

HER CHEAP DINNER

She found the price of meat so high she didn't even stop to spy...

Then with a smile upon her face she led her to the grocer's place...

That night corn fritters sat in state upon her board, and quite elate she got her husband interested...

But—well—men are so obtuse. To try and please them is no use...

And then she figured up the corn and eggs and butter that had gone into those fritters and the batter...

Of course she'd fainted. 'Twas a shock! She might have had a Plymouth Rock in that a quail or two were lost...

THE BURIAL MONEY

By Elizabeth Mason

But think up something cheap and The blow was about to fall. They all sat in the sick room...

"How you feelin' tonight, M'randy?" Andrew began, clearing his throat.

The invalid sat in her big chair with her hands crossed placidly in her lap.

"I ain't complainin' any," she sighed patiently. "I don't feel any worse than usual."

"I wanted you should feel as strong as possible," Andrew went on anxiously.

"You're a saint, that's what you are, M'randy, I hate to tell you this."

"He wiped beads of perspiration from his forehead. Jennie Ann wrung her hands."

"You know how bad times have been," Andrew blurted out, "and how little the farm seems good for now."

"You know," she reiterated placidly, "that I've never complained since I was sick."

"You wait," commanded Miranda, "till I get through. What I want to tell you is, that the burial money is made up, but I ain't goin' to stop sewin'."

"Well, where's the best place to fish?" the man inquired of Moore, as they stood on the dock in front of their hotel.

"Oh, one place is about as good as another," says Moore. "You can fish anywhere around the bay over, or across the lake or over there—anywhere."

"You don't say so?" "Yes," went on Moore, pointing, "and right up around that point is a good quiet place to fish."

"Well, well," chuckled the other man, "I had no idea there would be good fishing so close to the hotel. These places are all good you say?"

"Oh, yes," Moore assured him, "there's scarcely a place you can pick out that isn't a nice place to fish. Only," he added with a sly twinkle, "you probably won't catch any fish at any of the places."

"An important point," "I intend," said the candidate, "to give this city a business administration. I have as you all know been engaged in business here for twenty years."

"Tomorrow I begin to work," she cried. "You've brought me to it. And you'll have it to think of that when I was dying I had to work to earn the money to bury me."

They gave her a sleeping draught and she fell into a stupor. Jennie Ann comforted Andrew as he sat watching beside the bed.

"She'll be better in the morning and she'll come to herself," she said. "You can't blame her for taking it hard at first, being such a sufferer."

"Oh, no," said Andrew. He had never dreamed of blaming anyone but himself.

But the next morning new distress awaited them. No sooner was she up than Miranda sent her sister out to ask for plain sewing to do from the neighbors.

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PURE AIR NECESSARY.

All air is more or less dust-polluted, even in the open country, but the dust atoms carried by house air exceed very many times the number found out of doors.

Pure air is even more essential to life than food or drink, for without the oxygen obtained from it to promote combustion, food in the body would be useless.

A house at best is much like a box with many divisions; an inclosure for purposes of shelter, safety and refinement.

In summer, when windows and doors are left open, a house will be well ventilated by natural means.

In occupied rooms, the need of change is constant. The supply of air within doors for each individual is less than in the open and is constantly being vitiated by the various processes connected with household life.

We suffer from cold if the air within doors is not heated. We suffer, too, if the air is not pure; but, since the effect is not so immediate as the effect of cold, we often overlook it.

"We have progressed from the filth and brutality of the savage in many ways, but in some ways not at all. Our eating habits, for instance, are tolerably refined, but our breathing habits! We are content to breathe air that the savage would scorn to stay in; air insufficient in quantity, irregular in supply and mixed with all manner of artificial impurities—mingled, moreover, in charming catholicity—all of us serenely partaking of one another's breath with a courteous disregard of its manifold circulation through our defiled and outraged lungs."

HOW TO TREAT THE AGED. We do not know anything that requires more tact and more tenderness than the treatment of old people by those who are younger than themselves.

It is worth the trial to minister to those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who have sown for others to reap.

When Vera Bloodgood, the eldest daughter of Hildreth Bloodgood of Mepal Farm, near Lenox, Mass., comes to pay her promised visit to friends in New York after Christmas, Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg and the other crack women riders of the Long Island hunting set will have to look to their laurels.

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