japanese, but against the flanking strategy of Oyama, employed through his able lieutenants, they have always been utterly helpless. Particular ability has also been shown by the Japanese commander-in-chief in keeping the enemy in ignorance of the point at which he intends to strike, and in also selecting the best point for a concentrated attack. It was this strategy which caused Kuroki to miss his troops south of Liao-Yang, thus weakening his left wing and opening it to the attack of Kuroki. It was the same generalship also which, in the late battle, led the Russian commander to withdraw his reserves from the Hun and engage them north of Mukden, so materially weakening his front ranks that they were practically destroyed by the Russian army as a fighting entity."

TURBINE BOAT A SUCCESS. (Portland Express, March 18.)

Agent C. Richard Clancy, of the Allen Line, received this morning via the company's Montreal office, stating that the new turbine liner, Victoriana's trial trip had been a great success. The big flyer exceeded her contract speed of 18 knots and steamed at a rate of 19 1/2 knots, which is pushing through the water at about 22 miles an hour. This is fast work for a vessel. The trial was held off Greenock and the steamship was found to work to perfection in every way. She goes on the route to St. John, N. B., immediately and will be followed soon afterwards by her sister ship, the Virginian. Thus the success of the turbine in a steamship of the size of the Allan liners, which are immense ocean greyhounds, seems to be assured.

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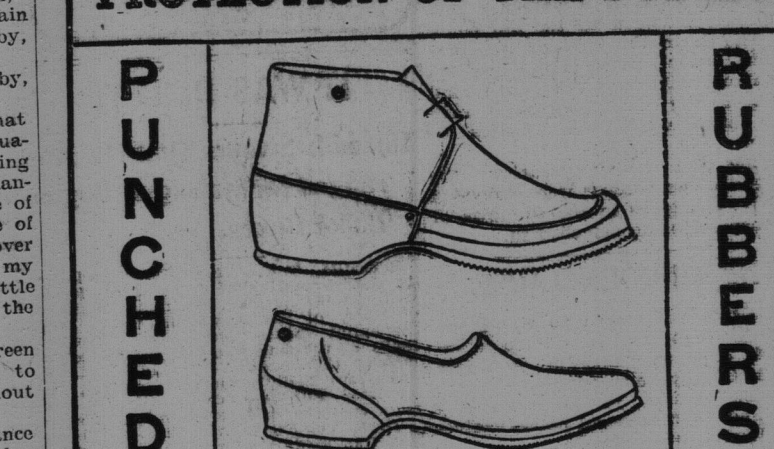
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