How the Housekeeper Successfully Engineered Love Affair.

By J. T. GREENLEAF.

"Did you get any satisfaction about our marriage out of father this morning, Paul?" Brownie Weston asked her lover as they were pacing the broad piazza of the Weston home in the April dusk.

"Yes and no," answered the young man. "He said: 'When I'm in danger of going to jail on account of my sharp practices or some woman ropes me into marrying her, you may have Brownie.' "

"That's father all over," she laughed. "How he does enjoy a war of wits, especially with you! Let's think about it, for I don't believe it's a wholly idle speech. Tell me something else that has happened today with you."

"Absolutely a gray blank in every espect. We've been hauling potatoes to the car for him to ship-but yes, there was one little thing that was interesting. Widow Aikins brought two bushels of the tubers, and when I weighed the outfit again it fell short 60 pounds, showing one bushel only."

"That's queer," the girl flashed. 'What did you do?" "Registered it for two bushels and gave her a credit slip accordingly." "Then his scales are wrong,"

Brownie cried. "If they are, he doesn't know it. He's the most obstinate, cantanker-

our, old-" "Sh-sh-" the girl ordered, layng a slim, brown hand over the

farmer's mouth, "you mustn't speak n that derogatory way of your future father-in-law!' "A-a-mighty long way in the future," sputtered Paul, getting the obstruction to free sueech in his hand as he went en; "but even then he's

honest and square." "I'm glad you think so, but I know him better than you do, and there's more in it than shows," she pursued. "Tomorrow, every load you bring to him, you weigh at home and then



"Your-Your Scales, Mr. Weston." weigh back the crates on your own

scales and tell me about it when you come over in the evening." "That's silly, darling," Paul de-

clared. "If there's an inaccuracy he doesn't know it, and if it should turn out that he does, you and I couldn't catch him. I know there isn't. He's honest." "You mind me. Paulsie," the daugh-

ter of Hiram Weston ordered, "for there's something doing, I know.' This reminder of Weston's own spirit was enforced by something that topped the young man's mouth.

The following morning a solid bit of humanity, Hannah Arbuthnot, queenly, even in her dark blue calico dress said to Brownie: "What's the matter with my

let me marry Paul. He keps jollying us along. You know what a dear, trying mischievous old angel he is!"

'What's he done now?" asked the housekeper, hitching her portly self up on the broad kitchen table and gathering Brownie in her strong

A few words told the latest developments and then Hannah solilo-

"He said that, did he? You leave him to me. We'll see what your oldmaid foster-mother can do for her baby. He wanted to marry me once, you know."

When Weston drove in, tired, wet and muddy, that evening, Hannah caught a lantern and slipped out to the barn, saying as she closed the

"You give him his supper, little

Toward the end of the satisfying meal, Weston remarked with his eyes taking in the beauty of the girl: "You remind me so much of your

mother, Brownie!" "That's a great compliment, father, for they say she was a handsome

"She certainly was," he agreed; that slew, good boy lover of yours, negle added \$2,000,000 to his gift in has she?"

"What would she try to do if she

"She might think I'd ask her to marry me, especially if you two got your heads together to beat an old man," he chuckled.

"But I'll never do that twice to the same woman!" A light step on the porch took the girl to the door, and Paul was ush-

erd into the parlor. "Well, what about the weights?" asked the little lady at once. sure," was the report.

"All right," she responded, with her eyes dancing with mischief. "I'll call him in and you tell him." "I? I? Tell your father! I'd rather face a locomotive!" he ex-

"But don't you think he ought to know it?" "Why-yes. He certainly-"

claimed.

the open door into the dining room: "Father, Paul and I don't agree vice. too!"

slow in coming, there was a second demand: "Out with it!" "Your-your-scales, Mr. Weston,

are wrong, but I don't-" "My scales wrong?" the older man burst out. "Why you young—you young-and right in my own house

"I-I thought you ought to know it, sir," Paul babbled. Then he told his story." "But I'm sure you didn't know it,"

he added. "And you and Brownie aren't intending to use it in response to my

proposition of yesterday?" "Oh, no, sir. That wouldn't be fair unless you knew it. You're honest, "Well, sir, I did know it," said

Weston, handing Brownie the round, iron disk that represents 300 pounds as a weight. "Turn it over, Kitten. See that little wad of lead. That made the overweight that Paul found. I used it on his own outfit and the widow's, to see how far he was watching his own interest." "Then may I have Brownie?"

gasped Paul. "Not much," cried Weston, "I'm in no danger of going to jail for sharp practices, am I?"

"May I say a word or two?" demurely asked Hannah. "Sure," assented Weston, "I'm in the hands of the Philistines, but I'm

too much for the whole of you." "Please read that," said Hannah passing an old letter to Brownie. After a minute of scanning the missive the girl said: "This is a proposal of marriage from Hiram Weston to Hannah Arbuthnot, dated six years ago. Its concluding sen-

good faith." Looking Weston squarely in his eyes, Hannah declared: "And now I

tence provides that the offer holds

Gathering the regal figure in his arms and looking at Paul and Brownie over the shapely shoulder, Weston cried:

"Roped! By thunder!" (Copyright, 1912, by Associated Literary Press.)

NOT HIS TIME FOR REVENGE

Circumstances Seemed Favorable for the Moment, but the Luck Would Not Hold.

Aboard the great ship the silence of despair reigned. She had struck on an uncharted reef, and, owing to the heavy sea, the boats had either been stove in against the ship's side or swamped in the attempt to lower. A stalwart passenger stole up to the captain's side.

"Do you think, sir," he asked, "that there is the slightest chance of our

being saved?" "Look here," said the skipper, in tones of disgust, "that's the sixth time you've asked me that question. Why, you great lubberly brute, I believe you're the biggest coward aboard!"

"S-sh! No, I'm not," protested the "Nothing new, dearie," replied the burly one. "But, look here. You see girl. "Just the old story—father won't that old duffer standing by the rail? Well, he's my rich uncle, and all my life I've had to put up with his cussed cantankerousness. But if the ship's going down, and there's no hope, I'd like time to give him one good, sound kick to square the little account I

owe him!" Just then a rescue ship appeared on the scene and above the joyful shout the raucous voice of the old man by the rail was heard, commanding his dutiful nephew to fetch his hot water bottle from his water-logged state-

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room.

The Carnegie institute, Washington, was founded by Mr. Andrew Carnegie January 28, 1902, when he gave the board of trustees the sum of \$10,000,-000 in registered bonds, yielding 5 per cent. annual interest. He stated, in general terms, that his purpose was to "found in the city of Washington an institution which, with the cooperation of institutions now or hereafter established, there or elsewhere, shall in the broadest and most liberal manner encourage investigation, research and discovery, show the application of knowledge to the improve "but what's Hannah up to, taking ment of mankind, and provide such care of old Kitty for me and all? She buildings, laboratories, books and aphasn't heard of my proposition to paratus as may be needed." Mr. Car-

AS TO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE

Theory That Has Long Been Held Is FINE JOB PRINTING Gaining Ground Among the Men of Scientific Mind.

The idea that the earth's atmosphere is distributed in layers, with nearly pure hydrogen at the top, has been growing in favor in the last few years, and is now expanded by the assump tion that a still lighter gas rests on the hydrogen. This hypothetical gas "Each load was about 60 pounds is called "geocoronium," as it is at short; but he don't know it, I'm least similar to the coronium forming the sun's atmosphere beyond the hydrogen. Presently some of the evidence, Professor Wegener, a German physicist, states that twilight rays seem to be reflected from a height of about 46 miles, but that after twilight he has observed a bluish reflection from a height of about 133 miles. This elevated reflecting surface is believed to be the boundary line between the stammered, as she called out through hydrogen and the geocoronium. Small meteors glow at heights between 100 and 50 miles, indicating that their luabout a matter and we want your ad- minosity is due to collision with the Hannah, you better come, hydrogen, and the sudden brightening of large meteors at a certain point may "What is it all about?" Weston be caused by reaching a denser air layasked, going directly to Paul, who er. Other observations confirm the was as white as marble, lijs and theory of an atmosphere of fairly defihands in a tremor. As the reply was nite layers. It is calculated that at sea level the air contains 78.1 per cent of nitrogen, 4.939 of argon, 0.0033 of hydrogen, 8.0005 of helium, and only 0.00058 of geocoronium; at 25 miles, 88 per cent, of nitrogen and 10 of oxygen; at 62 miles, 67 per cent, of hydrogen, 29 of geocoronium, and 4 of helium, and at 300 miles 33 per cent. of geocoronium and 7 of hydrogen,

SAFE WAY TO CARRY SKUNKS

John Burroughs Is Authority for This, if Any One Cares to Try Somewhat Rash Experiment.

"There is a saving among country folk that a skunk can be safely carried by the tail, a saying that some naturalists deny," says Julian Burroughs, in telling of his boyhood days with his father, John Burroughs, in the Craftsman. "Father determined to try the question for himself, his courage being equal to the task Every time that I caught a skunk about the house I let father have a try at him. First, we carefully shut up the dog, much to the latter's disgust; then the skunk was gently lifted on a pole and dropped into an empty barrel, the trap being opened over the edge to liberate him. In a few minutes, or as soon as the skunk had become used to the barrel, father would reach in, clasp him firmly by his plumelike tail and then raise him aloft, always being careful not to let the animal get his front feet on any near object. This we repeated over and over without any accident, proving without doubt that the skunks of Ulster county, at least, can be safely carried by their tails."

Moulds of Bronze Age. The molds of the latter bronze age were either of clay or bronze. In casting swords and daggers of bronze the molds must have been of clay and been heated to dull redness at the time when the metal was poured ina method of casting which is still practiced in Japan-as by no other means could such perfect castings of their thin blades have been obtained. The castings generally were hammered at the cutting edges, and it is to this hammering, and to it only that the hardness of the cutting edges of both copper and bronze weapons is due, and not to any method of tempering. Much has been written about the so-called art of tempering bronze supposed to have been practiced by the men of the Bronze Age in the manufacture of their weapons; the hardness is also said to be greater than can be given to the bronze at the present day. William Gowland has recently pointed out that this is an error, and has expressed the opinion that it can only have arisen owing to its authors never having made any comparative practical tests of the hardness of bronze.

New Rose From Ulster, Time and unlimited patience, with years of experimenting, is the cost of producing a new rose, but when this effort is attended with success the re muneration and the glory of achieve ment are, or should be, entirely satisfactory. A new rose has made its debut at the National Rose society's autumn show in London. "The color is a flaming terra cotta, shading to prawn pink." Such is the description and the blooms have been obtained after four years' persistent cross-fertilizing by the cultivator, Mr. Mc-Gredy, of Portadown, Ireland. There are only a dozen blooms of the new flower, but these are sold at \$5.20 each. The grower's stock consists of forty plants, which he will not par with for \$15,000, and not a plant wil. he sell until 1913. It is extremely difficult to produce a really good rose and in producing this one many hundred plants were condemned as use

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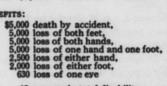
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