

ROAD TO HAPPINESS.

This is the road to happiness: Start now, from where you are; Turn to the right and keep straight on; And you'll not find it far.

ONE WOMAN'S FAITH.

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Now that the moment for action had arrived Jim Corrigan felt his courage oozing away. All he had to do was to take the packed suit case that lay underneath his desk, go out of the door, jump on a street car, and make his way to any railroad depot.



"I Was Shopping," Continued the Girl

hundred thousand had gone with the rest. The man felt ashamed and humiliated. "I must have got cold feet!" he jeered, to hearten himself.

The Time is Coming. O, mother, please, mother, come home with me now; the afternoon's slipping by fast; you said you were coming right home from the polls as soon as your ballot was cast.

come to dinner tonight. So I just looked in. "Yes, I'll come," muttered Corrigan, conscious that he was speaking abruptly, and seeing the surprised look on her face. "Excuse me—I'm very busy—"

The girl made a haughty little bow. "If you are busy, Mr. Corrigan, of course I won't detain you any longer," she said, moving toward the door.

"No, it was about you," Jim blurted out. And something stronger than himself took possession of him. He wanted to tell her everything, including his love, to ask for forgiveness and to restore what he was able.

"But of course there is!" exclaimed the girl indignantly. "Officer, I am Miss Della Heming. My father was president of the national bank here. I can vouch for Mr. Corrigan's honor."

The officer, without paying the slightest attention, began to rummage among the papers on Jim's desk. The stenographers and other girls in the large room adjoining, having got wind of what was happening, appeared at the door with frightened faces.

"Mr. Corrigan—Jim, dear, I believe in you to the last!" cried Della, losing all self-control. She came up to him and slipped her hand into his and stood defiantly beside him.

"What's this?" queried the officer, picking up the telegram. Jim had forgotten Clancy's message. He groaned as the man deftly opened it. Clancy was always outspoken, and he was no more careful in his dispatches. That meant the end of all, of Della, of what shreds of honor he had hoped to retain after the investigation.

Teaching Art of Cookery. The British war office has taken advantage of the vacation season in the city schools to turn several of the buildings into cooking schools, where 1,500 soldiers are learning elementary principles of the culinary art.

Woman's Club Declares for "Preparedness"

The December meeting of the Woman's Club, presided over by the president, Mrs. J. Thomas Mitchell, was particularly interesting. Miss Margaret Cook's talk on the mosquito was most instructive and beneficial. The questions and discussions which followed brought out the need in our own town of the application of her suggestions for the destruction of this insect pest.

Mrs. Mitchell's suggestion that the club endorse the work of the Pennsylvania women's division for "National Preparedness" met with hearty approval. The purpose is to organize women to be ready in time of calamity; in time of national preparedness and for work in those fields in which women can most effectively aid.

Mrs. Mitchell called attention to the publication—"The Messenger"—which outlines committee work. The Drama League is making elaborate plans for a nationwide celebration throughout the year 1906 of the Shakespeare Tercentenary. League experts are preparing three separate study courses on Shakespeare.

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Under Cultivation.

Wonderful results have been achieved within the past few years in the reclamation of unproductive land. Huge tracts, almost as large as States, have been redeemed from barrenness and made to "blossom as the rose."

Captain John Randall bought a farm on Manhattan Island after the Revolution for \$12,500, and bequeathed it to trustees to endow a home for old sailors, known as the Sailors' Snug Harbor, on Staten Island. The city grew up and over the property, but the trustees didn't sell out and the farm is now worth \$18,000,000.

Couldn't Find Massachusetts. "Scotland yard will get you if you don't watch out" is a truism, and one of the last Americans to realize it is an attaché of the American Embassy at Berlin.

This young man arrived in London a short time ago and registered at the Ritz hotel as from the kaiser's capital. Within a few minutes a Scotland yard man was shadowing him and next morning early appeared at the American Embassy to inquire into the diplomatist's antecedents.

Good Listener Paid. A French soldier fighting in the Argonne has just been informed that he has inherited \$40,000 from a retired army officer of eccentric habits who lived in the same village as the soldier.

The officer's will ran: "Being without family, I leave the whole of my fortune to Paul, farmer. I desire thus to show my gratitude to him for having for many years listened patiently and with every air of interest to the story I used to tell of how I lost my right arm in the war of 1870."

"I pray and trust that he will be spared to return to his village after the war, and my only request to him is to come occasionally to my tomb and there relate some of his own war experiences."

MAKING DIVISION OF WEALTH

Respectable Sum of Money Could Be Allotted to Each Inhabitant of the United States.

If all the wealth in this country were divided among the inhabitants there of, every man, woman and child would get \$1,965. Thus the ordinary family of five would get about \$10,000, which would give it several years of quiet, happy living, not counting the dividends it might yield.

Of course, one has to do something to get his share, and this is his good fortune. If it would come to him while he sat doleful and thoughtless, he would soon wear away into a trilobite. It is well that we haven't got all we want; well, probably, that the rich man wants to get richer.

TOYS FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

They Pass Through European War Zone and Reach America to Gladden Children.

A German invasion of the United States has been effected through the port of New York—a pleasant sort of invasion to come from war-ridden Europe. Thousands of jumping-jacks, popguns and yellow-haired dolls; armies of lead soldiers in very brilliant paint uniforms and Noah's arks and music boxes—in all, 4,500 cases of toys—were brought in by the Holland-America steamer Veenbergen from Rotterdam.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, has informed the state department at Washington of the progress of negotiations looking toward the release of similar cargoes of German-made Christmas goods which have been held up for many months in Dutch ports.

Fake Extras in Japan.

In order to prevent the wanton issue of extra editions of newspapers, the metropolitan police of Tokyo, Japan, have issued instructions to the newspaper offices which include a warning that the authorities are prepared to take stringent steps against those which issue special editions without any real news of special interest. Among the offenses which are to be prosecuted is one which concerns the newsboys. They are required to call out the names of the papers whose extra editions they are selling; if they fail to do so they are to be punished. Publishers and all those concerned will be prosecuted for issuing any news which has once been published before, as people are being cheated in that way.

"Some" Voice. Here is a story that was told by Congressman John E. Baker of California, the other night, when the talk topic in the lobby of a hotel took a musical turn:

Some time ago the guests at a reception were discussing the relative merits of several vocalists, when one of the party turned to a man named Brown.

"By the way, Brown," said he, "you are something of a singer, are you not?" "Not on your life!" was the emphatic response of Brown. "I never sang a note that somebody didn't threaten to send in a riot call. You are probably thinking of my brother."

Zeppelins Carry Machinery to Turks. German Zeppelins are said to have been employed to relieve the Turkish shell shortage by one of the most novel schemes of the war.

One hundred tons of fine machinery used in the manufacture of shells are reported to have been carried from the Austrian frontier across Serbia and Bulgaria to Turkey. The Zeppelins traveled by night to escape detection by the Bulgarian border patrols and protests against violation of Bulgarian territory. Each of the dirigibles carried from three to four tons of machinery for the Turkish ammunition works.

Asking Too Much. While prominent specialists agree that golf is a cure for insanity it is doubtless asking too much at the present stage of science to expect a cure for golf.—Washington Post.

HAD NOT THE SAME RESULT

Soldiers Saw Great Difference in Rewards Offered by the Two Hospital Nurses.

There is on the Breton coast a little seaside resort nestled in an admirable setting of rocks and groves and equipped with a Grand Hotel of the Beach, which has been transformed in these sadly changed days into a hospital for wounded soldiers of France. For all that there are other people on the sands besides the convalescent heroes, and especially any number of pretty women, always ready to lend their help to the doctors in charge.

"If you are a good boy and do what the doctor tells you," said the dancer "you may kiss me."

Instantly and with one gulp, the big fellow swallowed the stuff, wiped his great mustache, and claimed his reward. It was all done so prettily that even the head surgeon permitted him self to smile.

RESEARCH STOPPED BY WAR

Observations of Wireless Telegraphy on a Large Scale Had Been Planned by Nations.

World-wide co-operative observations in wireless telegraphy were planned by a committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which reported at the Australian meeting a year ago this summer that the project had been cordially embraced throughout the British empire and in other countries. A variety of statistics were to be collected three days each week and suitable forms had been distributed on a large scale. The outbreak of the European war, however, wrought havoc with this undertaking, which had promised to throw light on several obscure questions in radio-telegraphy, and only a few stations in India, Australia, Canada, the West Indies and the United States are now keeping up the work.

Was Not a Roman. While a sergeant of a certain British regiment was engaged with a company of the National Reservists a short time ago in physical drill—a drill that demands, to say the least of it, a small amount of agility—a private, who looked as if he had been younger in his day, complained to the non-commissioned officer in charge that he was too old for that sort of practice.

"How old are you?" said the instructor. "Fifty-three," said the private. "Why," exclaimed the instructor, "the Romans used to do this sort of thing at the age of sixty."

Precious Metals in India. Precious metals continue to accumulate in India in enormous quantities in spite of the war. This is brought out by the figures of the gold and silver imports of the current year, which are now published. These show that after deducting all exportations there has been in three months an addition to the stores in the country of no less than 158 lakhs worth of gold and 229 lakhs worth of silver.

Scientists Interested in Find. At a recent scientific gathering, Professors Edgeworth, David and Wilson described a completely mineralized human skull found near Warwick, in the Darling Downs of Queensland. It probably dates from a period when the great fossil marsupials were still living, and is earlier than any other human remains hitherto found in Australia.

Mail Carriers Forest Fire Watchers. A. S. Burlison, postmaster general, has made the rural mail carriers assistants to the national and state forestry officers with the special duty of reporting forest fires. The glare of an incipient blaze, or the odor of wood smoke on the breeze will be the signal for the carriers to hasten to the nearest telephone to sound the alarm.

FARM NOTES.

-Very interesting data concerning the cost of wintering brood sows and the cost of growing and fattening pigs are given in Nebraska's Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 147, which is a report of the North Platte Sub-Station.

-Try and keep up the milk flow during the winter months. There is where good feeding counts. Feed liberally and with good ensilage, roots, alfalfa or good clover hay. If these feeds are given liberally, very little other expensive foods will be required.

-Ground wheat, either soaked or moistened, gives faster gains with less grain for 100 pounds of gain than whole wheat, either soaked or dry. Soaking wheat increased its feeding value only slightly, but grinding the wheat increased its feeding value about one-fifth.

-Every sow selected for breeding purposes should be docile. An irritable, nervous animal will prove unsatisfactory for breeding. Young pigs do not always betray this peculiarity, even though they possess it in high degree, hence the character of the mother should be noted in this respect.

-The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has been able to find only 106 abandoned farms in the Keystone State. It is said that these farms are not worn out, but are inaccessible to markets, and their owners are advised that by turning them into grazing lands they can be made profitable.

-Unless you buy hairy vetch seed from a reliable dealer, you are apt to get seed that is adulterated with the seed of weed varieties. To know whether or not the seed is pure, crush a handful of it finely. If there are fawn, salmon or reddish orange colored pieces in it, the seed is not pure. It should be lemon-yellow color.

-Farming was, in pioneer days, a method of getting a living where one could not obtain it any other way. Today farming is a business requiring business men of special adaptation. It is an occupation where intellect counts for much and where industry properly directed brings compensation and the best in life as a special reward.

-A 17-year-old five-acre apple orchard, down in Perry county, Pa., where the sod mulch system is practiced, yielded 2400 bushels of fruit with less than three bushels of defective apples in the lot, all grown on 191 trees. The varieties are Baldwin and Smith's Cider. The fruit was trimmed, one apple to a spur, and the trees were sprayed five times.

-Cows will not give a steady, good flow of milk if they are worried by flies. They will get nervous and cause a lot of trouble. Here is a first-rate spray that can be used with great benefit: Fish oil, two quarts; kerosene, one quart; crude carbonic acid, one pint; oil of pennyroyal, one ounce; oil of turpentine. Mix thoroughly and apply in a fine spray every two or three days, or as often as the flies begin their attacks.

By using a large amount of alfalfa hay, with a limited amount of grain, the net cost of wintering old brood sows is kept at the low figure of \$1.25 each without allowing the sow to become too thin for the best results in raising litters. On a ration containing from one-fourth to one-third alfalfa hay, young brood sows are carried from the pasture fields to the farrowing pens at a small profit and in suitable condition for farrowing and raising fair litters.

It is said that pigs and poultry had much to do with the events which led up to the great war in Europe. Serbia has no seaport, it being altogether an inland country. The leading industry of the Serbian people is the production of pigs and poultry, and these are the principal articles exported. Austria, which controls the seacoast of the Adriatic, has forced the Serbians to pay excessive taxes on swine and poultry shipped through Austrian ports, and in other ways hampered their trade.

Grapes may be pruned from the drooping of the leaves in the fall to the swelling of the buds in the spring. Pruning after sap begins to flow is devalorizing. It is seldom advisable to prune when vines are frozen, as the brittle canes are easily broken during handling. Summer pruning is far less practiced now than formerly, with a tendency to do less and less of it. It is used to remove surplus shoots and in heading back canes to keep them within limits. Very often shoots grow from weak buds on the fruiting canes to the detriment of the fruit-bearing shoots. These weak shoots should be rubbed off. So, too, shoots often break from arms, spurs or even the trunk where they are not wanted. These should be removed. Secondary shoots sometimes appear on fruiting shoots, especially in the axils of the latter; these should be rubbed off. Here, for the most part, summer pruning should end.

The average number of pigs per litter raised from old sows during a period of four years, was 6.55 at a cost of \$2.11 per pig weighing 50 pounds. The average number of pigs raised by young brood sows during a like period was 6.2, at a cost of \$1.68 per pig weighing 50 pounds. The fall pig was grown to the weight of 50 pounds as cheaply as the spring pig.

When grazing on alfalfa pasture, pigs receiving 2.5 pounds of grain per 100 hundred pounds of their weight daily have gained 0.75 pounds each day. The rate of gain on alfalfa pasture bore a close relation to the amount of grain fed. The most suitable supplementary feed to corn for fattening hogs seems to depend on several variable factors. Oil meal, cold pressed cottonseed cake and tankage rank close together in the profits secured in nearly all tests. In some tests these by-products give faster gains and more profit than corn and alfalfa, and in other tests the reverse is true. That physical condition of the hogs is influenced by weather and other factors seems to determine whether alfalfa hay or such a by-product as those just mentioned is the most profitable to feed with corn for fattening hogs.

They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.