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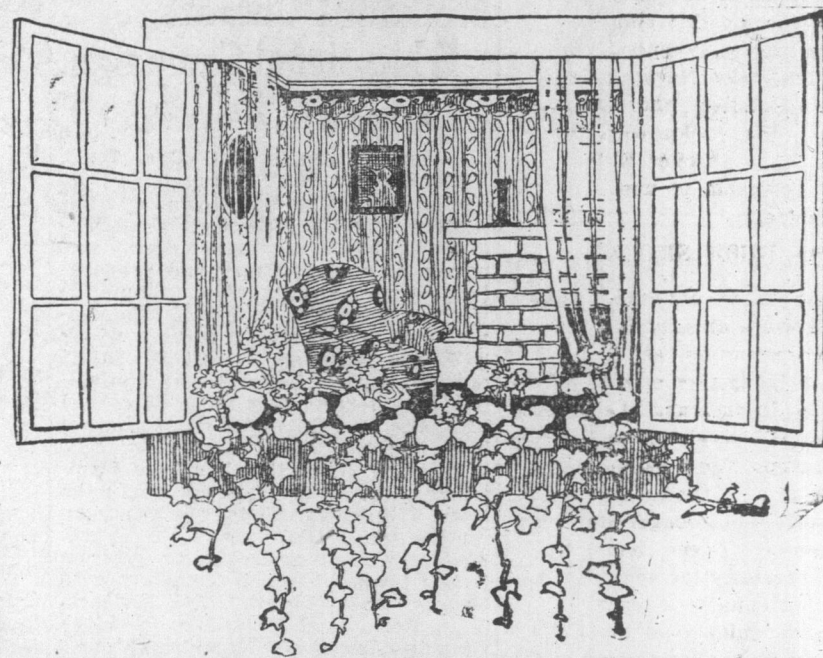


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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

THE ARTIST HELPS THE SQUIRREL.

"How ever is that story coming out?" said I, as I regretfully laid down the magazine in which I had been devouring the latest installment of the continued story we were all following, as eagerly as if our own future happiness depended upon the way it came out.

"I really don't see unless the author puts poison in that woman's tea," said the author.

That was some months ago and the author of the story, being a most skillful artisan, did manage to solve this situation differently. But how often a less skillful artist does figuratively put poison in some character's tea!

Involved in the Eternal Triangle. For instance, an author will cleverly work up a situation in which a heroine is involved in an unhappy love tangle. She is pictured as not to blame for the situation in which she finds herself—your sympathy is all with her, you want her to get rid of the selfish, ungenerous, thoroughly undesirable husband whom circumstances have foisted upon her, and to marry the unselfish noble-minded lover who, you are sure, could make her happy for life if he only had the chance.

The author wakes up to the point where it is up to him either to admit that he thinks divorce and remarriage allowable when a pair are utterly uncongenial, or to imply that he thinks divorce is wrong, and leave them with their minds made up to endure in the best way possible. (One wonders if characters left in such position on the last page do not sometimes change their minds afterwards.)

But when he has reached that point, he hasn't the courage to do either and so he puts poison in the tea of the husband—in the shape, most likely, of an automobile accident—and ends the book by implying that after a decent interval his heroine became happy for ever after.

And This Is Just What The Author Does. Now an ending like that always reminds me of a picture I once saw in a popular humorous magazine. A dear little squirrel is pursued by some other animal which can also climb. (I can't remember, strangely enough, what it was.) They reach the top of a tree which stands all alone in the middle of a field and it looks as if the squirrel was fated. And then in the next drawing there is a picture of a squirrel leaping lightly over a piece of decoration on the corner of the drawing. The heavier animal unable to make the leap is balked. And underneath is the caption, "But the artist helped the squirrel."

I always think of that drawing when I read a novel or a short story in which the author helps the hero or heroine by equally artificial methods. In fact, that phrase has become a by-word in our household and when one member asks another if a story is good, he will sometimes answer, "Pretty good, but the artist helps the squirrel at the end."

The new head dresses favored by Paris are very elaborate. A ten-inch hem and one ten-inch tuck is the latest idea for this summer skirts.

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Just Folks

TO AN OLD FRIEND. When we have lived our little lives and wandered all their byways through, When we've seen all that we shall see, and finished all that we must do, When we shall take one backward look off yonder where our journey ends, I pray that you shall be as glad as I shall be that we were friends.

Time was we started out to find the treasures and the joys of life. We sought them in the land of gold through many days of bitter strife. When we were young we yearned for fame, in search of joy we went afar, Only to learn how very cold and distant all the strangers are.

Household Notes.

If food threatens to sour in muggy weather, it can sometimes be saved by reheating it.

In making sandwiches, allow three slices of bread and butter for three people.

The ice cream freezer which does not require churning is a boon to the small family.

Put scraps of soap in a small cloth bag and use as a soap when washing dishes.

Half a lemon dipped in salt will clean copper boilers, etc., as well as oxalic acid will.

Place a thimble on the end of your curtain rod and your curtains will easily be run on.

Use cold water for scrubbing floors. It does not sink into the wood as hot water does.

Paint paper lamp shades with a solution of alum. They will not catch fire so easily. Heat a brick thoroughly and use for an iron stand. The irons will hold their heat much longer. Rub a fresh cut onion on linen to

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Rubber gloves worn for housework should be washed thoroughly before taken off the hands.

If a piece of paper placed on the oven shelf turns a light brown, the oven is just right for pastry.

Sections of bananas rolled in chopped peanuts can be served on lettuce with a French dressing.

Faded awnings may have their stripes painted with common house paint and look as good as new.

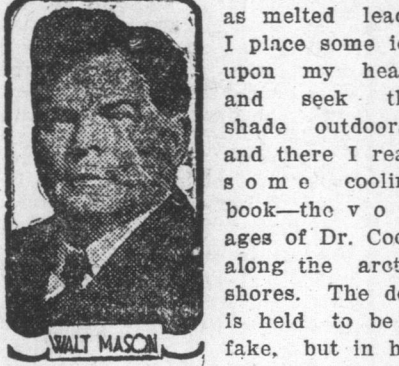
Revive the colors of a faded carpet with a solution of two tablespoonsful of turpentine to a gallon of water.

To bake sweet potatoes quickly, dip them in hot water for fifteen minutes before putting them into oven.

Baking-powder biscuits served straight from the oven with fresh berries of almost any kind, are delicious.

I bought a horse with a supposedly incurable ringbone for \$20.00. Cured him with \$1.00 worth of MINARD'S LINIMENT and sold him for \$55.00. Profit on Liniment, \$54.00. MOISE DEROSIER, Hotel Keeper, St. Phillippe, Que.

TIMELY THEMES.



The day is hot as melted lead; I place some ice upon my head, and seek the shade outdoors; and there I read a book—the v o y-ages of Dr. Cook along the arctic shores. The doc is held to be a fake, but in his writings he can make a man forget the heat; with him I walk where blizzard's roll, discovering a pipe dream pole among the framed up sleet. My reading takes me farther back; I follow Sir John Franklin's track, to where it has an end; he vanished in the storm and rack, and never sent a message back to any mortal friend. Somewhere the polar night wind moans above Sir John's heroic bones, all buried deep in snow, the bones of others by their side, but how the heroes wrought and died we nevermore shall know. I read of Greel-ey's hunger camp, and feel a tear in either lamp, for that's a frightful tale; and as I read I seem to hear the ice floes crashing far and near, and feel the bitter gale. A neighbour comes along and cries, "Gee whiz! Our Augusts and Julys are getting worse and worse; this heat, if longer it persist, will get my goat. I wot and wist, and put me in a hearse." I hear the words in mild surprise; I've been abroad 'neath arctic skies, among the endless snows; and I am feeling just as if my ears and nose were frozen stiff, and I had Chilled toes.

War Weddings Failures.

The court year which closed at Chicago recently will go down on court records as the greatest divorce year. Divorce decrees number 6,220, which is almost 15 per cent. of the marriage licenses issued. "The war, which promoted hasty marriages, has greatly increased the number of domestic tragedies," asserted Judge Hopkins. "War weddings in seven cases out of ten proved failures. The young brides were afraid of those strange men they married two years ago. A great cause of unhappiness in married life is liquor. The next few months will see a great decrease in divorces."

Fabric handbags for the street continue to be made of black or navy taffeta.

كتاب مفتوح للاساقية New Relief For Constipation, "LES FRUITS"



Physicians agree that with the modern habits of living, constipation is likely to be always with us. They also agree that the constant use of any drug for the relief of constipation is exceedingly unwise—unwise for two reasons. First, a drug constantly used loses its effect and requires a constantly increased dose. Second, because the constant use of any drug is bad anyway.

So the cry is constantly going up from the constipated, "What can we do?" It will be interesting to a great many to know that an answer has been found in the re-discovery of a method which was used with great success by our Forefathers, and in Arabia far back in the twelfth century. The food is called "Les Fruits" because it is composed entirely of figs, dates, prunes, raisins and the leaves of each with the substitution of the Alexandria leaf for the raisin leaf. The taste is pleasant, if not to say delicious, and the effect is exceedingly satisfactory. Try it and be convinced.

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