

Enchantment.

By Georgia Wood Pangborn. Dew on the long, dark grass is wet. Sing, my frogs, for the sun is set. Was ever a world so wide awake, Shri! with fun for the moon's sweet sake?

The fairies have all got into your head; Is that where they went when I thought them dead? Frogs are not frogs, but little green men? Perhaps you are right, if so—why, then Dance, oh, my hearts desire, In the light of the low moon's fire!

—The Delineator.

The Boy and the Bird.

A writer in Appleton's Magazine gives an experience which a boy had after wounding a grouse. We give the article in part: "The bird at which the boy had fired thrust down its legs and wobbled as if about to fall; then recovered itself and flew on, its legs dangling. A chance shot had apparently broken its back, paralyzing its legs, but leaving it still strong enough to fly a certain distance. Trained hunter as he was, the boy watched the wounded bird, and marked the exact spot where it finally dropped, just at the edge of the cornfield, half a mile away.

The meaning of it all came to him, with the force of a blow. Mechanically he brushed away the insects that gathered about the wound in the bird's back. He stroked the soiled plumage tenderly. He found himself calculating the hours that the grouse had lain there suffering. It had happened Wednesday and this was Sunday—twenty-four, seventy-two, about ninety hours; yes, fully ninety. What a cruel stretch of torture! The youth recalled an occasion when he had had toothache for two hours that had seemed interminable; and the meaning of that ninety hours of pain came home to him yet more vividly. In an agony of remorse he knelt there, thinking, thinking. He closed his eyes; and when he opened them a few minutes later, the grouse had ceased to breathe.

The HOME

HOLIDAYS FOR TIRED PEOPLE. When planning your holidays take into consideration the fact that, though it costs a great deal to journey very far away, living is generally much cheaper in quiet, out of the way villages than in more frequented spots. And remember that, if you go to a smart place, with hand and promenade, the effort of living up to smart folk does away with half the good of the holiday. Choose some sequestered village where you can laze to your heart's content—a place with some congenial form of amusement within hall—bathing, fishing, boating, tennis, golf, or whatever else you like, but something, for even tired people get weary of doing nothing after a time.

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PET ORDERED THE GROCERIES. Pet's home was only a few steps from the grocery store, and she often went with her mamma to order the groceries. She would stand back and listen as her mamma said, "Two pounds of steak, a dozen eggs, a cake of soap and a bushel of potatoes," and then watch the grocer as he wrote down the order.

WOMAN'S FIRST NEED. A well-known New York club composed of literary and artistic women—professionals, too, who earn their living by the drip of their pens and brushes—recently decided that they must curtail expenses. The club met in a committee of the whole to decide what could best be given up.

REMEDY FOR DIVORCES. "A marriage law has been suggested in the Hooper State," said Mr. Harrison B. Vroom, of Indianapolis, in the New York Telegram, "requiring an acquaintance of at least two years prior to the wedding."

QUARRELS IN THE NURSERY. If the children seem to be getting into the way of continually quarreling among themselves do your utmost to stop it. It is a bad habit and one that grows rather than diminishes with time.

His Instrument. A pompous doctor was going round the wards, followed by a crowd of students. "I can tell a man's occupation from his disease," he said, turning to a patient. "Now, this man is a musician. Aren't you?"

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