

The Home Reading Circle

SHOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN SO?

The Mischief of a Flirt and The Folly of a Fool.....

Margaret Stewart Sibley, in the Springfield Republican.

"You poor darling!" Rollo said, "You must not be unhappy. Why need you be, when I love you so dearly?"

"Do you really? I—I can't believe it," she protested, without the least touch of coquetry. Rollo's earnestness impressed and awed her.

It was wrong did not come into her shallow little head. More kisses and assurances of devotion followed.

Leora thought it very delightful, yet she doubted. "You will get tired of me. Men always talk like that, at first," and she began to cry.

"About Rollo?" she interrupted. "Have you heard? Is he dead? What?"

"Your husband is alive and well, I think. But I have reason to think—in fact—he and Leora have gone away together."

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BABIES IN SUMMER Their Whole Duty is to Keep Well and Grow.

Sound Sleep and Rapid Growth Depend on Proper Diet.

Ideal Infant Food in This Awful Season is Lactated Food.

A baby does its whole duty if it eats well, sleeps well and grows rapidly. No one expects more of it than this.

These are great expectations, and are not always met, especially during such hot weather as now.

Babies do not invariably thrive, even on mother's milk, because this infant diet, unsurpassed when it is sufficient-

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This splendid nutriment rapidly furnishes everything needed by the rapidly growing bones and tissues.

Lactated food bates, in the words of nurses and physicians, get through the trials of teething much easier and more rapidly than others.

The reason is that it is every mother who stops to consider the skill employed in the preparation of lactated food—using pure milk sugar as a basis.

Because it is the basis of vigorous mother's milk, there is combined with it the richest gluten flour of wheat and oats, which, by long subjection to high steam heat, under pressure and constant motion, has been perfectly cooked and made ready to be easily acted upon by the infant's stomach.

Such a food, thus already partly digested, makes little demand upon the energy of the digestive organs.

Thousands of young lives are every year saved by lactated food. Cholera, infantum and fatal diarrhoea do not secure a hold on such well nourished children.

It does not require the searching eye of a physician to see that it is a faultless milk dropper, and-eyed babies. It is a richer, sturdier diet that the little suffers need.

No baby that does not gain weight by week, in size and weight, that does not laugh and play till sleep overtakes it, is not fed with this well liked food.

When young children refuse all other food, they take kindly to lactated food. One of the greatest triumphs in the preparation of this remarkable infant food is in making it agreeable to a baby's taste and stomach.

Babies at lactated food, and grow fat and rugged upon it.

to see why we should be asked to elect him to office by way of encouragement to others. No, there is a weak strain somewhere in Rollo Bently's nature;

and face to face with the temptations of political life, who knows but it might betray the people who had trusted him. Have we so few right-minded men—so few upright men, that we must choose those with a doubtful record?

I am willing to help the erring to retrace their steps, but not in that way. If I have any influence, I shall oppose his nomination—party or no party!

And he did. Rollo was not elected, for he lost the nomination. It was an unexpected result. Rollo felt it; but I doubt if he ever knew just how it came about.

On the Subject of Men's and Women's Affection.

When a man claims that he understands women you may be tolerably sure that he has had experience with one woman whom he found he didn't understand.

Experience is not always a good teacher. The man who has once taken a sham for a reality is apt ever afterward to take all realities for shams.

An unhappy woman turns for distraction to "things"; but with a man the memory of love can be effaced only by a new love intense and indelible.

A fascinating woman is often only his surprised tribute, though genuine in its way, to her ability in helping him to forget another woman, who, at all hazards, must not be remembered.

Demand does not always regulate supply; a lover may ask for letters at the postoffice for a year without getting any—Century.

THE SECRET OF JOLLIETY. Leypoldt, the Butcher, Answered It by His Actions.

A fine jolly butcher is Leypoldt, and when you tell him you want the best you can go away content, knowing that it will come and that the price will be fair and honest.

"How is it you are always so fine and jolly?" the reporter asked. "Oh, I don't know," said Leypoldt, laughing fit to kill. "Good conscience perhaps. Perhaps it is good digestion. Just then a voice broke in. It came from an old colored woman."

"Any help for the poor today?" "Why, yes, Mrs. Rushmore, I guess we've got a little something for you today." And the jolly butcher cut off a big chunk of beef and placed it in

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