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The Man Also Pays **Dorothy Dix**

Shows Failure of "Under-the-Rose" Romances

The Male Home-Wrecker Pays the Price as Well as the Woman, for He Finds Forbidden Fruit Is Only Dust and Ashes at Last.

A young man tells me that he is very much in love with a married woman who returns his affection, and he wants to know if I do not think that he has a right to indulge in this under-the-rose romance.



I certainly do not. It is perhaps not such a wicked thing for a man to break up another man's home and take his wife from him as it is for a woman to wreck another woman's home and rob her of her husband, because men are never quite so helpless and forlorn under any given circumstances as women are.

The wife who loses her husband generally loses her means of livelihood at the same time. Many a discarded wife lives in penury while her successful rival rolls round in the limousine that once was hers, but when a man is abandoned by a faithless wife it does not affect his ability to provide himself with creature comforts. Moreover, a woman's home means much more to her than a home means to a man, so that its ruin involves more of her happiness than it would his. Lastly, but not least, the deserted husband can find a new home, but this consolation prize is not open to a woman unless she is very young and good-looking. The middle-aged woman who has lost her beauty and her figure and her husband is done for.

So, to make a nice point of degrees in guilt, the man home-wrecker is a shade or two whiter than the woman home-wrecker. But no matter how you look at it, it is a dastardly business, and one in which there is neither honor nor profit nor happiness for those who engage in it.

It is generally held that only women have to pay for what we call the crimes of passion, and that the man sinner goes scot free, but this is not true. True, women pay the heaviest price, but all who dance must settle sooner or later with the piper, and the bill that he presents to many a man bankrupts him, body and soul.

Of course, wife-stealing is a safer sport now than it was in the strenuous days in which a man defended the honor of his household with his good right hand, and a lover risked his life when he went poaching on his neighbor's preserves. The worst that is likely to happen to the love thief nowadays is to be cited as correspondent in a divorce case and sued for alienation of affection, but these can average a husband's wrong more relentlessly than death itself.

For it to be known that a young man is engaged in a love affair with another man's wife blights his prospects with those who sit in high places and have favors to give. No man would pick such a young man for a position of trust. No one would have any faith in his honesty. No one would trust his good judgment, his self-control, his discretion.

And men have a contempt for the man who sneaks into another man's house through the back door, and who aids and abets a weak and silly woman into betraying her husband. No man wants to introduce that sort of a crawling snake into his own household or his business.

Forbidden fruit may be sweet, but at the last it is dust and ashes in the teeth, and no man can find the happiness in a love affair with a married woman that he would find in one with some free and fresh young girl. However beautiful and fine the romance may have looked in the beginning, it soon has bedabbled skirts if it is splashed with lies and deceit, and if it must walk the murky ways of secret meetings in sordid places, for the chill of the shadows of their lips. Scandal and disgrace prime at them over each other's shoulders, and as they go away from their stolen rendezvous their very souls are scorched with the shame of what they have done. They know none of the peace, nor pride of a love that glorifies a life instead of defiling it.

Also the man who is in love with a married woman is the slave of the fiercest jealousy that any one ever knows. Just because the woman who loves him has no rightful hold upon him; just because she cannot claim him as her own and defend her property; just because she cannot openly seek him out, and because she lives in eternal fear of losing him, she goes mad with jealousy.

No other man has to endure such scenes as she makes when he pays some attention to a young girl. No other man has to wear himself out protesting his loyalty, combating suspicion, no other man lives in such terror of a woman nor gets so tired of her, as does the man who is bound to a woman by their common sin.

And what is the end of it? Always misery. Never happiness. If the affair drags along, in time it becomes a ball and chain about his feet. If it ends him off from marriage and establishing a home of his own, and dooms him to lonely bachelorhood.

If the husband divorces her, and he marries the woman, he never trusts her, for he knows that honor is honor and faith is faith, and that the woman who is false to one man will be false to another.

Such is the price the man pays for his under-the-rose romance. It is a bad bargain every time.

DOROTHY DIX.

Farmer Boy Sees Mate of Happy Jack, the Squirrel

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

During the long, cold winter no one had fared better from the bounty of Farmer Brown's Boy than had Happy Jack Squirrel. Every day he had come over from the Green Forest and spent much of his time around Farmer Brown's house. Farmer Brown's Boy was very fond of Happy Jack Squirrel. So was Mrs. Brown, and so was Farmer Brown. So all three were delighted to have the handsome, gray-coated, bushy-tailed little friend of the Green Forest make his daily visit.

Every day some special tid-bit was put out for Happy Jack Squirrel. Often he would come right in the house if the window was raised for him. But he always took pains to make sure that Black Pussy the Cat was not in the room. Before the winter was over Happy Jack seemed like one of the family. He seemed just as much one of the family as did Black Pussy or Bowser the Hound.

But with the coming of spring Happy Jack's visits were less frequent. On some days he didn't come at all. Farmer Brown's Boy had missed him for several days. Then one morning he discovered Happy Jack frisking about in a maple tree close to the house. Happy Jack seemed to be in high spirits. He seemed to be bubbling over with joy. Farmer Brown's Boy had seen him very happy before, but never quite as happy as he appeared this morning.

Farmer Brown's Boy went back into the house to get a special tid-bit for Happy Jack's breakfast. When he came out and looked up in the maple tree he rubbed both eyes. Yes, sir, he did just that. He rubbed them twice. Then he looked again.

Then he rubbed them again. "Gracious!" exclaimed Farmer Brown's Boy. "Am I seeing double? It looks to me as if there are two Happy Jacks up in that tree."



"Gracious!" exclaimed Farmer Brown's Boy. "Am I seeing double?"

It did look that way, for there was another Gray Squirrel up there. When Farmer Brown's Boy saw them close together he saw that this second Squirrel was a little smaller than Happy Jack. Then he guessed right away who it was. It was Mrs. Happy Jack. Yes, sir, that is who it was. Happy Jack had found a mate over in the Green Forest, and he had brought her over to Farmer Brown's.

Happy Jack ran over to Farmer Brown's Boy and took some of the food from his fingers. Then he scampered back to the maple tree. Mrs. Happy Jack was bashful, or perhaps she was timid. Though Farmer Brown's Boy coaxed and coaxed, she wouldn't come down from the maple tree. No, sir, she wouldn't come from that tree.

Then Happy Jack began to coax. He would run down the tree half-way to Farmer Brown's Boy, then back up the tree to Mrs. Happy Jack. He did

it over and over again. It was plain that he was trying to make her understand that everything was safe and all right. But Mrs. Happy Jack couldn't get up her courage to come down from the tree, so Farmer Brown's Boy left some food where she could get it and went back to the house. He wondered if Happy Jack and Mrs. Happy Jack would go back to the Green Forest to stay.

(Copyright, 1924, by T. W. Burgess.) The next story: "A Happy Surprise for Farmer Brown's Boy."

MOTHERS' CLUB DAY FOR CITY PLAYGROUNDS

Commission Hopes To Set Aside Special Time For Visit of Mothers' Clubs.

The playgrounds commission, like other important civic bodies, has recognized the place of the Mothers' Clubs in the community, and now there is to be a Mothers' Club Day at the city playgrounds.

This very special day will be held some time this summer. On it the members of the different mothers' clubs of the city will be asked to take charge of the games and to introduce new plans for entertainment of the children.

Manager E. V. Buchanan, who is enthusiastic over the proposal, believes that such a day would be of special benefit not only to the children, but to the mothers themselves. It would bring them into closer touch with what their boys and girls are doing while they play and show them the importance of supervision of children's games as well as their studies.

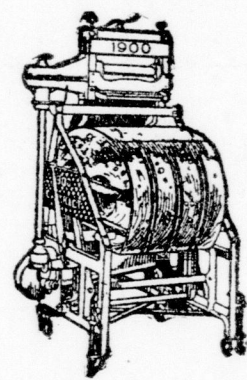
The playgrounds commission is anxious that individual citizens as well as organizations take a greater personal interest in the work of the playgrounds and visit them in order to see for themselves just what is being done. Women's organizations especially are being encouraged to visit the playgrounds.

Although a definite day for the mothers' club visit has not yet been set, or the final arrangements made, it is expected that each club will visit the playgrounds in its district, looking after the games for the day.

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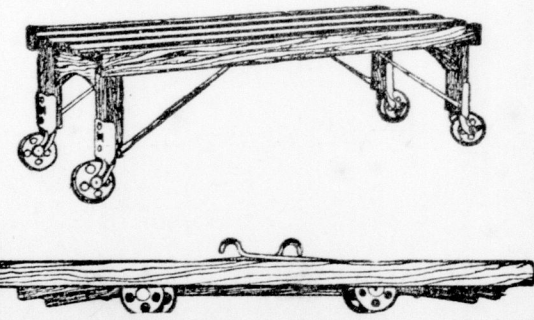
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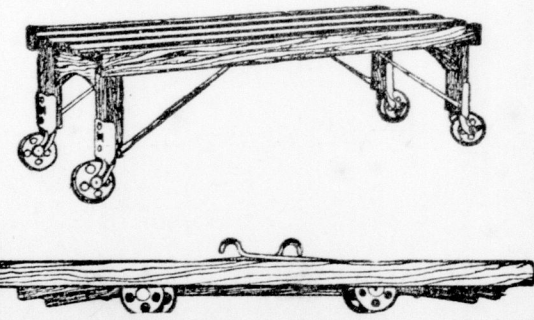
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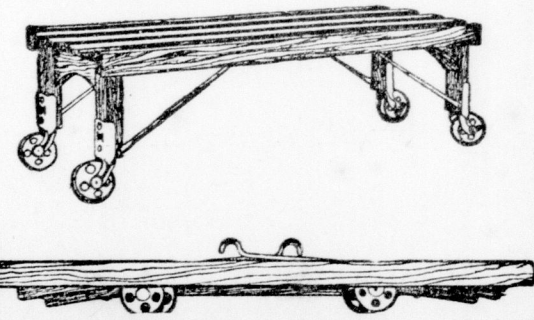
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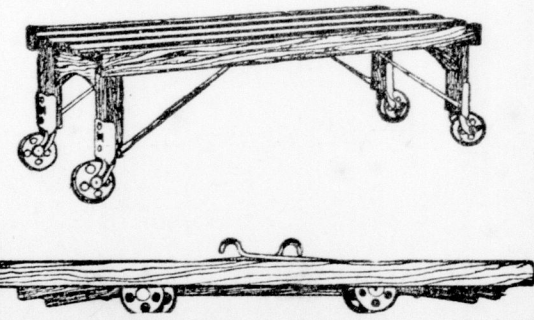
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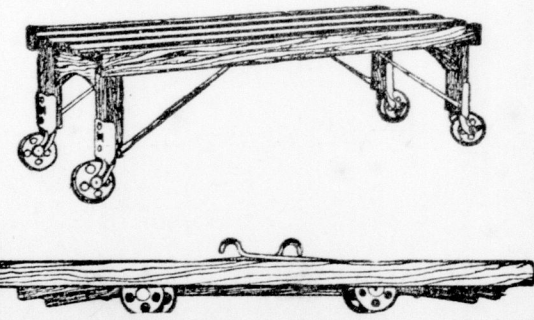
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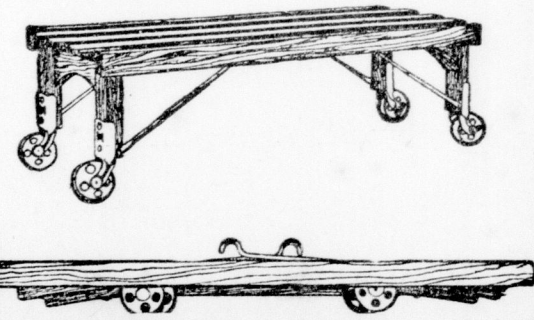
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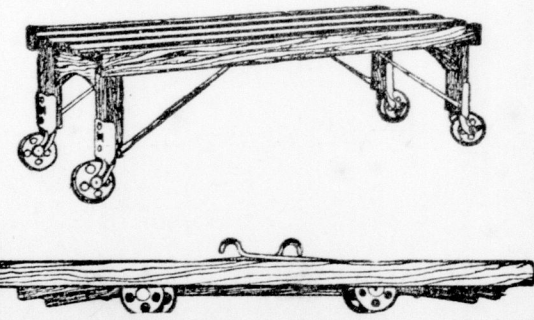
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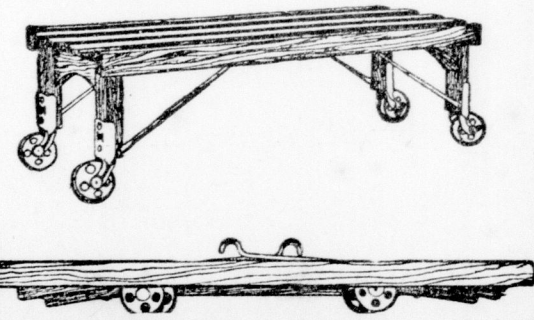
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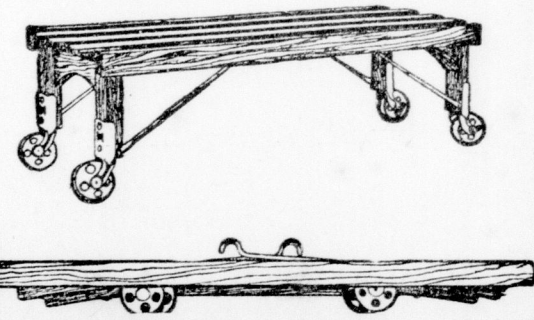
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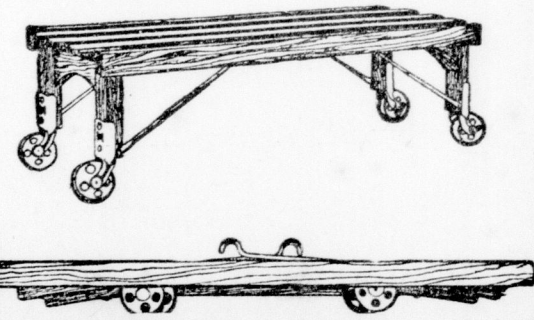
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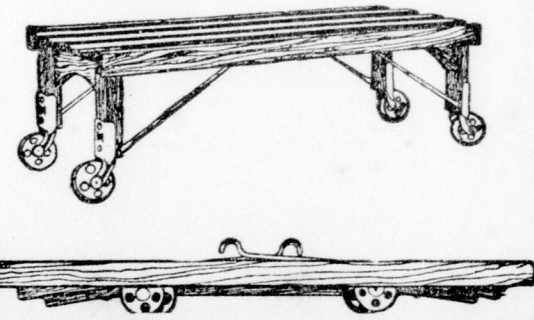
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