

THE STRANGER.

You may not know his name,
And you may not know his face;
But go to him just the same,
He's a stranger in the place.

IN THE KILN.

"We shall have to refuse the order, Mr. Bolton. You know what a mass that stockroom is since the fire, and with Williams sick and Johnson with a broken leg, there isn't a man in the place that can grade up the stock."

"Well," said Mr. Bolton, "I heard what you said to Mr. Eaton, sir," said the boy. "I can grade those wheels if you want me to, I know how."

"You can grade wheels!" repeated Mr. Bolton, amazed. "What do you know about that work?"

"I heard what you said to Mr. Eaton, sir," said the boy. "I can grade those wheels if you want me to, I know how."

"You don't say so!" said Mr. Bolton. "If you can't grade wheels, why—why—but you can't grade twenty thousand wheels in four days, boy! It can't be done!"

"I can try, sir. If you will give me some men to help lift and stack the wheels, buy me some gloves, and have my meals sent in here I'll work night and day, and maybe you can get that order out."

"Yes, I will," said Ellis. "This job is going to be finished on time."

So the men waited for Ellis rather than Ellis for the men, and by the middle of the night, when they stopped work, the men were comparatively fresh and Ellis was worn-out.

Nevertheless, he was back at work when the whistle blew the next morning. He was sleepy, so sleepy that his eyes would close while he was waiting for a new lot of wheels to be brought to the grading-table; but he never failed to wake up when they came, and to grade them with accuracy.

"No use being cold, when there's a pile of hot bricks there," he said to himself. He left the factory to go the short distance to the kilns, where the emery-wheels were baked.

Here were four huge brick ovens, for all the world like great bottles, twenty-five feet high. They were all built alike. Over the hearths where the fires were built there was a single circular grate, roofed over about twelve feet from the floor by a dome-shaped ceiling of brick with a round opening in it, through which the smoke passed into a smaller chamber above, and out through the neck-like chimney overhead.

It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that he slept long and soundly, and that Mr. Bolton, when in the morning he failed to find him to congratulate him on his achievement, supposed that he had gone home to much-needed rest.

"They've shut me in—and the kiln is being fired! I've got to get out of here quick!"

"Being scared won't you save me," he said, aloud. "There must be a way out."

"A sudden fit of coughing seized him; the smoke was getting heavier."

"What's your husband so angry about?" "He's been out of work six weeks."

Climbing to the crown of his curving floor and standing in the smoke, Ellis, with all his strength, drove the largest grader deep into the mortar between the bricks.

But the need of haste was urgent. Slipping the other grader inside his shirt, he took a long breath and climbed again to the crown and sprang straight up into the chimney, landing with one foot on the grader, which, although it gave a liting beneath him, held. With his hands already in the chimney, he managed to keep his footing, slowly straightened out his leg, and stand upright.

Then began a struggle such as Ellis had not believed he could make. The second grader had to be thrust into the mortar on the other side of the chimney as high above the first grader as possible, yet not too high for him to step up on it; and he realized that if, when he was on it, he could not reach the edge of the chimney with his hands, he was doomed.

"Here is the place—mustn't drop it—mustn't drop it—now chimney careful!"

"Fnr two years afterward Ellis's work that of assistant stock clerk, later, when Williams was promoted, he became chief of stock. And chief of stock he remained, at good wages, until by the aid of the night-school, he earned a position as salesman in the store."

Care of Baby's Nose, Throat and Ears.

INDIVIDUAL HANDKERCHIEFS.—As soon as a child is old enough he should be taught to use a handkerchief and properly expel mucus from the nose.

When there is a severe cold in the head accompanied by a profuse nasal discharge, the nose should be examined for a cold in the head it is well to have the nose examined for some foreign body, such as a pear bean, button, small stone, or other foreign substance.

Receiving Ammunition. From the New York Evening Sun.

Woman's Influence and the Suffrage.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch columns contained these jests: A Harvard man said to a Wellesley girl, "Wellesley is just a match factory."

Mrs. C.—"My husband says women shouldn't have votes, because they don't understand the tariff."

Much stress is placed on feminine influence, and it is preferable, if practicable. But there are many men who cannot be influenced by anything less than a government decree.

Emma Sims Herzog. Fifty years ago Tuesday of last week, Altoona, Pa., was the scene of one of the most momentous assemblages in the entire history of the country.

The prevailing style in autumn coats is the cutaway, although a few have straight fronts and some are double-breasted.

White of an egg will clean fly-specks from gilt frames or moldings. Apply the white of egg with a camel's hair brush.

After the cut glass has been thoroughly washed in soapuds, sawdust and chamois as polishers will make it glisten and sparkle.

When punching eyelets, place the material over a cake of white soap. This makes a firm edge, which is easily worked over. It also prevents material from raveling.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

DAILY THOUGHT.

A man cannot be his highest and best self without giving out those things which are best in him.

A call is not necessary after a tea or afternoon reception.

The visiting card may be used in issuing informal invitations.

A business address is never engraved on the visiting card.

All liquids are taken from the side, not from the end of the spoon.

Visiting cards vary but slightly in shape or size from season to season.

Reception cards state the hours between which the hostess receives.

An invitation to a dinner requires a personal call upon the hostess a week after the event.

At the wedding all expenses except the clergyman's fee are borne by the family of the bride.

At an afternoon reception a half hour's stay is sufficient, several of such affairs being attended in an afternoon.

Eat slowly and quietly; there is nothing more offensive to refined people than noisy eating or vulgar table manners.

At the day at home a handsome afternoon toilet is worn: tea is served to each guest soon after his or her arrival.

Olives and radishes are eaten with the fingers. Oranges, peaches and apples are pared, quartered and then eaten with the fingers.

A member of one's own family may be introduced without first asking permission, as none could refuse without giving offense.

Never pierce meat while cooking or the juice will escape.

Eucalyptus oil will remove grease, including machine oil, from any fabric without injury.

When the enamel on gas stoves becomes discolored, scour it with a damp flannel dipped in garden soil.

A good way to clean windows in city houses is to rub with alcohol and polish with cheesecloth.

A bit of bluing added to the soap-suds when washing glassware, will make it clear and sparkling.

Any sauce may be ruined by a too rapid boiling. It must boil once, but never more than simmer afterwards.

To remove the unpleasant odor from the hands after peeling onions, rub them with salt and wash in cold water.

In Paris only the high waistline is used.

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The Robespierre collar is worn on everything now, including even coats.

This season the dressmaker is identified by the skirt more than any other part of the dress. The pannier is very popular on the stage and among well-dressed Parisiennes. The straight skirt and draperies are also favorites.

A white potato, grated and sprinkled over carpets is a fine cleaner and will freshen the colors without injuring the most delicate shades.

If the fresh green color of vegetables, such as peas, beans, etc., is desired, never put the lid on the pot while they are boiling.

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Fill a tin cup with vinegar and place it on the back of the stove. This will prevent the smell of cooking getting over the house.

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If you rub a bit of dry soap across the new spool of silk you will not be bothered by having the silk unwind too quickly when threaded into the machine.

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Evening gowns have transparent sleeves, tight and long, and these convey the idea of no gloves, for they fit so tightly and cannot be crushed, being made of lace, net, tulle, chiffon, etc.

The celebration of the event in our history in Altoona last week is only a little less in importance than the Declaration of Independence, the signing of the treaty of peace which gave our independence, the adoption of the constitution and emancipation proclamation and the surrender of the Confederate armies.

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FARM NOTES.

The secret in raising strong pigs lies in the method of handling the sows during the gestation period.

If care is not taken the toes of the colts will get unduly long while in pasture, and thereby throw an undue strain upon the muscles below the hock as well as on the pastern.

—Hogs relish alfalfa. It is a very good food for brood sows during the gestation period, as it keeps down fever and the constipation so frequent during the period.

—Cows keep up the milk flow on it, and it is equally good for beef. It makes a splendid crop to follow wheat or oats the same season.

—The fear of "toadstool poisoning" has kept many gardeners from growing mushrooms.

—The common cause for failure in the cultivation of mushrooms is the use of poor spawn, killed by improper storage; spawning at a temperature injuriously high; or too much water at spawning time or later, and improper preparation of the bed.

Professor Bouquet, the vegetable garden expert of the Oregon Agricultural College, says there is no use trying to raise mushrooms if you do not start right.

—Mushrooms may be grown in any place where the condition of temperature and moisture are favorable.

—The second most important factor is that of moisture. The place should not be very damp, although a moist atmosphere is desirable for the best growth of the fungus.

—When the mushrooms are ready for use, they should be washed in cold water.

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