

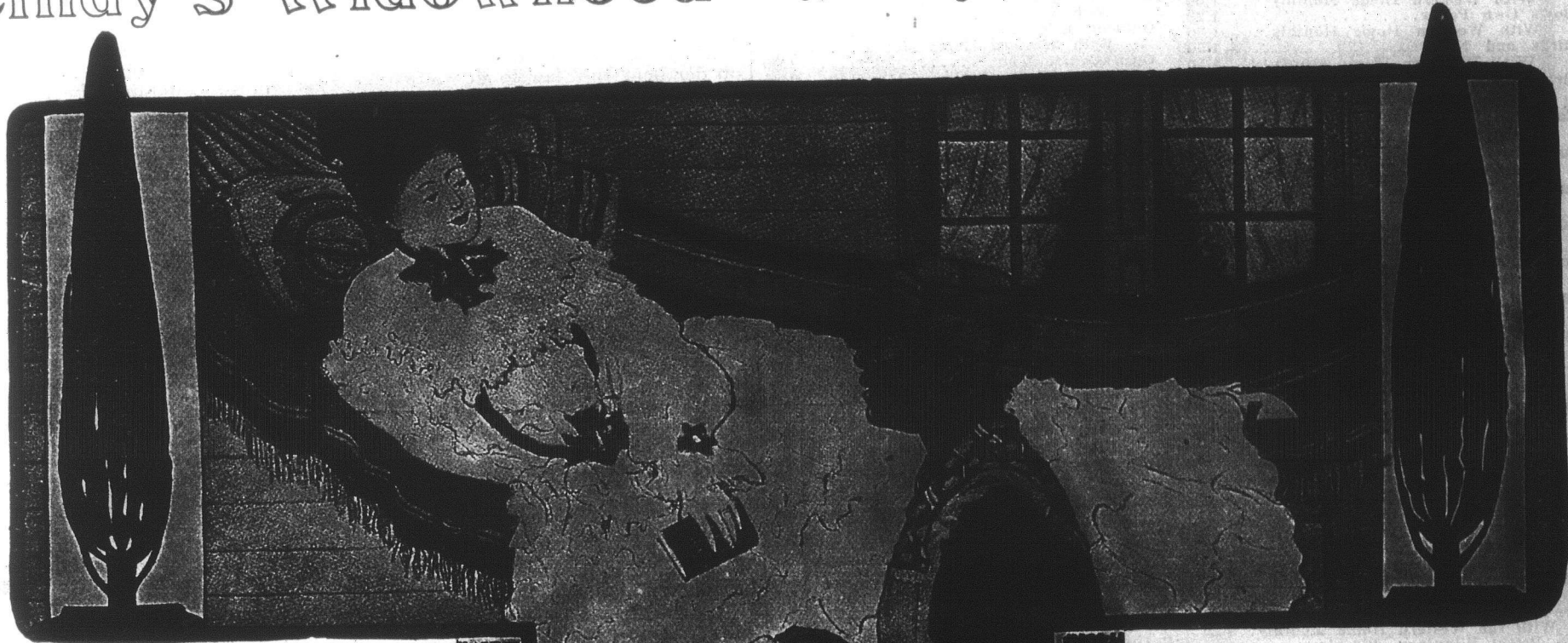
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Cindy's Widowhood • By Charles McIlvaine.



ARE you a single woman, Cindy?" "Yes, Miss Julia, I is a single woman. Dat is, I is half a single woman—I is a widow. I is a two times widow. Dat is, some folks say I is. I dunno zactly what I is. Some says dis an' some says dat. Squire Rideback red de law on me an' he say dat de law on me am all mix up."

Thus Cindy Hurlock answered a bride of a fortnight. When the bride, Mrs. Merrill, came to the family homestead belonging to her planter husband, she found Cindy as much a part of it as the great scycamores on the lawn. She was a superb specimen of African womanhood, strong, shapely, with eyes soft as a seal's when love filled them, or wild as an angry cat's when passion fired them. Her coaxing voice brought the pigeons to her hand, the cows from the lowlands, the horses from the pasture; but when constrained, low, quivering with anger, it told of unconquerable resolve, and danger to be dreaded. Often she sat in the kitchen door gazing dreamily over the highlands—an ebony Evangeline. Again, she filled it with her erect figure tense in every muscle—a Nemesis—glaring with the fixity of a sphinx. Now, having taken a great liking to her young mistress she was in her softest mood, loving, gentle, full of confidence. In a moment of loneliness, her mistress had called her. She sat, sewing, on the porch edge. Mrs. Merrill swung near her in a hammock.

"Have you any children?" I have been here such a short time that I know little about the servants." "Children? Bress you, no, Miss Julia. I ain't had no husband; dat is, some says I hab, some says I habent. De Lo'd an' me knows, an' dat's enough."

Mrs. Merrill laughed. "I am as

much mixed as Squire Rideback's law, Cindy;—a single woman, twice a widow, who never had a husband. Who ever heard of such a state! I do not understand it."

"Yes'm. I reckon you is mixed. De squire say dah wuz no law to fit me. Ef I git hold ob de man dat I done mahied fo' my shu' enough husband. I'll make de law fit." She laid her sewing down and looked off into the distance. After a moment she said: "I is fixin' to tell you 'bout it Miss Julia. I was layin' out to do it de first time you gib me a chance. You is mighty good to Cindy. I don't want to disappoint among you all. I is fixin' to tell you de troof. Den you'll hab it straight. De folks round yeah hab to hab a heap ob help fo' to tell de troof. I is had hard luck, Miss Julia. I is goin' on twenty-three an' I is had my share fo' certain. De good luck signs am poo'ly yit. Mr. George Ebeny, dat was my father, he went off to de war an' nebber come back. Miss Ebeny, dat was my mother, she died sudden of it in her head, an' I've had de keer ob de children eber since. An' I is had to take keer ob myself. Dat was de ha'dest job. De yeah

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af' de big war dar wuz a black debble dat had a bad name, tried fo' to make up to me. I was a chunk ob a girl wid no mo' sense dan girls hab when dey gits dere first co'sets. His name was Eph Raster. De Rasters is plenty in dese parts. Ef you says 'Good mo'nin', Mr. Raster,' to a passel ob cullud folks dat you meets in de big road, de half ob dem 'll answer back 'Good mo'nin', an' de res' ob dem 'll answer back dat dey name ain't Raster but dat dey is kin to 'em. Dis Eph Raster kep' comin' to de cabin fo' to see me, an' I kep' sendin' him 'bout his business.

"Den de big war broke out. Daddy, he went off wid ole Colonel Merrill—de ole Mastah—fo' to take keer ob his horse. An' de nex' day, mammy she took it in her head an' died. Dat lef' me an' six children in de cabin. An' me fo' to take keer ob dem.

"On de sixth day ob Aprile, de yeah de big war broke out, long in de dark ob de ebenin', I seed a man step out ob de bush an' come runnin' to hy cabin, up dar in de grove, where I wuz sittin' on de do' step. Fust I thought it wuz Eph Raster. I got ready fo' to tell him to git. He come close, an'

I seed dat it wuz de best lookin' young colo'ed gentleman dat I eber seed. He took off his hat an' he bowed. Dat wuz de fust fo'—shu'—nough—take-off-your-hat bow dat I eber got. I raise right up an' I made my curtesy mannehs, jes' like ole Miss Merrill showed me how fo' to do it. I dunno what made me do dat. It jes come in my laigs. De young colo'ed gentleman he say: 'Scuse me. Kin you tell me de road to Danville?'

"When I wuz 'bout sixteen, de debble shuly did come in my head af' sense do. I up an' answered him back: 'De ribbeh, dah in de lowlands, runs clear down to Danville. If you kin swim, jes' follow it an' you'll get dar.' "He looked at me kinder confused. I seed he wuz dead earnest; his face wuz sot an' dar wuz no foolin' look in dem eyes ob his'n. Den he told me dat he wuz runnin' away; dat he wuz gwine to de norf fo' his freedom; dey wuz after him fo' to ketch him an' take him back. I told him fo' to come in de cabin an' rest hisself an' git somethin' to eat. I seed dat he wuz hungry; it wuz in his eyes. De children wuz playin' tag in de mule pasture. He eat like he been starved. He tell me he been sleep in de woods by day an' trabble by night, an' he been done tired. I tell him fo' to go up in de cabin lof' an' rest hissef, dat I take keer ob him. He went up de laddeh, and I broke de laddeh up an' chuck it on de fiah. I tell him fo' to gib me his shoes; he drap 'em down. I put 'em on an' went down to where de wood path crossse de run, and I make tracks wid 'em in de sand, like he been jumpin' across. Den I took 'em off an' come to de cabin bare foot.

"Shu' 'nough, jes' ez I got back, up came two men, ridin', a huntin' him. Fust I done tole 'em he had not been dar; den dey cussed me an' I let on to be skeered. Den I showed 'em de way he jump de run an' took to de woods. De head man gib me a cut wid his

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whip, an' rode off afteh de tracks I done made. Dat cut foted de blood, but, Miss Julia, dat cut did shu'ly feel good. He stay in de lof fo' days, tell he got rested. I reached him up watch, an' cooked victuals, an' candy dat I had put by fo' de children when dey good. De children nebbeh know dat he wuz dah. Tuesday ebenin' he say to me trough de cracks in de lof fo': 'Cindy, you has sated me fo' my freedom, an' keered fo' me. I got to git on to de norf fo' my freedom. When I gits dah, I'll wok ha'd, an' sabe what I gits, an' I'll come back fo' you soon ez I kin; but fo' God, I'll come back—mebbe one year, mebbe ten. I is gwine to pay you back, takin' keer ob you. Kin you git a preacheh handy? Tonight? I is gwine to marry you ofo' I goes. I is gwine tonight. I is gwine to show you dat I is arnest.'

"Miss Juli, I fo' certain did lub dat man, as' he tole me he fo' certain lub me. When de col'ed folks lub dey lub hard. Dey jes' trow demselbs at each other an' catch holt. Mebbe de wite folks lub jes' ez shu, enough hard, but dey is mo' offish;—dey don't let on dat dey lub. De white folks is mo' stickner dan de col'ed folks gen'ly is. Mebbe dat's on account ob der bein' mo' law fo' de white folks. "Ef he's home I kin git him," I says. "Uncle Rube Jenkins is a preacheh. He marries all de col'ed folks in dese parts when dey gits ready. He libs roun' de hill in Dry Creek Bottom, 'bout half a mile."

"Run git him," he says. 'Hab him yeah at nine o'clock. I is gwine to de bush fo' my bundle, an' I come back yeah.' "I st'ated. I nebbeh run so fast in my life. I hollered to de children to run obeh to dere Aunt Car'line's an' I tell 'em I come fo' 'em 'bout bed time, Uncle Rube he been home. I ax him fo' to step out. I done tole him de whole troof. Uncle Rube he patted me on de head an' he say: 'I is gwine wid you, Cindy. You is a good girl. I is knowed you eber since you was a leetle baby, honey. You ain't gwine to go widout marryin' fo' de want uv ole Uncle Rube's helpin' you. Wha de heart is, dat am whar de burden am light.'

"I done forgot to tell you, Miss Julia, dat de young col'ed gentleman's name was Mr. Eph Raster, too. He come from de Georgia Rasters. Dat onery Eph Raster couldn't hold de snuff ob a tallow candle to him. Befo' we got back to de cabin, dar wuz de biggest sto'm an' de blackest night you eber seed. I couldn't see my han' afo' my eyes. Uncle Rube an' me knowed de way like de foxes an' de possums an' de skunks dat prow' roun' in de dark. When we got to de cabin, de do' opened an' he whispered: 'Is that you an' de preacheh, Cindy?' 'Yes,' I says. 'Hurry up,' he whispered again. 'Hurry up, Marry us quick. De men am roun' ag'in fo' to catch me—I yeahe'd 'em. He cotched hold my han' an' we step in, an' in de dark Uncle Rube he said de words, quiet like. Den he said: 'You is man an' wife. De Lo'd bress you. I must git home afo' de rain comes. Amen.' An' off he went. I wuz all ob a shiver fo' fear de men would come. I says: 'Fo' de Lo'd's sake go now afo' you is cotched.' I yeahe'd him laugh. He struck a match an' walk wid his back to me to de table. He put de match to de candle da. It spitted an' burned up. Den he turned roun' an' dah stood dat onery, Eph Raster.

"I growe to de spot I wuz standin' on. He laugh ag'in, right in my face, an' he says: 'Now you is Eph Raster's wife, shu' enough. I is got you! You is not gwine to send me off ag'in. I heached you make de barg'in wid dat stranger man. I sp'ioned you. I is unde de cabin de whole day. He went to de bush fo' his bundle. Den I followed him. I cotched up to him, an' den I tole him dat you sent me fo' to say dat de men pass you, goin' for de preacheh, an' fo' de Lo'd's sake not to come neah de cabin ag'in tell he could come safe. Fo' him to go git his freedom. You wait fo' him. Dat's what I tole him. Den he went off packin' his bundle. 'You is my wife.' His debble's face was grinnin' at me."

The woman looked like a wild animal, cornered. Her eyes glittered with hate. Her fingers spread like talons. Sse crouched as if to spring upon her mistress.

"Don't Cindy, don't," Mrs. Merrill cried, alarmed. Instantly she calmed, drew a long breath, her face became pitiful in its pleading.

"Fo' de Lo'd's sake forgib me, Miss Julia. I don't mean you no harm. I wouldn't do you no mo' harm dan if you wuz a baby. When I think ob dat big wickedness done me, I grows till I is as big as a mountain, an' ez strong as an ox, an' I could tear down de biggest tree in de woods. Dat's de way I feel when he grin in my face. Miss Julia, did you eber see a cat wid kittens claw a stranger dog? Dat's de way I clawed him. I teared him in de eyes till he couldn't see, an' I bit him till he hollered. De candle fell off de table. I grab him an' held it to his hair till I sot fiah to it, an' I greased his face wid de hot tallow. Den I jumped off him an' grabbed de gun dat papa lef', loaded for mamma to use if she need it fo' to defend hersef. He ran and I fished. You kin see de hole in de cabin do' yit. Dat wuz de las' ob dat Eph Raster's on'riness. Some ob de folks say I is his widow. I'd rather be lynin' up dar on de hill in de grabya'd dan be de widow ob de likes ob him!"

She stood, stiff with rage. "Poor girl!" Mrs. Merrill said, reaching out her hand to her. Cindy's face softened. The hand seemed a mercy extended to her. She took it, dropped to the floor and pressed her hot cheek against it. "You is good to Cindy. You has a leetle soft han'. Cindy's cheek hasn't had de touch ob a han' since dat young col'ed gentlemas reached down from de lof an' tech it. I is gwine to tell you de whole ob it: In de sto'm I felt my way to de bush. I jerked a quilt off de bed fo' to keep de rain off him if I found him. I called 'Eph, Eph,' thinking mebbe he wuz stayin' 'bout waitin' fo' me. But da wuz no answer. Chance times de wind in de trees fool me fo' an answer and I ran to whar it came from. When I think mebbe, in de dark, he slip back to de cabin fo' to say 'good-bye'. I ran dah. De cabin wuz empty. I fo'git fo' to bring de children. I fo'git I wuz libbin'. I lif' up my han' in de presence ob de Lo'd an' I swear afo' Him dat de man I said de words to am not de man I gib my promise; de man dat wuz in my heart am de man dat I mah'ied. De Eph Raster dat talk down from de lof an' reach down an' tech my cheek an' tole me fo' to foteh de preacheh, an' de Eph Raster I mah'ied an' is de widow ob."

"Is he dead, Cindy?" "I dunno, Miss Julia. I ain't nebbeh heard from him. Ef he's libbin' he's gwine to come some day. Ef he done don't come in dis world, de day de Lo'd sends a summons afteh me, dat'll be my weddin' day."

"Poor girl! And you were arrested of course, for shooting the miserable wretch?" No, mam, I wa'n't rested. I jes' yeah De crowner done come an' I tole him de troof. He say dat Eph Raster wuz too onery fo' to lib. Dat wuz de cause ob his death. He say dat he hab a lot ob people wo'kin' his co'n an' wuz too busy to sit on him den. He ain't nebbeh sot on him. I tole Squire Rideback de troof. He say dat dar ain't no law fo' to fit fo' to rest me. He say dat Eph Raster make fo'cible entry whar he done hab no business. Dat he done try to steal a wife, an' dat wuz burglary, wedder de law done fit fo' burglary or not. No, mam, I wa'n't rested. I is jes' yeah yit, waitin' fo' my Eph."

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A STRENUOUS COURTSHIP.

By E. W. FOWLER.

While the majority of the loiterers in Washington Square lounged upon the benches, Tom Meredith sat erect and frowned.

It was apparent to the two faded little maiden ladies who were taking their sun bath on the bench opposite that he was impatient; and they became so interested, that the elder laid aside her volume of poems, and the younger forgot to send the crochet needle flying through the pink wool scarf that lay like a rosy cloud against her black dress. They discussed why the young man consulted his watch so frequently and why he stared with such wistful eagerness towards Fifth Avenue. It was finally decided that he selected this place for a tryst, and that she was late. They were charmed with Tom's impatience, they nudged each other when they heard a muttered imprecation, and smiled knowingly when he jumped to his feet and paced the path like a sentinel. The previous evening, on his arrival

peared. He had been too dazed to overtake them, and some minutes passed before he presented himself at the door and faced the servant. As he sat waiting, he admitted that he was nervous; but his fears left him as he heard the rapid click of high-heeled boots, and he stepped forward with outstretched hands. "Margery," he said, "it's me."

"Why, Tom Meredith," Margery cried, taking his hands delightedly; "how did you get here?"

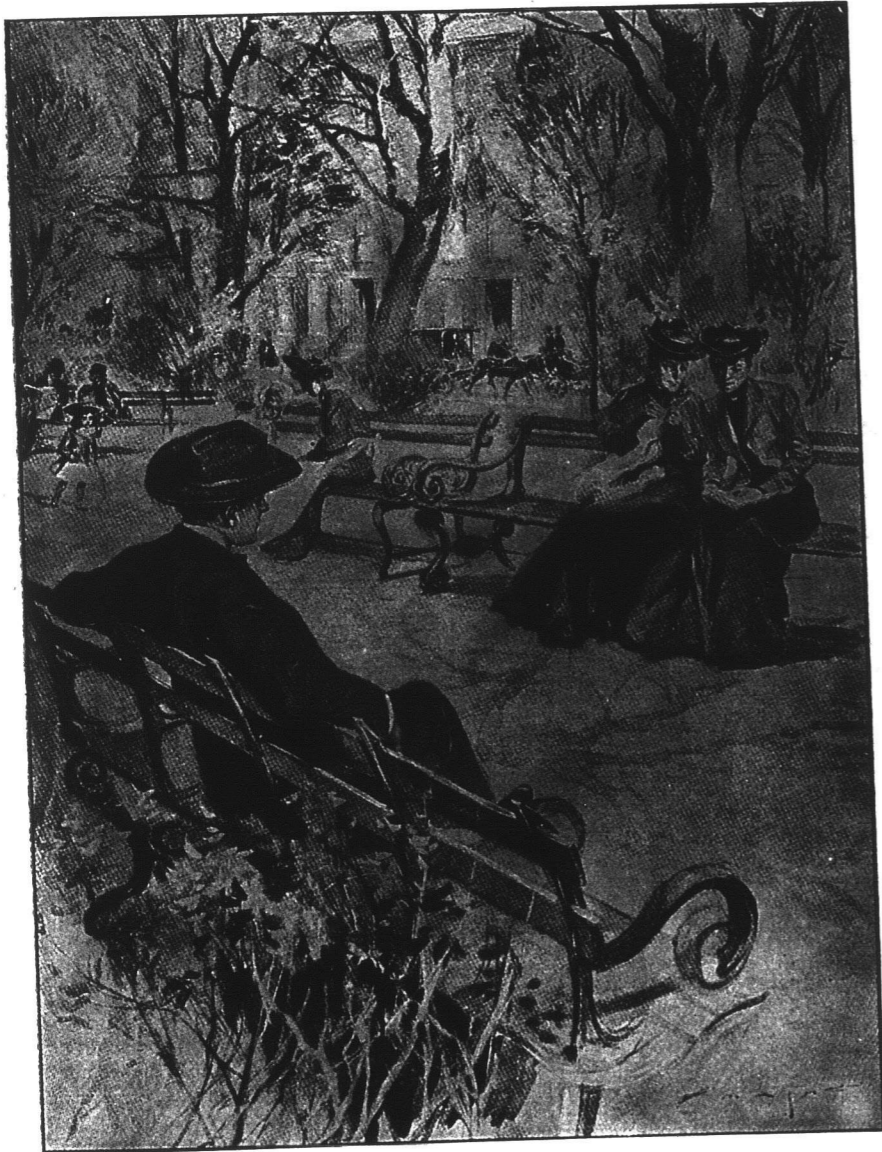
"By railway, of course. The same line that brought you."

They shook hands again, this time a trifle shyly, and Margery motioned Tom to sit beside her on the divan. "When did you arrive?"

"Yesterday."

"And you didn't let me know until today?" There was a trace of reproach in Margery's question, and Tom told her of his previous call.

"I was determined not to miss you today. It is a year yesterday since you



"DECIDED THAT HE HAD SELECTED THIS PLACE FOR A TRYST, AND THAT SHE WAS LATE."

In New York, Tom had hurried to Mrs. Van Tromp's, the aunt with whom Margery was staying. But neither Mrs. Van Tromp nor her niece were there to greet him, and, although Tom had not hinted in his letters of a journey eastward, he was greatly disappointed when the butler answered his somewhat incoherent questions by informing him that the ladies were dining out.

At ten o'clock the next morning the ladies had not yet returned from their drive, and, although Tom had been tempted to leave his name, he had adhered to his plan of surprising Margery, just to hear her delighted "You old dear, where did you drop from?" There was no necessity for formality. Margery and he had grown up together, and she had half promised to answer "Yes" to a certain important question at the close of her year in New York.

At length a carriage turned in from Fifth Avenue. At sight of the two occupants Tom jumped to his feet and bowed, but they did not see him. He caught a glimpse of a tall lithe girl and a matronly woman in black, who ascended the steps of a dignified house at the north of the square and disap-

left Colorado."

"So it is," Margery answered, a bit startled. For an instant she stared at Tom with a troubled look in her big gray eyes, then started towards the hall. "You must meet my aunt," she said.

"Oh, bother your aunt," Tom answered bluntly; "let's have a little talk all to ourselves first. I came to see you." There was a meaning in the accented word which did not escape Margery; but she hesitated, and Tom took advantage of her indecision. "Deuce take the formalities! I haven't even kissed you yet."

Margery at once became frigid, and laughed affectedly. "Oh, you haven't forgotten all that nonsense?"

"Nonsense?" Tom was aghast. "You don't mean to say that—?"

"How did you leave everybody in Colorado?" Margery interrupted, and went to the window. "I'm dying to hear about my people."

"What the—" Tom followed her and boldly took possession of her hand. "Listen, Margery—"

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not do this. It is quite different here in New York, and besides —

"Fiddlesticks," Tom interrupted, hotly. "It isn't different anywhere if two people are —"

"But I haven't really said yes."

"The year ended yesterday. Say it at once."

"Oh, Tom, I—" Margery turned her face to the window and winked fiercely to keep back the tears.

"Say yes. I must hear it."

"I—I can't."

"You can." Tom was quite near her now, and his voice was pleading. "Shall I say it for you?"

"No, it wouldn't be the same thing, and besides—" She paused.

"What is it, Margery?" Tom was puzzled. Their meeting was so different from what he had expected.

"I wish that I had written. Oh, why didn't you let me know you were coming? Why didn't mother let me know?" She turned to him with a look of despair.

"Your mother thought that my surprise would be a pleasant one." Tom began to understand that something more than girlish caprice had prompted such a welcome. He looked at Margery so keenly that, although her eyes were tightly closed, she felt uneasy.

"I really should send for Aunt Catherine," she suggested weakly.

"No," Tom answered with determination: "if you have anything unpleasant to tell me, I want to hear it alone. You did not wish me to come to New York. Is that it?"

"Don't torture me, Tom," she said, twisting her handkerchief to shreds. "Can't you see how miserable I am about it?"

"I may see when you have told me why." Tom was angry now, and showed it.

"Then—" Margery's voice trembled and she hid her eyes again, "then I can't say yes."

Tom was staggered. He placed one hand beneath Margery's chin and forced her to look at him. "You don't mean that," he said very quietly.

"Oh, please let Aunt Catherine explain."

"Why?"

"Because."

"Oh, you need not be afraid of hurting me." Tom's answer came so calmly that Margery was startled. She watched him

return to the divan and settle himself comfortably among the cushions.

"Then you don't care?"

"I'll answer after your explanation."

"Oh, Tom, don't be so angry." Margery went to the divan and stood before him.

"I am not angry. Why should I be."

"I have just told you that I couldn't say yes." She looked at him in amazement.

"But you haven't told me your reason."

"I am not obliged to tell you that." Her eyes flashed.

"Yes, you are. I'll tell you whether it is good or not."

"You are not the one to judge. Anybody else would be content and go away."

"Do you wish me to go away?"

"Oh, why, why are you so disagreeable?"

"If you call it disagreeable for me to love you enough to fight for you, then I am disagreeable and proud of it. Do you care as much for me as you did a year ago?"

"No. I don't know." The admission came quickly upon the heels of the denial.

"You don't know?"

It seemed to Margery as if Tom's eyes were looking her through and through. "I think that I like you as well," she confessed rather brokenly, "only—"

"Now don't be foolish," Tom interrupted. "You know that I'm not the

sort of a fellow that moons about, shoots himself, goes to the dogs, or any of that rot. You needn't be afraid. You can't hurt me more by telling your reasons than you do by thinking me a coward. I am ready to listen."

"Well, Tom," Margery began haltingly, "you know that Aunt Catherine has been very good to me; that father is awfully poor, with only his salary, and that he and mother are both growing old. The girls must be educated, brought out, properly married, and—"

"Go on." Tom insisted upon the conclusion.

"Oh, you make it all seem so hateful and —"

"Business-like. That's just what it is. How much has been offered for you?"

"Tom Meredith!" The blaze of Margery's eyes dried her tears.

"Do you love me?" Tom laid his hands upon her shoulders and looked squarely into the angry eyes.

"No."

"Yes, you do."

"After what you have just said, I detest you."

"You don't. You can't detest me for telling a truth which you knew, but would not acknowledge. If you do, you are not the girl I thought you."

"Tom Meredith, I—"

"Now don't say what you cannot mean. We have behaved like a pair of idiots. Forgive me for showing my temper; but I shall not ask you to pardon the truth I told."

"I can never pardon that."

"Well, I am not in the least offended," he went on cheerfully. "I forgive you just the same."

"I have not met anybody so downright —"

"Brutal, truthful, and loving in the entire year that you have spent with your aunt. I shall not consider the answer you give me this morning. This is Thursday. I remain in New York until Saturday at 8.30 p.m. You have three days in which to make up your mind."

"I have already decided."

"No, you haven't, unless you have decided to say yes."

"Tom, you don't understand." Margery's voice was pathetic in its helplessness.

"Oh, yes, I do, far better than you think. Your head is a bit turned by



"I HAVE JUST TOLD YOU THAT I COULDN'T SAY YES"

all of this whirl. But it is only natural, and you'll get over it. You enjoy this sort of a life, and so do I. Why can't you wait and get love and riches from the same hand? I have brains, horse-sense, and business instincts, and out in Colorado the earth fairly throws the gold into our pockets. In a year or so—

"Well, and how much do you offer for me?" Margery's question came so icily that Tom was momentarily dazed.

"Everything I have," he answered quickly. "No, that is too much. Half of all I have."

This flippant reply again brought tears to Margery. "I am not for sale," she said with a choke. "Please go away, and don't come back. You need not wait out the week."

"Oh, I'm in no hurry," Tom replied. "Dad has an old friend here that he wishes me to meet and I want to see a little of the town. There is Coney Island and the Statue of Liberty. We don't have such things in Colorado, you know."

Mrs. Van Tromp entered quickly, and Tom saw by the amused twinkle in her eyes that she had overheard his last words; but when she saw Margery's tear-stained cheeks, her look changed to one of sharp interrogation.

"Bad news, Margery?" she asked. "Auntie, this is a dear friend of my father, Mr. Meredith, of Colorado Springs."

Mrs. Van Tromp offered Tom her finger tips. "I fancy that I have heard Margery speak of you," she said coldly. "It is quite possible," Tom answered, "since before Saturday I expect to announce our engagement to her parents."

Mrs. Van Tromp openly gasped at this abrupt declaration, but before she could reply luncheon was announced.

"May we have the pleasure?" Having regained her self-possession, Mrs. Van Tromp smiled courteously.

"I thank you," Tom replied, "but I shall be engaged until this evening."

"Well, my dear?" Mrs. Van Tromp appealed to Margery.

"I shall be pleased to see Mr. Meredith," she answered. "No doubt it will be for the last time, and—"

"Not necessarily," Tom answered. "I remain in the city until Saturday." Giving no time for a reply, he at once made his adieu.

While Tom was dressing for dinner he began to wonder what sort of a fellow he had for a rival. Of one thing, he was certain, the man had both wealth and position.

"Hang it all," he growled; "it's these ambitious matrons that ruin the girls with their ideas of marriage. I'm practical; I wouldn't ask any woman to share poverty with me; but I don't come to Margery with only a heart to offer. I give my love, and something in the way of dollars and cents."

This line of reasoning did not give great comfort, for he turned away from the mirror with an explosive: "Dash it all, the other fellow can say the same thing!"

Irreproachably clad, Tom presented himself at the house where he had met with such a keen disappointment in the morning. Mrs. Van Tromp smiled and held out her hand in friendly greeting.

The gracious smile meant war, of this Tom was certain, and he held her hand firmly in his own until he fired his first shot: "I hope you will forgive me for robbing you of your niece."

Before Mrs. Van Tromp could reply, Margery, preceded by two ladies, entered the room. As Mrs. Van Tromp murmured Tom's name to her guests "Miss Troutman and Miss Elizabeth Troutman," both gave a start of surprise and their pale faces flushed to pink. Miss Troutman, after a wise nod to her sister, offered Tom her hand.

"Why, you are the young man we saw this morning in the square," she cried. "Margery told us that we were to meet an old friend of hers, and to think that it should be you. Truth is certainly stranger than fiction."

"That is one of Miss Troutman's favorite maxims," Margery explained to Tom.

"Yes, and the unexpected always happens," Miss Elizabeth continued.

"I am rather inclined to accept the latter," Mrs. Van Tromp said with a meaning smile. "What is your opinion, Mr. Meredith?"

"I quite agree with you," he answered, glancing at Margery, who blushed and lowered her eyes.

Other guests now began to arrive, for Mrs. Van Tromp kept to the custom of an informal evening for old friends. Tom was taken in charge by Miss Troutman, and tried to listen patiently to the proofs of her theories, awaiting with subdued eagerness the arrival of one man. He was certain that Margery's confusion and her aunt's smile would at once tell him when his rival entered the room.

As soon as Miss Troutman joined the little group of courtiers about a Russian

countess, who came in upon the arm of a tall, elderly man of decided military bearing, Miss Elizabeth took her sister's place at Tom's side. Tom noticed that the escort of the countess went at once to Margery, and that a flush rose to her cheek when she looked up and saw who stood before her. But the possibility of a rival so many years his senior did not disturb him, and he listened with interest to what Miss Elizabeth was saying.

"I am so glad to talk with one who knows Margery's mother," she began, "for Mrs. Kessler was my dearest friend when we were girls. You know that when Margery's mother and father were married, it was considered a dreadful mesalliance; for he was then only a poor, private teacher, just out of college, and with no prospects. But it was a real love match, and it makes me happy that it has turned out so well. And please do not think me meddling, when I tell you that Margery has hinted to me the object of your journey. I am sure that she cares for you."

Tom could have hugged the frail little woman. "Did she tell you so?" he asked.

"No; Margery is not quite certain of

For an instant Tom felt as if the room whirled about him; then he gritted his teeth and threw back his shoulders. "I congratulate you," he said hoarsely; "with you the expected has happened."

"You are wrong," she answered lightly. "I confess that I looked for a different conclusion. Do you return to Colorado to-morrow?"

"Not until Saturday, as I had planned."

Mrs. Van Tromp was touched. "Believe me," she said, "I have done nothing to influence Margery's hasty decision."

While Tom was waiting for an opportunity to speak to Margery alone, Miss Elizabeth came to him. "Don't be unjust," she pleaded; "few girls would refuse General Thornton."

"General Thornton?" Tom repeated. "Not General Bob Thornton?" Why, he's an old chum of my dad's. He's been a sort of a mythical hero for me to worship ever since I wore kilts. And now Margery has— He broke off abruptly as the full understanding of the situation came to him.

The day Tom started for New York, his father had given him a letter of in-

became even more animated than at the sight of his betrothed.

"Not old John Meredith's boy?" he asked.

"The same," Tom answered. Then, as if to get the matter settled as quickly as possible, he offered his congratulations. The men clasped hands and turned to look for Margery, but she had quietly slipped from the room.

"You must call upon me," General Thornton insisted as Tom turned to go. "Your father married my first love and turned me over to the Indians. But we didn't row about it; we were only made closer friends by your mother, who was an angel. Come to my quarters to-morrow. Mrs. Van Tromp and Margery will drop in for a cup of tea. You will meet Miss Daisy, my niece, and perhaps others."

Tom thanked him and went to Mrs. Van Tromp. "Good night," he said. "I shan't say good-by until Saturday."

"You still hope?" Mrs. Van Tromp's smile was incredulous.

"No," Tom answered; "I'm too modest; my training is against me. Life-long I've been told that General Thornton is the best man on earth, and— he smiled wearily—"I reckon that the best man will always win."

The following morning Miss Elizabeth was surprised at receiving a visit from Tom. The Misses Troutman lived in a very quiet hotel, the haven of several old-fashioned persons like themselves, who kept up a faded gentility on small incomes, and lived mainly in the past—the good old days before great wealth formed aristocracy, and when the social center of New York was far downtown.

Tom came at once to his errand and released Miss Elizabeth from her promise to tell Margery of her own unhappy love episode. "I shall do nothing more," he concluded, with a show of light-heartedness which did not for an instant deceive her. "I am not trying to play the unhappy hero, understand, but somehow, I can't back against a man who has always been held up to me as a model. If I were only certain that Margery cares for him,—I mean as a woman should care,—not simply respect, nor admiration for a past, but with an affection that will sacrifice as well as enjoy."

"I believe that your love is of this ideal kind," Miss Elizabeth said, sentimentally.

"No, it isn't," Tom admitted; "for if I were to do as I choose, I'd pick Margery up in my arms and run away with her. I'm afraid that Mrs. Van Tromp is right, and that I'm only half-civilized after all. But I'm man enough, I hope, to give General Thornton all credit, and if I went to Margery with a plea, or sent you, I'd feel as though I'd made an attempt at theft. I'm awfully obliged that you listen so patiently. It does a fellow good to tell his troubles once in a while,—sort of acts like a safety-valve. And I'm sorry that I must say good-by. I start for Colorado to-morrow."

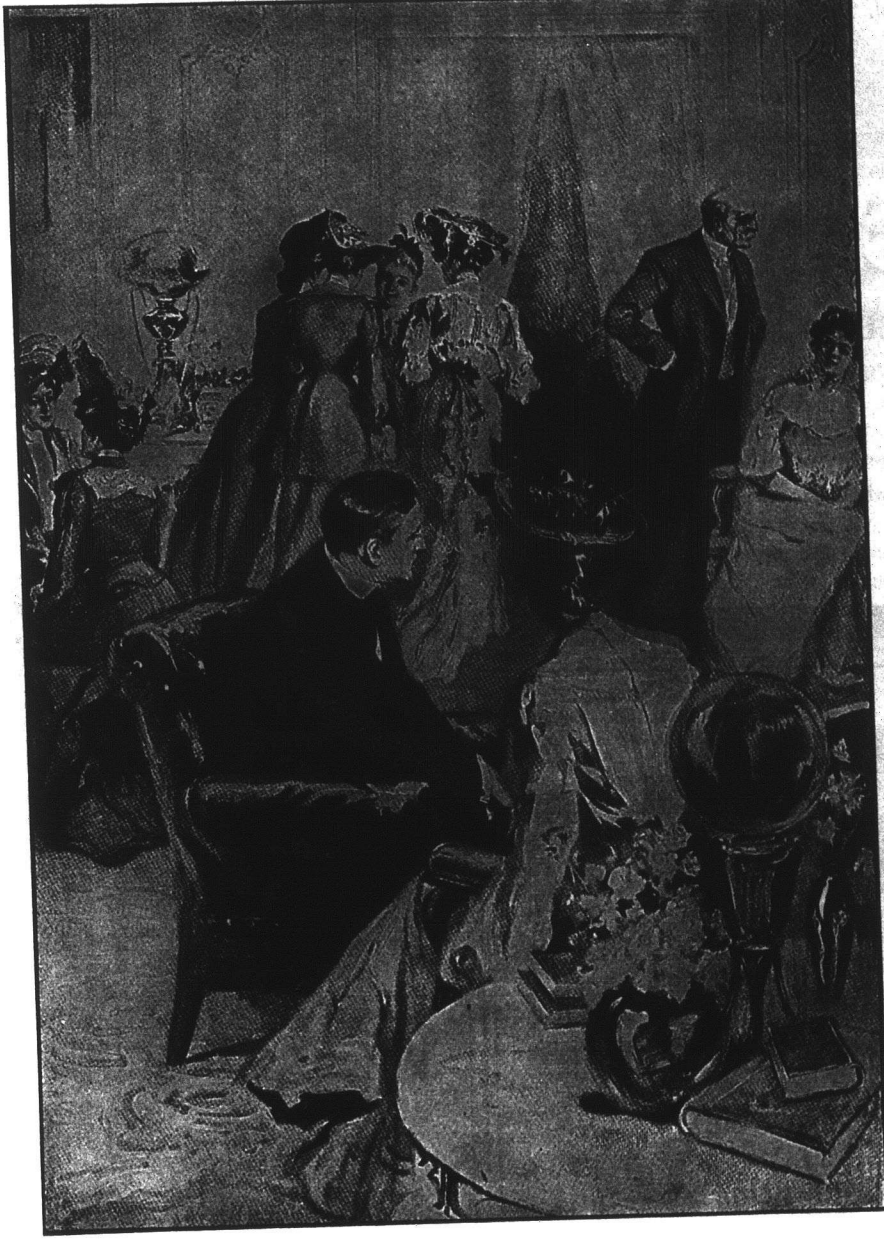
"But without bitterness towards Margery,—or—other women?" Miss Elizabeth asked gently.

"Oh, I'm not the sort of a fellow that drops at the first knock. I'm not sick of life; a fellow can stand an awful lot before he loses his grip. Perhaps in ten years, when I've a wife and children, I'll look back to this day and wonder why I was off my feed, and the best tobacco tasted like tarred rope to my tongue." With a short laugh, decidedly forced and unnatural, he left Miss Elizabeth to repeat his conversation to her sister.

In the afternoon, when Tom met Margery at General Thornton's apartments, he greeted her with the most commonplace cordiality. Careful not to overact, and with no purpose save to show her that disappointment had not made too great a breach in his life, his well-meant artifice caused her more annoyance than satisfaction. For Margery had prepared herself to be very kind to him; to hold a last confidential chat, and to show so thoroughly how practical were her reasons for accepting General Thornton, that his regard for her would only increase.

Tom gave no opportunity for the quiet confidences. He talked with Miss Daisy, the General's niece, about greyhound coursing, golf, and social life in the West. Margery, who sat near enough to overhear, was vexed with him for his good-natured rallery of Colorado. "Yes, we live in the most primitive fashion," she heard him say. "We dine at noon, begin our dance in the Town Hall at eight, and instead of the theatre, depend upon the native talent of our literary club, which meets with song and debate every Friday evening."

Forgetting that only yesterday she had looked upon the years before she came to her aunt as dull and provincial, Margery could not keep silent. "Our way of living in Colorado is quite as charming as yours here," she declared



"THE ESCORT OF THE COUNTESS WENT AT ONCE TO MARGERY"

herself, and you must be patient. Her aunt wishes her to accept an offer which is most advantageous. But I hope that Margery will not be misled by a mistaken idea of duty. Long ago," here Miss Elizabeth sighed, "I did not have the courage to follow where my heart would have led me. I have always regretted it, and wished that I had chosen boldly."

"Will you promise me something?" Tom begged. "Will you tell Margery what you have just told me? Tell her what you lost by not obeying your heart?"

"I will tell her to-morrow," Miss Elizabeth answered impulsively, looking across the room toward Margery. Just at this moment the man beside her bowed and went quickly to Mrs. Van Tromp. Margery sat with her hands clasped in her lap, her face pale and set.

Tom hastily crossed over to her. "What is the matter?" he asked.

"Nothing, nothing at all," Margery answered with an hysterical laugh. "Will you send Miss Elizabeth to me?"

But before Tom could go back to Miss Elizabeth, Mrs. Van Tromp beckoned to him. "Have you been wishing the joy to Margery?" she whispered. "The General has just told me of his happiness."

production to his old friend. "And now, my boy," he said at parting, "mind that you spare the time from sweethearting to call on old Bob. I want you for once to meet a whole man, and, well, I want my friend to know what a fine son I have." Then Meredith senior had given Tom a rousing slap upon the back, told him to go to the devil, and while in New York to look out that he did not buy a gold brick or green goods.

Margery was now alone and Tom went to her. "Your aunt has told me, he said, forcing his voice to come without a tremor, "and I wish you joy."

Margery did not trust herself to words, but silently pressed Tom's hand.

"Won't you make us acquainted?" he asked. "I wish to congratulate him."

"For taking me away from you?" Margery's surprise gave her speech.

"Why not?" Tom answered stoutly. "He's a better man than I, or you would not have chosen him. I wish that you could hear my dad go on about Bob Thornton. There's nobody in the world to whom I could give you with so little of a struggle. He's an old Indian fighter. I'd rather have my tongue cut out than make a howl before him."

Margery led the way to General Thornton, who at the name of Meredith

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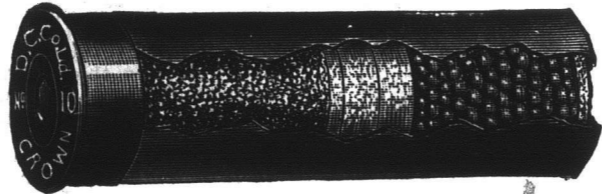
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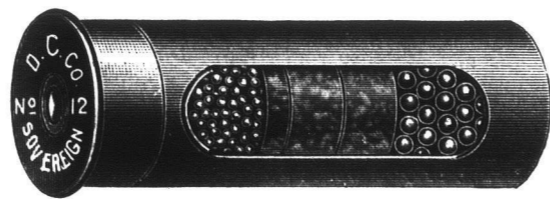
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hotly to Miss Daisy. "There is less display, but more real happiness, and just because people can be themselves."

Margery spoke with all the enthusiasm of her twenty years, for she was thinking of her own parents and her own quiet home. Miss Daisy was bewildered by such a flood of heretical phrases.

"I've been in New York only two days," said Tom, "but I think that I'd be pretty well content to settle here for life, if all the girls are like Miss Thornton."

Miss Daisy laughed. "And I believe that I like Western men," she said, looking coquettishly at Tom. "When you fall in love, do you carry off your sweethearts on broncos?"

"Not always," Margery answered quickly, and walked away.

"I believe that Margery is angry," Miss Daisy giggled.

"No doubt of it, and I'd like to know why," Tom answered gloomily; and Miss Thornton soon found him so dull and abstracted that she joined Mrs. Van Tromp at the tea-table.

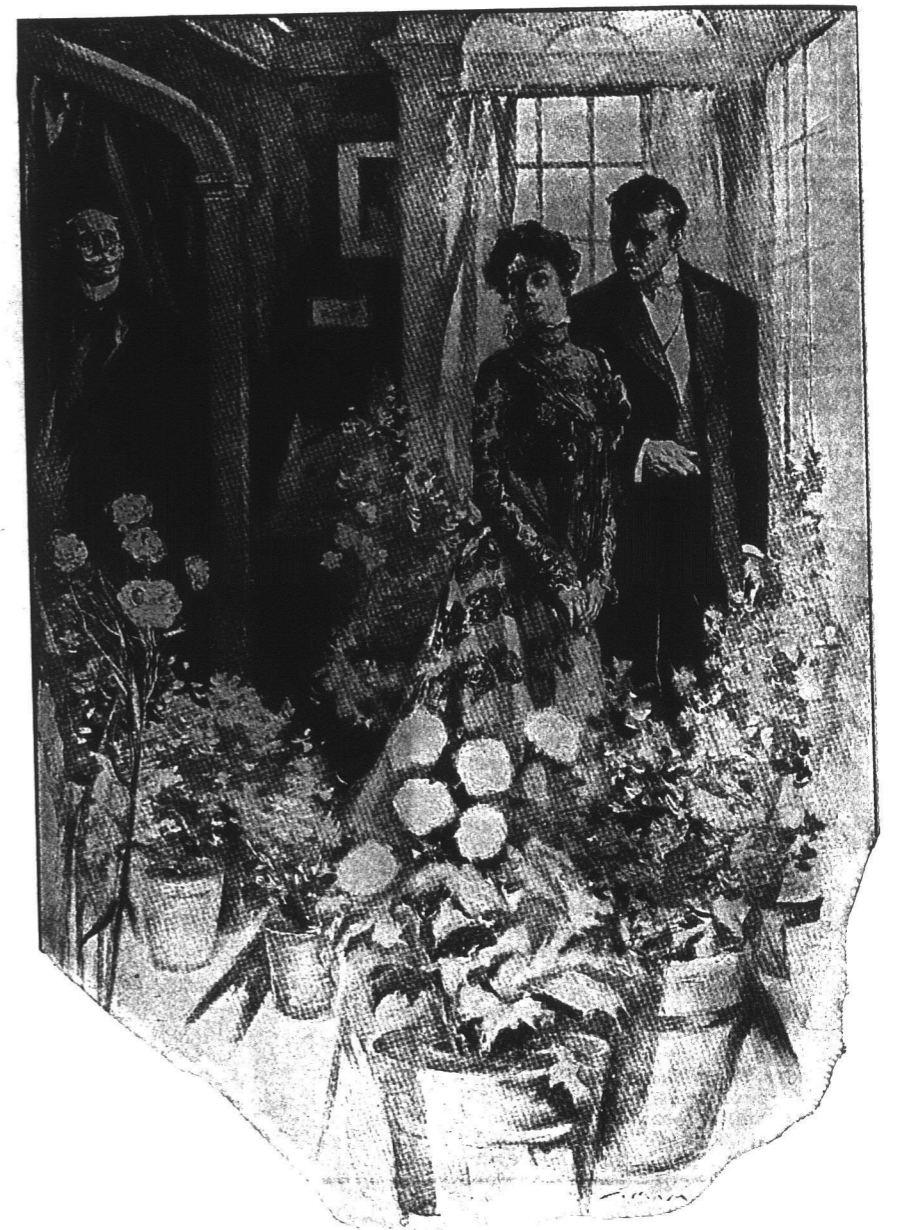
alcove. A thin, feminine voice came through the heavy curtains.

"Clever Van Tromp," the voice drawled. "has finally caught Thornton with this little country niece of hers. The girl has nothing that I can see, neither money, looks, nor chic. But tastes are different, and the more fools the more fun."

"A real love match," was the masculine answer.

"Yes, on the man's side; but the girl has been urged, on by her aunt. Mrs. Van Tromp is ambitious. Most of these old Dutch families are falling behind the procession, but she is determined to keep up. Her father was an old Deekman, who, centuries ago, long before I was born, was something or other in the shipping trade."

Tom and Margery stood stiffly silent and stared at the floor until the conversation ended; then Margery ran to the door and looked after the retreating couple. "Tom, she whispered, 'you should have heard the sweet way in which she congratulated me. Isn't it awful?'"



"THE PORTIERS WERE SWEEP ASIDE, AND GENERAL THORNTON ENTERED"

As Tom's spirits sank, Margery, with flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes, had never appeared more gay. She was soon the center of a group that discussed love and marriage in epigram, the echo of modern novels and plays. But Tom was too much disturbed by Margery's answer to Miss Thornton to listen to the witticisms. At the right of the drawing-room was an alcove hung with tapestries, and from this one could step into a glass-enclosed balcony filled with palms and ferns. Tom went to this retreat, and moodily watched the carriages in the street below.

"Well, and what do you think of us?" Margery stood beside him. Seeing him disappear into the alcove, she had almost immediately followed.

"What do you mean?" he asked. "Of the people in there?" She waved her hand towards the drawing-room.

"Oh, they are not so bad."

"I hate them!" Margery went on, almost fiercely. "We are really nothing to one another. It is not good form to be affectionate or show feeling. Did you ever hear how we talked? I try to think and act as they do, but I can't. It's all too serious, too sacred. It's not at all like us at home, is it?"

"It's disgustingly un-American, that's all."

Just then a warmer was heard in the

"Does it trouble your conscience?" Tom asked cynically.

Margery's lips quivered a reproach, but, before she could speak, the portieres were swept aside and General Thornton entered the balcony.

"I was warned that you were here trying to run away with Margery," he laughed, shaking his finger at Tom.

"I promise I shan't run away with her unless she asks me," Tom answered, after a moment of awkward hesitation.

"It is not likely that I shall so far forget myself," Margery replied sharply.

"Don't quarrel, children," Thornton interrupted. "We'll find a wife for Tom, won't we, Margery? How will Daisy serve? Then we can keep him in the family."

"I am not a match-maker," Margery said slowly; "nor shall I ever be. Let Tom choose where it pleases him. I only hope that he will find a woman more worthy of his love than—than—"

She burst into tears and ran from the balcony.

"What does this mean?" Thornton asked. "Has some woman been short-sighted enough to reuse you?"

"I fear that few will call her short-sighted, General."

"Well, my boy, if you need a recommendation, send her to me. I'll speak a good word for you."

"I thank you, General."

They walked back to the drawing-room arm in arm: Margery was not to be seen.

"A sick head-ache," Mrs. Van Tromp explained to General Thornton, "so I sent her home. No, she would not allow me to call you; but it might be wise for you to drop in to-night for dinner."

"May I bring along the boy?" Thornton asked, smiling cordially at Tom.

"If Mr. Meredith is not already engaged," Mrs. Van Tromp answered, pointedly.

"I thank you," Tom said, "but it will be impossible for me to come."

Before retiring, Tom wrote his father: "Dear old dad, I've lost Margery, but I've gained a new self-respect. Your General Bob Thornton is a trump, a sure winner."

The following morning Margery slipped from the house before ten o'clock and went to Miss Elizabeth's; but the Misses Troutman would not return from their walk before eleven. Remembering that they often sat in Washington Square, Margery decided to follow.

Miss Elizabeth was sitting alone on her favorite bench, for her sister had gone to match the wool of the scarf they were crocheting. Margery ran to her with a cry of joy, and threw her arms about the little woman's waist. "Oh, I am so glad to find you," she sobbed, breaking down completely. But Miss Elizabeth's reproving "Be careful, dearie," restored in a measure her self-possession.

"No, no," Margery answered; "I won't be so silly again. But if you only knew how unhappy I am." She drew down her veil and bit her lips to keep back the tears. Miss Elizabeth did not reply, but silently caressed her hand.

"I am ashamed of myself," Margery whispered. "I don't deserve the least kindness."

By this time Miss Elizabeth had begun to struggle with a lump in her throat. "Is it about Tom?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Oh, my dear! I was afraid of it," Miss Elizabeth admitted with a solemn shake of the head.

"Then why didn't you tell me?"

"I don't know," Margery answered slowly, as if reasoning it out for the first time. "I believe that I told General Thornton that I would marry him, because Tom was hateful to me the first day he was in New York. He said horrid things. He seemed to think that he could force me to marry him, and I wanted to show that I had a will of my own. Oh, how I wish I hadn't been such a fool!"

"My poor, dear Margery."

"Of course I can't go back to Tom and ask him to come back to me," she went on despairingly, "and I don't want to marry General Thornton. I'll never be anybody's wife. I wish you would let me come and live with you."

Miss Elizabeth smiled sadly. "Margery, dear, I might have been a much happier woman to-day, if years ago I had been brave. You must ask Tom to come back."

"But what will Aunt Catherine say, and General Thornton, and everybody else? No, I can't do it."

"You are wrong to say such a thing," Miss Elizabeth answered sternly, rising from the bench and drawing her cape about her. "You must not deceive General Thornton a moment longer. Be honest; be honest to him and to yourself."

"Oh, I simply can't tell him, and I won't take a step towards Tom. I can be just as proud as Tom Meredith."

"Your pride is very silly!" Without waiting for an answer, Miss Elizabeth walked impatiently away.

Tired and spiritless, Tom was placing the last things in his travelling bag, when a telegram was brought to his door. "I will say yes," it read, "if you will only ask me again."

White and trembling, he collapsed into a chair. He read the message a dozen times, then took up the pen. "Margery," he wrote, "I will not speak until General Thornton has released you from your promise." He read the lines aloud ashamed of their cold brevity, and eager to add a word of endearment; but he hurriedly sealed the letter and entrusted it to the grimy hands of a messenger boy.

At the same time, Margery was finishing a confession to Mrs. Van Tromp. "Don't be angry with me, aunt," she pleaded, "for I must act for myself. I am going to marry Tom—that is, if he doesn't refuse me."

Mrs. Van Tromp was horrified. "You don't mean to say that you will—?"

"I have already, by telegram. Forgive me, auntie. It is not so awful with us Colorado people: there the women have an equal right with men."

Mrs. Van Tromp controlled an impulse to give her niece a shaking. "I wash my hands of the whole affair," she said, as calmly as was possible.

"Oh, I'm so glad," Margery cried, "for Tom can take me back to Colorado



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"Come at once," she read, "for I have something awful to tell you. Maybe I am going to marry Tom Meredith."

Mrs. Van Tromp shrugged her shoulders. "It is true," she answered. "And I?"

"Dear General, what can we say or do?"

"Nothing. I don't blame her. Tom is of a fine race, and a chap in whom one can feel some pride. I shan't ask to see Margery; but you tell her that I wish her all happiness, and don't for an instant let her know that it goes at all hard with me. I should have anticipated something of this sort, but love is blind, you know, whether with a passe old fellow like myself or a fine young rascal like Tom."

"To be truthful," Mrs. Van Tromp murmured apologetically, "I fancy this conclusion of Margery's visit will be more satisfactory to her parents than if—than any other. Margery hopes to return to Colorado to-night."

"So soon?"

"It won't be settled until Meredith has heard your decision. He has a certain dignity, in spite of his youth, hasn't he?"

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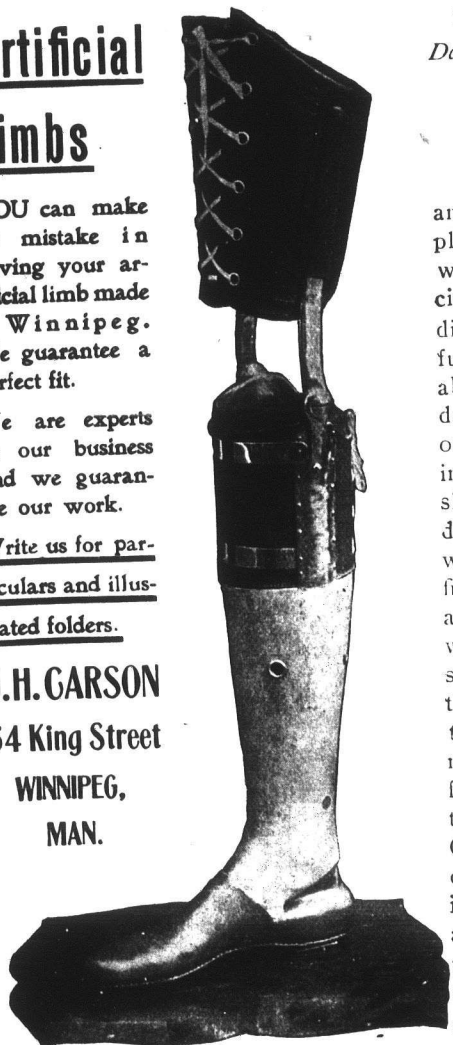
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Girls Should Avoid Hasty Marriages.

It is popularly supposed that the decision as to the date of her wedding is invariably left to the bride to be; but this, like many another popular supposition, only partly is true. The bride-elect may retard the time of her marriage as much as she likes; she may prolong her engagement for any reason or for none at all; she may refuse to consummate it, and jilt her lover at the church door, if it so pleases her; but no woman, saving a queen, may with propriety assume to "name the happy day" until her lover requests, nay, entreats, her to do so, and even then, however willing she may be, she must at least counterfeit a show of reluctance. Here, as in all affairs of courtship, the man is expected to be eager and ardent, while coyness and a becoming degree of maidenly hesitation to meet the advances of her suitor are incumbent upon the woman, even though she be "head over ears" in love. A woman may have the same desires as a man, but the same right to express them is denied her, and for her or her friends to endeavor to hasten the time of her marriage is decidedly "bad form." Indeed, she must not do so under any circumstances, and her relatives only when some great emergency arises. Even then the proposal should be suggestion rather than insistence, and should be so engineered as to appear to come from the bridegroom.

A woman is always liable to much unpleasant criticism if she or her family attempt to urge on a hasty wedding. However impatient she may feel, it behoves her to wait for her partner's lead. Moreover, if he permits the time to drag on with seeming indifference and shows no anxiety to claim her promise, her self-respect should prompt her to meet that indifference with careless unconcern, and should he give her cause to think that he has no real desire to marry her, she, by far, would better let him go his way than make any effort to induce him to take the step unwillingly, or, worse, to force a quarrel which will cause him to break the engagement. To be jilted by a man is among the most ignoble of positions in which a girl can be placed. When a man finds he has made a mistake, when he tires of his fiancee, or sees another girl whom he prefers, it is a common expedient to prolong the engagement indefinitely and drift, hoping to tire out her patience, if not her affection. Therefore, let any woman who has reason to suspect her fiancee's sincerity give him his freedom if he asks for it.

There are few more vexed questions regarding affairs of the heart than that as to the proper length of an engagement of marriage. In fact, it is one which, as the French say, "depends." The question must be settled in each individual case by the persons concerned, and is regulated by circumstances of all sorts. There are sometimes reasons for a wedding by telephone, literally and figuratively; and sometimes equally cogent cause why two people who truly love each other should wait long years before becoming man and wife. There is, however, a medium in all things for those who have the wisdom to find it, and an overlong engagement, which wears out hope, and faith, and courage, is only less to be deplored than the hasty marriage which is usually repented in the dust and ashes of the misery of a lifetime.

Considering what a vital change marriage is obliged to bring into the lives of those who undertake its duties and obligations, it would seem but the commonest prudence to think well first: the height of rashness to hurry into it with a person who is a comparative, sometimes an utter stranger. There is often passion at first sight, passion which may or may not ripen into love, but it is much to be doubted whether love of the genuine, permanent kind ever sprang forth, full grown, in an instant. It may well be contended that the mutual attitude of lovers during their engagement is not calculated to enlarge their real knowledge of each other. Certainly not, if the marriage is to take place

while they are living in a whirl of emotional rapture, and each looks at the other through the rose colored glasses of admiring devotion. But let an engagement be long enough for their love to settle down into something like a normal state, where their reasoning faculties will be able to work, and there will at least be a chance that they will gain a clearer estimate of their mutual fitness, and possibly they may learn a good deal about each other.

It is often said that no man should ask any woman to marry him until he is in a position to support a wife. This, in the abstract, is undeniably true. But (and this is where the argument for long engagements comes in) it is also more than a little hard. There are times when a man is fully justifiable in telling the woman of his choice that he loves her, even though he is not in an immediate position to marry. If a man is worth having he is worth waiting for. Still, he has no right to speak unless he has some definite prospect in view, nor unless he fully is determined to do his best to make their marriage possible as soon as may be. No woman should be expected to waste her youth and wear out her heart as the promised wife of a man who is not devoting all his energies to the task of making a home for her.

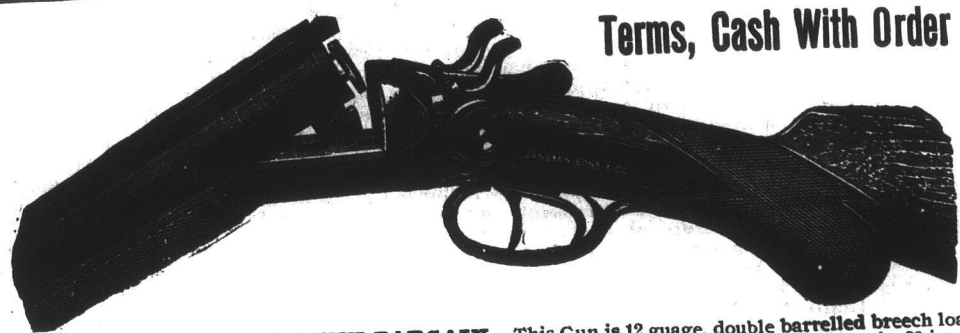
It also must be said that the woman who suffers herself to be "rushed" into hasty marriage, excepting under the force of circumstances which are beyond her control, makes a grave mistake in that she robs herself of what is usually the period of the most unalloyed pleasure in a woman's life. So true is this that it is not infrequently the case that to be "engaged" is the secret object, the greatest triumph of a young girl's life. "All the world loves a lover," and his lass, especially the lass. The announcement of a girl's engagement at once renders her an object of attention and interest to her whole circle of acquaintance, a person of importance to all her family and friends. Her past faults are forgotten, her present caprices are excused, she is the recipient of all manner of flattering consideration, and, one may say, is invested with many of the privileges while she is expected to perform none of the duties of a wife. Her lover is, of course, her cavalier servant, his first duty being to prove to his fiancee that the love which he professes so warmly can be manifested by actions more eloquent than words. The term of his engagement is probably the most unselfish period of a man's life. The opportunities are there if he sees fit to avail himself of them. He has to sacrifice a great deal for an uncertain return. He is not yet master of the situation. It is far easier for the lady to dismiss him than for him to break his bonds. He is expected to hold himself in readiness to do her bidding. He must make the best of her friends and relatives. Perhaps, also, he must forego some pleasures which are not becoming in an engaged man; but all these obligations, and many more, will be but trifles to the true lover who is beloved. He will need the exercise of tact and self-restraint; he never must suffer his love to seem to lack respect for its object, neither must he assert his claims in too masterful a fashion.

It is an old saying that "Men are April when they woo, December when they wed." There are those who lure their sweethearts into a state of contented security by their complete submission before marriage, only to exact the full price of their sacrifice when once possessed of marital authority. The man who is capable of such conduct deliberately is mean. It may be that he yields to unreasonable caprices on the part of his fiancee in the first flush of his passion, and that she takes advantage of his love to show herself overbearing. In such a case he must assert himself, for the sake of his own self-respect and manly dignity. This is an unfortunate, but quite possible development, and it is well if affairs sort themselves satisfactorily when the trial of strength is over.

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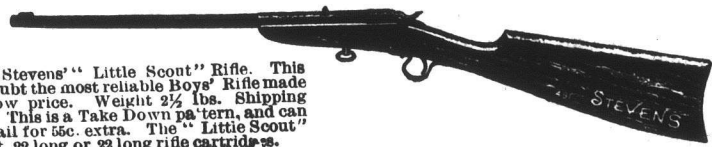
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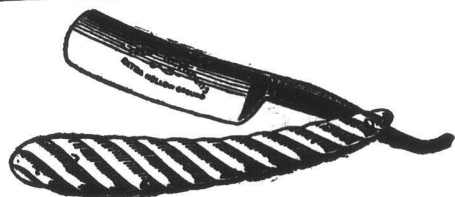
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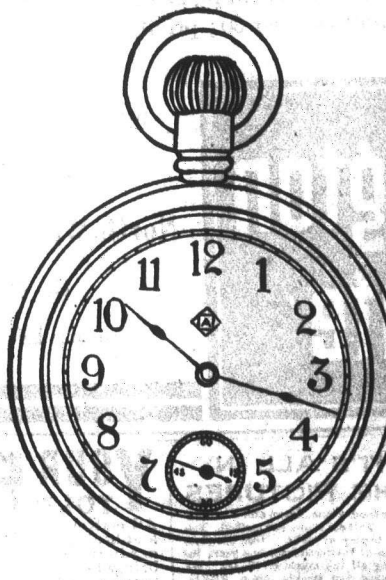
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Correspondence

We present another grist of correspondence from our readers on the matrimonial question.

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Defends Manitoba Daughter.

Milestone, Sask., Sept. 7th, 1906.
Editor.—As a reader of your paper for some considerable time I have noted the discussion of the matrimonial problem, and, as a bachelor, I have at times felt inclined to take the part of my brother in adversity (a fellow feeling you know) and then at other times my sympathies were all with the other side. Anyway, I think that a little overdrawn on both sides were a little overdrawn. Now as a Manitoba boy I take exception to Homesteader's statements as to the Manitoban girls. Of course I will admit he might have seen cases as he describes in some families, but as satisfied they are not the rule. I have known Manitoban girls who were accomplished and could take their place in the best society, who, at a time when help was scarce, would strap horses on a binder from morn till night. Now while I don't hold that a woman should go out to the field, it is the spirit that it was done in that we admire. I also like what Mother's Girl says in your

recent issue—We should expect a companion in a wife, not simply a convenience. I have known men who had not soul enough to care for a beast, marry a simple, trusting woman and make a slave of her. Then, some of the girls write and rate us bachelors for drinking and gambling, but you know nothing of the loneliness of this big country at times, so that we are almost forced to anything to make us forget. I often think that if you could hold out a sisterly hand to a faltering brother it would go a long way towards steadying us, and I know at times most of us want steady. Now in conclusion I would say I am a lonely bachelor and if some of you ladies would take the trouble to write me a line or so sometimes I am sure I would be grateful.

"Milestone."

Hands Out a Few Hot Shots.

Manitoba, Sept. 9th, 1906.
Editor.—I have read most of the letters in your Correspondence columns, and, while I do not approve of that method of securing a husband or wife, I fail to see why those who do should not be allowed the privilege. I have been reading the letter signed "Disgusted," which is so one-sided that it stirred me up to try to present a little of the other side of the question. He says "If these bachelors wanted a horse, they would first want to see and know something about the animal." True, but if these same bachelors got the offer of a horse for nothing, would they refuse to take it? He must remember that in choosing a horse they consider what they have to pay for it. By their letters I should judge that the only necessary qualifications for a wife are strength and a willingness to work. They want wives who can wash, iron and mend, bake and churn, cook the meals, wash the dishes and scrub, milk the cows and feed the calves and the pigs, attend to the garden, hoe the potatoes, keep the house in order and do such other little chores as their lord and master may feel inclined to leave for them. All this for the sake of "being supported." They cannot even buy themselves an apron without asking for the money, explaining why they want it, and only getting it after much grumbling. Surely it is the girls who are easily suited. To be sure all men are not like this.

but a good many of them are, and when girls who have been on friendly terms with them for years cannot tell the ones to choose, how can those who have never seen them, decide? There are plenty of young women to-day who are quite as willing to marry the men they love and start with small means as were the women of our grandparents' and parents' days, but young men that were worth loving were not as scarce then as they are to-day. As to the business marriages I think quite as many men marry for convenience, as women, and if one does make a business transaction of it why not make the very best bargain you can, as we do in other affairs. Now girls, do not think that because a young man has a couple of dollars in his pocket and drives a fast horse that he is a desirable husband. Show the young men of good common sense that they are the ones you respect, and there will not be so many empty-headed coxcombs round who are ready to seek wives before they have any prospect of having homes for them and who think wives are to be had for the asking.

"Another Disgusted One."

Fancies "Maiden in Waiting."

Silton, Sask., Sept. 5, 1906.
Editor.—I am one of those fellows who is always bound to express his feelings when he reads anything sentimental. I have been a constant reader of your interesting monthly magazine and of late taken very deep interest in the Correspondence column, in which both sex have been most strictly dealt with. Some of the girls, sorry to say, are extremely hard on us bachelors. The main fault I think is they class us all the same. They should not think that we are all victims to bad habits. One thing I wish to remind them: If they bite without any cause they should never be mad when the same is returned. One lady in particular who signed as "Young Woman," Saskatoon, must have pondered over an immense dictionary in order to find us suitable names (?). Others write letters that we cannot very well understand. "Widow No. 2," says that "she is a widow by death." We would be very thankful if she would write and explain to us the way of being a true widow by any other means. There is one young lady whom I wish to bear reference to, signed "A Maiden

in Waiting." She seems to rest on very good principles, having reached the summit and climax of all wishes, viz: "a cheery word and a sweet smile." One is always greatly taken by such expressions; at the same time bachelors should ever and anon be on the alert over the changes of the gentler sex. In their evening dress they look so cheerful and happy, but woe! the sight we often witness when they poach the eggs at 7 a.m. If the young lady "A Maiden in Waiting" were to vow me to keep her promise in sunshine and showers, I would be very glad to correspond with her.

"Lonely Bachelor from Lons Point."

Bached Six Years.

Napinka, Man., Sept. 3, 1906.
Editor.—I have been a reader of your valuable magazine for some time and have watched closely the letters on the matrimonial question. I think, like "Jolly Girl," that bachelors are not all as bad as some people make us out to be. I, for one, am 24 years of age and can honestly say that I have never tasted liquor or used tobacco, and I think there are lots more like me. I have bached it here in Manitoba for six years and am still alive, but I don't think I could survive six more, so if there is any young woman that would like my address, I would correspond with her for fun and results.

"A Jolly Bachelor."

Wants Fine Protestant Young Lady.

Moose Jaw, Sept. 10, 1906.
Editor.—I feel so satisfied after reading your magazine that I am sending you right away a year's subscription to the Western Home Monthly. You will see that I am a new subscriber, but still I have been following up the Correspondence columns of your paper as we have taken it at home for years. I would like you to get me the acquaintanceship of a fine young lady to correspond with as I am a young farmer with 160 acres of fine land and good water, only six miles from town and three from the railroad—a splendid part to live in. I am 24 years old and 5ft. 6 ins. in height. Am a Protestant, good living and don't smoke, chew or drink. I am of Irish descent and my people, who came from Ontario, are farming close by. Kindly send my address to

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A Bachelor from Moose Jaw.

"Sour Sal" Has Her Say.

Riverview Farm, Sept. 14, 1906.
Editor:—I have been a silent reader of your magazine and have become very much interested in the Correspondence columns. I have been trying to think which side I should sympathise with—the maiden or the bachelor. But at last I have decided from reading a letter by "Farmer Bachelor," who says the girls want a soft snap and one by "A Bachelor," who says that girls will not marry farmers, and look with disfavor on them. I wonder how they arrived at such a conclusion. Where I reside the farmers are treated with due respect, but most of the bachelors of to-day do not seek a wife for a companion but just to keep house, mend clothes, milk cows, etc. That is why some bachelors find it difficult to get a help-mate. I like "Vacuum's" statement: "I don't want simply a housekeeper, I want a wife." I think that is very manly. It would be better if more would follow his advice. As to the girls being an expensive luxury, I think they are wronged for that is not a true statement, as there are girls who would make good homes for good honest bachelors who are worthy of a good wife. With regard to drinking, I do not say they all like it but am sorry to say that many do. Boys, if you seek a good wife, be manly, and I am sure you will get one who will help you on well in life, and I think you would deserve it, but do not be quite so hard in your judgment on Western girls. I have lived on a farm all my life and have helped outdoors when necessary, and never been afraid of work of any kind. If the bachelors out West would be more sociable and considerate to the girls around home I am sure they would find the woman they are looking for.
"Sour Sal."

Jabez Invites Correspondence.

Rouleau, Sept. 6, 1906.
Editor:—I have been an interested reader of your Correspondence page for some time and was well pleased to see my views so well stated in a letter in the May issue signed "Disgusted," which is one of the best I have seen in this column. Courtship by correspondence is too much like a lottery game to suit me. Might as well get married and try to keep house on the correspondence plan too. I believe that before making a final choice for life, both parties should be able to meet one another in their everyday home or business life and so get an idea of each other's real character. If this were more often the case there would be less use for the old saying: "Marry in haste, repent at leisure." "Little Rosebud" advises the bachelors to look around home for a suitable help-mate. Very good! But in this district the bachelors outnumber the young ladies by a rather hopeless majority—5 or 6 to 1, so the chaps who (like myself) are neither rich, smart or handsome, have rather a slim chance of finding one of that "ten per cent." that she speaks of. I know of a few young men who (like myself) neither use tobacco, liquor or profane language, and who would be glad to offer good homes to the right kind of young women. An exchange of ideas by letter might open the way for personal acquaintanceship later on and at the same time give a fellow a bit of diversion in the rather monotonous farm life, and if any of your readers want a chance to waste postage stamps in this line, just hand them my address.
"Jabez."

"Nimrod" Right in Line.

Inga, Alta., Sept. 6, 1906.
Editor:—I am one of those Western farmers taking an interest in your correspondence columns and I enclose a letter which you might kindly forward to the lady signing herself "Jane Eyre." I believe your kindly assistance in putting those bachelors and maids (who by the circumstances of their lives are widely separated) in communication will result in the establishment of many homes and tend to keep the farms occupied instead of being sold to speculators.
"Nimrod."

Has a Home for a Good Young Woman.

Fielding, Sask.—Sept. 7, 1906.
Editor:—I have been very much interested in reading the various letters from bachelors and maidens in your correspondence column. With your permission I will express my views on the matter. I think that most of the ladies are rather hard on the young bachelor. I think there are more young men that have a high opinion of woman's sphere in life than there are who want her for

a drudge. I notice in our own vicinity so many bachelors who are working day and night that they may make a comfortable, happy home for someone. But they forget that happiness dwells in the cottage and that life is quickly passing, and before they are ready the best of life has passed. Probably when the girl is brought to this new home, she does not fully appreciate what has been endured for her. I often think that both would be happier had they gone together earlier in life and had both helped to make the home. I am a young bachelor and do not feel that I have a home such as I would like a woman to enjoy; still, I think that if love existed, all other things would come right. I would very much like to have a lady correspondent and you may give my name to anyone asking for it.
"Prairie Wanderer."

Billy Wants a Companion.

Sask., Sept. 10, 1906.
Editor:—Will you please put me in touch with some good woman. I am a C. P. R. operator and want a wife. Am 38 years of age and can give the right kind of a woman a good home, and do not want a servant but a companion.
"Billy No. 4."

Who Will Love Him.

Spring Lake, Alta., Sept. 8, 1906.
Editor:—I was looking through the W. H. M. and noticed that you had a matrimonial column. I will describe myself a little. I weigh 165-170, am 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, and my looks would stop a freight train. I am tired of being a bachelor and want to correspond with some lady who means business. Better get anxious at once.
Bachelor O. K.

Alkalic Ike Not so Bad.

Eagle Butte, Alta., Sept. 9, 1906.
Editor:—As a reader of your magazine I wish to hear from some young lady who wishes to correspond with a cowboy of the Cypress Hills, who is a bachelor and understands stock. I am a lad of 24 summers, dark hair and blue eyes, weight 155 lbs., and was raised in the West. The girls in this country are very conceited; being so many single men they are all spoiled. I wish someone would try to convert the ideas of some of the ladies who write to your paper, as we don't all drink and smoke and are very filthy, as they say we are.
"Alkalic Ike."

Drunkard Hard to Reform after Marriage.

Prince Albert, Sept. 11, '06.
Editor:—In looking over the correspondence in a recent issue, I see a letter from a young lady who signs herself "Young Woman," Saskatoon. I think she is quite right about the men who drink not deserving a wife. If more ladies thought the same and made their thoughts known through the medium of your excellent magazine, there would not be so many unhappy homes. But the trouble is that a number of young women hold the view that they can reform the drunkard after marriage. I think in most cases it proves a failure and a life of misery is the result.
"Total Abstinence."

Wants Some Person to Correspond With.

Heather Brae, Alta., Sept. 10, '06.
Editor:—I am a reader of your magazine and enjoy the correspondence very much. The letters of the bachelors and maids are very amusing. The bachelors are all young, sober, industrious and good looking, and the girls are all right. I am a farmer's daughter, young, not very good-looking, and do not know what kind of a housekeeper I would make. I live in a lonely place, quite a distance from neighbors and for that reason would like correspondents of either sex under 25 years. Well, Mr. Editor, if you will put me in communication with some good-looking young bachelors I will say nothing about matrimony, only "Barkis is Willin'." I would like to correspond with a "Home Lover," Lauder, Man.
Only a Western Girl.

A Canny Sort of Gent.

Star City, Sask., Sept. 4, '06.
Editor:—I am a constant reader of your valuable paper and should like to air my thoughts a little. A number of both sexes seems to me to be over anxious in wishing to marry. It seems according to their letters that they are easily pleased in getting married. Getting married is one of the easiest things in the world, but getting a wife is quite another thing. I am a bachelor of 35 yet I do not despair. I think a man should be 75 before he is really able to select a pearl of the first water in the form of a bride. Marriageables of the

gentler sex of to-day are as a rule, a fickle and brainless lot having nothing in their heads but marriage and dress. Having hurriedly and blindly obtained both, they then have time to take a common-sense view of the matter and in the majority of cases find out their mistake and become flirts and back-biters and gossipers—the most detestable of the human race. I hate a gossiping woman more than the devil does holy water. I could not entertain for a moment the idea of marrying a lady whom I had only known through corresponding with her. To my mind a man cannot know his bride too well beforehand. Afterwards, it is a little late for character studying. No man is a greater lover or admirer than myself of the true woman, but this type is as scarce and hard as hens' teeth. I have met but few ladies who came up to the standard of my ideal, and those were first out of my reach. When the bird with the right plumage flies my way and will condescend to cast in her lot with a farmer in straitened circumstances, I suppose it would not be unnatural as a man if I lose my head and become married, and if any of your lady readers wish to correspond with me from a friendly point of view, barring matrimony, I should be pleased to exchange views on this or any other subject which may please the writers.

Thanking you for so much of your valuable space.

Happy Jake.

Wants the Real Goods.

Maple Creek, Sask., Aug. 16, 1906.
 Editor.—I am anxious to become acquainted with some jolly go-ahead girl who does not object to smoking and whiskey that is indulged in to moderation. One who can make herself a bright, amusing companion on a ranch some distance from town. She must be healthy and good tempered, fond of outdoor pursuits (riding, shooting, etc.) and if she is musical and a good singer so much the better.

There are plenty of girls of a certain class in this part of the country, but they do not suit my taste, as the effort to induce them to converse intelligently is exhausting to a degree.

The girl of my choice must be well-educated, not prudish, physically perfect and able to hold her own in any company. I want her for a wife, not a slave. I am six feet two, weigh two hundred pounds, and can lick any man of my own weight in the West. Any young lady who corresponds with me will be treated with respect and consideration.

I suppose I should add that at present my worldly circumstances are not much to boast of, but I hope I could give the right kind of woman a happy life.

Thanking you in anticipation for this insertion.

Yours faithfully,
 "Sportsman."

No Girls in Lloydminster.

Lloydminster, Sask., Aug. 14, 1906.
 Editor.—I have read with some interest your columns lately devoted to matrimonial purposes, and I must say it is a splendid idea. When one reads the letters of loneliness and longing for a congenial companion, and then on the other hand the awful number of bachelors with the same complaint, it is certainly time that some responsible paper took hold of the question.

Now around this part of the country there are innumerable bachelors who are really well fixed looking out for wives. There are certainly none to be had out here, so the few fellows who have married went back to the old country and brought a wife back with them.

The majority of the bachelors here are old countrymen, and there would be no difficulty of finding one well bred, well educated and with good principles and steady habits. All I hope is that some of the young ladies will get into communication with some of us bachelors as soon as possible, as it would certainly make life worth living to have a few nice bright "girls around."

"Semper Paratus."

No Bad Habits.

Radisson, Sask., Aug. 6, 1906.
 Editor.—I am a farmer bachelor, age 24, and have got my homestead patent and have also sold land at thirty dollars an acre for road allowance. My house is surrounded with young trees and situated right in front of an elegant lake. I have a good stock of cattle and three milch cows.

All I seem to lack is a nice little woman, as you know girls are very scarce in this new country. If you could only put me in correspondence with a nice, refined young lady I should feel grateful to you.

I might also add that I have no bad habits. I neither smoke nor drink and would certainly take good care of a woman. I would like to get to business as soon as possible. None but a refined girl need apply.

"The Real Wheat."

Who Wants Him?

Gladstone, Man., July 27, 1906.
 Editor.—I should be greatly obliged if you would forward my description on to any respectable young woman between 16 and 28, dark or fair, must possess a good form and not too short. I like your excellent magazine very

much. I am from the old country and only arrived here this spring and find it rather dull. This is a description of myself: Englishman, 5 ft. 8 in., weight 160 pounds, rather good looking, a gardener, wishes to correspond with respectable young woman with an ultimate view of marriage.

"A Rube."

A Generous Sort of Girl.

Osler, Sask., Aug. 8, 1906.
 Editor.—Please address the enclosed letter to "Roamer," Wascana, Sask., whose letter appeared in the March number of your magazine. I greatly sympathise with the bachelors of the West and will send you some names and addresses of my girl acquaintances for distribution among the many bachelors.

"Farmer's Daughter No. 7."

He's Easy Pleased.

Ponoka, Alta., Aug. 26, 1906.
 Editor.—I am a widower, have bached it eleven years, a Protestant of good moral habits, temperate and would like a wife, middle age, who is qualified for a farmer's wife. I am not particular about beauty; if she is clever and affectionate, it is all I expect, and I am prepared to take chances on the balance. I like the ring of that old maid's letter from Edmonton, but when she talks about being good looking it makes me a little embarrassed. Hoping to hear from some woman who is in the market.

"F. O. D."

Wants an Introduction.

Mannville, Aug. 10, 1906.
 Editor.—I would like to correspond with "Maiden Fair" of Edmonton. I am a reader of the Western Home Monthly, and I trust you will take sufficient interest in me to enable me to get acquainted.

"Ploughboy."

Will Send us Photos.

Knee Hill Valley, Alta., Aug. 14, 1906.
 Editor.—Please forward the enclosed letter to "Canadian Girl." I thank you very much for the interest you take in helping me to find a Christian wife. I will comply with your request, and if I find a good wife through your assistance I will send you both our photos for use in your magazine.

"Alberta Boy."

Bush Whacker's Views.

Eric, B. C., Aug. 26, 1906.
 Editor.—I have been a reader of your magazine for some time, and the correspondence interests me.

I have several years' experience in B. C. and the Northwest, and permit me to say a few words in regard to the matrimonial question, which seems to be the order of the day. To begin with, I think the first thing every sensible homesteader should do is to hunt him up the girl whom fate has ordained should be his helpmate through life.

It is all very fine to talk of a young man spending several years on a homestead, in the hopes of some day, when he has plenty of money and a comfortable home, he will go east and woo and win a maiden fair. It's rather a far fetched dream for the man who lives alone on a homestead for, say, five years.

He takes big chances of continuing a bachelor for the remainder of his life. I only know of one thing that is going to make him happy after he is married and that is a woman's love. It's a poor sort of a love that has to be bought with a price, and the girl who is not willing to live with the man she loves and live with him in a shack and a homestead for two or three years is not worth having.

"Bush Whacker."

Wants a Wife.

Onoway, Alta., Aug. 25, 1906.
 Editor.—It is with great interest that I have read the several letters from young women who would like to find a husband. I should like to correspond with one of them with a view to getting married. I am a bachelor homesteader, Swede descent, age 32.

Alberta Bachelor No. 2.

He Earns \$5.00 a Day.

Radisson, Sask., Aug. 20th, 1906.
 Editor.—I read my Home Monthly, and am very much interested in it. I am a bachelor, age 32. I have a good situation, and earn on an average \$5.00 a day. I am steady, living an ordinary everyday life. I would much like to correspond with a nice refined young person with a view to matrimony.

"Tom Thumb."

Thinks "Mother's Girl" O. K.

Manitoba, Aug. 17, 1906.
 Editor.—I have been reading the correspondence in the Western Home Monthly for some months. I like the way in which "Mother's Girl" writes. She writes common sense, and shows that she has given some thought to the subject. I would like to correspond with her, providing she would be willing. I am sending you a letter to be mailed to her.

"Lonely Bac."

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Looking for a Loving Wife.

Durban, Man., Sept. 2, '06.
Editor:—I have been an interested reader of the correspondence columns of your magazine and wish to say that I am a young man, twenty seven years of age, 160 lbs. in weight, and live on a farm in Swan Valley. I would like to correspond with young ladies from 20 to 27 for amusement or matrimony. I do not use either tobacco or liquor and am looking for a kind and loving wife who is not afraid of the usual farm work. Wishing your magazine every success.

"One Who Likes the Girls."

Will Become a Subscriber.

Oxbow, Sask., Sept. 4, '06.
Editor:—If you will forward the enclosures to their addresses and I obtain a reply, you can bank on a new subscriber. One is to "Jane Eyre" and the other to "Maiden in Waiting."

Oxbow.

What Age Might He Be?

Youngstown, Alta., Sept. 7, '06.
Editor:—Am a middle-aged farmer's son of good, clean habits and strictly sober. Height 6 ft.; weight 170 lbs. Have bached two weeks and wasted food enough to keep a family of twelve.

"From the States."

Who'll Take Pity on Him?

Winnipeg, Sept. 8th, 1906.
Editor:—As an enthusiastic reader of your valuable paper, might I trespass upon the space in your correspondence column to ask whether any young lady would care to correspond with me. I am a young English gentleman who has been obliged to come out here through no fault of his own and would like to meet a young lady who is similarly placed. But she must be a lady born and bred. I prefer to remain anonymous but a letter sent to the General Delivery, Winnipeg, will fetch me.

"S. York."

A Receipt to Obtain a Husband.

Perley, Sask., Sept. 4, '06.
Editor:—Last week while reading your paper, I came across the correspondence page and was surprised at the number of young ladies who are wanting husbands. Well, I have thought that if some of these young ladies would hire into a farm kitchen, they would soon get good husbands. We would gladly take a girl and I am sure if she is a likely lass she will soon get a farmer husband as there are some very likely young men around us.

"Old Subscriber."

In Need of a Wife.

Mortlach, Sask., Sept. 8, '06.
Editor:—I see in your correspondence list one from Halbrite signing "A Single Miss." I would like you to forward enclosed letter to her as I am a bachelor here at Mortlach and in much need of a wife. I have a homestead and am in a fair way towards making a home for a partner in life and would like to correspond with some of the fair sex.

"A Patient Waiter."

Would Marry any Decent Girl.

Yarrow, Alta., Sept. 7, '06.
Editor:—Will you please send the enclosed letter to Jane Eyre. I am a young bachelor, not bad-looking, and have some property here. I do not like bachelors, and would marry any nice, decent girl. I have no bad habits, do not drink or smoke, and am well educated.

"H. C."

We'll Do Our Best For You.

Vermilion, Alta., Sept. 5, '06.
Editor:—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, it gives me great pleasure to say that it meets the full requirements of our farmers, and in addition it is an ideal home paper. I note with great interest your matrimonial columns. With your kind permission, I should like this letter inserted and hope it may attract the attention of some maiden. If through the medium of your valuable paper you are able to bring me into communication with one who will meet my requirements, my cup of happiness will be complete. My occupation is mixed farming and ranching. Age 24, height 6 ft., weight 185 lbs., fair complexion, disposition loving, and religion Protestant. Should there be any charge for inserting this, kindly advise and I will forward it.

"Arthur Breckenridge."

White Bush, Alta., Sept. 4, '06.
Editor:—Please send enclosed letter to correspondent signing herself "Jane Eyre" and oblige.

"G. L."

A Plain Working Man.

Okotoks, Alta., Sept. 3, '06.
Editor:—I thought I would write you this letter as I have been a reader of your magazine and greatly enjoy the correspondence column. I want a wife, and am 26 years of age, 5 ft. 11 ins. in height and weigh 180 lbs. I am a working man and am working for Okotoks & High River Lumber Co. I am an American Protestant.

Sam.

Says He's Good Boy.

Oxbow, Sask.
Editor:—Please send my name to anyone who may ask for it. I am a bachelor of good conduct and want a wife of the same sort. I am sober and industrious, and would like to correspond with a few of the good ladies with a view to matrimony.

"A Canadian Bachelor"

"Bachelor No. 5."

Belmont, Man., August 10, '06.
Editor:—Please forward enclosed letter to the lady from Ontario who signs her name as "Jane Eyre."

"Blue Eyes."

Wakopa, Man., Aug. 6, '06.

Editor:—Would you kindly forward the enclosed letter to the young lady writing from Portage la Prairie, who signs herself "Manitoba Daughter."

"W. M. R."

Westview, Sask., Sept. 6, '06.

Editor:—Kindly forward enclosed to the writer of the letter signed "Jane Eyre."

Another Bachelor.

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Advertisers in the Western Home Monthly, and in other publications, spend their money for obvious reasons; they hope to get it back. In order that they may spend their money judiciously, they want to know the papers in which it pays them to advertise, and also the papers in which it will not pay them to advertise. Readers, therefore, who reply to advertisements appearing in the Western Home Monthly will confer a favor on advertisers and on the publishers of this paper as well, by stating that they "saw the advertisement in the Western Home Monthly."

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Jugger's Double.

By TOM P. MORGAN.

As fiction contains so many examples of duplicate personalities, or "doubles," as they are commonly called, our old friend, Jugger, was right in the fashion when he discovered that there existed another man as near like himself in appearance as one warty toad is like another.

He discovered, about the same time, that his double was an enterprising fellow, a genius in his way. His first intimation of the existence of this duplicate came during a journey that he was making to a part of the



"She had kissed him fourteen consecutive times"

State somewhat removed from his home. He noticed that the gentleman who sat opposite to him in the cars had for some time been regarding him with interest. He thought little of it till the stranger, catching Jugger's eye, addressed him with:

"Glad to see you. When did you get out?"

"Out of what?" questioned Jugger. "The Insane Asylum, of course," answered the other, in a loud whisper. "Tell me all about it. 'Twill make at least a column and a half for the Daily Hewgag!"

"I don't know what—" "Why, just tell me about your killing your wife and children; I know all about the burning of the house and the chasing of the neighbors with an axe. Tell—"

The stranger suddenly ceased, frightened by Jugger's look of wrath. He edged out of his seat and took to the smoking-car, muttering something about "it's coming onto him again."

"He mistook me for someone who resembles me," Jugger told himself. "But confound it, I don't look like a lunatic!"

The next time he struck the trail of his double was very soon after he left the cars. He was proceeding leisurely up the street when an irate citizen rushed out of a store and fell upon our friend and smote him on his back and thigh.

"Oh, I've been laying for you, darn you!" the thumper cried, as he beat Jugger full sore. "A man can't call me a jack-leg and shyster behind my back and not suffer for it!"

Jugger protested that he had not called the other anything behind his back or anywhere else, but in vain. He did not succeed in getting away till the thumper considered the jack-legged insult avenged. Jugger drew out his note-book and, as he limped away, put down a black mark against his unknown double.

Before he reached the hotel he was arrested upon a charge of swindling which stood against his double, and was only released when he exhibited the strongest symptoms of having a fit. His double, the real swindler, never had fits. He had just finished putting down another long black mark in his note-book, when a young lady fell upon his neck, hugging him rapturously, shedding great, hot tears inside of his collar, and declaring in

calliope tones that she had heard that he had committed suicide. She had kissed him fourteen consecutive times before Jugger succeeded in convincing her that he was not the man who had committed suicide. Then, on the credit side of his note-book, he put fourteen kisses on account of his double.

On the way to the hotel, he was presented with a tailor's bill, caned by an irate citizen who swore that his daughter had been insulted by our friend, caught by the collector of road taxes, who vowed he had been dodged as long as he was going to be, and followed by a half-starved dog that evidently recognized him as his master.

Arriving at the hotel, Jugger met a warm if not cordial reception.

"You need not take the trouble to register!" said the clerk. "You cannot find accommodation here! I told you never to—"

"But there is some terrible mistake. I am—"

"I know all about who you are! Get out!"

"But—"

"Patrick!"

"Patrick" appeared, rolling up his sleeves, and Jugger took his departure. Out in the street, he charged up another black mark against his double.

Finally, he secured accommodations in a hotel that evidently knew not his prototype. Ten minutes later, complications to arise. Inside of an hour seventeen collectors had presented bills for hats, drinks, horse-hire, rag-weed exterminators, razors, bustles, blood-hounds, potted tar, photographs of the eclipses, itch remedies, stove-pipe stretchers, and so many more things that had been bought, borrowed, hired or stolen by Jugger's lively double, that our poor friend totally lost all count of them. These visitations were rendered all the more thrilling by the fact that most of the collectors threatened to speedily and scientifically remove Jugger's cuticle unless prompt payment was forthcoming. They were paid.

Variety was lent to the calls of the duns by the appearance of a loud-voiced lady with eight interesting children with unwashed faces. She proceeded to claim Jugger as the



"He finally escaped by climbing down the fire escape."

husband of her bosom and the father of the eight unwashed children. She called Jugger "ducky darling," cuffed the children wappy-jawed, and told the duns how cold Jugger's feet were. It was only after arguments enough to have moved mountains, almost, that Jugger succeeded in convincing her that he was not her other half.

He had hardly time to charge his double up with many black marks when a savage-looking citizen rushed in and demanded in tones of thunder why he had not been at the rendezvous, declaring that, when a gentleman challenged a degraded cur to mortal combat because of a deadly insult offered by the cur in question,

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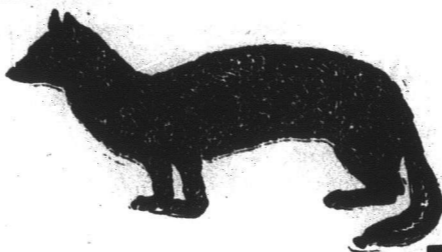
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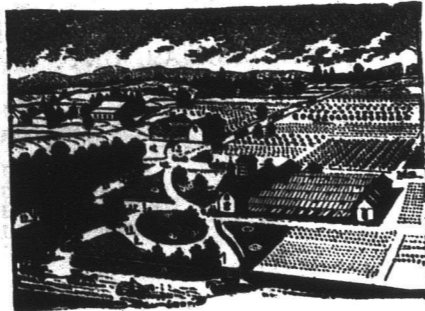
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he expected the said cur to be at the slaughter-ground within ten hours of the appointed time.

By the time that an ancient maiden, who declared that Jugger had proven false to his promise to wed her, had wept on his neck, Jugger seemed on the point of having a "stroke." A little later, a message came from the City Physician to the effect that his wife, who was in the poor-house, had given birth to twins.

A bell-boy came up with the news that there was in the office a crate which had just arrived by express with \$23.80 charges on it, and which contained a large baboon with red Donegal whiskers. Next came a suspicious-looking character who made a whispered request for "that thar counterfeit money you promised me." And so it went on till Jugger was nearly crazy and there were many long black marks charged up against his enterprising double.

He finally escaped by climbing out of the window and shinning down the fire-escape. He hurried to a saloon to obtain a nerve- tonic, of which he was sadly in need, but had hardly entered the establishment before he emerged a-flying, with the "bouncer" of the place close to his immediate past.

"Take dat!" cried the "bouncer."

"Told ye dat de naixt toime Oi'd—"

But Jugger was departing. Finally, he obtained in another saloon the coveted tonic. After imbibing the tonic and a large amount of courage with it, Jugger armed himself with a club and started out to hunt his double.

He found him at last in one of the

most sumptuous saloons in the city. Taking a firmer hold on his club, Jugger advanced toward his double, who also had a club and was advancing toward the open doorway that was between them. When they were only a little way apart, Jugger raised his club with the intention of wiping out the wrongs that the black marks in the note-book represented. Seeing his adversary also raise his club, Jugger leaped at him with the ferocity of a tiger, and, with a mighty stroke, shattered to a thousand pieces—the large plate-glass mirror in which his image had been so perfectly reflected.

After he had been whipped by the barkeeper and fined at the police court, Jugger hastened out of town by the shortest trail and reached home in a state that bordered closely on insanity. He never saw his double, and, to this day, there are many long black marks on the debit side of his note-book.

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What you call 'im?—Carneguay?
I tink dat 'ees ees nam;
Dat feller's got whole lot money,
Spouse more 'an oder man.

Well, sir, he's make one funny rule,
And ver good rule, dey say;
No need no more for go to school,
To learn to write l'anglais.

If you can speak, dat's all you care,
To write 'ees easy ting;
So long you put de letter dare,
And notice how it ring.

Mos' any man can write dat way,
No need for go to school,
And if you can't, well, then I say,
By gosh! you mus be fool.

But how you tink he fix la chose,
Wit Edouard and Laurier?
He bulid de bibliotheque, I spouse,
In every large city.

He spend one million—den some more,
Buy all de book he can;
By cripe! I tink he would be poor,
If he was 'noder man.

Some feller laugh about 'ees rule,
"It 'ees no good," dey say;
For sure, dey sooner go to school
And learn de proper way.

Some oder feller say de same,
But soon dey get some pay;
And den, although dey have big name,
Dey shout for Carneguay.

For me, my fren, I'm valry glad,
We have new rule to-day;
I write de English not too bad—
Tanks be to Carneguay.

Bread Upon the Waters.

Richard Watson Gilder.

A melancholy, life-o'erwearied man
Sat in his lonely room, and, with slow
breath,
Counted his losses—thrice wrecked plan
on plan,

Failure of friend, and hope, and hearth
and faith—
This last the deadliest, and holding all,
Help was there none in weeping, for the
years

Had stolen all his treasury of tears.
Then on a printed page his eyes did fall,
Where sprang such words of courage
that they seemed

Cries on a battlefield, or as one dreamed
Of trumpets sounding charges; on he
read
With curious, half-remembering, musing
mind.

The ringing of that voice had something
stirred
In his deep heart, like music long since
heard.
Brave words, he sighed; and looked
where they were signed;
There, reading his own name, tears made
him blind.

Her Garden.

Edmund Burke, M. A.

The garden path winds here and there,
And leads unto her favorite seat
Where lilac plumes waved overhead,
And daisies blushed to kiss her feet;
While frail laburnums, April's fire,
O'er-topped the hawthorn and sweet-
briar.

I see her stoop and gently take
The lily from its lowly bed,
And for the fragrant southernwood
Pass by the tulip's flaunting red,
And hear her say with gentle zest,
She loved old-fashioned flowers the best.

She treads the winding path no more,
I seek alone that shady spot,
Where still in spring the lilacs bloom
And shines the blue forget-me-not:
While on a dainty apple spray
The thrush re-echoes his own lay.

Is it a flash of angel wings,
Or only swallows in their flight?
We tread the well-known path again,
I hear her footstep slow and light;
She comes to greet, and every flower
Breathes incense on that sacred hour.

Her smile dispels the shades of death,
Lit by the soul's Shekinah glow,
And bliss beyond all human speech
Our souls in sweet communion know;
So Hope remains with peaceful eyes,
And waits that other Paradise.

I Heard a Voice.

By Theodosia Garrison.

I heard a voice in the darkness singing
(That was a valliant soul I knew)
And the joy of his song was a wild
bird winging
Swift to his mate through a sky of
blue.

Myself—I sang when the dawn was
flinging
Wide his gerudon of fire and dew;
I heard a voice in the darkness singing
(That was a valliant soul I knew).

And his song was of love and all its
bringing
And of certain day when the night
was through;
I raised my eyes where the hope was
springing,
And I think in his heaven God smiled,
too.

I heard a voice in the darkness singing
(That was a valliant soul I knew).
—The Metropolitan Magazine (Sept.)

Simple Questions.

I asked my papa why the world
Is round instead of square,
And why the piggies' tails are curled,
And why don't fish breathe air,
And why the moon don't hit a star,
And why the dark is black,
And jest how many birds there are,
And will the wind come back.

And why a horse can't learn to moo,
And why a cow can't neigh,
And do the fairies live on dew,
And what makes hair grow gray.
And then my pa got up an', oh,
The oful words he said!
I hadn't done a thing, but he
Jest sen' me off to bed!

The Wanderer.

James B. Kenyon.

Have you seen our little one?
Yesterday
In our midst she sweetly shone,
Radiant, star-like; there were none
But did love her; ah, they say
That we've lost her—that she's gone
Far away.

You would know her on the street,
Shining hair,
Eyes of blue, and dainty feet—
You would know her should you meet
Our lost darling anywhere;
God's own saints are not more sweet,
Nor more fair.

We have sought her to and fro,
But in vain;
Ah! if she could only know
How our hearts with tears o'erflow,
She would come to us again;
She would take away our woe,
Heal our pain!

Shall we ever see her more?—
Shining head,
Laughing lips and eyes of yore?
Shall we have her as before—
Our lost bird that lightly spread
The swift, viewless wings she wore,
And so fled?

Love's Immortality.

By Elsa Barker.

Among those things that make our love
complete
And high beyond all others I have
known,
This knowledge is not least: That
we have sown

Together seeds of beauty that shall
greet
Strange years in blossoms that the reck-
less feet
Of death shall not destroy; that we
have shown
To blinded eyes the visions of our
own,
And made our blood in other's veins to
beat

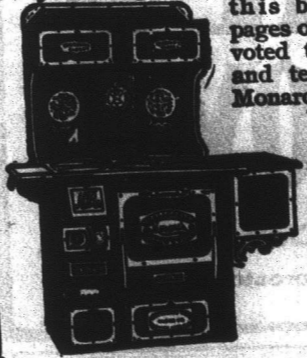
Why should we yearn for immortality
In some imagined heaven, when on
earth
Our flowers of song perfumed the
dusty road
And speak to passers-by of you and me?
Enough if we have justified our birth
Ere entering the inscrutable abode.
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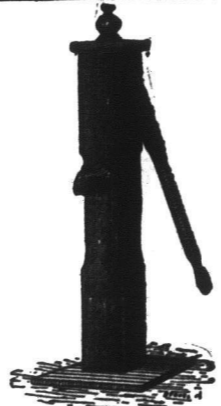
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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

UPTON SINCLAIR. Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle," has a great joke which he is enjoying at the expense of his literary critics. "The Jungle" has met with a great reception, and its forceful qualities recognized by hundreds of thousands from the President of the Republic down to the lowest ranks of labor. But it was not so with his first book. That volume passed through a strange experience. It was published by an obscure publishing house and in an unattractive style of binding. The literary critics turned it down. Ignored it. Paid little or no attention to it. The book was afterwards published by a leading book concern and in splendid form. The result was that the same literary critics pronounced it a creditable work and well worthy of universal attention. So much for the critics. As Macaulay, the historian, has said, the fate of a book depends on what there is in it. Destiny depends on quality. A splendid introduction is a good thing, but after all the final result depends upon the quality of that which is introduced. Napoleon, passing through Italy on an aggressive campaign, remarked: "Great Heavens! How rare men are!" Good men are rare, and for this reason it does not take the world very long to discover merit or recognize ability.

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A superb physical equipment is worth a fortune to any man who knows how to make proper use of it. To be the possessor of a body which responds to every suggestion of the mind, to be able to press on when others are worn out in the race, to be able to stand and withstand, and having done all to stand, in spite of business competition and ever-multiplying details—this is the possibility offered by a splendid physical equipment; but—remember one thing—the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong. What inspires me is the marvelous achievements of men of poor health, shattered nerves and inferior digestion. Muscle is worth its weight in gold, and nerves of iron are never to be ignored, but after all brain is more than brawn, and grit is more than gristle. Alexander H. Stephens weighed eighty-five pounds when at the height of his Congressional career. They rolled him about in a wheel-carriage—wheeled him into the halls of Congress and wheeled him out again. He was all brains and scarcely any body at all. But what grit he displayed. He was the incarnation of courage. He would not surrender to his physical weakness. He mastered it. One who heard him speak in Congress in the year 1848 remarked that it seemed to him that Stephens would not live to finish the speech which he was then delivering. But he not only lived to finish the speech; he lived for thirty-five years afterward, and added speech to speech and oration to oration. My friend of small physical powers, don't give up. You may succeed in spite of your weakness, and, better still, you may develop strength out of your weakness. Roosevelt at twenty was slender and sickly; at forty-five he sits in the presidential chair in perfect command of himself. By manly sports he has turned his body into a willing servant, strong and obedient.

POOR FOOLS AND RICH FOOLS.

Wm. Paley, the famous English divine, was inclined to be dissipated in his college days. Carelessness, noise, hilarity and extravagance marked the first and second years of his college work. One morning a wealthy young man, one of his own idle set, came into the room where Paley was sleeping—or rather over-sleeping—and said to him: "Paley, you are a fool. You are wasting your time and your chances. Your way of going on is silly and senseless. Why don't you arouse yourself and do something worthy?" That was the turning point in Paley's career. Before he had left his bed he had made up his mind to lead a different life. He practically said to himself: "The young men who belong to my set are rich and well-to-do. In a few years each one will inherit a fortune. When that day comes they will have small need for me unless I can stand alone in character and ability." Let rich fools spend their money and squander their time, but let the young man whose only capital is strength and ability be careful how he trifles with his early chances and opportunities.

THE POWER OF PURPOSE.

There comes a good story from the Alaskan mines concerning a young Swede whose opportunities had been so limited in early life that he was nothing

more than a stable boy before he went into the mines. He was fortunate enough to secure a good claim, and as the result of earnest work and persistent effort he was rewarded with a good product of gold. One day his partner, who was also a Swede, asked him what he proposed to do with his money. His answer was exceedingly suggestive. He replied, "I propose to do more for the world than the world has ever done for me." That was a splendid resolution; and recently he has carried out his purpose and crystallized his thought in action. This foreign born ex-hostler has just given \$50,000 to endow a college in the far West. His motto is worth repeating: "I propose to do more for the world than the world has ever done for me."

A CLEAN RECORD.

A clear conscience and a clean record make a happy combination. To know you are just and right, and to have the world recognize your justice and righteousness, is a garland of glory worth coveting. Only a few days before his death Charles H. Spurgeon, referring to a letter which he had received, and which contained something which might be spoken of as a threat, replied, "You may write my life across the sky. I have nothing to conceal." Noble language, and the true expression of a consistent soul.

FOUNDATION WORK.

In the achievement of success it is always hard to make a beginning. Notice how slow are the movements of an express train when it first begins to leave the depot. The wheels respond reluctantly to the power congested in the cylinders of the engine. To get the train of success properly started is the problem of commercial life. Commodore Vanderbilt said that in building up a great fortune his first and greatest difficulty was to get the first ten thousand dollars—after that everything else was comparatively easy. The first ten thousand—that's the problem. Perhaps the first thousand would start the train in your case. The first work is the important thing. It is foundation work. It required years and years to lay the foundation of Minots Ledge Lighthouse, but after that the lighthouse went up in a few months. In this sense "It is a success to succeed." Unto him that hath shall be given. Once make room for yourself in the world, and then the world will make room for you. A dollar in the hands of a successful man is worth twice as much as a dollar in the hands of a bankrupt. Succeed!

FALSE IDEALS.

False ideals have been the ruin of many a splendid fellow. To imagine that character and cash have no relationship one to the other, and that the less character a man possesses the larger his bank account will be in the end—this sort of philosophy has ruined many a promising youth. Time is money. Knowledge is power. Character is cash. Many a man's credit is good because his character is good. Ask your banker. He grants a loan to a customer who is poor but honest in preference to the man who is rich but crooked. A character guarantee is sometimes better than a cash guarantee. A clever young student joined the American Bar some years ago. On the day he was admitted to the bar a brilliant young lawyer, several years his senior, took him by the right hand and said: "Now then, let me give you a piece of advice. Have your name taken off the church roll and burn your Bible, and you will make your mark in the legal profession. The young man listened respectfully to the advice of his friend, but inwardly decided to follow the high ideals and Christian principles of his early training. Success came to him early and remained with him throughout his career. About twenty years after the above incident occurred, this same brilliant young man who had proffered such dangerous advice to his fellow student walked into the office of his now successful comrade. What a sight he presented! His hair matted. His face bloated. His eyes bloodshot—a complete physical wreck. Extending his hand to his old comrade, he exclaimed: "For God's sake give me a half-a-dollar and let me get out of this town to get off this spree." He had followed his own advice, and presented a telling illustration of a life ruined by false ideals.

HOW TO WIN AN ENEMY.

The young preacher's success depends very largely on his ability to make friends and to keep them. Henry Ward Beecher, in addressing the theological students of Yale College, said: "I had a man in my parish

in Indiana who was a very ugly fellow. He had a wife and daughter who were awakened during the revival which was then working; and, while visiting others who needed instruction, I went to see and talk with them. He heard that I had been in the house, and shortly afterwards I passed down the street in which he lived. He was sitting on the fence; and of all the filth that was emptied on a young preacher's head, I certainly received my share. He threw it out, right and left, up and down, and said everything that was calculated to harrow my pride. I was very wholesomely indignant for a young man. I said to myself: 'Look here, I will be avenged on you yet.' He told me I should never darken his door again, to which I responded that I never would until I had his invitation to do so. Things went on for some time. I met him on the street, bowed to him, spoke well of him, and never repeated his treatment of me to anyone. We constantly crossed each other's paths, and often visited the same people. I always spoke kindly of him. Very soon he ran for the office of sheriff, and then I went out into the field and worked for him. I canvassed for votes. I used my personal influence. It was a pretty close election, but he was elected. When he knew I was working for him, I never saw a man so utterly perplexed as he was. He did not know what to make of it. He came to me one day, awkward and stumbling, and undertook to 'make up,' as the saying is. He said he would be delighted to have me come and see him." That is a long quotation to make from a single lecture, but what a fine illustration of personal tact it furnishes. Conquer your enemies by loving them.

A LIQUOR MAN'S ADVICE.

W. E. Broderick, of Baltimore, retiring President of the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, when asked by a young man the question, "Mr. Broderick, I want your opinion as an expert: What is the best kind of whiskey to drink?" Broderick looked at him earnestly and then said: "My boy, the answer to that question is dead easy. The best whiskey to drink is none at all." There you are. You have his answer. He is in the business. He ought to know.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR.

Paul O. Stensland, the bank-wrecker of Chicago, is a captive on the way back to the city of his commercial success and awful failure. Remorse seems to have taken possession of him. A telegram from Tangier, Africa, says: "Stensland was a broken-down man to-day. Remorse has been his constant companion. All last night he wept continuously, and at times his paroxysms of tears so alarmed the guards that they were on the point of calling a doctor. The captain of the guards, a distinguished looking white-bearded Arab, shortly after daybreak to-day, found him sitting in a chair, rocking, weeping, and moaning. He had placed a handkerchief over his eyes and abandoned himself utterly to an outburst of grief." As we read the telegram two old-fashioned texts seem to loom up before us: "Be sure your sin will find you out," and "The way of the transgressor is hard."

STEADFAST vs. STUCKFAST.

It has been well said that there is a vast difference between being steadfast and stuckfast. Inability to move is not steadfastness. The fact that you occupy the same spot which you did ten or twenty years ago is no evidence of stability. Lack of energy is not stability. Lack of enterprise is not steadfastness. Paul, you remember, said on one occasion, referring to certain trials and afflictions, "None of these things move me," and yet no man ever moved so much or so rapidly as the Apostle Paul. In doctrine and principle he was steadfast; in plan, method, and work he was ever pushing and persistent.

THE MOTIVE MAKES THE MAN.

When Coleridge was a schoolboy, he was going to school one day, and while hurrying rapidly along the street thinking of the story of Hero and Leander, and imagining himself to be swimming the Hellespont, he threw wide his arms as though breasting the waves. As fate would have it, his hand struck the pocket of a passer-by and knocked the purse out of the stranger's pocket. To all appearances young Coleridge was a pick-pocket. He could have been sent to jail for tampering with his neighbor's valuables. The outer deed was that of a thief. The inner motive was that of a youth whose imagination had been set on fire by a love for poetry. The stranger, surprised and startled, listened to the explanation proffered by young Coleridge, and, believing it, became his friend for life, sending young Coleridge to college at his own expense and proving his trusted friend through life. Thus the philosopher tells us, "The motive made what was outwardly wrong to be inwardly right."

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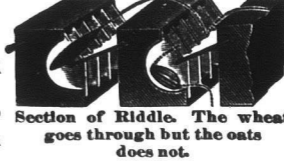
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What the World is Saying



The American Winston Churchill.

A correspondent of the British Weekly from New Hampshire writes to that paper:—

Years ago I had read "The Crisis," and more recently "Coniston," and this week, when I saw that the author of these interesting books was to address a meeting in a neighboring town, I determined to go and hear him. New Hampshire is known in America as "the Granite State," and its people, like those of Aberdeen, are hard-headed, practical and shrewd. They have to be, for the State is agriculturally poor, though no part of the country has contributed to the commonwealth a higher percentage of famous men. There was a large crowd to listen to the young politician, who has come out to do battle against a great railroad corporation. He is a tall, handsome man with very dark eyebrows and a strong, intellectual face. He writes better than he speaks. He hasn't the fluency and vigor of his famous English cognomen, but his argument was convincing and made a profound impression. As one listened to the strange story of corruption in the legislative halls of the State, one marvelled that these people have stood it so long. But the Churchill campaign is only one other sign of the determination of the American people to put their house in order. It is part of an ethical revival that is sweeping the country. At the close of the address, as I watched the grave, earnest face of this young man, I felt that the prophecy of the writer in the Sketch was not altogether misplaced, and that I had been listening to a future President of the United States.

The Promise of Pres. C. M. Hays.

The public of the West have been considerably disappointed by the fact that no signs of a vigorous construction campaign have been in evidence on the part of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Hays has allayed all fears in the following statement made in Edmonton:—

Yes, sir, the Grand Trunk Pacific will fulfil its promises. The Grand Trunk Pacific always fulfils its promises. We will move our share of the crop of 1907 over the rails of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and by that time the road will be completed right into the city of Edmonton. I do not want to say that the road will be completed into this city on the 1st of August, 1907. I do not say that it will not, mind you, but I do not care to state specifically that it will or to set any certain date. Mr. Morse and I have been very careful not to name any certain day on which the road will be completed into your city. I do not think that it is fair to a railroad man to expect him to say that at 10.30 o'clock on August 1st, for instance, the first train will arrive in the city. But I do say that we will be here in time to move the crop of 1907. That was the purpose of our present trip, and I believe that we can report that everything is satisfactory. These were the words of Charles M. Hays this morning, and they should effectually dispel any doubt as to whether the big transcontinental will reach the city at the time predicted a year ago.

The Benefits of a Local Paper.

Under the above headline, the Rosthern Enterprise has a capital article showing the unmistakable value of the town sheet to the local community. It says:—

The city newspapers are all right if you want them, but it is the local papers that advertise your business, your schools, your numerous societies, sympathise with you in your afflictions and rejoices in your prosperity; in short, it is your local paper that mentions the thousand and one items in which you are interested during the year, and which the city papers do not. It is the home paper that records your birth, publishes your marriage and chronicles your death. To the great journals—the forty page compendium of the daily happenings of the world—you are not even a cypher. To get the least notice from them you must steal \$100,000, commit an atrocious murder, or have half a dozen living wives. But your local papers watch over you with loving solicitude all the time. If you are sick, it is sorry and hopes you will soon be well. It tells when you come and go: when your house

is burnt down, or you build a new one; when your Johnny has the mumps, or your Mary has the measles, and how much your little Pete weighs on arrival. And when you require the whole street and both sidewalks to get home from lodge, it shuts both eyes and "mum's" the word. Yes, take the big papers if you are interested in what is going on in Africa, but if you want to keep up with your own biography take your home paper.

The Wide Diffusion of Islam.

The Missionary Review of the World gives some startling facts about a religion which, in the popular mind, is supposed to be unprogressive:—

Of the estimated 200 millions of Mohammedans, 5 are in Europe, 60 in Africa, and 135 in Asia; 18 millions are under Turkish rule, 26 under other Moslem rulers, 32 under heathen rulers, and 124 under Christian rule or protection. Over 60 millions speak Indian languages—Urdu, Bengali, Pushtu, Gujarati, etc.; 45 Arabic, 28 Hausa and African languages, 20 Chinese, 15 Malay, 13 Slavonic, 9 Persian, and 8 Turkish. Nearly every important city in the Moslem world of over 100,000 population is a centre of missionary effort by printing press, hospital, school or college.

Western Races Dying.

Various causes have been given for the declining birth rate of European countries. But whatever the cause, the fact remains. Figures do not lie, and the Chicago Tribune has given a few which come with the severity of a jolt:—

The real yellow peril is European race suicide. The birth rate in the German empire continues on its downward course, being only 33.9 per thousand in 1903, from 35.7 per thousand in 1901. In Great Britain, the birth rate has fallen from 30.7 in 1893 to 27.6 in 1904. French statistics show that at present the birth rate is only 22 per thousand. It is interesting speculation to try to foretell what another century may bring forth in the world's politics if the birth rate of western nations continues to decline and that of the orient keeps up as high as it has in the past.

Dislike to Women Teachers.

American and Canadian women enjoying full liberty can see from the heated debate which took place at the annual convention of the German Teachers' Association, held in Munich, how great is the prejudice in Germany as to the enlargement of woman's employment. The discussion was aroused by the following thesis, presented to the convention by Teacher Laube of Chemnitz:—

"The employment of women in the public schools shall not be considered from the standpoint of an extension of the sphere of woman's activity, but solely the interest of the schools. The education of the rising youth shall be the mutual work of the two sexes. But as in the family woman's influence is predominant, and as the public school supplements family life, the education of boys and girls must be under male influence. The demand that only female teachers shall be employed in girls' schools must be denied for the following reasons: A woman teacher cannot claim to possess deep understanding of a girl's nature. In fact, according to her physical and psychic perception, according to her previous education or social condition, a female teacher is not fully prepared to do the work of the Volksschule. She cannot replace a male teacher, but only supplement him. In the feminizing of the teachers' corps we see a danger for the development of the institutions and for their independence. Through woman's celi-bacy she is taken away from the home and, as a rule, old teachers are usually embittered spinsters. A school needs a whole man and requires his whole services."

How to Get Rid of the Mosquito.

An address was delivered recently to the residents of Hanlon's Island, Toronto. The subject was "How to Get Rid of the Mosquito." The lecturer was Mr. H. C. Weeks, secretary of the

American Society for the Extermination of the Mosquito. This insect is a plague in the West, so that the remarks of Mr. Weeks will have not only a local, but a national bearing. Mr. Weeks stated that the extermination of the mosquito was coming to be considered as important to cities as any public improvement. After citing many dangers of the pest, the speaker dwelt on means of getting rid of the pest. The only effective method of extermination was that of draining low, swampy places where the insect breeds. Several of the States across the border have passed legislation along this line. He suggested clearing lagoons and ponds, already congested badly with weeds and grasses. Lawns were to be kept well mowed. Water barrels and all pools or wet places in back yards should be covered up.

The Census of 1911.

An excellent article has appeared in the Calgary Albertan on our "Growing West." The Toronto News, speaking of it, says:—

The Calgary Albertan believes that the census of 1911 will show more than one-third of the people of Canada to be west of the Great Lakes, and that by 1916 the West will have an absolute majority of the population. This means that the Parliament of 1921 will draw its majority from the four provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. There is now more than a million of people in the Western Provinces. While the census figures are not complete, it is estimated that the Province of Alberta will show a population of 180,000, and the Province of Saskatchewan of 330,000. The Province of Manitoba, which had a population of 255,211 in 1901, has shown an increase of 53,000 in Winnipeg, and will probably show a population of 400,000 for the entire province. No census has been taken of British Columbia, but it is estimated that the expansion of Vancouver and some of the cities in Southern British Columbia, the population is not far short of 250,000. These figures give a total population to the Western Provinces of 1,100,000, and the calculation probably will prove to be fairly accurate.

Hon. R. L. Borden and Public Ownership.

Mr. Borden regards the public domain as including the natural resources and facilities, the great national franchises and public utilities. Of the general subject he says:—

"Government ownership or operation is repeatedly challenged because of incompetent or corrupt administration. There is no other argument against it; but shall all private enterprises be condemned because of insurance frauds or business failure, or corporate graft? We shall not renounce the administration of our public lands because of Saskatchewan valley land deals or grazing lease scandals, nor hand over the Intercolonial to a private corporation because its management has been so utterly discredited. The principle of state ownership is no more to be condemned for defects or errors of administration than is the general principle of responsible government. The remedy is to mend the methods. To-day the grossest maladministration is rife in some public departments of Canada. Outrageous election scandals are continuously disclosed. Shall we, therefore, abandon altogether the system of parliamentary government, or repeal the British North America Act?"

The World's Biggest Churches.

The capacity of the great churches of the world, allowing four persons to every square yard of available space within them, is given as follows, by the "Roman Advertiser," which does not appear to have made a complete list:—

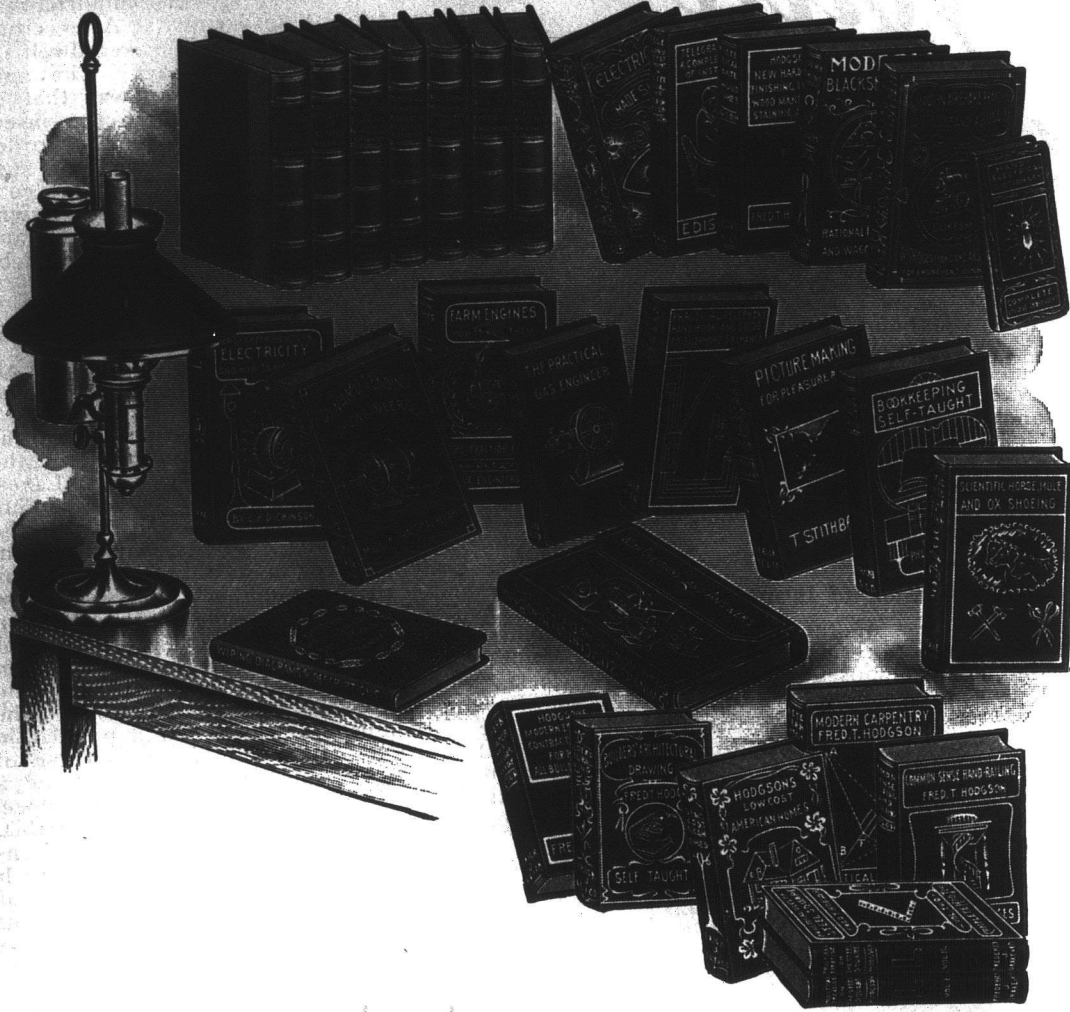
Milan Cathedral	37,000
St. Peter's, Rome	32,000
St. Paul's, London	25,600
St. Petronio's, Bologna	24,400
Florence Cathedral	24,300
Antwerp Cathedral	24,000
St. Sophia's, Constantinople	23,000
St. John's Lateran	22,900
Notre Dame, Paris	21,000
Pisa Cathedral	13,000
St. Stephen's, Vienna	12,400
St. Dominic's, Bologna	12,000
St. Peter's, Bologna	11,400
Cathedral of Siena	11,000
St. Mark's, Venice	7,000

The piazza of St. Peter's, in its widest limits, allowing twelve persons to the square yard, holds 624,000; allowing four to the same, drawn up in military array, 208,000. In its narrowest limits, not comprising the porticos of the Piazzetti Rusticucci, 474,000 crowded, and 158,000 in military array.

One of the great churches not included in the foregoing list is the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Montreal, which, next to the famous cathedral in the City of Mexico, also omitted from this list, is the largest church building in America, and has a seating capacity of twelve thousand. The church was built in 1829, and is noted for its magnificent chimes, one of the bells of which, "Le Gros Bourdon," is one of the largest suspended bells and weighs 24,780 pounds.

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No less an authority than Miss Worden has told us that beauty of face and figure comes by way of the prosaic and despised scrubbing brush. "Do housework and you'll be handsome," is the slogan of this young lady. The male animal

BEAUTY AND THE SCRUBBING BRUSH. will feel a thrill of delight as he reads this advice, for many of the wrinkles on his corrugated brow have been developed in trying to pay and keep a servant girl. In reality, he has paid the girl to grow handsome, while his own wife has degenerated into fat and ugliness. Miss Worden sounds the trumpet of his deliverance. "Do your own housework," she says. "If you want out-of-door air, get out and wash the windows." Phew! O, ye society dames, languorous ones, who loll on downy divans, "Get out and wash the windows." The command is couched in a brevity that is not ambiguous even to the illiterate new-rich matron. "Get out," etc. But more of the same follows with a charming and unsophisticated naivete. The writer says: "Washing at the tub is well known to be one of the best things there is for health and complexion." How brutally direct! Throw away your rouge pots and go to the wash tub! This will solve the servant girl problem. Bon-bon dishes and souvenir spoons will be superseded by wash tubs, and the wringing machine will be raised to the same standard of respectability as the piano.

Dr. Henry Campbell, of London, has discovered a ready-to-hand cure for alcoholism. The magic word is health. "Keep your digestion sound and you wont want alcohol," is the simple advice of Dr. Campbell. It is a kind of paternal pat, given with a "bless-you - my - children" air. Many minds have investigated the subject, thousands of books have been written on it; but Dr. Campbell was not known then with his "Keep your digestion sound" formula. The Doctor says man needs stimulants, must have them, in fact. "From earliest times man has been accustomed to stimulants of one kind or another." Meat and vegetables will do the deed. "I have seen children semi-intoxicated after a meal of meat and vegetables." We were always uncertain what to call that warm, pervasive glow incidental to a good "square." We are in doubt no longer. In the classic language of the West, we were "jagged." The cauliflower of the fifteen cent Italian restaurants did it, or was it the products of the Chicago packing houses? However, to all and sundry, Dr. Campbell says keep your digestive apparatus well-oiled, well repaired, in a word healthy, "and you wont want alcohol." Ah!

HEALTH AS A CURE FOR INEBRIETY. We do not like thee, Doctor Fell,
The reason why we cannot tell.

It has become the practice of rich men like Carnegie and Rockefeller to grow prophetic in their old age. James J. Hill has also joined the prophets. Mr. Hill may be described as a prophet with honor in his own country. His latest horoscopic utterance is that the worship of manufacture and trade must give place to the tillage of the soil. To quote:—
"Only one-half of the land in private ownership is now tilled. That tillage does not produce one-half of what the land might be made to yield, without losing an atom of its fertility. Yet the waste of our treasure has proceeded so far that the actual value of the soil for productive purposes has already deteriorated more than it should have done in five centuries of use. There is, except in isolated and individual cases, little approaching intensive agriculture in the United States. There are only the annual skimmin^g of the rich cream, the exhaustion of virgin fertility, the extraction from the earth by the most rapid process of its productive powers, the deterioration of life's sole maintenance. And all this with that army of another hundred million people marching in plain sight toward us and expecting and demanding that they shall be fed." The first requisite, Mr. Hill says, is a clear recogni-

tion that the tillage of the soil is the natural and most desirable occupation for man, to which every other is subsidiary, and to which all else must yield.

Mr. R. L. Patterson, manager of Miller and Richards, type foundry, has had the boldness to say that the Chinese are a necessity to the building up of Western Canada. He claims that he does not stand alone, and that the shutting out of Chinamen is owing to the cowardice of public men, who fear to meet their constituents at the next election.

SHALL WE LOWER THE TAX ON CHINAMEN? Whether Mr. Patterson is right or not, it has become patent that the present methods of obtaining labor are most unsatisfactory and cannot long continue. This rushing men from and back to the East pays neither the farmer nor the laborer. The objection to the Chinaman is that he sends his money and his bones out of the country, and that generally he is an undesirable citizen. But humorists and humanitarians have met these charges with arguments that cannot be gainsaid. That Chinamen are industrious, hard working and conscientious, must be said. Mr. Patterson quotes Hon. Thos. Greenway as saying: "Eight or ten years ago, the production of a bushel of wheat cost the farmer 35c. To-day the cost of the same bushel has advanced to 50c., owing to the increased cost of farm laborers."

President Roosevelt has issued an edict to the effect that in future all messages from the President and all other documents emanating from the White House shall be printed in accordance with the recommendation of the Spelling Reform Committee. This committee has published a list of 300 words in

THE KING'S ENGLISH AND THE PRESIDENT'S AMERICAN. which spelling is reformed. A sample new method is here given: "Fagot, fantasm, fantasy, fantom, favor, favorite, fervor, fiber, fixt, flavor, fulfill, fulness. Gaze, Gazel, gelatin, gild (not guild), gypsy, gloze, glycerin, good-by, gram, gript. Harbor, harken, heapt, hematin, hiccup, hock (not hough), homeopathy, homonym, honor, humor, husht, hypothense." The arbitrary act of the President has been severely censured by many distinguished men. One of the sanest criticisms is that of President Faunce, of Brown University, who says: "I do not believe it is possible or desirable by any act of government to change the orthography of the English language. The result of centuries of growth can not be annihilated by act of congress or by any organization, large or small. Nothing would be gained by teaching the children a wholly new system of spelling which would make the Bible and all our English classics appear as if in a foreign tongue."

The reading public has long been familiar with the term "Comstockian" as related to the suppression of indecent literature. But lately Mr. Comstock has invaded the sacred domain of art in seizing and suppressing an edition of the American Student of Art. "THE CRIME OF THE NUDE." A storm of abuse has been roaring around his large and hairless head ever since. Mr. Comstock does not care for storms, though, and hurls back at his detractors some thunderbolts in the way of facts which one would think should silence them. "Ephesus," he says, "was a centre of art during the most refined period of Grecian art, and yet was a city of base immorality." He cites the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. "Painters and sculptors of those cities have recorded the standard of immorality which brought down fire and brimstone from heaven to blot out the cities." Mr. Comstock is a literalist, and quotes Scripture like Dr. Dowie. Believing that art is the avowed enemy of morality, he says: "Wherever artists have been allowed to place their degraded conceptions of woman's form upon canvas, and intrude them before the masses, the morals of the people have gone down—cursing the community." There is a via media. Mr. Comstock and his detractors have rushed to hysterical extremes. There is middle ground, and they will yet find it.

How does the modern actress manage to keep herself looking so young. That is a question that often occupies the mind of the theatre-goer as he sits in shaded light looking at the bit of youthful beauty and agility on the stage. Actresses work hard, and at night too. They are much in railroad trains, and must put up at poor hotels. Yet they look young and fresh notwithstanding these drawbacks. What is the secret of their youth? One of the answers is that the woman of the stage regards worry as excess baggage that she will not carry. Eliminating worry and regarding beauty as an end rather than a means has given the stage a flower garden of feminine loveliness. More, the beauty of the actress is phenomenally long in duration. How to kill worry is the problem of the actress. Lillian Russell and many other women of the stage have turned to Christian Science, others to mental culture, all striving to place mind over matter, and so eliminate some of the thorns that would otherwise get into the flesh.

THE SECRET OF THE ACTRESSES' YOUTH.

England is crying out against the depopulation of her rural districts. The drain on them has been so great that statesmen are becoming seriously concerned. Within the last half-century the land under cultivation in this country has gone down by fully 4,000,000 acres—from 16,617,420 acres in the quinquennial period of '71-'73, to 12,495,170 in 1905. During the same period the number of agricultural laborers has decreased by practically 50 per cent.—that is, from a total of 1,376,052 in the census year of 1851 to 727,130 in the census year of 1901. Many causes have acted in combination to produce rural depopulation. The great development of manufacturing, mining, and ship-building, and other industrial concerns has had an enormous influence in the way of drawing the most able and enterprising of country-bred youths to the cities. Within the last few years enormous numbers of the most capable and enterprising young men among the rural classes in the country have gone to Canada, attracted by "free farms" of 160 acres each. The extent of this emigration alone may be judged from the fact that during the year ending in June last, no fewer than 77,144 persons went from England to Canada, 19,509 from Scotland, and 3,867 from Ireland.

There were some good things about the San Francisco earthquake after all. The best buildings were demolished, fire reigned supreme, robbery was rampant, but the people's health has been much better since the trouble. What is the reason given? Not the seismic disturbance itself. There is nothing healthy in an earthquake. But it has been said that under the disturbed condition, the people found it necessary to adopt a more simple and wholesome method of living. A medical journal says:—
"These people were fortunately deprived of their street cars, alcohol and luxuries; they had nothing but simple food, and they were compelled to take exercise in the open air to get it. The men found it possible to live without cigars or whisky, and the women without candy. They cooked their simple meals in the streets for the better ventilation of their houses; for lack of light they went to bed early with the compensation that they rose with the lark. They had the enforced benefits of sanitariums, and good health was the result."

THE VALUE TO HEALTH OF AN EARTHQUAKE.

In the quest of culture there arises many a problem as to what to do and what not to do; and not always is the solution of the problem to be found. What to read and what not to read often presents a difficulty. The question as to what hurtful influence has resulted from the remarkable growth of the modern newspaper has been discussed in Collier's Weekly and by other learned people. The conservative, dignified and scholastic views it with indifference or horror. The poets and dreamers know the Press for its encroachments upon their artistic sensibility. Tolstoy has decided to eschew the modern newspaper and devote himself to the study of Marcus Aurelius, Plato, Cicero, Voltaire, Emerson, Ruskin, and others of like excellence. Tolstoy's attitude is scarcely one with which issue may not be taken. In theory, the newspaper is excellent; if in practice it falls below the ideal requirements—why it is just like any other institution of which humans dream perfect dreams, and then find it too severe a task to make of those dreams realities.

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What to Wear and when to wear it

Millinery in General.

Millinery openings, both wholesale and retail, have been the order of the month. The wholesale houses have done a rushing trade, but the retailers have been somewhat slimly patronized on account of the extremely fine weather that prevailed throughout the month. Women with plenty of money may avail themselves of first choice, but the rank and file are glad enough to make their summer hat do a month longer where possible. Western summers are so short at best that it seems a pity to curtail by one hour the wearing of summer garments, and certainly no women in Winnipeg has been guilty of that folly during the past month. White linens, white muslins, white serges, have been the order of the day, and the one suggestion of fall has been the long, loose coats of grey, fawn or cream color that have been slipped on over light gowns on cool evenings. This hot September is a surprise and a novelty to the more newly arrived, but Westerners who date back to the early eighties know that it is not the first time that white frocks have been popular in September, and indeed I remember very well wearing white wash gowns in the October of 1886.

Of course, merchants object to this weather, because it delays sales, but they are the only people who find fault with it.

The millinery is extremely pretty this season, and has one recommendation that was lacking in that of last year—it is very light on the head. Thank fortune the heavy hat is a thing of the past.

The hats are on the whole small, some of them very small, and many of them medium. It is a noticeable feature that the more fashionable and expensive the stock carried, the larger the percentage of very small hats.

Shapes. It would be difficult to think of anything in a shape that would be really outre, so varied are the designs shown. A careful examination reveals the fact, however, that there are a few general models upon which all the others are based.

Quite the newest new thing is the Derby crown, and these crowns are combined with a variety of brims. The newest brim is the helmet, and these are used on shapes with Derby crowns, and also on shapes with low flat crowns. Wherever the Derby crown is used, it is covered tight and plain with velvet or satin, or is of fine French felt or smooth, silky beaver.

This talk on Derby crowns may lead the girl at home to think that she may utilize the crown of her brother's Derby hat, but this would be a fatal error, for though the shape is precisely the same, the size is many degrees smaller. The shapes this season are tolerably easy for the home girl to trim, but the making of the shapes themselves is quite beyond the amateur, and should not be attempted.

In large hats, of which there are a fair number, the tendency is to high, straight crowns, perfectly flat on top, and wide brims, either of the Vesta Tilley order, wider behind than in front, or else slashed and rolled back in some fantastic fashion,—the odder the better. These hats are almost invariably covered absolutely plain, with velvet panned or fluffy, and are decorated with plumes and bunches of fruit or flowers.

The Peter Pan hats are rather on the lines of the Glengarry turban of last year, but smaller, and have bankings of ribbon or flowers at the extreme back falling over the hair. They are very smart and natty, and will be a most useful hat for driving in windy weather.

In ready-to-wear and outing hats, the French felt hat is in evidence,

and they are as light as feathers and have a substance that seems to withstand any amount of scuffing. All colors are shown in them, but grey, brown, navy and royal blue lead. There is an immense number of grey felts, and they harmonize perfectly with the long grey coats already alluded to.

Colors. What are the leading colors? you ask. Brown, grey, Burgundy and black once more in favor. The browns, as I mentioned in the September number, are the soft wood, rather than the golden browns of last year, and one shade which is known as mink brown, is the very color of the darkest strip along the back of a mink. It is a fad to have a hat of this shade of velvet with mink band to match and brown plumes. The color that blends the most perfectly with this shade of brown is known as French Cherry, and, if I may be forgiven the apparent contradiction, it is a lovely bright red with a blue bloom on it. One of the prettiest hats I saw at the openings was a Derby crown and helmet brim, the crown covered with wood-brown velvet, the outside brim with mink to match, and a single fold of the French cherry between the brim and crown. Three splendid brown plumes were caught on the crown and fell over the hair. The brim on the under side, where it was shoved up with the helmet effect, was filled in with pleatings of wood-brown tulle. This charming creation was from one of the best houses in Paris, and was marked \$52.75, but I fancy any clever girl, given the shape, could get much the same effect for less than half the money, feathers and all. If she were content with tips in the place of plumes, it could be done for \$15. Next to brown, the richest color is the Burgundy, which is really a wine shade, and runs from the pink of some of the light wines to the deep, dull, glowing red-purple of the dregs of wine. It is a wonderful color, and, strange to say, the dark shades combine charmingly with pale blue. A favorite decoration on a hat of the darkest shade of Burgundy is a feather shading from faint pink through all the gradations to dregs of wine, and this feather may be caught with a cluster of roses in shades of blue.

The grey is in all shades from the palest French grey to Oxford, but the lighter shades are the more popular in millinery and the darker shades in suitings.

Black hats have always been popular in the West, and there is a very general revival in their favor. There is one difference, however. Formerly if any hats were large, it was the black ones; now if any hats are especially small, it is the black ones, and they are nearly all decorated with heavy tasseled black plumes. Quite a number of the helmet shapes have the feathers put on very much after the fashion of the plumed helmets of the knights of old,—that is, caught in the front or to the side of the crown, drawn right over it and falling on the hair behind.

Decorations. The winter season of 1906 is pre-eminently a season of feathers and flowers. Not for ten years at least have ostrich feathers been so popular, and of course the rage for them is making them correspondingly high in price. The quality is good, however, and if there is one thing in millinery that a woman can justify a high price for, it is a good ostrich feather or good tips. If they are natural and not pieced, she will surely get the worth of her money in satisfaction and also in actual wear. But let every woman beware of the pieced feather, for it is most assuredly a snare and a delusion.

Next to feathers in popularity are flowers, and in the flowers roses lead. Never, in all my experience, have such perfectly natural roses been put on the market. Every detail is so perfect and each individual rose so varied that instinctively you raise them to your face to inhale the perfume,—by the way, some of them are perfumed.

The roses are, as a rule, large and full blown, though some exquisite buds are shown also. Pink shading through every possible tone to the deepest maroon and Burgundy are all shown. A fad of the moment is to catch the stem of a plume with three or more of these large roses. One unique Paris model carried out this idea. It was a small, silky black hat with turban brim and helmet crown, and the sole decoration was a plume shading from palest blue to deepest royal, and this was caught to the crown with three American beauty roses. It was a most bewitching hat.

Next in popularity to roses are wild flowers, and these are beautiful enough to rave over. The wild grasses are simply perfect, and there are dandelions and dandelion blows, bachelor buttons, buttercups and ox-eyed daisies. These are arranged in sprays, and are used on both felt and velvet hats. Quite frequently you see a soft hat on the lines of a Fedora, only much larger, trimmed with a single spray of buttercups and grasses, or a spray of grasses alone. These hats would hardly look rich enough for winter, but are the very perfection of style for fall, and look so smart with the coats of plain grey or brown checks and plaids.

After the feathers and flowers, ribbon is the most popular trimming, and when it is used a very great deal is bunched on in the most marvellous manner. One hat shown at a recent opening had two bolts, that would be 36 yards of four-inch ribbon piled on. I cannot say that this form of decoration appeals to me; it is too suggestive of the nouveau riche making vulgar display of their wealth. One thing is certain, and that is, only a very tall woman should attempt to wear a hat decorated in this way.

Neckwear. The ruchings are holding first place, and the latest is a three-ply affair, white on the outside and inside, and some delicate pastel shade between. These ruchings are very pretty and extremely becoming; in fact, they suit everyone. The separate collar will be worn considerably, and there are a number of pretty designs shown, but nothing strikingly new; in fact, it is difficult to think of anything new being invented along that line, there has been such a fearful run on it in the last three years.

With suits, a shirt-waist to match as nearly as possible the cloth of the suit, but of silk or light wool, is finished with collar and cuffs of either stiff linen or sheer linen with hem-stitch edges. String ties are still worn with the stiff collars, and when all is said and done it is the choicest style of neckwear that any woman can affect who has a decent neck, but the woman with a scraggy neck should avoid them as carefully as she would the pestilence. Nothing accentuates a wrinkled neck so much as a severely plain linen collar and a string tie.

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Dickens on the Warship.

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100-pound Armstrongs, four 43-pounders and two 25-pounders.

What a little world, I thought to myself, is this vessel. How I can fancy it hereafter, when it has long left its quiet moorings opposite the green field and has broken out into the wide sea, when the storm lashes it, the thunders bellow over it, and the lightnings drive their fiery shafts at it! I can see her moving with stately majesty to meet the vanguard of the enemy's fleet, breaking through a rain of iron, and driving like a cannon shot into the very heart of the foe.

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The reading aloud should be first assigned to the member of the family who has some natural gift in that direction, or who has had some training, but each one should be taught to take their turn and to learn to read slowly and carefully. Reading aloud, so as to give genuine pleasure, is a very rare, as it is a most pleasing accomplishment. I do not mean dramatic reading, as taught by the average teacher of elocution, *sic* the mark, but simply reading aloud in a well modulated voice and with a proper degree of expression.

At these family readings the dictionary should always be near at hand, and it should be the duty of some one member of the circle to look up the derivation and meaning of any word in doubt.

I venture to predict that any family taking up a regular course of reading aloud in this way will find at the end of the winter, not only that they have added to their store of information about good books, but that as a family they have drawn closer together than they ever did before. Care should be taken in the reading to, in turn, give scope to the particular taste of each child or grown person in the circle. What interests one will be dull to another, so that each should have their turn. It should be a point of honor for each member of the circle to respect the tastes of every other member, and to give courteous and careful hearing to their favorite author. This will tend to develop a surprising amount of esprit de corps, and will also soon widen the range of each member's literary sympathies and affiliations.

GOOD MAGAZINES. Every family should take at least one standard magazine outside of the daily and weekly newspapers, and I would urge that the choice fall on an English or Canadian magazine, rather than an American publication, though the latter may be cheaper.

The looking forward to the arrival of the monthly magazines was one of the pleasures of our childhood. There was Chambers, and the Edinburgh Sunday Magazine, edited in those days by the famous Dr. Guthrie, and Good Words. We lived two and a half miles from the post office, but I remember how my brothers used to plead to be allowed to go for the mail on the days when the magazines were due, no matter how sharp the frost or hard the storm. When they got back and tea was over we gathered round a splendid open fire of maple and beech logs and the magazines were opened. It was a point of honor not to tear off the covers until after tea. Then the continued stories were read aloud. Nearly all of Geo. MacDonald's earlier books came to us in this way.

I especially remember one story, though for the life of me I cannot remember the author. It was called "Against the Stream," the story of an heroic age in England, and was a portrayal, and a masterly one, of the struggle of Wilberforce and his followers for the freedom of the slaves. It was so well written and so vivid that it used to seem hardly possible to wait from one month to another for the next chapter. Many of Edwin Garratt's books came out in these magazines, and a wonderful series of sketches of the London poor, entitled "Our District," by a Riverside Visitor. Though the stories were read first, and were most appreciated by my brothers and myself, yet we sat and listened to the graver articles read aloud for the older heads, and gathered much from them. I can remember some of the texts and many portions of sermons by Dr. Guthrie, that I gathered in that way. I trust some of my readers

THE TABARD INN.

The Tabard Inn Library is now an established fact in Winnipeg, and I understand during the present month of October will be introduced into quite a number of the smaller towns throughout the three provinces. I fan I said something before about the working of this library, but it will do no harm to call attention to it once more, as it is pre-eminently a library for country points. In the Tabard Inn you buy one book outright, paying for it \$1.50. If you choose, your connection with the library may cease then and the book remain your property. There are, however, a number of privileges attached to this purchase, the chief of which is that on payment of 5c. you can at any time change your book for another, not only at the point where you made your original purchase, but in any city or town in America where the Tabard Inn have a branch, and they are pretty well diffused over the continent. The advantage of this is enormous, as it insures a new book to read wherever you may travel with but a minimum expense.

The Tabard Inn Library is to be run in connection with the Book Lover's Library, that is, Mr. Way is to supervise the insuring of both. There are a number of privileges to clubs, etc., in connection with both the Tabard Inn and the Book Lover's, which I fully intended to procure and print for the benefit of readers of the column, but other matters have been so pressing I have not found the time to do so. However, I am sure that a card dropped to Mr. Way, Book Lover's Library, Winnipeg, will bring all the information required.

Now that the long, cool evenings are again with us, it seems so natural to turn to the friends in print, that the majority of us neglect in the long, bright days of the all-too-short summer of a northern climate.

WHAT SHALL WE READ?

To the families on farms I feel like making an appeal devoted to the English classics. I find in my travels through the country an appalling number of young Canadians who know little or nothing of Dickens, Thackeray, Scott, Lytton, and kindred writers. Dickens and Scott are pre-eminently authors to read aloud, and once this practice is started in the family circle I am sure it would be kept up. Another English classic for which I would like to make an appeal is "Lorna Doone," Blackmore's great novel of the moors. I simply cannot understand any boy not becoming interested in the adventure of John Ridd and the desperate doing of the Doones, if once properly introduced to them. George Eliot's books should be read also, though they are more difficult to interest children in. I think the best one to begin with would be the "Mill on the Floss," as the lives of Maggie and Tom Tulliver would find an echo in many a child's heart here on our western prairies. Childhood's unexpressed and inexpressible longings are much the same in the Canadian West as they were in the English life of the early part of the nineteenth century.

I make a plea for reading aloud in the family circle because so much of the pleasure of my own childhood days came from it. My taste for good literature was formed by these family readings and discussions of the books read.

will try this plan; once begun, it will be continued. I do not believe there is any farm home so busy that one hour an evening cannot be spared for reading aloud and discussing what has been read. Do try it, dear women, who read the Quiet Hour.

WOMEN WORK IN BRITAIN.

During the month I had the pleasure, along with others, of meeting Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald, the wife of the Labor leader in England, and who is herself chairman of the general committee on legislation in connection with the Woman's Council in Great Britain. Mrs. Macdonald is a small, slight woman, with a most unassuming manner and a pleasant smile, and she gave a little talk on what women in the old land had been able to do in the matter of bringing about better legislation on many matters relating to women, and in other cases preventing unjust or ill-advised legislation becoming law.

The thing that struck me most forcibly was the immense amount already accomplished by just persistently keeping at it. One of the methods employed was to find out when certain bills were coming before the house, get copies of them and mail them to members of the Woman's Council in country towns and villages, and get them to write the local member for their district, pressing upon him that such things should or should not be done.

It struck me then, and after consideration of the matter I am still convinced that this method would be the best for the women of Manitoba to adopt in getting back their privilege of voting, of which they were so unjustly deprived at the last session of the local house.

I have not said anything heretofore about that piece of party juggling; it was so manifestly done to curtail the temperance vote that it seemed hardly worth while talking about it. But the time is coming when this injustice can and should be rectified, and if the women of each community would get together and pour in letters on their local member, I think it would have the desired effect.

The time seems ripe now for not only the restoration of this right (I will not call it a privilege), but for the introduction of full suffrage for women. Once that was established it would not then be possible for a few men, for party purposes, to deprive one-half of the community of their rights.

If local option is a good thing, and I still think it is, though in many particulars it has failed, then the only way to maintain it is for women to have votes, and the only way votes can be obtained is the following up of local members and getting them pledged to this course of action.

Wherever there is a branch of the Local Council of Women, they would be the ones to take the matter up, but where there is no such body the women of the district should band themselves into some kind of society or club for the purpose of urging this reform.

I am sure the time is ripe for a great forward movement in this matter, and I would like to see the women of Manitoba alive to their opportunities.

PUBLIC BATHS.

The number of drowning accidents in Winnipeg this season, and the extremely hot weather, seems to have drawn the attention of citizens generally to the crying need of public baths where boys and girls and young men and young women can be taught to swim.

The Young Women's Christian Association, in the plans for their new building which were prepared last year, have provided for a splendid plunge bath 12x26, and a full complement of shower and tub baths. These will be open to all women, even though they may not be members of the Association. The fee will be a very nominal one. Only the young women from open, breezy farm homes, who are cooped up in cheap boarding houses where there is per-

haps but one bath to ten or a dozen rooms, will appreciate to the full the privilege that they will enjoy as soon as this building is open. There is to be a swimming trainer always in charge of the plunge, and no trouble will be spared to make it comfortable for the Winnipeg women who have not homes of their own.

MISS JONES.

I am sorry to record the departure from Winnipeg of Miss Jones, who so ably filled the position of Travellers' Aid Agent at the Winnipeg depots. Overwork broke down her health to such an extent that she has been obliged to return to England to reside.

All over the West I am sure there are girls and women, whom she helped and comforted when they were strangers, who will be sorry to know that she will no longer greet them when they step from the train in Winnipeg station.

A position of this kind, to a conscientious woman such as Miss Jones, was a very heavy responsibility, and it is small wonder her health gave way. All who met with her will join in wishing her a speedy return to complete health and strength. The giving up of the work here was a real heartbreak to her, and one that she could not speak of without tears.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A friend of mine who attended the British Medical Association meetings in Toronto brought back this delicious joke on some of the learned professors who attended the sessions of that very august body. It seems a number of the professors from Great Britain brought with them cases of pathological specimens for the museum, and these were duly preserved in alcohol. The said professors evidently knew a great deal more about pathology than they did about Canada, her climate, etc., for everyone of the packing cases containing these specimens was carefully marked, "To be preserved from all danger of frost." It seemed poetic justice that these same professors found Toronto hot as any bake oven, and during the session of the gathering sat day after day and mopped their streaming brows and sighed for a cool breeze. It would almost seem as if the clerk of the weather were himself taking a rise out of them. It is quite good enough for Punch.

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Prof. Pearson:—Red-haired people are more conscientious, more quick-tempered, more delicate than dark people.

Andrew Carnegie:—I am 65 years old; but if I could make Faust's bargain, I would give all that I have to live only one-half of my life over again.

Montreal Star:—When a bank fails in China, they cut off the heads of the officials. They haven't had any failures there in recent years.

James Montgomery:—There are plenty of professors of moral philosophy in the university of life.

Hamer Greenwood, M.P.:—What we must have in England is the democratic and popular laws which you have here, and I am assured that the enactment of such laws in England would bind much more closely together the mother country and the various colonies.

Hamer Greenwood, M.P.:—Whatever ideals I started with, I have not surrendered any, and certainly I have not satisfied many ambitions. Had I been born in England I would have been an emigrant to Canada; having been born in Canada, I am able to make a success in England.

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John Dale:—When I first went to Manitoba, the township in which I reside had exactly one house. The Bell Telephone Co. in one week recently gathered in seventy subscribers in this same township. This gives you a trifling idea of the growth of the West.

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Temperance Talk.

Drink Habits of Europeans.

Dr. Wiley, has been making investigations concerning pure food. He is the chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture under the United States government. He has just returned from Europe, where he has been visiting canning establishments, breweries and wine and spirits producing establishments in Great Britain, Germany and France in the interest of the food inspection service of the United States, with a view of learning their methods in the use of preservatives, or coloring matter, or anything else that may be of service in the inspection of imported food materials.

In speaking of the drink habits of Europeans, Dr. Wiley says:

"I went through the Gironde and cognac districts of France. France is producing enormous quantities of wine, principally clarets, and also ships large quantities of brandy. There is a rigid government supervision of the brandy industry, and French brandies, since this law went into effect, are generally pure when they leave the bonded warehouses.

"What astonished me very much was the remarkable increase of beer consumption in France, in spite of the abundance of cheap wines. When I was in Paris years ago, a great many people in the boulevard cafe and in the tabarets drank absinthe, a drink which, aside from its strong alcoholic properties, is very injurious to the health. Now, the Parisian often drinks beer, not only of domestic manufacture, but also imported from Germany, and he orders "un boc" with a nonchalance which does not in the least betray any aversion to its German origin.

"In the northern provinces beer takes very frequently the place of wine, and it almost seems as if beer were becoming the popular drink in some parts of France. This remarkable change in the drink habits of the French people, especially in the abandonment of the vile, poisonous absinthe, will, unquestionably, prove to be of great benefit to the French.

"In Scotland and Ireland I visited the great distilleries, and in England the great breweries. In England some brands of beer, ale, stout etc., are made entirely of barley, malt and hops, and others of malted and unmalted grains and sometimes brewing sugars. The use in part of unmalted cereals produces, it is said, a beer of lighter color, which Americans seem to affect. American brewers say that unmalted cereals produce a smaller quantity of alcohol in beer; whether this is so or not, I can not say; as I have never examined this point.

"In the countries along the Rhine and the Moselle, wine is consumed in large quantities. In Northern Germany where the climate is somewhat rough, and especially in Pomerania, where there is a very poor peasantry, there is

much complaint of the increase in the use of spirits, but in middle and south Germany people drink beer generally.

"The German beer garden is a typical institution. Every city has one or more of them, according to its size. On summer evenings and Sunday afternoons there is generally good concert music in these gardens, rendered by an orchestra or a military band. They are visited by multitudes of people, with very little distinction of station. The people are all neatly dressed, sit at tables—men, women and children, families usually grouped together—and sip their beer, listen to the music and chat in the intervals.

"Although everybody, regardless of sex, and almost regardless of age, drinks beer it is used very moderately, and there is an entire absence of the treating habit. This, and the presence of women and children, exclude the possibility of excess, and the whole is permeated by an atmosphere of refinement and cheerfulness. If beer drinking is condemned by some as an objectionable habit—and every one has a right to an opinion on that subject—It must be admitted, I think, that the Germans practice it in the least objectionable way."

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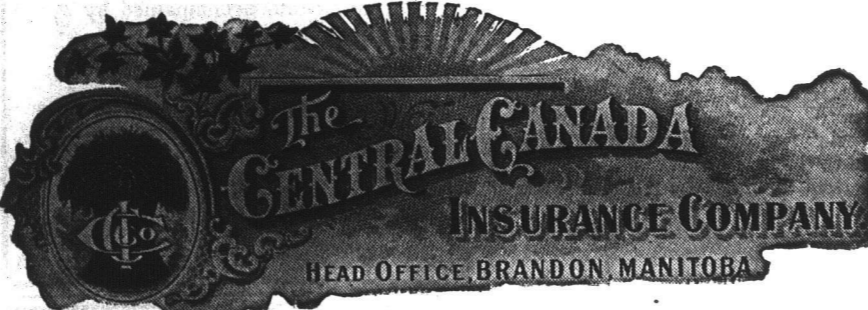
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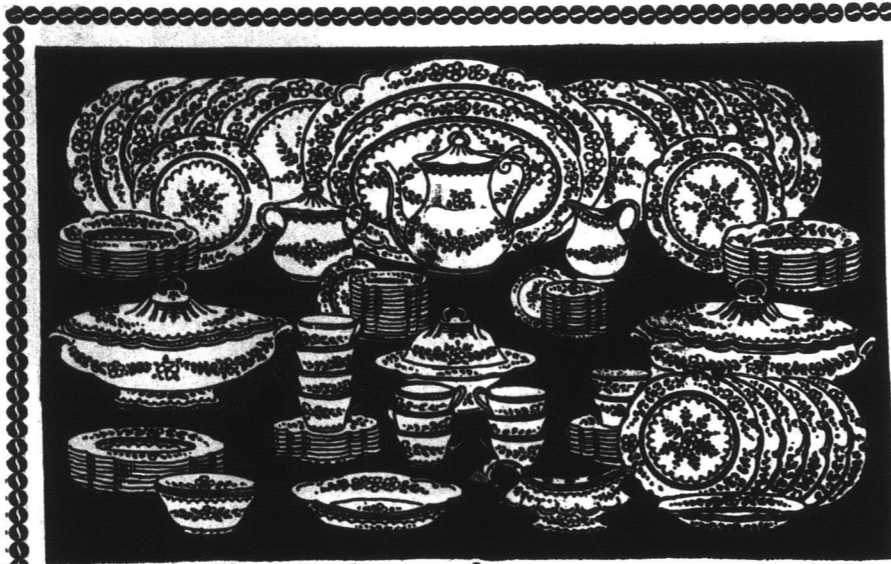
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Recollect, now don't you, mister? You can see it same as me; Member how your hands 'ud blister, Now and then? An' splinters, gee! See the chips an' bark it's holdin', Not a single stick of wood; Hear old mother at you scoldin', Tellin' you to fill it good?

Ust to seem that box, you 'member, Hardly gave you time to play. Kep' you mad clean from September Till warm weather come in May; Seems as though 'twould kill you, still it Didn't, now I'll tell you true— Fer the chance I'd gladly fill it; Yes, you bet, an' you would, too.

Pleurisy—How To Treat.

The affection of pleurisy, or pleuritis, is an inflammation of the pleura. The pleura is the membranous lining of the chest and covering of the lungs. The trouble may have one of several or combination of causes, inasmuch as there are several kinds of the disease. There is the idiopathic (the disease proper), and then there is pleuritis as a complication of some other trouble, such as pericarditis (inflammation of the pericardium), scarlatina, measles, Bright's disease, pneumonia, variola, etc., and there are some few cases where acute pleurisy is the result of tubercular infection, and also of alcoholism.

Idiopathic pleurisy is caused by exposure or an injury. The latter, however, is hardly correct, as it would then be a result of another abnormal condition. It may also seem rather questionable to some to say that pleuritis is the result of exposure. Of course, I am speaking of the idiopathic disease, and not as a complication. A great many are confident they have seen various cases where there had been no exposure, and yet severe pleuritis resulted.

A great many cases are contracted even while the patient is sitting toasting his feet before a fire. But this does not change the exposure clause in the least. That door or window which was open, allowing a cold draught to strike him, was not taken into consideration.

A great many are chagrined to find they have contracted a case of pleurisy after having been out in the cold; they have taken unusual precautions, and cannot understand why they should have this ill result. Let us investigate.

If people knew better how to protect themselves it would be a hard row indeed for the doctors to hoe. Numerous people wear what they are

pleased to term chest protectors. All of us know how they are constructed; they are a protection merely for a small portion of the chest, and just where protection is least needed.

The question now is: Does this little article protect one from exposure which would be likely to affect the pleura? The pleura does not require nearly so much protection where this article lies as it does elsewhere. This membrane is much nearer the surface at the sides and under the shoulder blades than in the chest.

This is the reason why some persons are so chagrined to find that, although they have taken the precaution to wear a chest protector they have contracted a severe case of the difficulty now under consideration.

This cold causes, first, congestion, after which the pleura relaxes, thus permitting a gorging of the blood vessels, which would not otherwise appear. This causes excessive heat and inflammation. The affection may be of only a portion, or of one entire side, or both.

The remedies usually prescribed are blisters of some sort, probably mustard or cantharides. Bromide of potassium is also frequently prescribed for this trouble. But I would consider these remedies injurious rather than otherwise.

There is a simple remedy which is as nearly infallible as any remedy can well be, and it has the additional merit of being very simple and harmless. The condition existing in pleurisy after the trouble is fully established is excessive heat in the region affected, and that which needs to be done is to overcome this.

The patient whom we are to treat is in bed and suffering intense pain; the respirations are short, weak and rapid—reaching thirty-five per minute, perhaps—the pulse rapid but small; a slight fever; a continuous coughing, producing great distress. As the patient lies flat on the back we know both sides are affected.

The back, and, in fact, the whole of the upper portion of the chest are thoroughly washed with vinegar. Then a flannel blanket of sufficient size to fold into four-ply, and yet be large enough to cover the entire back and chest, is secured. This is wrung out of cold water and gently placed into position, being tenderly pressed down upon the surface. It is rather surprising how quickly this becomes heated, as it was not realized how much heat really was there. But there is another flannel all ready to replace this one as soon as it becomes the least heated. It is now placed on and gently pressed to the skin, the one just removed being placed in fresh cold water. This process is continued until all of the pain disappears.

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however. If this, and this alone, should be used in every case, I fear there would be much cause for regret. It frequently occurs that there is a greater drain placed on the general heat of the body by this cooling than can be withstood. It then becomes necessary to overcome this without even modifying the good work that is being done.

To accomplish this, a hot fomentation to the feet is necessary. Secure a large flannel blanket and prepare this according to the directions frequently given in this department, and apply it to the feet and limbs up to the knees. By keeping up this fomentation the vital heat is supplied to the body, and the cooling process for the relieving of the pain of the pleuritis goes on without interruption, performing its mission faithfully.

As soon as the pain is relieved the patient will probably doze off into a quiet sleep, and will secure some much-needed rest. When he awakens there may be a slight return of the pain. If there is, simply repeat the treatment, it will not take nearly as long this time. Two or three times repeating this treatment will be all that is necessary.

Now that it has been learned how to treat disease successfully, let us look at some of the interesting features.

Laymen are frequently struck dumb with amazement and terror by one peculiar feature of this disease. He is carefully watching a case when, to his horror, he notices the heart pulsations to the right of the sternum. To the average layman this seems an absolute impossibility. In another case the pulsations may be noticed just as much out of their natural position, only to the left.

This is explained as follows: In the beginning of the disease, or the first stage, there is merely a hyperaemia (presence of excessive blood) of the pleura, with slight exudation. Then, in the second stage, there is increased exudation, of a grayish-yellow color, completely covering the membrane, and giving it a shaggy appearance. In the third stage there is a copious exudation of a semi-fibrinous glutinous substance, of an adhesive nature. This coagulates, as the aqueous portion absorbs, filling the pleural cavity and even distending it.

If the affection is of the left side, this distension forces the heart from its position, even so far, in some cases, as before explained, as to force it to the right of the sternum. If the affection is of the right side the heart is forced to the left.

By the method of treatment herein given there are few cases of pleurisy which cannot be readily overcome. I have seen this method of treatment effect a speedy and absolute cure where everything else had failed and the sufferer had been given up to die.

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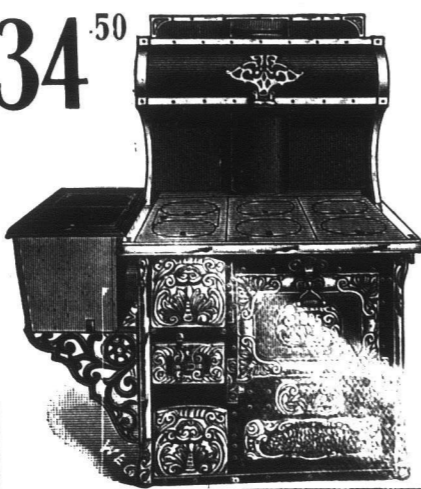


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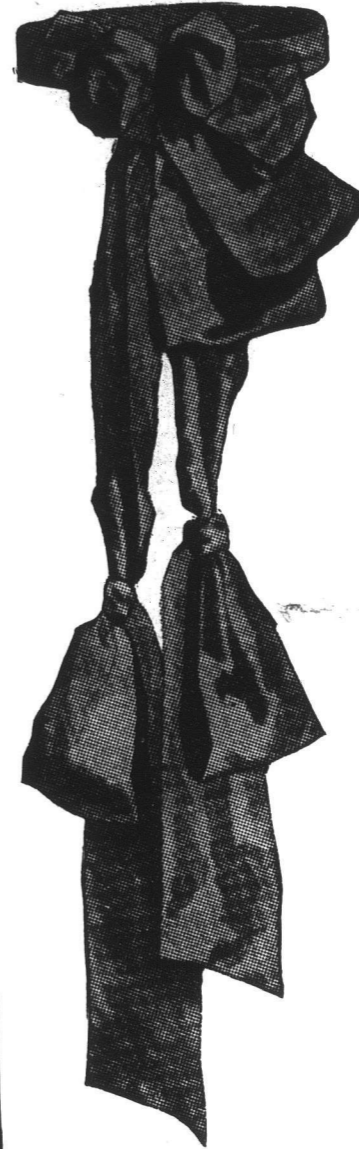
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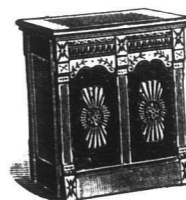
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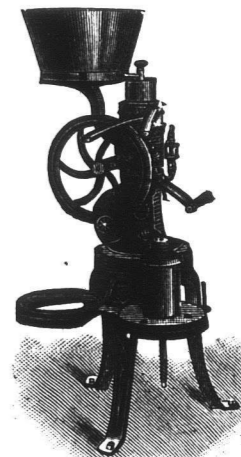
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The answers to the September puzzles appear in this issue. We present another grist of puzzles for your solution, the answers to which will appear in our November number.

No. 1.—GEOGRAPHICAL

No. 1.—Geographical Question Puzzle.

1. In which town in Kansas should one expect to find vegetables and flowers in profusion?

2. Which town in Iowa would one be apt to name in telling a man to continue his travels?

No. 3.—PROBLEM.

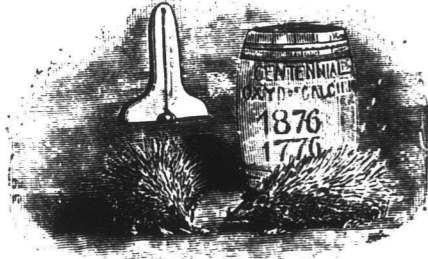
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No. 2.—Illustrated Rebus.



Answers to Puzzles in September Number.

No. 4.—PICTORIAL PUZZLE.



Find four fruits in the above picture.

No. 5.—OMITTED VERSE.

The words to be supplied in the following sentences will form a well-known quotation:

He saw the—sail into the—harbor.

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No. 6.—Old Style Conundrum.

Why is the queen bee superior to other creatures?

No. 7.—BEHEADED RHYMES.

In each stanza fill the first blank with a missing word; behead the word and fill the second blank; again behead, thus filling the third blank.

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"You should never lose temper
And beware of great heat and great
Eat, drink and read books
And beware of fish hooks,
And you will surely live to be

No. 8.—ELLIPSES.

In each sentence fill the first blank with certain word, and the second blank with the same word beheaded.

1. The—resulted in—
2. A boy made a toy—in our—
3. Did you have to—for the—?
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5. The—belongs to this—
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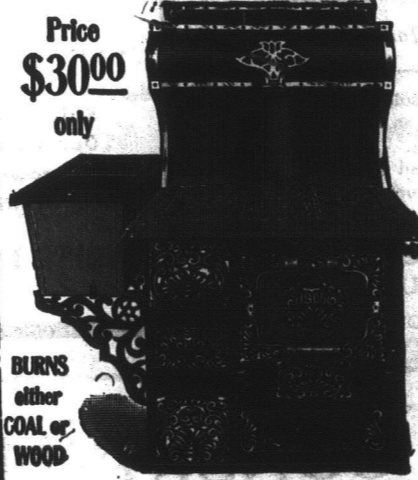
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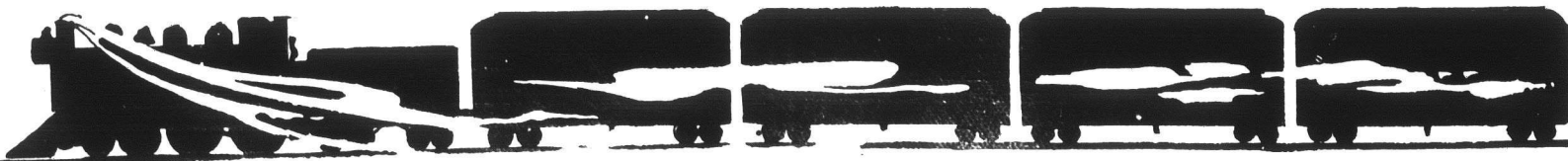
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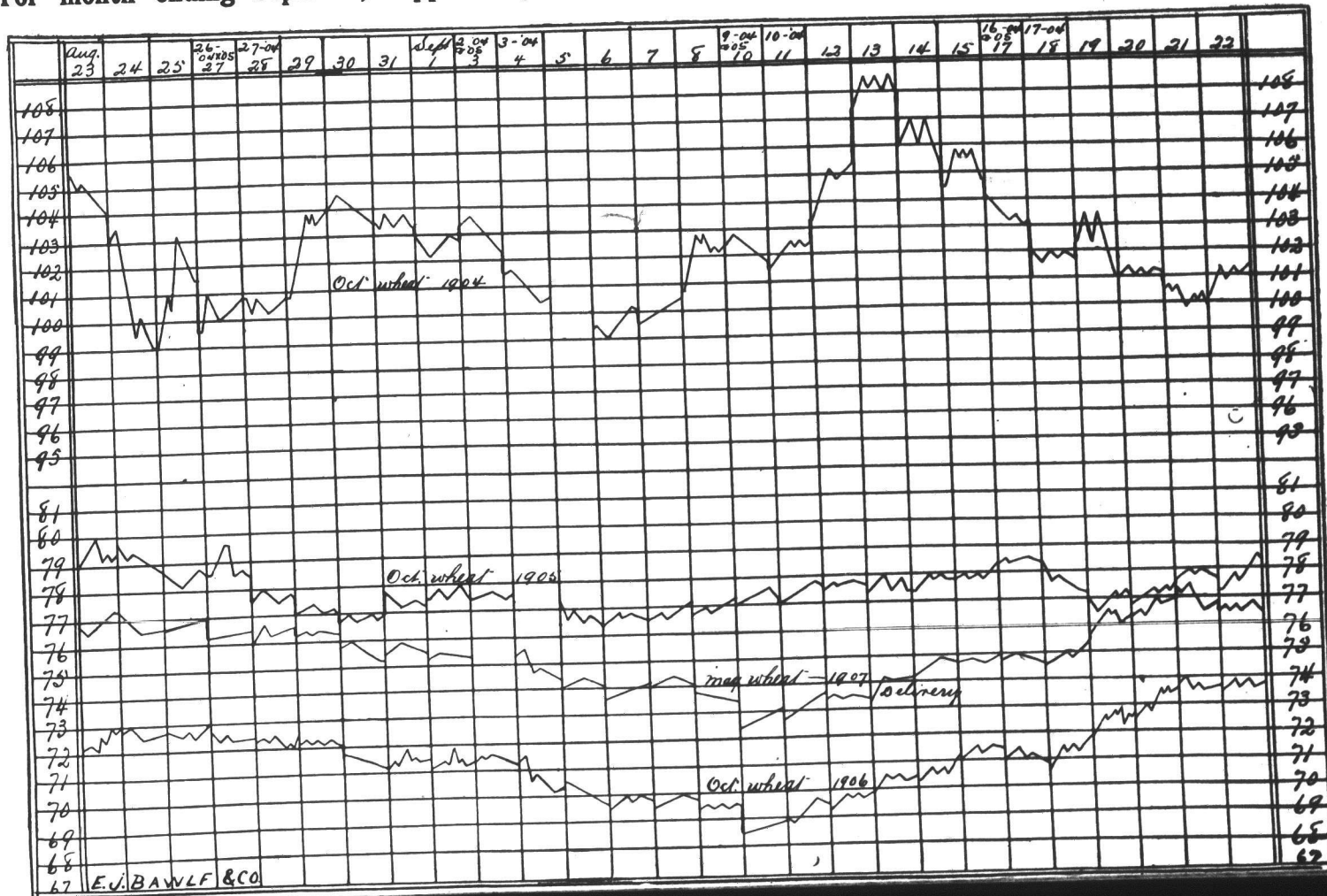
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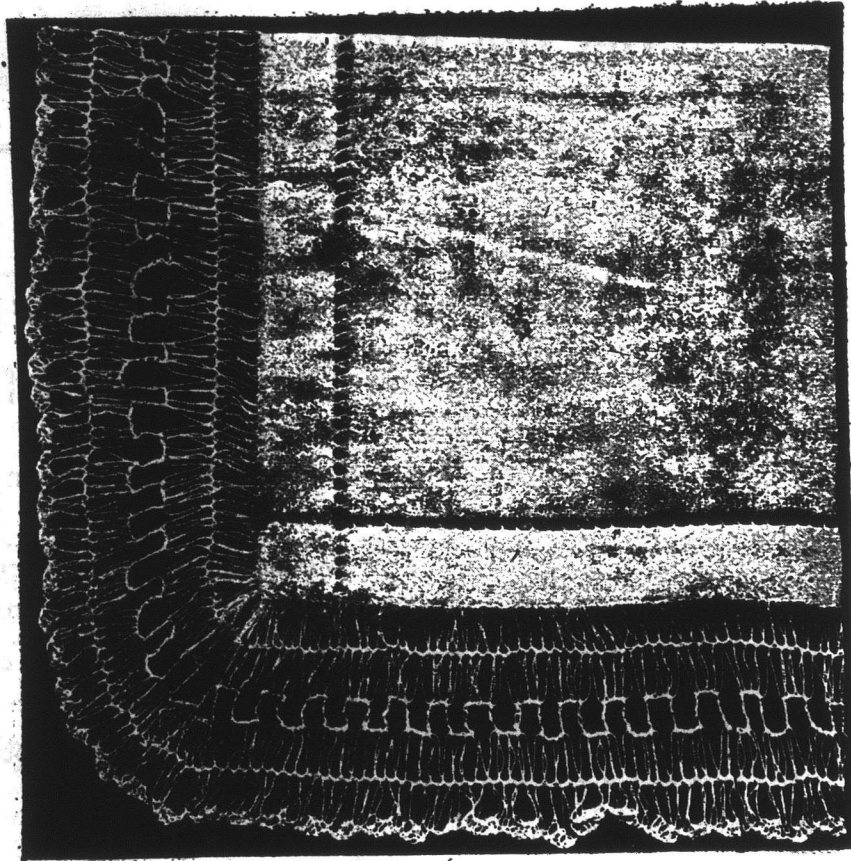
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Fasten the thread to an outside loop, ch. s. c. through the next loop. Repeat three times, ch. 5, s. c. through a loop of the second piece of lace, ch. 1, s. c. through the next loop. Repeat under four loops are connected, ch. 5 and connect four loops on the first piece of lace. Repeat, going back and forth from piece to piece.

For about an inch and a half on either side of the corners connect five or six loops in the place of four on the outside, or second piece, in order to make a smooth turn.

Fasten the two ends of the second piece together. Now fasten the thread through two outside loops, ch. 1, d. c. 4, through the next loop, ch. 1, s. c. through the next two loops, ch. 1, d. c. 4 through the next loop, ch. 1, s. c. through the next two loops. Repeat all around, thus completing a pretty, durable handkerchief border.

Nightingale Border.

This border is designed for flannel nightingale for a small child and is made in cream color Saxony yarn.

Half of each wheel is made in working forward and finished in working back, after which the heading is work-

ed on. All is done without cutting the yarn.

Start by winding the yarn five times over the forefinger, slip off, and fasten the windovers, now chain five and work 9 Rose Treble Stitches in the ring. (Detail of Rose Treble: Wind 15 times over the crochet needle, take up a loop through ring, yarn over needle and draw through two loops, yarn over needle and draw through two loops, yarn over needle and draw through the remainder of the coil on the needle, draw up the yarn so tight that it bends the coil double, 1 chain to fasten coil. Repeat this for each stitch).

*When the last of the 9 Rose Treble is made, make 5 chain, now wind a ring close up to the chain, slip off, fasten the windovers, 5 chain and fasten back in the first of the 5 chain at the end of Rose Treble now 9 Rose Treble in the ring and repeat from * for the length. Turn and work 9 Rose Treble in each ring, join between wheels.

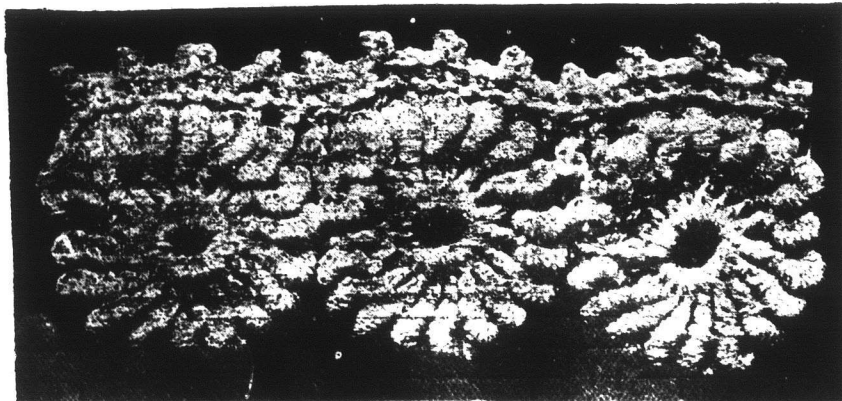
For a heading on one side of the wheels, work doubles and trebles to suit the space so as to make an even edge. Over this work three singles and then a 2 chain picot; this will make a nice edge to sew to the flannel.

Lady's Hood.

Use four ounces of any shade soft Germantown yarn for hood. Two ounces two-thread Saxony for border. Use two of the very coarsest steel needles and two fine bone ones.

Cast on 65 stitches, knit 5 rows plain (*) 6, seamed, then knit 5 rows plain.

Repeat from (*) 7 times. 54th Row.—Seam 23, remove the rest of stitches to another needle, and



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leave these until the tab of 23 stitches is finished. (*) Knit 5 rows plain. 60th Row.—Seamed. Repeat from (*) 25 times. Bind off 4, drop next stitch right off needle, bind off 5, drop next, and so on until all are bound off. Now return to the stitches on extra needles. Drop the first stitch next to 5, drop next, bind off 5, drop next, bind off 1, and there are 23 for the other tab. the top, bind off 4, drop next, bind off 23 for the other tab.

Seam first row, then knit 5 rows plain and finish like other.

The dropped stitches must be pulled so they will run down and form open-work spaces through which run narrow ribbon. Fold the work together, and when the 65 stitches are cast on sew it together for top of head.

Border.—Take the Saxony and crochet 4 trebles in every ridge round hood.

2d Round.—Four treble on second treble of previous row, repeat all around.

3d Round.—Six trebles on second treble; repeat all around.

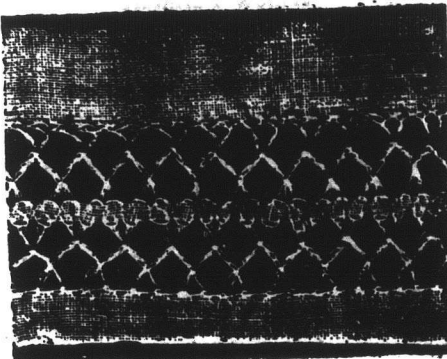
4th Round.—Chain 3, 1 double between first and second trebles, (*) chain 3, 1 double between third and fourth, repeat from (*) all around. Finish top of work with handsome bow of any color desired to suit individual taste.

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across and under next bar in 1st drawn space, and so on. Knot the inner edge of the 2nd space like the outer edge of the 1st.

Now, beginning 1/8 inch from the outer edge of 1st space, knot 2 strands together, pass up the 2nd strand 1/8 inch, then knot 2 and 3d strands together, pass down 3d strand 1/8 inch, knot 3d and 4th strands together and so continue. Work the 2d space in same way.

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Knitted Edge.

Cast on 22 stitches, knit across plain.

1st Row.—Skip 1, knit 1 (over, narrow) 3 times, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 1, over, knit 3 together.

2d Row.—Slip 1, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 2, over, narrow, knit 11, 3rd Row.—Skip 1, knit 9, narrow, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 5, over, knit 1.

4th Row.—Slip 1, over, knit 7, over, narrow, knit 2, over, narrow, knit 9.

5th Row.—Slip 1, knit 1 (over, narrow) 3 times, narrow, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 9, over, knit 1.

6th Row.—Narrow, over, narrow, knit 5, narrow, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 10.

7th Row.—Slip 1, knit 10, over, narrow, knit 2, over, narrow, knit 3, narrow, over, narrow.

8th Row.—Narrow, over, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 12.

9th Row.—Slip 1, knit 1 (over, narrow) 3 times, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 2, over, knit 3 together, over, narrow.

10th Row.—Narrow, over, knit 1, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 14.

11th Row.—Slip 1, knit 11, narrow, over, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 1, over, knit 3 together. Repeat from second row till long enough.

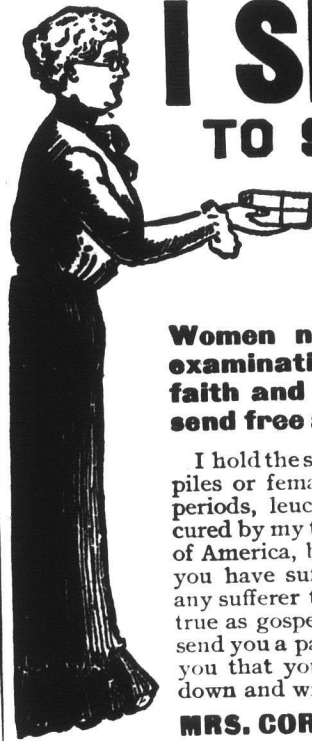
A Dainty Mat.

The border of the pretty little mat illustrated is made of shaded pink and white luster cotton.

Make a chain of ten stitches and join into a ring, ch. 1, tight d. c. over the ring, then a loose d. c., a tight treble, a loose treble and a d. d. (thread over three times.) This brings you to the center of the leaf. Now a loose treble, a tight treble, a loose d. c., a tight d. c. an s. c. over the ring. This finishes one leaf.

If more leaves are desired increase two stitches on the chain for each leaf to be added. The mat is about six inches in diameter. Larger ones can be made by adding more flowers.

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Hints for the Housewife.

The Turkey Crop.

Along about this time
 Of year we hear much talk
 About the well-filled barns
 And fodder in the shock.
 But there's one subject which
 All seem inclined to shirk,
 For no one talks about
 The status of the turk.

We get statistics on
 The crops of grain and hay,
 And all the varied fruits
 That yearly come our way.
 But for some reason all
 Their information stops
 Just when we think we'll learn
 About the turkey crop.

How is the turkey crop?
 That's what we want to know.
 Will it supply demands
 Or make a measly show?
 Will turks be cheap or dear?
 Will they be thin or fat?
 That sort of knowledge we
 Are trying to get at.

Thanksgiving Day draws near,
 The famous feasting time
 When we desire to sink
 Our teeth in turkey prime.
 And dreadful grows suspense
 When there is nothing heard,
 About that chance we'll have
 To roast and eat the bird.

We can't imagine why
 Such knowledge is denied
 When interest most keen
 Is shown on every side.
 And, therefore, just before
 We let the subject drop,
 Again we plainly ask:
 How is the turkey crop?

An Excellent Method in Cleaning Willow Furniture.

A reader of the Western Home Monthly and a young housekeeper desires to know the very best way to clean her willow furniture. She says she has only a few pieces, yet they are handsome and need cleaning, as the winter's coal dust, grime and soil have penetrated into the wickerwork. It is not a difficult task to brighten up and clean willow furniture and yet upholsterers' charges astonish us.

One can save considerably by learning to do this work at home. First, you must dust each piece carefully and see to it that all dust and soil is removed. You cannot remove the dust and soil by merely washing it or wiping it off with a damp cloth. You must scrub it with a stiff brush. Do not use soap upon it, as it seems to yellow the straw and willow.

The Toilet.

If one's hands are inclined to perspire, it is well to lay the wet gloves in a sheet of tissue paper and then put them under a heavy book or weight for several hours. When they are taken out they will be soft and pliable again.

The ugliest nails can be improved by taking the trouble daily to push back the hard skin that grows at the base of the nails. This should be done after the hands have been washed in warm soap and water and are still moist. A soft towel is the best thing to use for the purpose, or an ivory or bone implement such as is sold in manicure sets.

Curling Lotion may be made by mixing three-quarters of an ounce of gum arabic mucilage, three-quarters of an ounce of glycerine, three-quarters of an ounce of carbonate of potash, one pint of rose water and three ounces of Portugal extract. The carbonate must be dissolved in the rose water, the glycerine and the extracts mixed and shaken, the mucilage added. Shake all the ingredients and let it stand for a week.

Home-made Cold Cream. — Many people prefer to make their own cold cream at home, which admits of the use of a favorite perfume in the mixing. Following is a good, plain cold cream, to which may be added any one of a number of perfumed waters

in place of the rose water called for in the recipe. Half a drachm of tincture of benzoin may also be added if liked. This will keep the cold cream from becoming rancid, besides adding to its whitening properties; two ounces of rosewater, two ounces almond oil, one-half ounce spermacetti, one-half ounce white wax. Melt the wax and oils in a double boiler, slowly. Pour into an earthen basin, stir with a clean wooden stick until creamy, adding the perfumed water drop by drop, as you stir.

Information for the Cook.

Most cooks, young in experience, will welcome this information as to the length of time the different vegetables should be cooked:

- Bake potatoes from thirty to forty minutes.
- Steam potatoes twenty to forty minutes.
- Boil potatoes (in their skins), twenty to thirty minutes.
- Boiled potatoes (pared), twenty-five to forty-five minutes.
- Asparagus, (young), fifteen to thirty minutes.
- Beets (young), forty-five minutes.
- Corn (green), twelve to twenty minutes.
- Cauliflower, twenty to forty minutes.
- Cabbage (young), thirty-five to sixty minutes.
- Celery, twenty to thirty minutes.
- Carrots, one to two hours.
- Lima or shell beans, forty-five minutes to one and a quarter hours.
- Onions, thirty to sixty minutes.
- Oyster plant, forty-five to sixty minutes.
- Peas, twenty to sixty minutes.
- Parsnips (young), thirty to forty-five minutes.
- Spinach, twenty to sixty minutes.
- String beans, thirty to sixty minutes.
- Summer squash, twenty to sixty minutes.
- Turnips (young), forty-five to sixty minutes.
- Tomatoes, forty-five to sixty minutes.

For Keeping Eggs.

To every three gallons of water add one pound of fresh slacked lime, and half a pint of salt. Have it well dissolved. Drop in your eggs one at a time, but be careful not to crack them. If you wish to keep them one or two years you can do so; but you must use them as soon as taken out, or they will spoil.

When you put in all you wish, take a thin piece of board and put on top, and on that put a little salt and lime, that the top may be as strong as the bottom. If these are kept at sea and in different climates, why not keep on land and in a cool cellar? Should you wish to keep to transport, dissolve sufficient gum shellac in alcohol to make a thin varnish, then, after giving each egg a coat, pack them in bran or sawdust. When wanted wash off the varnish, and they are ready to be cooked.

Never use soap in washing silk stockings. Bran in water is the proper fluid to use—four tablespoonfuls to a quart of water. Rinse in several clear waters, pressing the water out. Dry stockings in the sun.

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Boys and Girls.

The Girl Child.

'Course we'd figgered on a boy-child, same as people always does— Baby-girls is jest th' uselessest they is er ever was. Helpless when they're kids an' helpless when they're middle-aged er old— All the family turns pectorfer fer th' ewe-lambs of the fold. Dassent ever pop th' question, even though she's lost in love; Has t' set an' wait till some man labels'er his turtle-dove. Yit it want a boy, by gracious! when it come, th' other day, But we've kind o' got a notion that we'll keep it any way.

'Course 'twas dreadful disapp'intin' that it couldn't bin a boy. An' th' tears we shed er swallowed wa'n't no sparklin' tears o' joy; But she's jest so small an' cunning, an' she snuggles up so sweet, With'er fists like velvet rosebuds an' er little wrinkled feet— Clingin' close, jest like th' tendrils of th' mornin' glory vine As it clambers up a porch-post on a piece o' cotton twine— Never knowin' she ain't welcome as th' flowers is in May So we've somehow got a notion that we'll keep'er, any way.

Then, ag'in, I thought o' mother—she was onct a baby-girl. Ain't no tellin' jest which eyester is th' one that hides th' pearl. Who'd a' knowed when she was little that she'd ever be so great. An' would make my dear old daddy sich a stiddy runnin'-mate? Then th' one that lays an' snuggles with this bran'-new baby-her— Would my life be worth th' livin' if it hadn't bin fer her? She was jest as pink an' helpless as this new one is one day; So it's purty easy guessin' that we'll keep her, any way.

The School Visitor.

The Hillside School had begun its fall term. There was a new teacher—a young lady with a bright face and pleasant voice.

"Now, children," said the teacher one day, "I think the school visitor may be here to-morrow or the next day." The children all promised to behave well. They did not like to hear that the visitor was coming. He was very tall, very grave, and very strict and they were afraid of him.

The next day this tall, stern gentleman said to himself: "I will visit the Hillside School today."

He went to the door; the wind was sharp and chilly, so he turned back and said: "Wife, can you tell me where my overcoat is?"

"Yes; it hangs in the barn chamber; it has been there all summer," she replied.

Dr. Bray put on his coat and walked away to the school-house.

Teacher placed a chair for him on the platform. Just as he had asked the arithmetic class a puzzling question, one of the girls at the desk gave a little scream. All the others nestled and fidgeted, looking as if they would like to scream too.

The visitor turned and looked at them very sternly indeed. The teacher touched her bell and shook her head at them.

"Please, teacher," squeaked one little voice, "It was a mouse!"

"I hope we may have order in the school-room now," said Dr. Bray, in his deepest tone; and then he gave out his question once more.

Pop! Another mouse! This one ran to the boys' side and two or three of the boys saw where it came from. They nudged each other and clapped their hands over their mouths to keep from laughing aloud.

The teacher touched her bell again and called, "Silence!" She felt very much disturbed that her boys and girls should act so. But, as she glanced toward the visitor to see how he took it, she was obliged to smile herself; for a third mouse jumped out

of the good man's pocket and scamp-cred away.

The boys laughed aloud now, and the girls were all confusion.

Dr. Bray arose from his chair, prepared to say something very severe indeed. To do this properly, he put his hands in his pockets and out jumped the last poor, frightened little mouse.

The doctor's overcoat had hung so long in the barn chamber that a mother mouse had made her snug nest in one of the pockets, and now her little ones had all come to school with the visitor.

The visitor had a broad smile on his face now. "I really must beg pardon," he said, "for bringing a pocketful of mice to school."

The teacher gave a ten minutes' recess, and it was a very merry one. Then the scholars came to order and behaved very well indeed; but they did not feel half as much afraid of Dr. Bray after that visit.

A Funny Game.

Here is a funny game to play: Stand facing a girl and say to her, "You can't make the same motion I am going to make."

Then she will say, "Just see if I can't."

Now do this: Put your left hand forward, point the forefinger toward your face and make a circle around your face with it, saying, "I see the full moon."

Next point at each eye and say "Two eyes;" then touch your nose, saying, "A nose;" then touch your mouth and say, "And a mouth."

Now let your arm fall and tell the girl to do exactly as you did and say what you said.

The point is this: She will be sure to do all the motions with her right hand instead of her left.

And you can promptly say, "No, you didn't do it right." She will then ask you to go through the motions again and very likely will use her right hand again.

But suppose she is left handed? She will naturally use her left hand to get the trick right. So you should tell her, "Well, you can't do it again," and be sure to use your right hand when you show her again. When she tries to do as you did she will most likely use her left hand and you can say, "You're wrong this time."

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For where do her labors end?
Sew sew sew For a rent in a dress
she spies,
Then it's needle and thread and an
aching head,
And see how the needle flies.

Brush brush, brush! For there's many a
boy to clean,
And start to school with a slate and
rule,
With a breakfast to get between.
Comb comb, comb! In the minute she
has to spare,
For what is so wild—unreconciled—
As the waste of a youngster's hair?

Sweep, sweep sweep! Oh, follow the
flashing broom,
As with towel bound her forehead
round
She goes from room to room.
Dust, dust, dust! As down on her knees
she kneels,
For there's much to do in the hour
or two
Or intervals 'twixt meals.

Bake, bake, bake! For the cookies jar
piled high,
But yesterday, in some curlous way
Is empty again, oh, my!
Stir, stir, stir! In a froth of yellow
and white,
For well she knows how the story
goes
Of a small boy's appetite.

Scrub, scrub, scrub! For the floor that
was spick and span,
Alas, alack! has a muddy track
Where some thoughtless youngster ran.
Splash, splash, splash! For the dishes
of thrice a day,
Are piled up high to wash and dry
And put on their shelves away.

Patch patch patch! And oh for a panta-
loon
That would not tear, or rip or wear
In the course of an afternoon!
Patch, patch, patch! And see how the
needle flies,
For a mother knows how the fabric goes
Where the seat of trouble lies.
Toil, toil toil! For when do her labors
end,

With a dress to make and a cake to
bake
And dresses and hose to mend.
Stew, stew, stew! Fret and worry and
fuss,
And who of us knows of the frets
and woes
In the days when she mothered us?
—J. W. Foley.

A Wise Mother Says

That we should keep up a standard
of principles, for our children are
watchful judges.

That what are trifles to us are
often mountains to our children; and
that we should respect their feelings.

That we should bear in mind that
we are largely responsible for our
children's faults, and be patient with
them.

That if you say "NO" you should
mean "NO." Unless you have a good
reason for changing a command, hold
it.

That we should take an interest in
our children's amusements, for moth-
er's share in what pleases them is a
great delight.

That we should be honest with the
children in small things as well as
great, and if we cannot tell them what
they wish to know, we should say so,
rather than to deceive them.

That we should interest our boys
and girls in physiology, and when they
are sick, try to make them compre-
hend how the complaint arose, and
how it may be avoided in the future.

That many a child goes astray not
because there is want of care and
training at home, but simply because
the home lacks sunshine; that a child
needs sunshine as much as flowers need
the sunbeams.

That as long as it is possible we
should kiss the children good-night
after they are in bed. They will en-
joy it, and they profess to

having outgrown it, and it will keep
them close and loving.

That children look little beyond the
present moment. That if a thing
pleases they are quick to see it; that
if home is a place where faces are
sour, and words are harsh and fault-
finding they will spend as many hours
as possible elsewhere.

Baby's Clothing.

The essential things in clothing an
infant are that the chest and limbs
shall be protected with soft flannels,
care being taken to give baby plenty of
room for freedom of motion. The ab-
domen should be supported by a
broad flannel band, adjusted snugly,
but not too tight. It is important
that baby's clothes should fit the body.
If it is too tight it interferes with the
free movement of the chest in breath-
ing, and by pressing on the stomach
sometimes causes vomiting soon after
taking food. Again, if it is too loose
it wrinkles into deep folds, and bunches
and causes much discomfort. It is
best to fasten all bands to hold them
into position, but if safety pins are
used they should be very small and
placed in such a way that baby can not
feel them press into his flesh. The
flannel bands should be worn until
baby is about four months old, in
order to support the abdominal walls
properly, thereby preventing the oc-
currence of rupture. After this time
the flannel band may be replaced by a
knitted cotton and wool or silk and
wool band with shoulder straps which
should be worn up to eighteen months.
If the child is delicate or subject to
diarrhoea it is advisable to continue
its use until the third year.

In summer the thinnest gauze flan-
nel shirts should be worn. Changes in
temperature may be met by changes in
the outer garments. Should baby be trou-
bled by prickly heat, which is caused by
excessive perspiration and the irrita-
tion of flannel underclothing, it is well
to make a fine linen or muslin shirt
to be worn under the flannel during
the very hot spell.

Next to the shirt put a fine wool
pettecoat with thin cotton band, which
should be supported by shoulder
straps, and a little white slip for the
"every day dress." Cotton stockings
are pinned to the cotton birds-eye
diaper, and if the weather is cold,
little booties may be worn.

The clothing should all be changed
at night, the baby wearing the same
amount of underclothes and a flannel
outing night dress. In very warm
weather the skirt may be left off and
a cambric night dress substituted.

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Love Apple Salad.—Wipe perfect tomatoes and begin at the blossom end to cut into petals toward the stem end, pressing carefully; open so as to leave the seeds in a ball of pulp. Pour over each a spoonful of mayonnaise and serve.

Codfish Puff.—Make the mixture as for codfish balls. Add the whites of two eggs beaten stiff, folding these in lightly. Butter a stoneware platter, spread the puff upon it and bake in a hot oven till well puffed and brown. Or cook in a buttered frying-pan till a brown crust has formed, then fold like an omelet.

Browned Rice.—Spread a cupful of rice on a shallow baking tin and put into a moderately hot oven to brown. It will need to be stirred frequently. Each rice kernel when sufficiently browned should be of a yellowish brown, about the color of ripe wheat. Cook in boiling water. Serve with fruit juice or cream.

Sliced Apple Pie.—Cut the apples into thin, uneven slices and fill the plates after the bottom crust is in. If the apples are quite sour use two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a little nutmeg and two spoonfuls of water. It is improved by using the butter as in the peach pie. Cover with crust, cut larger than plate and tucked in under the bottom crust. Always prick holes in an upper crust. Bake nearly an hour in a moderate oven.

Parsnip Croquettes.—Scrape and wash five medium-sized parsnips; cut into oblong pieces, place in boiling water and boil till tender. When done mash and salt to taste, add a tablespoonful of butter. Make them into oval balls the size of an egg and a half-an-inch thick. Fry in a little butter to a nice brown and serve hot.

Stuffed Apples.—Select large sour apples and core but do not peel them. Chop some cold meat of any kind very fine and season very highly with salt and pepper and a pinch of summer savory or other sweet herb, or if chicken is used, season with celery salt. Fill the apples with the meat, put a dot of butter on each, and bake.

Creole Succotash.—Take six tomatoes, peel and cut up, six pods of okra washed and sliced thin, and boil in a little water. Score the corn from six ears of sugar corn and a dozen pods of string beans cut fine, add to the tomatoes and boil until done. Add seasoning and a chopped sweet pepper when half done. Serve with toasted bread.

Veal Ragout.—Chop remnants of cold veal, rub a tablespoonful of butter into one of browned flour, mix this with a cupful of stock, and stir until boiling hot in a saucepan. Chop about a cupful of mushrooms, add these and two tablespoonfuls of tomato catsup to the stock. Salt and pepper to taste, put in the veal, and stew gently ten minutes.

Pear Chips.—To ten pounds of pears allow five pounds of sugar, one-fourth of a pound of Canton or green ginger and five lemons. Core and peel the pears, and then cut them in small pieces, mix with them the sugar and ginger and leave over night. The next morning wash and dry the lemons, cut them in pieces, and take out the seeds. Cook the mixture very slowly for three hours.

Chicken Cream Soup.—An old chicken for soup is much the best. Cut it up into quarters, put it into a soup-kettle with half a pound of corned ham and an onion; add four quarts of cold water. Bring slowly to a gentle boil, and keep this up till the liquid has diminished one-third and the meat drops from the bones; then add half a cupful of rice. Season with salt, pepper and a bunch of chopped parsley.

Olive Oil Pickles.—Fifty small cucumbers, sliced thin without peeling; let stand three hours in one-third sack of table salt, then drain well and mix with two pints small onions, sliced thin, one and one-half ounces of white pepper, one half-ounce of white mustard-seed, two-thirds of an ounce of celery-seed, and one-half pint of salad oil. Cover with cold cider vinegar. These will keep well if not air-tight.

New England Salad.—Chop together enough cold boiled beets and carrots to make a pint. With a fork mix in one-half cupful of thick cream, to which has been added one tablespoonful of vinegar. Serve with little balls of cottage cheese.

Pineapple Snow.—One can of chopped pineapple, one-half box of gelatine dissolved in one pint of cold water; add juice of pineapple and let come to boil. Two cupfuls of sugar and juice of two lemons beaten until light. Pour hot gelatine over mixture and stir well, then add pineapple. Put in cold place and let it stand until it thickens a little; then add whites of two eggs beaten stiff. Beat ten minutes, mould and serve with whipped cream.

Tomato Marmalade.—Pare four quarts of ripe tomatoes. Cut six lemons in halves lengthwise and then slice them very thin. Seed one cup of raisins. Weigh out four pounds (eight cups) of granulated sugar. Put all the ingredients into a preserving kettle in layers. Heat slowly to the boiling point. Then simmer until the mixture is of the consistency of marmalade. No one flavor should be recognizable. Seal while hot. The recipe makes about 2½ quarts.

Green Grape Pie.—After you have lined your pie plate with the crust, sprinkle over it two heaping tablespoonfuls of sugar and also the same amount of flour (or one of cornstarch). Fill with the pulps of green grapes, spread over with two tablespoonfuls of grape jelly. Cover with sugar, about three tablespoonfuls mixed with one tablespoonful of cornstarch, and add two tablespoonfuls of cold water. Cover with an upper crust and bake in a good oven. Serve with plain or whipped cream.

Ripe Cucumber Pickle.—Pare twelve large cucumbers and take out the pulp. Cut in slices two inches wide and three or four inches long. Sprinkle with salt and let them stand for half-an-hour; rinse and take one pound of sugar, one pint of vinegar, one-half ounce of whole cloves and one ounce of stick cinnamon; put on to boil, add the cucumbers, cook until tender. Then take them out and put in the cans; boil the liquor for ten minutes and pour over the cucumbers and seal while hot.

Eggplant Eggs.—Select nice firm eggplants and slice and salt a sufficient quantity, allowing it to remain under pressure half an hour. Then wash well from every particle of salt, dry with cheesecloth and chop to a paste. Mix with beaten egg and cornstarch till of such a consistency that it can be moulded. Pepper and salt to taste, roll into "egg" shaped balls and cover with cracker crumbs. Fry a nice golden brown and place in nests of minced parsley. Tomato ketchup makes an acceptable relish served with them.

Sweet Potato Pudding.—One and one-half pounds of sweet potatoes, one pound of sugar, six eggs, three ounces of butter, one wineglassful sherry, one wineglassful of brandy, one-half teaspoonful allspice, one-quarter teaspoonful powdered mace. Boil and mash the potatoes and press through a sieve; while hot stir in the butter and sugar, then the beaten yolks of the eggs; mix in spices, wine and brandy, and lastly the whipped whites of the eggs. Bake forty minutes in a buttered pudding dish. Serve warm, not hot, without sauce.

Tomato Rabbit.—Four medium-sized tomatoes, one cupful of finely chopped cheese, one-third cupful of cream, yolk of one egg, cayenne. Select a soft cheese, preferably cream. Cut the tomatoes in halves, crosswise, and broil over a brisk fire. Keep them hot while making the rabbit. Scald the cream, add the cheese and stir constantly until it melts; draw to the back of the stove, add the yolks lightly beaten and pepper to taste; then pour over the tomatoes and serve at once with dry toast, or fresh crackers.

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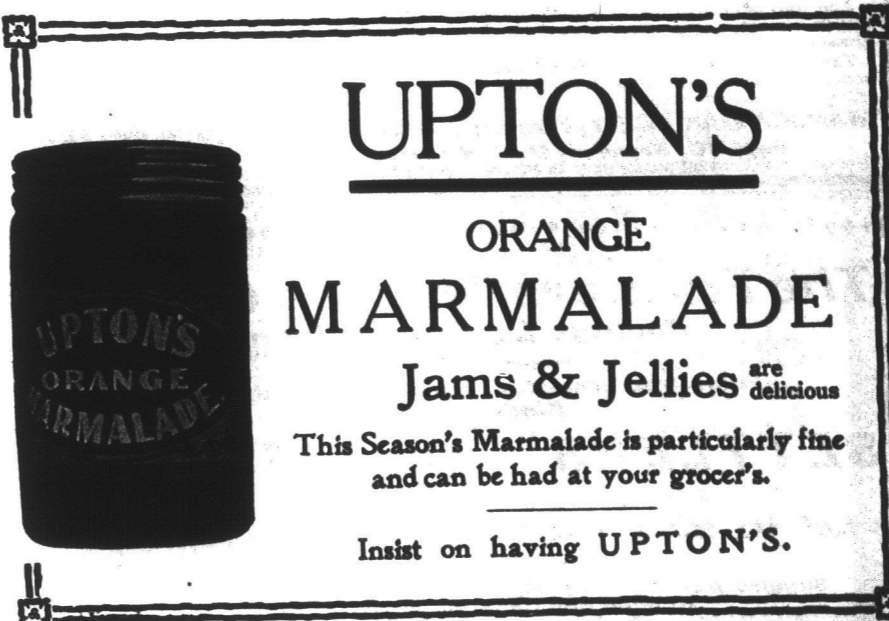
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His good wife lays aside her work
And pitches into him.

Farm Notes.

Coal ashes make a good, cheap walk, and it is about the only thing for which they are good, unless it is for pure mechanical lightening of a stiff clay soil.

It is less work to chink up the holes in the cellar wall with mortar, than it is to tend lamps and lanterns during zero weather in order to keep the things from freezing.

When you want to drive nails into very hard wood, And they will not go smoothly, as proper nails should, Anoint them with grease, then they will not bend double, But go in at once without further trouble.

To save your iron pump from the effects of frost, make a box around it one foot in diameter and fill it with cement concrete— one part Portland cement and two parts clean coarse sand. Stamp it down hard in the box and let the pump stand for forty-eight hours to harden the cement.

The quantity of water required by horses varies more than is the case with any other of our domestic animals. The wisdom of supplying it frequently, especially during hard labor, is realized by nearly every careful horseman. The secret of many a successful feeder is the care with which he supplies water.

Some dark rainy day, about noon, walk along the stables and see where it is darkest; thus you will find out where to put in a window or two. And fix any sagging door. Nail some strips over knot-holes or cracks; and where there are hinges or fasteners off, get out the tool box and repair them.

On some farms the doorways of horse stables are old style and too narrow for a large horse easily and safely to pass through. It is noticeable that some horses will rush through a door-way very quickly. They probably have been hurt sometime or received a knock that is not forgotten. Better put in a wider stable door and show the horse he is not going to be hurt.

On some farms where the men folks hurry considerably, there isn't time to curry milch cows twice a day, or even once; yet to do so means much comfort and an additional flow of milk. The brush and currycomb start up circulation, and remove a lot of dust that is accumulated while standing in stables during winter time. The well groomed cow looks better for it; she is worthy of such care.

Hogs affected with worms in the intestines run down in condition, become very thin and lank, back is arched, eyes dull, refuse feed, walk stiffly, and appear lifeless. The worms may be very numerous, in bad cases completely filling the intestines. The pigs die if not treated. To secure the best results, affected hogs should receive individual treatment. Twenty-four hours before administering treatment very little feed should be given them. Then give the following medicine, as a drench, for each one-hundred-pound hog;

larger or smaller hogs should receive a dose in proportion. Oil of turpentine, four drams; liquor ferri dialysatus, one-half dram; raw linseed oil, six ounces. If necessary, repeat the dose in four days. After worms have been removed, give a tonic to put the pigs in condition.

When farmers go to breed their mares, there is, as a rule, far too little care taken in the selection of a sire. It will not pay to breed to a stallion just because he is a good animal, unless he will mate with the mare's nature so as to produce a colt for a special purpose. Many farmers breed all their mares, which may be of widely differing types, to the same stallion, and often he is one that is selected because he is cheap or convenient. Every mare should be mated with the idea of producing a colt of some definite type,—roadster, carriage horse, draft horse, general farm horse,—anything, in fact, for which there is a special use and a steady demand. Such horses always bring good prices, while there are always too many that are really not suited to anything in particular. A difference of a few dollars in a service fee may make ten times the difference in the price of a colt. Above all things, be sure the stallion has vigor and stamina.

Dairy Barn Temperature.

The stable ought to be kept at as nearly uniform temperature as possible, because sudden changes in temperature stop the flow of milk. The stable never ought to get down as low as freezing. Probably 40 to 50 degrees is as good a temperature as one can keep a dairy barn.

The dairy barn should be well lighted. A cow giving a good flow of milk can not be kept in the pink of condition unless she has plenty of sunlight. With dry cows, where they are turned out every morning and allowed to remain out the greater part of the day, the question of a well lighted stable is not so important. But where cows must necessarily remain in the stable the greater part of the time, then the question of light is an important one. A dairy stable ought to be as light as the living rooms in a house. Sunlight is absolutely necessary for the health of the cows. There is little danger of getting too many windows in a dairy barn, and there is great danger of not having enough.

Then the dairy barn must be well ventilated. Cows giving a maximum flow of milk must not only have a good liberal ration of food and plenty of pure water, but they must also have plenty of fresh air. In mild weather the question of ventilation is not so important because doors and windows can be left open to supply this fresh air, but when bitter cold weather comes, when the mercury is down in the neighborhood of zero, then comes the trying time in a dairy barn. We need the fresh air just as much then as in mild weather, but at the same time we must not allow the temperature of the stable to get down too low. During this cold weather it is impossible to ventilate the stable by doors and windows or by hay chutes opening from above and at the same time keep the barn warm enough so that the dairy cow will be comfortable. During this weather is where the King system of ventilation pays for its cost many times over to the dairyman with a herd of good cows. By this system we can maintain the temperature and supply fresh air.

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About Mortgage Lifters.

If pigs begin to show an out-of-condition appearance, don't think of medicine the first thing. See if some mistake in feeding or care cannot be discovered, and if it is, correct it.

Cause the pigs to fear you not, especially those intended for brood sows; they should be assured that their keeper is a kind, considerate friend. Even a hog appreciates such a friend.

The more feed the acre produces the lower the cost of maturing the live stock, and without necessarily decreasing the market price of the stock. The prolific acre makes its influence felt in many ways.

When pigs are getting succulent food, exercise, sleep in clean, grassy beds, and have fresh, pure air, there is but little complaint about disease. The nearer these conditions the less disease there will be in winter.

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The spring pigs that are on red clover or alfalfa pasture are now making pork at the minimum cost. If on grass pasture, light, supplemental feeding of ground grain or millstuff of some kind is advised.

Poultry Pointers.

Light and pure air prevent disease and promote productiveness.

One thing should not be forgot. Send surplus cockerels and old hens to pot.

Give hens good care, and it goes without saying that they will play fair, and keep on laying.

Winter eggs make poultry profitable. Don't delay arranging for the comfort of the hens.

A scrub hen is not worth much, but she is as good as any for the man who will not give his flock good care.

Plenty of grit and plenty of pure water are just as essential to egg production as good houses, and the right kind of food.

This is a good time to buy that pure bred male, or that breeding pen of fine fowls. Breeders will sell a little cheaper now than they will a little later.

Missouri poultry keepers sold \$31,000,000 worth of poultry and eggs last year. It is estimated that only two-fifths of the product went to the market. If this is true Missouri produced \$77,500,000 worth of poultry and eggs last year.

Don't shut the fowls in the houses until the ground is covered with snow or until the temperature is well below freezing. The cold will not hurt them unless they roost in a draft.

Make sure that both fowls and chicks are not lousy. If they have not been frequently treated during the summer to kill these pests, it is more than likely that they need it badly now. Fowls that are lousy consume more food and produce fewer eggs than those that are free from the irritating vermin.

Save some of the second quality cabbages to feed during the winter

when no green food can be obtained by the fowls. This will vary their ration and improve their health. The small potatoes, turnips, beets and other vegetables, which have no particular selling value, should be saved and served cooked, with the mash during the winter.

Whitewash the interior of the fowl house; it will make it lighter and cleaner, and if a little carbolic acid is added before the wash is applied it will also assist to rid the house of vermin.

A flock of fifty fowls can be fed for very little if the most is made of the scraps and waste food material from the house and barn. Occasionally we hear of farm flocks that are fed by farmers' wives for a cash outlay of less than sixty cents a head per year. On that basis almost any hen, however carelessly bred, would pay a good profit.

It may be suggested that farmers' wives have more than they can do without doing any work outside of their houses. That is too true in many cases, but the verdict of those women who are interested in poultry work is that the open-air exercise obtained when caring for the fowls gives them new life and makes the house work less arduous.

To Clean Harness.

It seems like quite an undertaking to clean harness, and it cannot be done in a few minutes, but if one knows just how to go about it, it is not an unpleasant task. It must first be taken to pieces, every strap unbuckled, and if an amateur is doing the work, he should pay particular attention to the peculiar way in which back-straps and check-rein are buckled.

If the harness is dry and stiff, give it a good soaking in warm water, using white castile soap and a brush to clean off the dirt. Hang it up to drain, and before quite dry, apply neat's-foot oil with a paint brush. Let it dry till the next day. Then, if the harness still seems hard, apply another coat of oil. When the oil has soaked in, soap it all over with white castile soap, having sponge or rag moistened and very soapy. After this treatment, an occasional soaping will keep the harness in order for a long time. Before the harness is put together, any broken places should be mended. Use a needle and put shoemaker's wax on the thread. An awl is necessary in some places.



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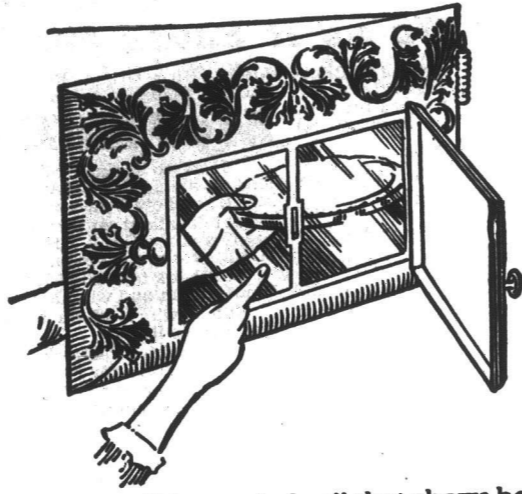
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MR. WHITE.

Black and I went out for trout about a week ago. I was lucky from the jump; Black didn't stand a show. Sixteen speckled beauties, sixteen! Isn't that a few? Poor old Black, he tramped all day and only landed two. Here's a picture of a corker; two pounds flat he weighed. Thought that I would lose him, though; a rattling fight he made. Black and I went out for trout about a week ago. I was lucky from the jump; Black didn't stand a show.

THE URCHIN.

Two swell guys came out for trout about a week ago. All deir tackle it was great, and geel dey had the dough. See this paper dollar; well, dem fellers gave me two Jes' for givin' dem some trout I caught in Mason's slough. One of dem was mighty fresh; he called me "little brat." Jes' de same I got his dough, so let it go at dat. Two swell guys came out for trout about a week ago. All deir tackle it was great, and geel dey had the dough.

Some Dog Tales.

"I have an unusually intelligent dog," said the man who likes to spin yarns when with a party of friends. "He was taught to say his prayers, and if you'll believe me, that dog now wags his tail whenever he sees a minister anywhere near him." "I have a dog with even more intelligence than that," quietly returned a member of the party. "One day when he got out in the street some mischievous boys tied a tin can to his tail, and if you'll believe me, that dog headed for the nearest saloon and backed right up to the bar."

A Teacher's Joys.

A Brandon school teacher tells this story: "Last week I was teaching a spelling lesson to a class of little second-graders. The word 'each' occurred, was written on the board, and from it I expected to derive 'peach', 'reach', 'teach', etc. Pointing to the word, I said, 'Can any child give me a sentence using 'each'?' "A hand was unhesitatingly thrust up and a little German girl replied, 'Does your back each?'"

Dawn Refused to Appear.

Business had not been good at the Thespian temple of a Midland town, and various tradesmen were pressing the management for payment. As a last appeal to an unappreciative public a play, "For Honor and for England," was put on. One scene was played in semi-darkness. The hero, sitting in a log hut, was waiting for daybreak, destined to bring him deliverance from his woes or disaster. "The dawn at last!" he exclaimed. "Bright Phoebus gilds yonder mountain peak!" "Bright Phoebus gilds yonder mountain peak!" he repeated. A leader took a good look at the cue to turn up the lights. This had not been

noticed. Still the darkness continued. "Bright Phoebus gilds yonder mountain peak, I say!" he roared. "Well, gov'nor," came in clear tones from the gasman at the wings. "I reckon you'd better git along without Phoebus. They've cut the blessed gas off!"

Answering the Farmer's Question.

By invitation, I made a speech not long ago at a farmer's barbecue in a neighboring county, and I spread myself in encouraging our people to keep up with the age, and pictured the innocence and honesty and independence of a farmer's life in multitudinous language. I was cheered and congratulated, of course, and when I got through, an old grizzly fellow came up, with brass-bound spectacles, and says he to me, "My friend, you talk mighty well; you talk like a lawyer; but I would like to know if you can tell me what kind of a calf makes the best milch cow?" "A heifer calf," said I, and the crowd just yelled. I got the grin on the old man, and so says, "Let me ask you a question, and you may ask me another and the man who can't answer his own question must treat to cigars." "All right," says he. "Now go ahead." Said I, "How does a ground-squirrel dig his hole without leaving any dirt around the top?" He studied a while and then gave up, and, in a triumphant tone, called on me to answer. "Why, said I," he begins at the bottom." "Well, but how does he get to the bottom?" said the old man, as though he had me. "I don't know," said I; "I never did know; and, as it is your question, you must answer or pay." The crowd yelled again, and the old man bought the cigars.

Misplaced Confidence.

A little girl came in from school one day very indignant because she had been kept in to correct her problems after the others had been dismissed. "Mamma" she said, "I'll never, never speak to Edna Bates again as long as I live." "Why, dear?" asked her mother. "Because," pouted the little maid, "because I copied all my zamples from her, and every one of 'em was wrong."

The Easier Way.

At Taylor's Cross Roads, in the mountains of Tennessee, I asked an old mountaineer how to get to Beaver Cove, and after looking me over he drawled in reply: "Want to go to the Cove on account of the camp meetin'?" "Yes, I heard there was one going on there." "So thar be, stranger. It's eight miles from yere and over a mighty bad road." "But I can make it this afternoon?" "Oh, sartin, but I kin tell you how to save all that trouble. The Lises will be thar—five of 'em—and they are great hands to shoot. I'll git my gun and be a Lisle. The Moshers will also be thar—six of 'em—and they are great hands to shoot. I'll call my son Ike from the co'nfield and let him be the Moshers." "Yes, and then?" "An' then we'll both begin shootin'. We'll shoot at each other over your head and past your feet and under your arms, and we'll whoop and yell and shout, and you kin imagine three or four dead men lyin' around, and when it's all over, I reckon, unless you are a more hardened sinner than what I take you to be, you'll make up your mind to stop yere for a day or two and let other folks run that camp meetin'."

Sandy's Eleventh Commandment.

Bishop Brooks was at one time interested in Sandy McKenzie, a well-known character in and about Boston. Sandy was a pretty good fellow, but not much of a churchman.

One day the Bishop was taking him to task for playing cards and becoming intoxicated on Sunday.

"I am afraid, Sandy," he said, "you don't know much about the Ten Commandments."

"What's Ten Commandments?" asked Sandy.

The Bishop explained. "Oh, aye nay, I dinna ken aught about the Ten Commandments," said Sandy, "but I ken the Eleventh Commandment richt weel."

"The Eleventh Commandment," said the mystified Bishop. "Why, Sandy, there is no Eleventh Commandment."

"Oh, aye," said the imperturbable Scotchman.

The Bishop, becoming rather curious, asked: "Well, Sandy, and what is the Eleventh Commandment?"

"The Eleventh Commandment, ye ken," said Sandy, "is for ivery mon to mind his ain business."

A Stubborn Eclair.

An amusing story is told of a New York man growing out of his extreme near-sightedness.

No Reason for Delay.

Author—I have a clause in my will ordering my executor to burn all my manuscripts.

Cynical Friend—Why put it off so long?

On Top.

Church—Do you think the times are improving?

Gotham—Well, I don't know. I notice that the largest strawberries are in the same relative position in the boxes.

Dangerous.

"Ain't you rather young to be left in charge of a drug store?"

"Perhaps so, ma'am; what can I do for you?"

"Do your employers know that it's dangerous to leave a mere boy like you in charge of such a place?"

"I am competent to serve you, madam, if you will state your wants."

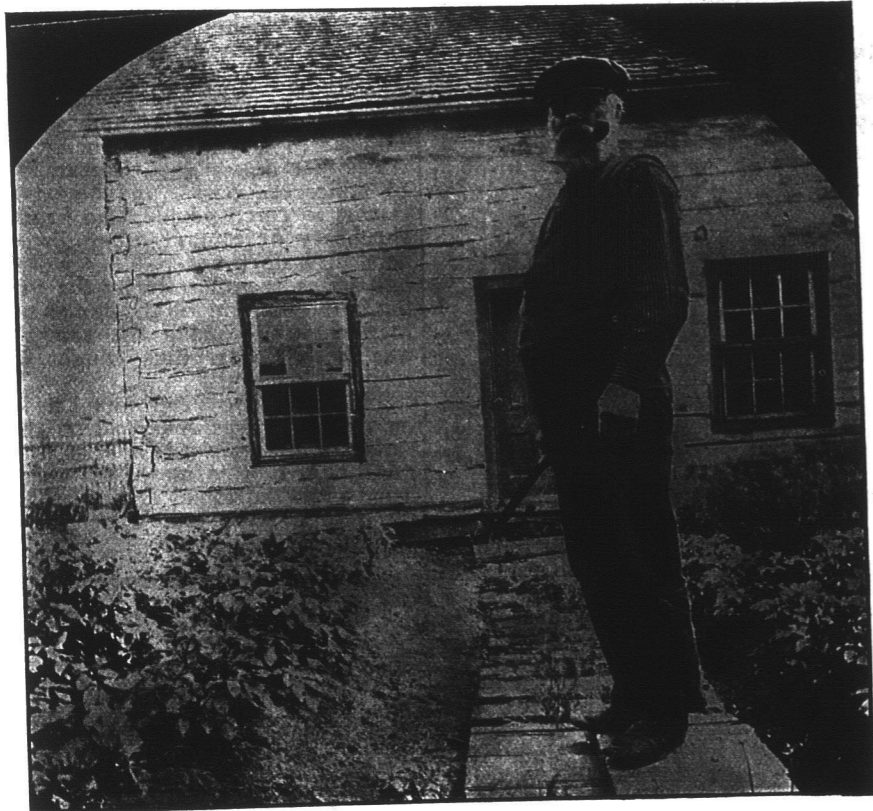
"Don't they know you might poison someone?"

"There is no danger of that, madam; what can I do for you?"

"I think I had better go to the store down the street."

"I can serve you just as well as they can, and as cheaply."

"Well, you may give me a two-cent stamp, but it don't look right."



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The New Yorker, in company with friends, was dining at a hotel in Florida. At dessert the near-sighted man had considerable difficulty in removing from the plate, passed him by the colored waiter, what he took to be a chocolate éclair. The New Yorker thrust his fork under it and tried again and again to pry it from the plate, but without success.

Suddenly it dawned upon him that his friends were convulsed with laughter, which much surprised him, for he saw nothing particularly humorous in the situation. This surprise was turned to astonishment when the darky servitor remarked in an apologetic way:

"I beg yo' pardon, sah, but dat's my thumb."

A Last Request.

"Will you grant me one last favor before I go?" asked the rejected suitor.

"Yes, George. I will," she said, dropping her eyelashes and getting her lips into shape. "What is the favor I can grant you?"

"Only a little song at the piano, please. I am afraid there is a dog outside waiting for me, and I want you to scare him away."

Too Much for Him.

The inspector in the English school asked the boys of the school he was examining:

"Can you take your warm overcoat off?"

"Yes, sir," was the response.

"Can the bear take his warm overcoat off?"

"No, sir."

"Why not?"

There was silence for a while and then a little boy spoke up:

"Please, sir, because God alone knows where the buttons are."

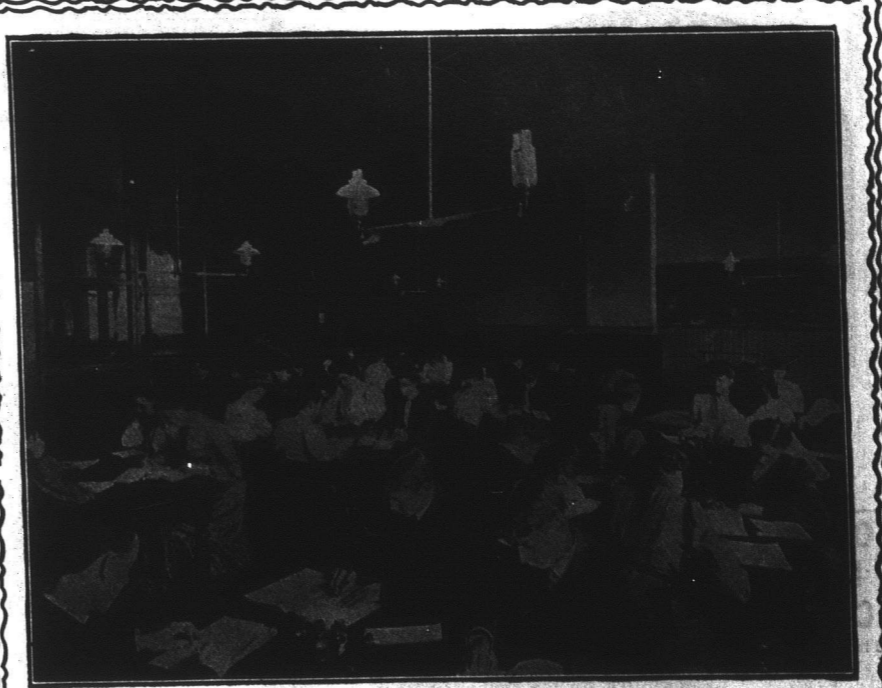
No Wool Over His Eyes.

Uncle Abe, a grizzled old negro, visited a zoological garden. He stood fascinated before a cage containing a chimpanzee, and could not be induced to move. After a while the animal came to the front of the cage, and Uncle Abe spoke to him.

"Howdy?" he said; "howdy?"

The chimpanzee not making any response, Uncle Abe chuckled and winked at him knowingly.

"Dat's right, dat de way ter do! Doan you nebber 'gin ter talk. Ef you does, white man put er hoe in yer han', en meck yer wuk!" he said.



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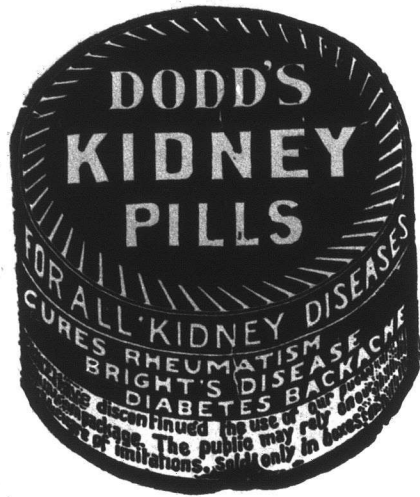
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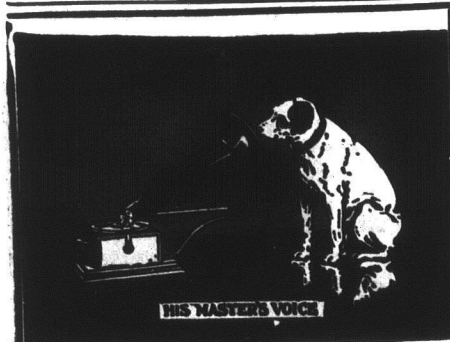


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Uncle George's Philosophy.

No, Cordelia, the companionway of a steamer isn't necessarily a lover's walk.

When a girl begins to encourage a young man to save money she means business.

Rather than perjure themselves, some men refuse to swear off drinking.

It sometimes happens that a handsome woman hasn't brains enough to be pretty.

When a couple love at first sight they imagine the rest of the world is near-sighted.

Bees' Love of Color.

The inquisitive modern investigator has been prying into the secrets of the little bee. His curiosity has been rewarded by the discovery that it is the bright color of the flower and not the presence of the nectar that attracts the honey-gatherer. In fact, it is quite possible to coax the bee away from dull-colored flowers of nature by artificial flowers of brilliant hues.

As far as nature's flowers are concerned those of the brighter hues always receive more attention than those of subdued shades. Moreover, the belief that the perfume of flowers attracts bees has also been exploded. It is believed that the attraction exercised by the form and color of flowers is approximately four times as great as that exercised by perfume, pollen and nectar taken together.

Captive Giraffes.

I never see a captive giraffe munching his bunch of hay, the mainstay of his life wherever he is a prisoner, without wondering how he can eat such strange food.

No one in Africa ever saw a giraffe eat grass, either dried or in its green condition. They do not bend their necks to the earth to get food as they are often compelled to do in captivity.

The food of the giraffe in his native home consists almost entirely of the leaves and tender twigs of various kinds of acacia. There are some 400 varieties of this plant. Many of them exude gums, resembling caoutchouc, and no animal could eat their foliage, but the leaves and twigs of other kinds make good provender for several species of animals.

The giraffe is among them; and though I have seen him eat the leaves of other shrubs and trees, he seems to prefer these kinds of acacia. The natives say that he will wander out into the parched wilderness and remain there for more than a week without a drop of water, the juices of the acacia being a very good substitute.

So the softest and most pulpy and juicy vegetation, without any of the fibrous quality found in most grasses, is what the giraffe craves for and needs. I don't think that his anatomical conditions adapt him for the fodder he is compelled to eat in captivity.

I have said this to the managers of menageries and zoological parks and have told them also, as other men have done, that their giraffes are not

thriving, and the principal reason is that their food is not suitable.

They are poor in flesh, and the vertebrae in their necks are actually revealed through the hides of some specimens in this country. The giraffe in captivity lacks the plumpness, the sleek, fine coat, and the general air of well-being that makes him in Africa the most beautiful creature among all the mammalia.

Rain Sticks and Umbrellas.

From the heavy, cumbrous rain sticks of 1700 to the dainty umbrella of 1906 is a long jump. Each succeeding year finds changes in umbrella styles, usually confined to the handles and upper adornments of the rod. This year's styles have many beautiful fancies, worked out in gold, silver, pearl and ivory. The finest silk spreads over the ribs of these rain shields, and they are stout enough for the use they receive, but would probably give very short service to the New Yorker who rides in the subway twice a day in crowd time.

It is curious to observe what a difference exists between these wire steel and pearl creations of to-day and the first umbrella ever made, that erected, in the literal significance of the word, by Jonas Hanway, of London, in the year 1756.

Mr. Hanway detested the cold dripping of London rain, so he set about the making of a rain stick, which, when completed, weighed a good twelve pounds and on its first appearance over the head of the redoubtable Hanway, caused a commotion among the beholders. Over Hanway's head his tentlike arrangement, the cloth of heavy cotton, extended like a gelter roof, sufficiently spacious to shelter seven people. Its ribs were of heavy whalebone half an inch thick, and braced with bars of wood. It required a man of muscle to accomplish a five mile stroll with that first umbrella.

In a month after its appearance a few others had bravely come forth to defy public opinion and the rain, but it was not until thirty-seven years later that the umbrella was seen on the streets of old New York.

In a modest shop in Philadelphia, the first umbrellas of an American make were turned out in 1793, and New York fashionables of the period might have been seen the same year walking in the rain, delighted with the unwieldy arrangement, which they called a rain stick. Its real recognition as a human necessity was synchronous with the invention of the steel rib in 1810.

From that time forward the umbrella improved in shape and usefulness, though no very radical changes have been made. Its principle is just the

same now as it was a hundred years ago, and occasionally, when a hurrying New Yorker struggles with his rain stick in a pouring rain, he feels a doubt about the superiority of the modern article.—Exchange.

Germany's Dog Policemen.

For some time they have been using dogs to act as policemen in many of the larger cities of Germany. Of course, the dogs were not supposed to act alone, but were introduced in order to help the human policemen; but they have done so well that many of them are practically allowed to patrol on their own hook now.

One of the best of these dogs is a shepherd-dog named Harras. Recently a well-known woman disappeared from her house, and Harras was taken to the room in which she had been seen last, and left there until he scratched at the door.

As soon as he was released he hurried to the back door with his nose close to the ground, and so on through the town until he reached a tree by the river. He leaped up at this, trying to climb it and when the police examined the tree they found a piece of the old lady's skirt hanging to a lower limb.

When they brought this down and showed it to Harras, he was satisfied, and immediately continued on to the river. There he waded into the water and howled, and soon the woman's body was found there.

It was plain that she had held to a lower limb of the tree in order to save herself from falling, but that her hold had weakened, and she had tumbled in and then drowned.

Another dog, named Caesar, is used to police the parks, and he has been taught to catch people who break the shrubbery or commit other disorderly acts. He does not bite his prisoners, but seizes them firmly by the arm or leg, and holds on till the human policeman comes to make the arrest. In one week Caesar thus caught seven-teen persons.

The police dog Peter found a drunken man who was lying asleep on the rails of the railroad, and pulled him off just in time to escape a train. The same night he found a burglar breaking into a store and leaped on him, barking till help came.

Secrets of Old Roman Bath.

Women used to lose their hairpins a thousand years ago much in the same way as they do to-day. That, at least, is the impression one gets from the antiquities found during the last year at the Silchester excavations.

The most interesting discovery was the building which formed apparently the principal baths of the Roman town. The exploration of the baths yielded a number of architectural fragments, including a small altar, portions of capitals and bases, part of a large basin of Purbeck marble, and some singular pieces of metal.

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An Amusing Incident.

The most amusing, and at the same time, the most mortifying experience I ever had happened about ten years ago. I was then living in a little country town in North Carolina.

My age was hastening on to spinsterhood with rapid strides. I had been annoyed by the unwelcome attentions of a widower of the same town and after repeatedly refusing his advances, I at last reluctantly consented to allow him to accompany me to church on a certain Sunday evening.

It was early in the spring, too early for straw hats, but my escort had provided himself with one of snowy whiteness, with a good generous brim, and he must needs wear it in honor of the occasion.

We arrived rather early and there were only a few people present as yet, for which I felt grateful. After we were seated I noticed a look of amusement on the faces of the audience and wondered what it could mean, as they kept looking our way.

I glanced up at Mr. Broadbrim (which name will answer him as well as any other) and what was my horror to discover that he had forgotten to remove his hat.

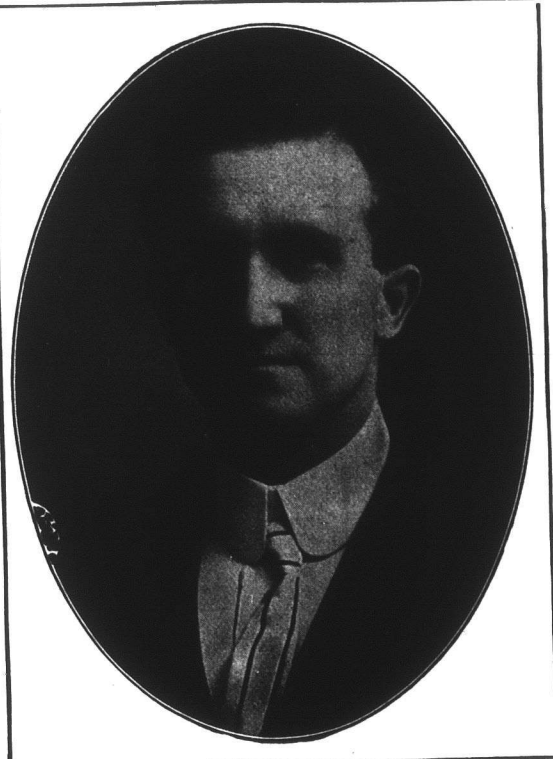
Well, I sat there and fidgeted, growing hot and cold by turns, and hoping he would collect his wits, if he had any, enough to remove his enormous headgear. At last I could bear it no longer and, looking up, I said, "You forgot to remove your hat, did you not?" He started, as though I had pricked him with a pin, his hand shot upwards, and an eighty-mile an hour wind could not have removed the hat with more alacrity. The audience smiled broadly, and I have never liked a straw hat since.—Edna Tubbs, Poquonock Bridge, Conn.

A Bear's Gratitude.

That beasts are sensible of kindness and remember it is proved by many interesting incidents. A woodsman who was fond of pets, found a young cub bear in the woods, half frozen and nearly starved, its mother having probably been killed by hunters. He took the little orphan with him and it soon became as playful as a kitten. Every night he had a romp with it on the floor of his cabin, and upon his return from his day's work in the woods, the cub would greet him with uncontrollable delight that an affectionate dog displays when his master comes home. But as the bear grew older its wild nature began to assert itself, in spite of its fondness for its benefactor, until finally one day it disappeared in the woods and did not return. The man hunted long and carefully for his pet, searching every nook and ravine for miles about his cabin, but without success. Two or three years afterward he was going through the wood to his work, unarmed, and without even his axe, which he had left the night before at the place where he was chopping. As he was passing through a heavy growth of young evergreens, an enormous female bear rose up before him. Behind her were two cubs and the mother was furious at having been disturbed, and mad with fear for the safety of her young. The chopper was utterly without means of defence, and even before he had time to realize the extremity of his position, the bear was upon him. But just as she reached him a complete change came over her. Instead of attacking him, she began lickily against him. She was his long-lost pet, and had not forgotten him. When he had recovered from his fright sufficiently to go on toward his work, the bear went too, and for more than a mile she followed him. Then, feeling, apparently, that she had done all that courtesy and her sense of gratitude required, she left him and went back to her cubs.

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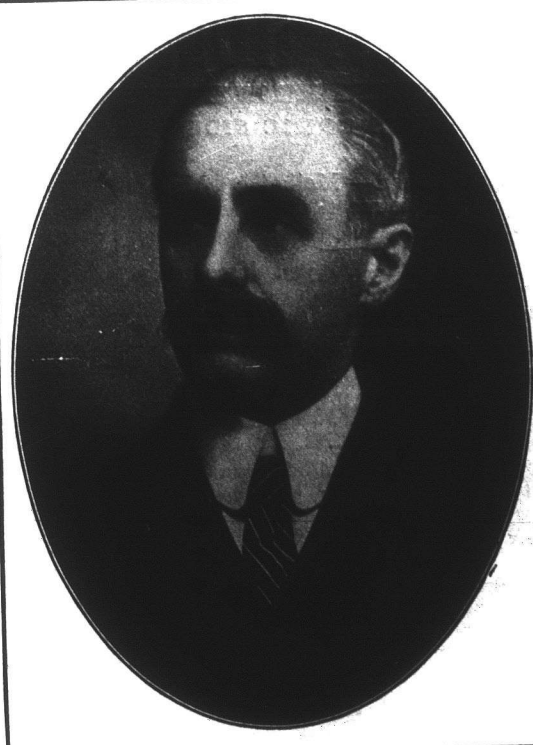
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Mrs. Nulywed—Do you know what I've cooked for you to-day, dearest?
Nulywed—No; do you?

Irate Father—I'm going to put a check to your extravagance, sir!
Impudent Son—All right! Give me the check.

Howell—"You shouldn't run for a street car; it's bad for your heart."
Powell—"Worse than that; it's bad for my fountain pen."

The dog-pound—horrors!—is next door To the butcher shop, I've found;
Now I shall never more Buy sausage by the pound!

Joseph—Do you believe all this, Arthur, about men buying wives?
Arthur—Oh, I expect so! Some men will buy anything.

Mrs. Hunks—"Ezra, what is good for a pain in the jaw?"
Old Hunks—"Give the jaw absolute rest."

Little Rollo—"Pop, what is an up-right piano?"
Pop—"One that plays only sacred music, my son."

Aunt Beth—They say his money is tainted!
Edith—Nonsense, aunt! I heard him say he had just cleaned up another million!

Visitor—My good man, you keep your pigs much too near the house.
Cottager—That's just what the doctor said, mum. But I don't see how it's agoin' to hurt 'em!

Mother—I'm glad you're playing with good little boys now.
Tommy—Yes'm; they ain't like the other kind. I kin lick any one o' dese kids if I want'er.

Big Sister—Dick, I think it is time little folks were in bed. Little Dick (on Mr. Nicefellow's knee)—Oh, it's all right. Mamma said I should stay here until she came downstairs.

Newsboy—"Gimme half a dozen quinine pills."
Clerk—"Want 'em in a box?"
Newsboy—"Aw, think I'm going to roll 'em home?"

Mrs. De Style—"That pin-wheel I bought here yesterday had no powder in it."
Storekeeper—"I know dot, lady; id vos a safety-pin wheel."

Nell—Oh, my! Here's a telegram from Jack of the football team.
Bell—What does it say?
"It says, 'Nose broken. How do you prefer it set—Greek or Roman.'"

Mrs. Meadowe—"You will find the woodshed at the back of the house."
Tired Traveller—"Excuse me, madam, but I never patronize a chop-house."

Lenditt—You borrowed \$10 of me last month and promised to pay in two days. You must have a bad memory.
Spenditt—Fierce! I remember it perfectly!

A fond father in Summerville used to have a door-mat with the word "Welcome!" upon it. Now that his four daughters have grown up he has a new mat, with the inscription: "Beware of the Dog!"

Medical Adviser—"Jaggins, you are not following my directions. I told you three weeks ago last Monday to begin tapering off by taking a drink every other day."

Jaggins—"Well, that's what I'm doing, doctor. I don't take a drop on Mondays. I drink only on the other days."

Mr. Meane—The paper says that skirts are to be worn longer than ever.

Mrs. Meane—Well, you needn't reckon on me wearing mine any longer.

Mrs. Ferguson—"I wonder what makes the cold chills run up and down my back?"

Mr. Ferguson—"You've been reading in the papers about the prospect of a coal strike. Quit it."

Canvasser—"Madam, I would like to show you the beautiful silver forks that we are giving away with every half dozen bars of Skinflint Soap."

Lady of The House—"We don't never eat with forks in this house. they leak."

First Suburbanite—"Did you ever go on one of those Cook's Tours?"

Second Suburbanite—"Oh, yes; I've visited every intelligence office from one end of the city to the other."

"So you advise me not to sue," said the client. "I do," said the lawyer. "Well," returned the disappointed client, "it seems darned strange that when a man pays for advice he can't get the kind he wants."

"Dearest," whispered Cordelia, after she had captured the coveted solitaire, "I have a confession to make. I am a cooking-school graduate."

Clarence shuddered.
"Oh, well," he rejoined, after the manner of one resigned to his fate, "we can board."

Next Door Neighbor—"I was about to say—what's that terrible racket upstairs? Is somebody having a fit?"

Mrs. Hewjams—"No. That's John. He's rehearsing the speech he is going to deliver tomorrow night before the Universal Peace society."

Miss Gabbell—"I'm stronger than you are, anyway. I can step up to a horizontal bar and chin it sixteen times."

Miss Chillicon—"I have no doubt of it. I believe you could step up to that or anything else and chin it all day long."

"Now, in order to subtract," explained a teacher to a class in mathematics, "things have to always be of the same denomination. For instance, we couldn't take three apples from four pears, nor six horses from nine dogs." A hand went up in the back part of the room. "Teacher," shouted a small boy, "can't you take four quarts of milk from three cows?"

Papa—"Didn't I tell you, Willie, if I caught you playing with Tommy again I would whip you?"

Willie—"Yes sir."

Papa—"Then why were you playing with him?"

Willie—"Well, I got lonesomer than I thought a licking would hurt, so I just went over and played with him."

Elder Keepalong—"Deacon, you believe that everything that takes place is foreordained, don't you?"

Deacon Ironside—"Certainly I do."
Elder Keepalong—"Then why did you wallop the man you caught stealing coal from your shed the other night?"

Deacon Ironside—"Because, I couldn't help it. I felt that it was foreordained I should wallop him."

A city man complained bitterly of the conduct of his son. He related at length to an old friend all the young man's escapades.

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