

Reading for Women and all the Family



Little Talks by Beatrice Fairfax

A curious case occurred the other day in Chicago, and as the details recorded in the daily papers might be called: "Why men come back af-ter leaving home," the story will bear another telling.

It seems that a Mr. John Franz used to board with a lady by the

Bringing Up Father



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By McManus



CHAPTER XLIH
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"You are looking very lovely, child, but thinner than when I last saw you. What is wrong?"
Darius Blake asked this question of Cynthia Long soon after they met. The pair were seated at a table in an inner room at the Biltmore—a room with no orchestra and few people. The Chicagoan had led the young girl in here rather than to the crowded room in which many handsomely-gowned women and afew bored-looking men were taking afternoon tea.

"It is 'tea' by courtesy," Darius Blake commented dryly. "But I observe that in many cases it is served in highball or cocktail glasses."

The table he chose was in a corner, and nobody was seated near it. Being a man who spent no time in preliminaries, the lawyer went straight to the point. First of all, he told the girl such facts with regard to her father's affairs as she had already learned from her uncle. There were still left, he informed

to her father's affairs as she had already learned from her uncle. There were still left, he informed her, some three thousand dollars belonging to her.

"When your uncle wrote me of your engagement," Mr. Blake explained, "he informed me that you wished to use this money for your trousseau. One could get a very superb trousseau with that sum, I should think."

His eyes twinkled, but Cynthia looked grave. "It is of that that I must talk to you!" she burst forth. "I want to pay for my own wedding, instead of allowing uncle to pay for it." PITTSBURGH SALOONS FEWER
Pittsburgh, April 16.—The Allogheny county license court in its report made public last night decreased the number of licensed saloons in the city of Pittsburgh by thirty-one, and the number in Allegheny county is lessened forty-seven.

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A SERIAL OF YOUTH AND ROMANCE

By VIRGINIA VAN DE WATER

Harrisburg stands far up in the list of cities and shows a percentage increase in building or percentage increase in building or percentage in pulled by the American Contractor. During the month construction work started in the city increased 180 per cent. over the March, 1917, total, due to the big school building permit and the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Works plant which was built. Harrisburg is third in the list of 117 cities.

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pay for it."
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At this juncture their conversation was interrupted by the waiter, who appeared with the order of tea and buttered toast. When this had been placed on the table, and the attendant had moved to a discreet distance, the elderly man looked sharply at his companion and made the above comment on her appearance. "What is wrong?" he repeated. "Are you not well?"
"I am perfectly well," Cynthia assured him.
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