

THE MAN WITH A SMILE.

It isn't the fellow who has a smile because of the smile of others, but the fellow who counts is the fellow who smiles.

ISABEL'S OWN IDEA.

"I'm twenty-five years old," began Isabel. "Walt, wait, my dear; that's not being done, telling one's age," said her chum.

"Don't you perhaps flatter yourself?" Her chum insisted on being facetious. "No, I do have serious thoughts, Bess. I have been watching mothers and children. I have helped to take care of two sisters' youngsters and scores of neighbors' babies. I find I have great success with them."

"Some job," remarked Bess. "But I'm going to do it. I've made my plans with father and mother, and though neither of them is thrilled with the prospect, they're going to let me have a go at it," said Isabel, earnestly.

"I know of a very pitiful case of a father in our town who is trying to bring up two little ones with the unsatisfactory help of a mere girl who does housework. I wish you could

have them," said Miss Hecht, a nurse in an adjoining district.

"But—why not?" asked Isabel, interested at once. "It's a delicate case. The father wants to do it. He doesn't see how inadequately he is succeeding. The little girl is pale, thin. The boy needs attention."

"Perhaps I might talk to him," said Isabel. The nurse studied the young woman for a few moments. A light came into her eyes. "I believe you could," she said. "He means the best in the world but—he's not yet thirty and is, perhaps, devoted to the memory of the children's mother and hates to see them in other hands."

"I'm going to try," said Isabel. By a strategic succession of arrangements, Isabel and the father of the children met. He did not know who she was. She did know what he was. Whether it was fate, whether it was the guardian angel of the children or whether it was just plain old-fashioned Cupid's arrows, no one ever has been able to determine. But John Storm was attracted at once to the young woman who had not known him a half hour before she was asking him about his children of whom she admitted she had heard.

He warmed to the subject as she had never dreamed he would and, as he unfolded the inner man in his earnestness and sincerity for the welfare of his babies, Isabel began to feel a keen interest in him. She felt that it must be merely the interest kindled through her desire to see the children taken care of.

In less time than it took to bring about the meeting of Isabel and John Storm, she had the two children at her home and was feeding them, playing with them, making them rest and gain and grow red cheeks.

John Storm, being a devoted father, came often to the restful home of his children. After they were tucked in bed with the other little ones and the temporary mother of them all was tired and ready to sit down, he frequently sat beside her.

"John Storm is a pretty good sized orphan, Isabel," chaffed her chum, Bess, after weeks of observing which way the wind was blowing.

"You know what pity's akin to, don't you?" Isabel nodded.

AUTO ROAD TO RUN 125 MILES OUT TO SEA.

Perhaps the most unique automobile road in the world will be that which was assured on October 16, when Monroe county, Florida, of which Key West is the principal centre of population, carried by a two to one majority a bond issue calling for an expenditure of \$300,000 for roads and bridges between Key West and the main land.

The proposition had received the enthusiastic moral backing of the Atlantic Coast Highway Association, which is urging the completion of a continuous route between Maine and Key West, and skirting the Atlantic for the greater part of the way.

The new auto road when completed will be the longest and probably the only extensive automobile road over the sea in the world. At times the motorist will be almost if not actually out of sight of land.

There were two measures submitted in the Key West bond issue which were voted on separately: "For roads and bridges" and "For bridges or against," and both carried unanimously. One of the issues voted on was whether bonds in the sum of \$151,000 should be issued for the construction of bridges and a roadway from Stock Island (immediately adjacent to Key West) to Saddle Bunches, on the mainland journey, while the other was for roads and the necessary bridges at Key Largo and the upper Florida Keys calling for an expenditure of \$149,000, the total bond issue being for \$300,000.

Part of the route will lie in Dade county, of which Miami is the principal centre of population. Announcement is made that this country will spend \$100,000 in the construction of a road to connect with the Key Largo road.

William O. Altman, who has the nation's weather forecast for the winter months in advance, last week left his summer home in Kane, McKean county, northwestern Pennsylvania, for his cabin in the wild woods near Westline, sixteen miles from Kane, where he will spend the winter.

Vancouver, Wash.—Three pairs of silver foxes, raised on a local farm, brought \$6,000 from local purchasers. The foxes were raised by Dr. R. J. Mercer, of Vancouver, who has a ranch near the city limits in the Heights district. The three pairs of young foxes were bought by W. J. Knapp, Braley & Kusick and Joseph Carter, all business men. Dr. Mercer is breeding the foxes on a commercial scale and has had good success so far. The three pairs he sold were of extra good breed, he said.

SHE SPANKS ERRING HUSBAND

He Acquiesces in the Punishment and Declares They Get Along Splendidly.

We have with us a married man who admits that his wife spanks him whenever he does serious wrong. They began their married career in a business partnership and made money. When the husband began to spend more than his share and ran around nights the wife on one occasion tied him face downward to the bed and lashed him to a frazzle with a strap. The husband accepted the findings of his supreme court in good faith. He had his lesson and admitted that it was coming to him. Now when he does anything to which the wife can honestly take exception she takes him down into the cellar and administers the strap, says the Los Angeles Times.

Man Finds It Hard to Explain After Wife Has to Wait an Hour.

The other evening a man and his wife arrived from Albany by a day-line steamer and as his destination was Connecticut he took a taxi to the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, tells the New York Sun and Globe. At that hour traffic over the rails is heavy and a megaphoned announcer calls out the trains as they arrive.

His Day to Celebrate.

They Don't Do It.

She Knew His Line.

No More Hunting.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

The return of lingerie neckwear is another means of pleasing change, as many will agree who know the value of a touch of white about the face.

Nothing, surely, could be more welcome than a return to correct corseting of the figure, be it slim or plump; for we have certainly had sufficient of the unsightliness of the uncorseted figure, in young and old alike; and, quite aside from the appearance of the thing, I am convinced with reason, and with facts to back up my opinion, that the habit of going without proper support for the body is injurious to the health and future well-being of girls and women generally.

Many and colorful are the new ribbons for wrist watches, which may be purchased by the yard or in cut lengths to fit the wrist. At present the most favored are the combinations of plaid and metal, either of silver or gold. Shaded grosgrain ribbons are also in vogue, and are also in evidence, chosen usually to harmonize with the costume colors.

Deep bands, made of alternate strips of hemstitched bias double fold in delicate colors and nainsook gown materials, are used for the large arm-hole trimming and yoke of some recently designed nightgowns.

Be sure that the material of your new clothes is soft. Don't indulge in fabric that has stiffness. The new clothes for tailored frocks and suits are as pliable as velvet. America has produced some weaves of high merit, wearable and not so expensive as the French ones. Until the use of crinoline becomes an established fashion, if it ever does, these fabrics will convert the circular movement into something quite harmless. The woman with hips can feel that some one has taken care of her in advocating it; the woman who has the dimensions of an angel will show herself off to an admiring public in this latest silhouette. So every one should go home happy from a day of shopping.

By skillful cooking it is often possible to change the flavor of a vegetable in the kitchen so that it is not recognizable in the dining-room.

Large firm onions are needed. They should be cut in fairly thin slices and then the sections in the slices pulled apart so that each piece is a string about three inches long. These should be dipped in egg white diluted with a little water, and then in dry cracker crumbs, and fried in hot fat and drained. They seem like some delicious new vegetable, though they retain the onion flavor.

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Early indications in the tests show that "Red Rock" and "Pennsylvania 44," the latter a variety of wheat developed at State College and now grown on thousands of Pennsylvania acres, are the outstanding wheats grown in the State with respect to milling and baking qualities. Many bread bakers and State institutions in Pennsylvania have already started to use Pennsylvania wheat flour exclusively on the strength of these and previous tests.

FARM NOTES.

—Initiate your scrub bull into that fraternity whose emblem is the meat axe and cleaver.

—Crude oil or waste oil from engines are satisfactory for killing lice on hogs. Apply with a sprinkling can, brush, cloth, or with the aid of a rubbing post. A standard two per cent. coal tar dip in water is also effective. It should be repeated in ten days.

—Before the snow flies the good gardener, whether operating a home garden or a commercial enterprise, will gather up all the refuse and destroy it. He will also have the frame part of the hotbed or cold frame repaired and the glass stored so that everything will be in readiness for early spring operations.

—Winter cabbage is now being cut and put on the market. The price is from one and one-half to two cents a pound from the grower. If you have a suitable place to store 50 or 100 pounds it is advisable to purchase now. By December and January, the retail price will be at least ten cents a pound. Cabbage requires a cool, slightly moist place. An unheated cellar is satisfactory. Beets, turnips and carrots may also be placed in a cool cellar and covered lightly with moist soil.

—A simple seed tester can be made at home in a few minutes. Take a dinner plate and cut a piece of blotting paper or other thick, soft paper without printing on it, to fit into the plate. Cut another the same size to cover over the first one. Pour on enough water to wet both papers. Take from ten to fifty seeds and place them between the paper. Keep the plate in ordinary room temperature and the papers moist.

—A new feature of the State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg on January 22 to 26 will be the first annual poultry show which will be staged by the Pennsylvania State Poultry Association. In previous years, only a single variety of birds were given space, but the plans this year call for the entire first floor of the Emerson Brantingham building to be given over to the exhibit of the thirty most common varieties of fowls.

—In addition to the usual egg show, the poultry exhibit will include five varieties of Plymouth Rocks, four of Wyandottes, seven of Leghorns, three of Orpingtons, two of Anconas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island White, Light Brahma, Black Langshaws, S. C. Black Minorcas, Blue Andalusians and Dark Cornish.

—Tests that are expected to show that Pennsylvania grown wheats are the best for quality bread making purposes are being completed by milling engineers and agronomists at the Pennsylvania State College. Data on the experiments conducted with all of the better known varieties of wheat growing in this State will be available in the near future. Professor B. W. Dedrick, of the milling engineering department of the college, is supervising the tests which are run in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

—Carrots are delicious when prepared like candied sweet potatoes.