

JUST LIKE THE BOY IN THE STORY

Dorothy finished the story and closed the magazine. It was a good story, the story of a girl who took a great chance and found a great happiness. If life were only as simple as stories. She gave the hammock pillows a discontented little punch.

Through the open pantry window came Aunt Emily's voice. "Is Dorothy going to marry this Tom Waitte, or ain't she?" "Why Emily, they're just friends."

"Oh, Tom!" "That was her mother."

"No changing, now. Play the game fair, Dot!"

His voice deepened, sobered; "Dot, of course we're going to get married just like we used to say when we were kids. Father's taking me into business the first of the year, and we'll build a house on that lot up Clear Hill that Gran left me."

"But you haven't said that you—" "There never was anybody else," he said.

"They say I'm slow," spoke Tommy Waitte, "but I guess I'm not so blamed slow, after all."

Two hours later Tom went home, for the first time in his memory by the front door. Dorothy watched him swing down the path and her eyes were tender. Tommy was a good boy—he'd make a first class husband.

She shut the door and flew back to the setting room. From the blue bowl she pulled two cards. Then snatched up the Ladies' Magazine, skipped twice around the table and collapsed, a laughing, breathless heap, on the couch.

"Forgive me, Tommy," she whispered, "but it worked; it worked; it worked!" He wrote 'marriage' on every one, just like the boy in the story.

"OH, JUST A COLD." Colds cost—they come high. What we are wont to dismiss as a trivial incident of our everyday lives costs us or more likely our employers, no small sum, as is attested by the recent study of an insurance company which developed that in the year and ending June 30 last, among 6700 of their clerical employees no less than 2824 colds resulted in the loss of 6233 days' work.

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FORECASTING FOR RAIN. There are many ways of foretelling rain. If the cows lie down, all facing the same way; if you hear the sheep at night; if the ducks quack loudly; if the swallows fly low; if the cat washes his face behind his ears; if the fish raise to catch flies above the stream; if there are many glow-worms about; if frogs look brown instead of green; if the blackbird shrills; if the dog forsakes his bones to eat grass instead; if the rooks, in their flight, dive downwards suddenly—in each and all of these cases rain may be expected shortly.

MAKING HOME AND THE TOWN TOWN ATTRACTIVE. Why is it that the average young man at twenty has an intense longing for life in the big cities? Why is it that millions of men of maturity in the cities have an equally intense longing for the peace and quietness of the rural districts they left in their younger days?

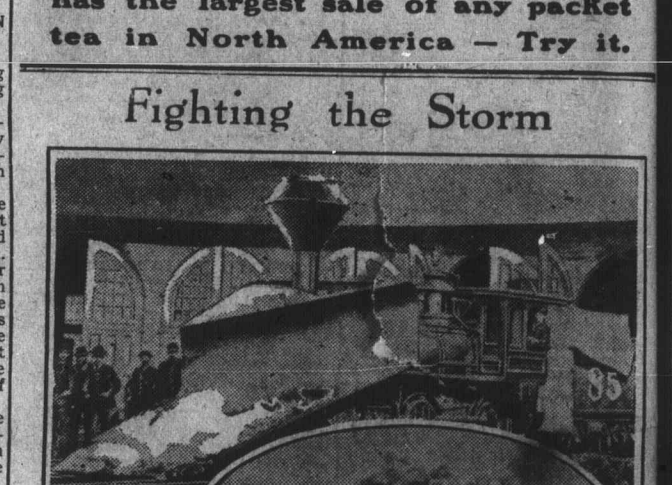
THE JOLTS IN LIFE. (By John Blake) If it were not for the jolts life would be rather monotonous. Also it would be considerably harder to support.

THE RESULT OF A DRINK. Such a slight circumstance as a glass of wine changed the history of France for nearly twenty years. Louis Philippe, king of the French had a son, the Duke of Orleans and heir to the throne, who always drank only a certain number of glasses of wine, because even one more made him tipsy.

Mahomet Could Have Sold Your Merchandise. You know the old story of Mahomet and the mountain--when the mountain wouldn't come to him he, like a sensible man, grabbed his Panama off the hall rack and went to the mountain--he wanted it badly enough to go after it.

LAUGH THIS OFF. Following the lines of least resistance is what makes rivers crooked. "And," adds another, "Men, too, never should have known you from your photograph," said the Canadian hostess to her nephew's fiancée when she saw her for the first time.

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DAVIDSON BROTHERS HIGH CLASS PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS Wolfville, Nova Scotia. A LIST OF ROBERT NORWOOD. Last week we noted in our issue of the 21st that Robert W. Norwood would read selected in the auditorium of the Methodist Church on the 27th.

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