

Burns in Effort to Reach Little Boy and Baby Who Afterwards Are Saved.

Kenosha, Wis.—A story of heroism reached here the other day from New Munster, a village in the western part of Kenosha county. A mother was burned to death trying to save the lives of her two children.



Tried to Fight Her Way Through the Flames.

reached the house he left the can near a burning gasoline stove and went out to play. Two other children, a boy of five and a baby girl, eighteen months, were in the house. The gas from the can was exploded by stove heat and the house took fire.

BRAVES MAD DOG FOR SON

Child is Badly Hurt Before Its Mother Can Drag the Vicious Brute Away.

Stamford, Conn.—Perry Mullin, three years old, son of James Mullin, an employe of Mrs. F. A. Hamilton of Riverside, is in the Stamford hospital in a serious condition from wounds



Attacked the Child.

inflicted by the teeth of a dog which is believed to have been mad. The dog's spine and head have been sent away for examination by experts. The dog, a large bull, attacked the child on the premises of Mrs. Hamilton. Another baby, Agnes Mackey, a cousin of Master Mullin, was playing with him when the dog appeared.

LORNA MAKES HAY WHILE SUN SHINES

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS.

Lorna gazed blankly at the big ship that was making its way ponderously out to sea. She was stunned with the sudden knowledge that her husband was glad to be leaving her.

They had been married a scant year, and through all those months Lorna had fought against the hints, from kindly neighbors, that her husband had married her out of pique.

But Lorna had believed in her happiness until the moment the ship had pulled away from the wharf with her husband on board. Then she had looked up suddenly at him as he leaned over the bulwark and was surprised to see an expression of relief, as from a released burden, in his eyes.

She had taken the blow like a little soldier, with smiling lips and a happy waving of farewells. When the boat was well out in the bay the hand that held her handkerchief swept across her eyes and she stood for a moment in blank misery.

"I will make hay while the sun shines," she smiled at her own extravagance.

As Lorna descended the stairs the big living room struck her as being dull and toneless. This, too, was her fault.

"I will also make over the rooms." She laughed quite like the old Lorna who had not known David Brooks. "I will buy yards and yards of cretonne with big pink roses in it, and when David comes home he will think the garden has walked into the house."

When Lorna first beheld herself in her new raiment she blushed at her own extravagant beauty. Her hair was fluffed as if from a lover's caresses, and her eyes were aglow.

"But David will not know me," she reminded herself.

Even in her new view of life Lorna was not without her moments of blank dismay. What if David could not stamp the memory of Beth Cornish from his heart? Could it be possible that the gossip she had heard was not true—that merely her own carelessness had made David indifferent?

Fortunately these morbid thoughts were short lived.

As the weeks passed swiftly, Lorna realized that she was indeed improving the hours.

"Perhaps, after all," she reasoned, "it is good for us to come against blank walls in our paths. I might never have known that the biggest things in life were passing me by—perhaps I was really contented with only half of David's love."

So in the end Lorna came to look upon her cross as a blessing. She seemed to have made new friends; she seemed to hold them firmly at her side. She gave one or two dinner parties and found herself branching out in many directions.

Lorna had not ceased to love her husband, but she began to feel independently strong.

When the letter came which mentioned the day of her husband's arrival, Lorna sank down into her big chair and trembled. After all, now that he was coming, she felt strangely weak. There was so much at stake. She knew that she could never again be happy with half his love. She had struggled for the whole and she must have it.

She did not go down to the wharf, but waited for him at home. Lorna had dressed with unusual care. Her gown of trilly blue and her little blue slippers peeping from beneath were only the setting for her exquisite beauty. She knew that she was looking well, and the knowledge lent a certain proud carriage to her figure.

David saw her through the French windows before he entered the house. He caught his breath and was conscious of a thrill. Whether it was from surprise or longing he knew not. But certain it was that he quickened his step and took her into his arms with an emotion for which he had not bargained. It left him breathless and a trifle confused.

"Lorna—" he said, and stopped. "What is it, David?" she asked with a little unsteady laugh. She looked up at him and the glow in her eyes left him dazed.

"You are not the same Lorna—whom I left—I hardly feel that you are really mine."

"But I am, Davy boy." She smiled, because she knew that she had won. His arms held her in a way that made her knowledge certain. "I have made the house over, though. See!" She turned and swept in the changed surroundings.

David looked over her head, but did not release her. "Lorna!" he put a firm hand under her chin. "Lorna—little wife—look at me. Did you—did you think all this was necessary—to make me love you?"

She looked up from one fleeting glance, then her head went down on his shoulder.

David's arms closed about her and drew her near to him. He was silent a long moment, and when he spoke his voice was not quite steady.

"I love you, dear," he said simply. "I have always loved you."

Lorna smiled up at him. "That is all I want."

NOT FOUND IN JOE MILLER

Youthful Minstrel at School Show Got Off One Good and Original Joke.

It is customary in many of the New York schools to give entertainments on the last day before the pupils disperse for the Christmas holidays. Parents are invited to see and hear their young hopefuls recite or take part in special vaudeville stunts or fairy plays devised by the teachers.

One teacher who found herself blessed—or otherwise—with a roomful of unruly boys when school began in the autumn hit upon a happy idea. She promised the boys that if they were good they might have a minstrel show just before the holidays. All through the term the teacher kept this prospect before them, promising the particularly noisy youths good parts if they would keep their deportment up to a fair standard.

The promise had the desired effect, the boys were reasonably manageable, and when the performance came off it was a howling success.

One little temporary dandy, rubbing his arm, finally attracted the attention of the interlocutor.

"Why, Mistah Jones," he exclaimed, "what's de mattach wit yo' am?" "Why, Mistah Bones, ah wuz out in de Hudson ribber yestaday fo' shad, an' ah got mah a'm lame rowin' against de tide."

"Well, well," returned the young Mister Bones, "ah nevah saw such foolishness! Why didn't you let de shad row?"

PRISONERS MIGHT BE FREED

Many in New York Jails Are Held Contrary to the Strict Letter of the Law.

An examination of the prison reports of the state of New York has shown that 254 prisoners are at present serving terms in the state under illegal sentences.

Part of these prisoners claimed when on trial to be first offenders, and so got an indeterminate sentence. The law of New York provides that on second convictions no indeterminate sentence can be given.

As to the first ground of illegality, other states have permitted indeterminate sentences on second convictions without discoverable bad results.

As to the second ground one can say the clamor against the courts would be less effective if judges would take more care to get on familiar and really friendly terms with the law.—Chicago Journal.

Tree Gone Mad.

Nature in the tropics, left to herself, is harsh, aggressive, savage; looks as though she wanted to hang you with her dangling ropes or impale you on her thorns, or engulf you in her ranks of gigantic ferns. Her mood is never as placid and sane as in the north. There is a tree in the Hawaiian woods that suggests a tree gone mad. It is called the hau-tree. It lies down, squirms and wriggles all over the ground like a wounded snake; it gets up, and then takes to earth again. Now it wants to be a vine, now it wants to be a tree. It throws somersaults, it makes itself into loops and rings, it rolls, it reaches, it doubles upon itself. Altogether it is the craziest vegetable growth I ever saw. Where you can get it up off the ground and let it perform its antics on a broad skeleton framework, it makes a cover that no sunbeam can penetrate, and forms a living roof to the most charming verandas—or lanais, as they are called in the islands—that one can wish to see.—From "Holidays in Hawaii," by John Burroughs in the Century.

Just a Little Farther On.

After North Carolina voted to be a "dry" state, its citizens became very suspicious of strangers.

One day a commercial traveler went up to an old negro in a little town in the eastern part of the state and said to him:

"Say, uncle, if you will lead me to some place where I can get a drink I'll give you two dollars."

The old dandy looked him over carefully, accented the two plunks, and said, "All right, boss; jest foller me."

He led the thirsty one through the town, on through the suburbs, into the country, and then started due west. After they had traversed about five miles in silence and still nothing in sight, the man asked:

"Look here, Mose! Where are we going after this drink?"

"We's gwine ovah into Kentucky, boss; we can't git nuthin in dis state."—Judge.

Grounds for Divorce.

A Cleveland lawyer tells this one: "A woman came up to my office the other day and wanted to know if she could get a divorce because her husband didn't believe in the Bible. I told her that unless she had some thing else on him there would be no use in bringing suit."

"But he's an absolute infidel!" she insisted.

"That makes no difference," said I. "Doesn't it, indeed?" she cried, triumphantly. "Well, you are a law lawyer, I must say. Here's the laws of Ohio, and they say that infidelity, if proved, is a ground for divorce!"

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