

ALICE BUYS A LICENSE BUT NOT THE RIGHT KIND

She Finds the License Office, But Also Finds There Are Many Kinds of Licenses Issued At the City Hall.

It was Alice's birthday, and Uncle Herbert had given her a little dog for a birthday present. It was, as Alice herself said, the very thing she had wanted most all her life, and she went down town yesterday afternoon to secure a license. Alice wandered about the city hall for nearly half an hour before she found the place where they issued the license. Finally someone told her to go down the stairs and open the very first door she came to, and the directions were so perfectly simple that she found her way into the license office without any more difficulty.

A kind-faced man was sitting at the desk writing. He invited Alice to take a seat. "I have come to buy a license," said Alice. At this the kind-faced man looked kinder than ever. He asked Alice her name, and Alice told him, and then he asked the name of the other applicant.

"Alice was a little puzzled by this at first. Finally she concluded that he was referring to Uncle Herbert's little dog. 'His name is Buzzer,' she said.

"I see—Buzzer," said the kind-faced man in a businesslike way. "And what is his Christian name?"

"I don't think I ever heard it," Alice answered timidly.

The kind-faced man looked a little stern. "Come, come, that's absurd," he said; "you must know his Christian name." Alice was so upset that she simply made up a name on the spot. "His Christian name is Bertram," she said. It was the most splendid name she knew.

"I see—Bertram Buzzer," said the kind-faced man musingly. "It's a very odd name. Has he been resident here for fifteen days?"

"Well, practically," answered Alice. "He ran away for a couple of days last week." The kind-faced man looked suddenly serious.

"That's all right," he said. "Do you think you can trust him?" "Oh, I think so," answered Alice. "You can do an awful lot with kindness."

"And what is his occupation?" asked the man at the desk. "Why, I don't know that you'd say he had any occupation," answered Alice. "He is just a sort of pet."

At this the man at the desk looked graver than ever. "Do you think he is going to make you happy?" he asked seriously. "Oh, I think so," Alice replied confidently. "He's very easy to manage, and he will do practically everything. Of course, he is not very clever, but then he has a wonderful disposition, and a disposition really matters more than cleverness, don't you?"

The man at the desk shook his head doubtfully. "Still, he is really fairly intelligent," said Alice, who felt that her new pet was hardly receiving justice. "And he is awfully well bred. He is not one of those kind that gobble their food."

"That's good," said the official kindly, but still a little dubious. "What is your religion?" he inquired presently. "Presbyterian," answered Alice. "And his?" inquired the kind-faced man.

"I'm not certain," answered Alice; "but he came from an Anglican family."

"I see," said the official. "And what is your nationality?" "Canadian," replied Alice proudly. "And his?" asked the official. "Pekinese," answered Alice. The official was startled that he dropped his pen. "My dear girl," he said gravely, "I'm afraid you are making an awful mistake. Have you considered this matter carefully?"

"Certainly I have," replied Alice. "Why, he is the very thing I have

Mothers and Their Children



Flying Like a Bird.

A very good exercise for developing a child's chest is "flying like a bird." Have the child run about the room, waving the arms up and down and breathing deeply. To make it play, the child can be told to be different kinds of birds—a robin, a wren, an eagle.

CHAPTER HOLDS BRIDGE.
As a means of raising the balance of their objective for the War Memorial Hospital the Sir John Carling Chapter, I. O. O. F., gave a bridge party at the home of Miss Ruth Kingsmill in Albert street Thursday afternoon. Six tables were in play. The charming affair was arranged under the patronage of Miss Doris Auden. The chapter is now within \$20 of its objective, \$1,000.

Fashions by Wire

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FRILLY FROCKS RETURN.
Paris, Feb. 1.—Little silver frills are seen today on some of the after-noon frocks. These frocks are chiefly those made of blue or rose, on which pale, tulle or lace frills are used to give the silver frills look their best.

MAKES UP FOR SNUGGNESS.
Paris, Feb. 1.—One of the small hats so popular today makes up for the trim snuggles of its crown by a long tab of felt or stiffened velvet, one side of which comes down over the ear, as if it were an elongation of the crown, and extends far below the shoulder, ending in a stiff ribbon fall.

SAPPHIRE BECOMES POPULAR.
London, Feb. 1.—The betrothal sapphire ring given by the Duke of York to his fiancée has made sapphire the popular color. Just now there is an avalanche of sapphire hats, afternoon gowns, detachable sleeves, and even the royal betrothal is indirectly responsible for many exquisite gowns.

LOOKS LIKE A MAGAZINE.
New York, Feb. 1.—It will be a hard season for the fashion designer if he has to wear some of the extraordinary printed silks and cottons offered to-day for spring frocks. Stripes run all around and across, and signs in glaring greens, and reds, and blues, are another. The result is a good deal like a magazine cover.

GRAY CRETONE EFFECTIVE.
Palm Beach, Feb. 1.—The gray cretonte bathing suit in which one saunters across the sands of Palm Beach or Santa Barbara today is not a novelty without its sunshade. The sunshade must be the same material as the bathing suit. You must add a cretonte knick-knack bag, if you like.

CLUB NEWS

RETIRING PRESIDENT RECEIVES GIFT.

Despite the inclement weather of Thursday afternoon there was a large attendance at the social given by the Ladies Aid of King Street Presbyterian Church. An important program was given, including an address by Rev. Mr. McIntosh. A happy feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the retiring president, Mrs. David Scott, of a little remembrance. In an address read by Mrs. P. Kingston the appreciation of the members of the great work Mrs. Scott has done during the years she has held the office of president was expressed. The presentation was made by Mrs. Renton. Afternoon tea was served and Mrs. Borden and Mrs. J. Miller poured out tea.

HOLDS BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A charming birthday tea was given Wednesday afternoon by the Women's Association of Knox Church. The tables, which were festively decorated to represent each month of the year, were in charge of the following: January, adorned with snow-banks and snow-balls, Mrs. Percy and Mrs. Adams; February, decorated with valentine favors, cupid hearts and red candles, Mrs. Mowat and Mrs. Dunn; March, decked with Irish flags and shamrocks, Mrs. Beattie and Mrs. Fitzsimmons; April, representing an April shower falling on a cluster of spring flowers, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. J. D. Reid; May, decorated with apple blossoms and greenery, Mrs. Greer and Mrs. Kester; June, centered with a miniature wedding party, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Robertson; July, representing a bathing beach, Mrs. Coleman and Miss Complin; August, adorned with flowers and fruit, Mrs. W. Reid; September, representing the Women's Association tent at the Western Fair, Mrs. Symington and Mrs. Carnie; October, decked with Halloween decorations, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Smith; November, decorated with Thanksgiving decorations, Mrs. Cahill and Miss McGugan; December, representing a Christmas scene, Mrs. Craik and Mrs. L. Summers. Tea was served in the afternoon at a table adorned with pink candles, held in a silver stick, and tiny rosebuds, and centered with a large birthday cake bearing many little candles. Mrs. John Ferguson and Mrs. John Stevenson poured out tea, and the assistants were Misses K. Ferguson, M. Dewar and G. McEvoy. Soles by Mrs. May and Misses Kennedy, McEvoy and Jackson were greatly enjoyed.

THE ETERNAL QUESTION

by Felice Davis

It she was an Inducement.
Rufus—Is we gwan to dance, or is we ain't? "Pears kinda crowded with all that culled trash takin' up space!"
Lily—You all is se' elegant conversationalist!
Rufus—Lots of folks tells me that!
Lily—You all is a stranger heah?—Ah, hopes you stay!
Rufus—Mebbe—Ah's takin' mah vacation.
Lily—It ain't every day a gen'man like you comes—
Rufus—Must oblige—know many of these folks heah?
Lily—Ah knows a heap—
Rufus—Who be that yella niggah ovah theah?
Lily—That? That's mah ex-husband!
Rufus—You which?
Lily—Mah ex-husband—leastwise almost ex-husband—gwan to divorce him, no 'count trash, when ah saves the money.
Rufus—Must cost a plenty.
Lily—Yas indeedy—a hundred an' fifty dollars the lawyer says—
Rufus—Wheel!
Lily—But ah'm near through—ah've saved a hundred now!
Rufus—That's a heap of money!
Lily—Sho!—
Rufus—That no 'count niggah's not wuff that money!
Lily—What you mean?
Rufus—No sines—a hundred and fifty dollars is jest a hundred an' fifty dollars more than he is wuff to git quit of!
Lily—Yas, but—
Rufus—Now if you was to come with me to Baltimore and git married—
Lily—No—ah reckons ah've had enough trouble cookin' and washin' every day in the week for a husband—ah'm done with husbands!
Rufus—You're sho' right, honey—but you won't have to wuk every day for me—ah'm a Pullman porter—ah got the Florida run and ah'm home jest every othah Monday night!
Lily—That's a relief!
Rufus—Yas—Ah's good as bein a sho' nuff widow!
Lily—You sho' is temptin'!
Rufus—We'll git a house in Baltimore—
Lily—Lawsey!
Rufus—And you jest let me take keer of that money—I'll buy some furniture on 'installments and when we is all married and settled you kin git that divorce some day—when you gits anothah hundred and fifty dollars!

Fashions Forecast

Annabel Worthington



No. 1568.—A smart style for the woman who is a bit overdeveloped. Pattern cuts in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 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