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# The Evening Chit-Chat



wasn't pretty, wasn't clever, wasn't stylish, didn't even have that "indefinable something" with which authors endow their heroines nowadays when they want to make them a bit different, and yet Maisie had

always been taken about quite as much and rather more than any of the prettier or more clever girls, and had just announced her engagement to the most eligible man in town.

Whence her popularity? Half a dozen of us had been discussing that subject about the tea table when mine hostess' brother dawned in upon us.

Now Ted had at one time worshipped at Maisie's shrine, but being now elsewhere engaged or, at least, on the verge of it, we felt it wouldn't be treading on too sacred ground to appeal to him on this mysterious ques-

So we did. What was it made all the men like Maisie so? Ted considered.

"No. I know she isn't so pretty, alhough she always looks and acts as if she felt well, which is a good deal ore of a card than prettiness with good many men, but I'll tell you what it is—Maisie's jolly. It just does a man good to take her anywhere because she has such a good

"Take some girls about and they are always fussing if things don't go just so. If any little thing goes wrong they are all upset.

"But Maisie-well, she's a real sport. She doesn't know what fussing means. I took her to the theatre once and the seats were a good deal further to one side than I thought they were going to be, and we couldn't see one corner of the stage at all. and in the other corner we could see way into the wings.

"I felt like a duffer to have gotten such seats and any other girl would have looked bored, but Maisie, she just laughed and said she'd always wanted to know what it looked like behind the scenes and how exciting it was to be able to see the people waiting for their cues before they

"And then another time we went canoeing and the blooming canoe leaked and the canoe cushfons got wet and the color ran all over-her nice white dress. Any other girl woud have looked daggers at me for letting the canoe leak, but Maisie said wasn't it splendid it was a white dress because it would wash out so easily and that it would have to go in the tub anyway, and said it as if she meant it, too, and then acted as if she'd forgotten all about it and made

me forget what a mut I'd been. "And then, no matter where we went, or what we did, Maisie always seemed to have such a ripping good time. It was a pleasure to go anywhere at all with her.

"No, maybe she isn't as stylish or pretty as some of the girls, but I can tell you right now that the man that's going to marry Maisie is a mighty lucky fellow," concluded mine hostess' brother with a vigor which felt would not have been wholly approved of in the quarter where he was otherwise engaged, or about to be.

Prettiness and style and cleverness and even that "indefinabe something are more or less qualities which one must be born with to possess.

But the quality which won Dick's approval and the heart of the most eligible man in town any girl can possess if she will.

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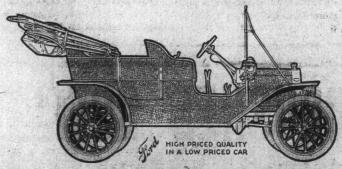
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Tooth brushes may be washed in strong solution of salt and water. Sprinkle salt on the bottom of the oven and your cakes will not burn. Kerosene will remove grease from set bowls and porcelain lined sinks. After cleansing ivory expose to the

sun. This assists in bleaching it. A reliable relief for a mosquito bite is the cut side of a raw onion.

Wine stains on table linen should be covered with salt, wet and rinsed

A great many blemishes may be removed from wall paper with the rubber on a lead pencil.

To prevent the umbrella jar from being broken, put a small rubber mat in the bottom.

To lull one to slumber when tired, there is nothing like the odor of lav-

Dried lemon peel sprinkled over coals will destroy and disagreeable

Linen stained by ink should be im-

mediately dipped in buttermilk. Repeat this until the stain disappears.

A cupful of ripe olives added to a beef stew just before it is taken up will make an astonishing improva-

Seeded raisins, cut into pieces, broken nut meats and a small part of celery in thin bits make up a de-

Any brickwork rinsed off with ammonia and water and then carefully dried will be wonderfully brightened by the process.

For aching feet, due to walking, change the shoes at least twice a day. This will give both feet and shoes a refreshing rest.

Bread will keep moist much longer if kept in a crock, wrapped in several thicknesses of cloth, than if kept in a

To soften the old paint brushes vou used last year, put them in a can of coal oil. When soft they can be washed in warm suds.

For a refreshing dinner salad toss white cherries, bits of orange and banana in French dressing, and serve on lettuce leaves.

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#### Train Plunged Into Ravine.

MONTREAL, April 19 .- A special from Quebec says: Despatches received here to-day show that up to the present time eight bodies have been recovered from the landside that entombed some forty labourers and a ballastng train on the National Transcontinental Railway at Coucoocache about forty miles north of La Tugu

#### Trestle Collapsed.

The accident occurred near Lake MacDonald. A ballasting train of six cars was passing over a trestle seventy-five feet high, which had been erected last autumn, and which collapsed as the train was passing over

About forty men were on the train and all were hurled to the ravine be low, where they were either drowned or smothered under the soft sand that plunged down and covered the collapsed trestle.

#### Rescue Work Difficult.

The work of rescue was organized vith great difficulty. The accident occurred at a remote point, and the work was rendered more difficult by the fact that there were fifteen feet of water at the bottom of the

As soon as the news of the accident arrived at La Tuque, a special rescue rain was rushed to the scene carrying workmen and doctors.

#### A Pathetic Scene.

Heart-rendering scenes were witessed while the work of rescuing the vounded was being carried out.

A Pole whose name could not be ascertained, was lying on a huge pile of debris with his thigh dislocated and his groin perforated. He was operated on without being chloroformed, but never emitted a single moan, holding tightly to his heart a little cross that came from his sweetheart. Another man was buried underneath the debris, only his head being free, and for two hours his shouts and cries were heard without the rescurers being able to reach him.

#### Eight Bodies Recovered.

It is difficult to obtain detailed information of the accident, and it has been impossible up to now to get the ames of the victims.

It is known, however, that eight bodies have been recovered and two are still under the debris, while twenty-three wounded have been rescued and are being treated at La

Tuque. Their may be other victims. The section of the Transcontinental line on which the accident occurred is under the contract of Messrs. Mac-Donald and O'Brien. At the local office of the National Transcontinal Railway Commission, it is stated no official report has yet been received

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