

WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

What Happened to Jane

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CHAPTER XXIII (Copyright, 1915, Star Company.) Era Hardy considered it wise to have a little talk with Augustus Reeves before the successful suitor returned to his home that night. Now that freedom from debt and from fear for the future seemed assured, Jane's father did not propose, through disadvantage or accident, to lose the advantage gained. He wanted to be sure that Edward Sanderson was definitely disposed of. Augustus accepted promptly Mrs. Hardy's invitation to stay to supper, although he warned her that he must leave soon afterward, as there was a committee meeting at the parsonage. Even when her betrothed commended the fried ham, creamed potatoes and baked biscuits she had prepared. Mrs. Hardy glanced apprehensively at the girl from time to time, but except that she was pale, all seemed well with her. Jane had always been level-headed, the mother mused. She had seen that, after all, it would be best for her to marry such a good man as Mr. Reeves. And how well he could provide for her! Even when her parents were dead and gone Jane would be cared for. Supper over, Augustus, toothpick in mouth, pushed his chair back from the table and announced that he "must be going." At this statement Mrs. Hardy signalled to her husband that he and she should absent themselves for a few minutes. Era paused before obeying the suggestion. "By the way, Gus," he said, "I'm going into the kitchen to help Ma, but you just give me a call when you start, and I'll walk a way down the road with you."

"Perhaps Pa wants to talk matters over with Mr. Reeves," the matron observed after a while. "He asked me to call him 'Augustus,'" she added. "I start teaching next week," she remarked irreverently, and her mother, seeing a look of expectancy peep across the listless face, avoided further reference to her daughter's betrothed, but chatted cheerfully about the work that lay before the new teacher. Meanwhile Era Hardy was telling haltingly to Augustus Reeves some of the facts regarding Edward Sanderson's attentions to his daughter, carefully avoiding any mention of Jane's sentiments toward the "city cap." But the man who had written the letter to Jane's father, declaring his love for the girl and his desire to marry her, was quite bold enough to write to her. "Did Jane see that letter?" Augustus Reeves demanded when he had heard Era's story. "She knew I got it," Hardy replied. "But she didn't read it." "And you've answered it?" "Well, no, not yet," Era admitted. "I wanted to wait till I could give him good and sufficient reason for his letting Jane alone. Now that she's engaged, I'll write and tell him right away." "Then he doesn't know whether she'll keep company with him or not yet?" Reeves asked sharply. "Oh, yes, he does," Ezra hastened to explain. "Jane's mother told me that Jane wrote to him—Jane told her so this morning—saying him about his business." "Jane knows better than to make a fool of herself," Reeves declared. Then, as an afterthought, "but I don't choose to have her getting letters from any man. I'll tell you how I'll fix him. You or I will get the mail every day for a couple of weeks. You'd best let me get it. If a letter comes from New York in a man's handwriting I'll return it unopened. Give me that fellow's address." Ezra took from his pocket the envelope that had held Sanderson's letter. It bore in the corner the writer's address. "You can take this," he said. "I've got the letter itself." Thus it came about that Edward Sanderson's passionate appeal, written in spite of Jane's interdiction, was never received by the girl he loved, but was returned to the sender. This was followed a day later by a letter from Era Hardy telling the young man that Jane did not care for him, did not wish to hear from him again, and was already engaged to be married to Augustus Reeves. (To be continued.)

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PHILIP M. DETWEILER Philip M. Detweiler, aged 61 years, a brother of the late Meade D. Detweiler, died yesterday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, at the Harrisburg Hospital after an illness of two weeks of heart trouble. He resided at 213 Evergreen street. He is survived by two brothers, John C. Detweiler, of Pittsburgh, and Robert L. Detweiler, of Oberlin. Funeral services will be held from the funeral establishment of Undertaker S. S. Speer, 200 Chestnut street, to-morrow morning. The Rev. Stewart W. Herman, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church, Fourth street, near Market, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Middletown Cemetery.

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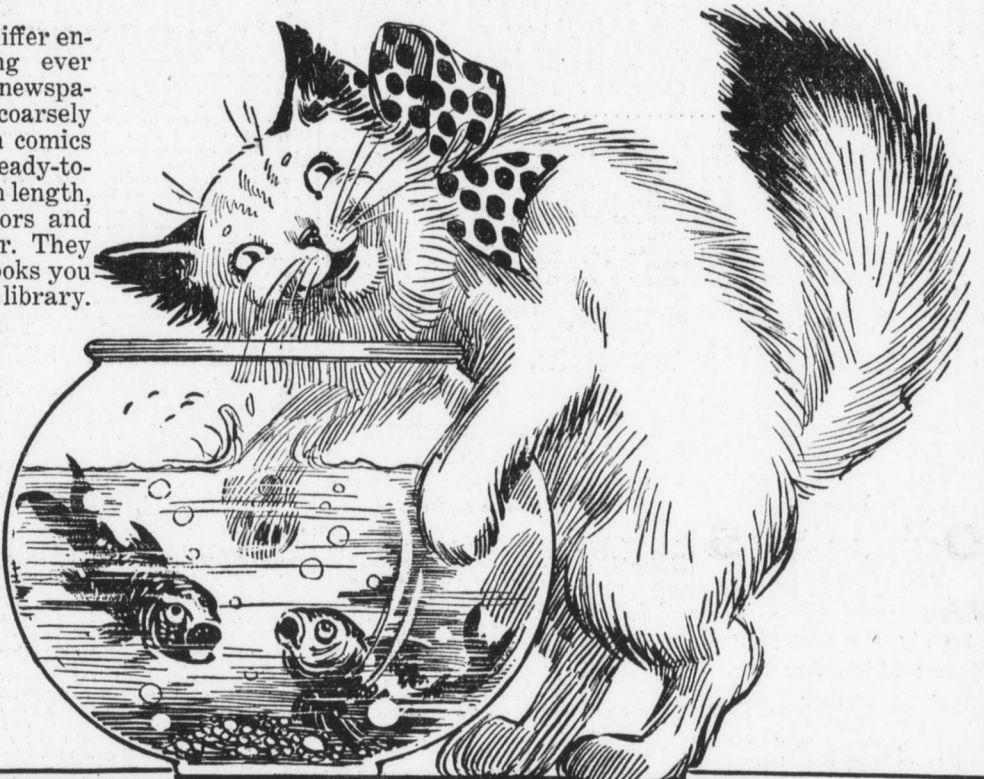
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City Circle Buzzing With Reported Cut in Appropriations

City Council at 3 o'clock this afternoon went into special executive session to make what are considered the final readjustments of the budget ordinance for 1916. The estimates for maintenance of the various departments it is said have been considerably above the \$600,000 mark and even with the most economical paring the commissioners cannot hope to keep the tax rate for next year at less than nine and a half mills. Even though the mill rate of a year ago should have to be restored it is considered of serious consideration by the majority of councilmen given at the beginning of the present year that Harrisburg's taxpayers should reap the benefit of the half mill decrease for this year has been fulfilled. LOP OFF \$40,000? For the last several days the commissioners have been "sitting up" with the budget and it was close to 6 o'clock last evening when they laid aside pencils and figures and went home. And when they had finished from \$25,000 to \$40,000 had been lopped off.

To-day's session it is hoped will be the last, although it is just possible that some paring will be necessary. The commissioners flatly decline to say what they propose to do with the estimates but it is believed that some radical cuts are being urged.

No Money For Manning The rumor got about the city offices to-day that the provision of \$400 for services of Warren H. Manning, as a park expert would be lopped off and that Mr. Manning would have to be paid from the park contingent fund, if he is hired during the year. An additional \$600 for the planning commission for the same purpose was the subject of serious consideration among the commissioners this afternoon, it is said. That the chances that this item would be allowed is believed to be slim.

Something over \$11,000 has been asked for additional lighting it is understood and this amount includes the proposed new standard lighting for North Third street from North to Rely. Commissioner Bowman has also declared that he wishes to include additional ornamental standards on the unlighted sections of Federal Square. Mueller Will Hardly Get His Wishes Little hope was entertained in municipal circles to-day that City Forester Harry J. Mueller will get anything like the sum he has asked for to conduct the department of forestry. His budget calls for something more than \$23,000, including a \$500 raise in salary for himself. His salary at present is \$1,000. If he gets much more than his allowance for the present year he will be lucky, it is said. Few if any changes in salaries are anticipated although it is believed that one of the engineers in the city engineer's department, probably

Charles L. Andrews, will get an additional \$50.

Won't Allow Five More Cops The five additional policemen that have been asked for in the police department will not be granted, it is believed, provision for the necessary salary appropriations having been cut out. The question of providing the additional \$1500 as a salary for the proposed chief of the detective bureau was advocated by Mayor Meals, is also giving the commissioners serious food for thought. Mayor Meals as well as Commissioners Bowman and Lynch declare there is nothing in the report that the measure creating the bureau was postponed in council yesterday because the two latter commissioners wanted to wave a club to urge the reinstatement of Detective Ibach. The trio all declare that they know "nothing about it." Commissioner Gorgas, so report hath it, is much opposed to creating additional offices. The establishment of a detective bureau is close to Mayor-elect Meals' heart. He desires ex-Alderman William L. Windsor, Jr., for the place.

West End Republican Club's Nominations

The West End Republican club has made the following nominations for the election to be held on the evening of December 28: Augustus Wildman and H. C. Sponsler, president; B. J. H. Douglass and A. G. Gillman, vice president; Victor H. Myer, treasurer; J. S. Miller, Clarence Snyder and Charles Swope, secretary; Joseph W. Miller, trustee for three years; Maurice Householder, Theodore Rodkey, James Pond, Dale Baskins, A. Vondra, W. D. Shoestley and R. E. Monegan, for membership committee.

Arrest Editor and Secretary of Penna. Post For Libel

The two members of the editorial and reportorial staff of the Pennsylvania Post, a sheet edited and published by W. H. Craighead and Alonzo E. Harris, the latter being secretary and circulation manager, are being held for a hearing to-night at 7:30 in Alderman Hilton's office to answer charges of libel preferred by Robert Nelson, also colored, living at 600 Foster street, messenger in the State Department of Mines. The pair

were arrested by Constable Weills yesterday afternoon and each furnished a \$500 bond for their appearance this evening.

In a recent issue of the Post, which is a Democratic organ, there appeared a political article entitled "The Political Drag Net," and containing alleged criminally libelous matter which Nelson claims has damaged his reputation. The Pennsylvania Post has been in existence off and on for several years. As a political organ, opposed to the Republican party, last year it picked out for especial attack Michael Stroup, who was re-elected district attorney.

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