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## His Great Decision

Which Shows the Attitude of Our Southern Neighbor At the Beginning of the War, and How the Republic's Noblest Sons and Daughters Rose to the Occasion.

By Edith Brown Kirkwood.

### CHAPTER III.

"A heap of fellows who have monkeyed around the home garage for the fun of the thing have found they were preparing for something worth while, Chapman," Ted had said when Crane had gone to him with his plan. "Preparation, as a matter of fact, is somewhat out of date but preparation has been the angel entertained unawares by a lot of huskies."

When Clinton learned that Crane was not to enlist for the trenches, it smiled anew.

"I might have known," muttered Mr. Mann to himself. "He'll always find the easy spot. He'll go over and rule around, bringing the fellows who have fought and bled into the hospitals and think he's done a man's job."

Crane found it harder to go to Marjorie than he had dreamed it would be. He resorted to the telephone to learn whether she would be at home during the evening.

"Marjorie,"—he found it difficult even to call her by the old shortened name of school days—"if you're going to be in, I want to run up awhile. May I?"

"Something's wrong. You never asked to come before. What is it?" "You haven't heard?"

"Heard what? Is something wrong?"

"The note of anxiety in her voice sent him sick, suddenly, with the consciousness of preciousness lost. 'I want to come to say good-by, Marjorie. I'm leaving Clinton tonight.'"

"Crane! You're—leaving—Clinton!" Then as if to recover herself she added with a pretense of her old spirit:

"Why the suddenness?"

"I'm going to war, Marjorie. I go to the city to-night with Ted, Speer and then I'm off for France as soon as the boat can get me there. I've decided. Most of the big decisions of life come suddenly. I want to come to say good-by. May I?"

Crane noted the quiver in her voice and he bowed his head on his arm as he listened to her answer.

"You know you need not ask me to come to my house—ever. I—I—will you come soon?"

A different Marjorie stood at the gate awaiting him. She held out both hands to him while he approached and there was no mistaking the light in her eyes. There was sadness

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above the crowd. I'm very, very proud of him."

"You feel proud?" exclaimed Mr. Mann. "Why should you?"

"Unfortunately, Father," the girl continued with quiet dignity, "I have no right to feel proud but I do."

The sharp reply, already framed, died without utterance before the clear gaze the girl turned upon her father.

"Humph!" he returned, suddenly occupied with his plate. "Humph! I only trust he'll not make a fool of himself. I can't picture him on a battlefield. I don't suppose he'll be called upon to do much that takes courage. He's picked the ambulance corps."

When Marjorie came from her room to announce that she was going out, Mrs. Mann asked:

"Shall I walk with you?"

"No, thank you, Mother." For some unaccountable reason Marjorie felt a new frank friendship with her mother. Mrs. Mann, remembering her own girlhood, respected, without questioning, her wish to be alone. The grain bearing Crane to war and Ted Speer back to his city duties, had gone. Truth to tell, Crane had left his visit to Marjorie as a next-to-last rich privilege, reserving the remaining one for his mother.

However, knew as well whom Marjorie was seeking as if Mrs. Chapman had called for her at the door.

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## TO PROTECT CEREALS AND COARSE FLOURS IN SUMMER.

The coarse flours and cereals are especially susceptible during the warmer seasons of the year to the attacks of insects, particularly small beetles and their grubs, which may cause the loss of valuable foodstuffs, not so much by what they actually destroy but by rendering such infested foodstuffs undesirable as human food.

Millers and manufacturers realize, as a rule, the importance of handling such food products as rapidly as possible to prevent insect infestation, and also know how to deal with such pests. The retailer and consumer are chiefly concerned in the matter of protecting such foodstuffs.

Retailers should keep their stores free from insect infestation or cereals in sacks, or even in sealed packages, will become infested. In addition to such preventive measures, every effort should be made to avoid large stocks and to dispose of cereal products rapidly. Care should be taken to avoid the breaking or damaging of packages.

Consumers should only purchase small quantities of cereals and coarse flours. Sealed packages which have been damaged should be avoided. If cereals are bought in sacks they should be heated when received at home to a temperature of from 130 to 150 degrees Fahrenheit, and then left for nearly an hour in the oven while it cools off. This treatment will kill any insect eggs or grubs that may be present. As many of these pests enter the house from out-of-doors, great care should be taken in storing cereals and wheat substitutes; whenever possible they should be kept in tightly closed tin boxes or other indestructible receptacles that can be tightly closed. If due precautions are taken, a very considerable saving in the aggregate of foodstuffs will result.

## The Summer Stove.

During these blistering hot August days the blessing that the summer stove is to the overburdened cook on the farm cannot be measured. There is nothing to equal it for comfort, and summer stoves should be considered absolute necessities for farmers' wives.

Gas stoves are a possibility in cities, but in small towns and in the country, where there is no gas, the kerosene or oil stove is very satisfactory. Investigation will prove that they do not "explode," as a few women still believe. The farm woman has become so familiar with the coal-oil lamp that she does not fear it. There is no more danger or difficulty in using oil for cooking than there is in using oil for lighting.

It shows intelligence and common sense to take advantage of all the labor-saving, the time-saving, and the comfort-producing methods at hand, and of the many offered none will exceed in the results gained the summer stove.

Since the oil stove requires frequent cleaning and trimming, many women prefer gasoline. Even a two-burner alcohol stove gives some relief during the hottest part of the summer. One of the best aids, of course, is the fireless cooker.

Eight years ago we bought our oil cookstove with three burners, paying \$11 for it. We clean the stove two or three times a summer, clearing all the oil out of the pipes, removing all the small particles of dirt or soot that have collected, and wiping off all oil that may have collected anywhere in it.

The stove that I have had the best success with has a short drum—that is, one in which the flame is near to the cooking utensil. Long burners are not advisable, because the food to be cooked is too far from the flame.

A portable oven as large as a cookstove oven may be purchased for about \$6, and after a little practice the housewife can use it for baking as well as the range oven. In choosing an oven it is best to get one to cover two burners, as thereby the heat radiates better and one gets better results in baking.

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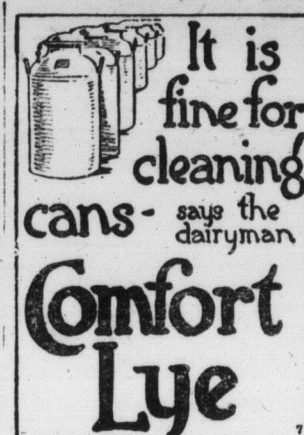
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## THE CAUSE OF BALDNESS.

An Infliction Which it is Difficult to Escape.

One of the oldest and most puzzling of human afflictions is baldness. The reason why of it is no better understood to-day than a thousand years ago.

Women suffer from it much more commonly than is supposed. In one way or another they manage to conceal it. But the men are ravaged by it. Most men are more or less bald by the time they reach middle age.

On the other hand, if a man shows no signs of losing his hair by the time he is thirty years old he will never be bald. The trouble, when it arrives, begins to show itself usually in the early twenties.

The most striking fact about baldness is that it runs in families. If your father had the good luck to hold on to his hair, you may reasonably expect to retain yours. But if he was bald, there is little hope.

A woman who has plenty of hair may transmit to her sons a tendency to baldness derived from her own father. When a man marries he should take this matter into consideration, if he does not want his sons to be bald-headed. He should pick out a wife whose parents and grandparents have plenty of hair.

Nowadays one often sees men going about without hats in the hope of discouraging a tendency to baldness. It is a pitiful delusion. The theory that the hat restricts circulation in the scalp, thereby promoting baldness, was long ago exploded.

The mischief is congenital. A man is born to baldness or not, as heredity may determine. Even the boy baby may have a bald spot on his head. What could seem of less importance? It is a joke. Hair soon grows over it.

But that bald spot is bound to reappear later in life. In fact, when the boy baby has grown to be a middle-aged man there will surely be a vacant area on his scalp exactly corresponding in shape and relative size to the original bare place that showed itself on his infantile occiput.

Baldness means death of the hair roots. No "restorer" can make the roots of the hair live again; and, if there be a means whereby their demise can be postponed, nobody has yet discovered it.

A woman is never bald unless both of her parents were bald. A man, on the other hand, is certain to be bald if his mother was bald; and, if his father was bald and his mother not so, he will probably inherit the affliction from his male parent.

These are facts scientifically established. They show why women are much less often bald than men; and they indicate the likelihood for any individual man (taking an average) that he will not escape baldness.

WHERE THE COLORS DWELL.

Color-Blindness is a Common Defect, Especially Among Men.

The six colors of the rainbow—red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet—are familiar enough. But medical men say that one person in 500 is able to distinguish a seventh color.

Unfortunately, those who are able to see this color can give no intelligible description of it, inasmuch as there are no terms for it in language. So far as it is concerned, nearly everybody is color-blind.

What is ordinarily termed color-blindness is far more common than most people suppose. Of every twelve average men that you meet, one is more or less defective in this respect.

How about the women? Curiously enough, with them the defect is relatively rare. Color-blindness afflicts only one woman in forty-eight.

The fault (where it exists) has to do with the "color-perceiving center" in the brain. It is not a defect of the eye, properly speaking. In some persons, apparently, this centre is imperfectly developed.

There are various degrees of color-blindness. An individual mildly troubled in this way may be able to distinguish only five colors, and through all his or her life may be wholly unaware of the defect. Another sees but four colors, yet another only three, and there are not a few persons who recognize two colors only.

How queer things must look to a person who can see only two colors. But there are cases where the whole rainbow, or "spectrum" of a sunbeam, passed through a glass prism, appears as one color. These represent the extreme of color-blindness.

Now and then one observes a woman who exhibits the most surprising lack of taste in the color schemes of her apparel. She delights in putting blues and greens together, and otherwise violates persistently the rules of harmony in such matters. She never dreams, and it does not occur to her friends to realize, that she is color-blind.

To the person who can distinguish but five colors, orange does not exist. To the person who can distinguish only four colors, there is no orange or blue.

To the person who recognizes only three colors, none but red, green and violet is perceptible.

The two-color defective sees only dark yellow and blue. To him, blue and violet are both blue; and red, orange, yellow and green are all dark yellow.

Generally speaking, the color-blind person calls colors alike that are seen by the normal person to be different.

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