An Innocent Drummer.

He bade his wife a tearful good-bye.

"My love, my only one! The time will soon be here when I shall be in a position to snap my finger at fate and set up as my own boss. Then we shall have no more of these cruel partings."

"And you will be true to me?"

"As I always am," he responded.

"You did not forget to put that photo you had especially taken for me in my 'grip-sack,' did you?"

"Oh, dear, no. Are you sure you will look at it sometimes, love?"

"You wicked doubter! You know that I should be wretched without at least such a semblance of my pet to look at daily and nightly."

Draw the veil of charity over his grief and the treachery of one in whom he had such unbounded confidence.

In brief, she, his only love, his pet, his wife, had secretly planned to make him "wretched." She had taken that photograph from his grip-sack, and was gloating over his misery when he should discover that only memory remained to him, for the time being, of his darling's looks.

"The dear fellow, how he will scold me for the trick," she thought; "but I will send him the photograph in the first letter I write to him."

Thus appeasing her conscience she waited for his first letter.

It came from Chicago.

"My heart's delight," it began. "Got here O. K. this a. m. Have been wrestling with the trade all day, and a tough time I've had of it. Weary and fagged I have retired to my room, shut out the gilded atmosphere of sin that envelopes this terrible city, and taken from my satchel your sweet picture. It is before me as I write. I shall kiss it when I have said my evening prayers. It will rest under my pillow. It is my one solace until I hold you, my sweet wife, in these faithful arms again."

Thus far had she read, then she toppled over on the floor.

What comfort she found there it is hard to say, but a great determination rose with the stricken wife, who went out an hour later and sought a telegraph office.

Her husband had been saying his prayers abroad that evening, and when he got to his hotel about midnight his spiritual emotions received a rude shock by a telegram from his "only love."

It was elaborate for a dispatch, but under the circumstances one could not expect an outraged wife to transmit her feelings by the slow mail. The dispatch read:

"You are no longer the only drummer who is not a liar, as you have always claimed. Let the fraternity make you their chief in the art. Had you taken the pains even to look for the photograph you say your prayers to you would have discovered that I had—to tease you—removed it. My faith in you is dead!"

The husband clutched his hair.

"Why, what did I write to her, anyway?" he muttered.

After awhile his face cleared.

"By Jove! I must have been piling on the taffy. That's what a man gets for trying his best to make a woman feel good! Poor little dear, what a fume she must be in! Lucky for me she gave her grievance away. What geese women are! Bless her little noddle; her faith shall be resurrected."

Forthwith he telegraphed to a knowing friend:

"Send me, first mail, photograph of my wife. Beg, borrow, steal it, get it somehow. Mum's the word. Will write all particulars soon."

About a week later a drummer, in dignified martyrdom, stood face to face with stern but very wept-out wife.

She expected to see him meek and humble, but he gazed upon her with much scorn, and then he passed on to his room in crushing silence.

She was amazed. With quick impulse she followed, thanking heaven he had not locked her out.

"Well," she began, with wavering courtesy, "what have you got to say for yourself now?"

Coldly, cruelly he looked at her.

"I?" he queried. "Woman, if it were not for the overmastering love I bear for you, I should never look upon you again!"

His face convulsed with tragic suffering that was balm to her heart to witness, but she only sneered:

"Can you explain the deception you tried to practice upon me?"

"Can you obliterate the insult put upon your husband in that unwomanly dispatch? A woman with so little confidence in her husband would be better off to live alone. For my part, I am not only disgusted, but disenchanted."

He turned sorrowfully away and bowed his face in his hands. She approached him and laid the letter which had caused her such grief under his eyes.

"Read that. Knowing you had no picture of mine, what was I to think?"

"What any intelligent, right-minded wife would have thought; you would have said to yourself: 'He is incapable of deceit; he has my picture, somehow.'"

"But you did not have it."

He looked at her with sad, resigned sorrow. His lips quivered as he sadly murmured:

"Oh, woman! without an atom of faith!"

Then he put his hand in his pocket and produced her photograph.

"Oh, darling, forgive me! This old thing, taken long before we were engaged! Why, I didn't know you ever had one of these!"

The restored confidence made her pretty blue eyes swim in tearful joy. She put her arms around him, asking his pardon, caressing even his coat collar.

"My dear," said he, looking into her face with grave, but loving reproach, "let this be a warning. Never doubt me again, no matter what appearances may be. I can always look you squarely in the eye, and say, 'I am innocent.'"

And she believed him.

A Prince in High Feather.

Prince Carl, of Sweden, is six feet high and twenty-three years old, the favorite of the royal family, with broad shoulders, and a face of the classical type. His photograph is found in every window, on bottles of cologne, boxes of face powder, packages of candy, and everything else that will catch the eye of the women of Stockholm, who adore the handsome young Prince. He is democratic in his manner and a favorite of the people.

That a stove may, under certain conditions, prove as dangerous to life as a leaking gas pipe has been lately demonstrated in a number of instances lately, remarks the *Sanitary Plumber*. The possibility of danger which attaches to the negligent use of a coal stove is scarcely as well understood as might be expected. It might tend to increase carefulness in this direction if the fact were more generally known that the gas from coal does not simply suffocate by the exclusion of air, but is a direct and active poison by reason of the carbonic oxide which it contains. The users of coal stoves in which fire is kept all night cannot be too careful to see that uninterrupted communication is preserved between the stove and the chimney. The miniature gas factory may by a trifling accident prove as fatal as an open gas burner.

HOUSEHOLD.

VEAL SALAD.—Mix one-half teaspoonful of mustard with half a cupful of vinegar. Beat the yolks of two or three eggs, with a little salt, until they are quite thick and light, then, stirring briskly all the time, slowly add two or three tablespoonfuls of best salad oil, and four tablespoonfuls of rich, thick, sweet cream. Then add mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper to taste, and some very finely chopped parsley and tarragon. Pour this sauce over a heaping plateful of cold roasted veal, cut into pieces about an inch long and a quarter inch thick, cover tightly and let it stand in a cold place for an hour or two. Serve on platter and garnish with sprigs of crisp parsley and slices of a hard boiled egg.

CHOCOLATE RUSSE.—One pound lady's-fingers, one quart rich cream, three-fourths cup powdered sugar, two teaspoonfuls vanilla or other extract; split and trim the cakes and fit neatly in the bottom and sides of two quart molds; whip the cream to a stiff froth in a syllabub churn when you have sweetened and flavored it; fill the mold; lay cakes closely together on the top, and set upon the ice until needed; or, you may use for this purpose a loaf of sponge cake, cutting strips from it for the sides and leaving the crust for the bottom and top, each in one piece.

POTATOES AU GENEVE.—Boil and mash a dozen potatoes, making them soft with milk and butter, heap on a pie plate in a smooth mound, scoop out a cupful from the centre of the heap, leaving a conical cavity; glaze the inside of this and the outside of the mound with white of egg and set in a quiet oven to harden the glaze. Meanwhile beat into a small cupful of melted butter four tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, the whipped yolks of two eggs, salt and pepper to taste. Heat and stir, and when thick and hot pour into the crater of the mound. Sift fine crumbs upon the sauce; set in the oven to brown slightly and send to table.

CORN STARCH CUSTARD.—One quart of milk, four eggs, three tablespoonfuls of corn starch, five tablespoonfuls of sugar, a teaspoonful of butter, a little salt and nutmeg, scald the milk, wet up the corn starch with cold milk, salt it and stir into the boiling milk until it is thick and free from lumps. Take it off, beat in the butter and let it get almost cold before whipping in the frothed eggs the sugar and spice. Beat well and long, turn into a buttered pudding dish and bake to a yellow brown; sift sugar over it when perfectly cold and eat with cream or with brandied peaches.

DELICIOUS beignets are made by cutting some pieces of pineapple into pieces the size of a quarter of a dollar, and a quarter of an inch thick. Let these steep in a little rum or brandy, sweetened with powdered sugar for an hour; then dip them in batter and fry them in boiling fat until they are a golden yellow and quite crisp. Take them up on a strainer and put them on a hot baking tin. Sprinkle them with confectioner's sugar and set them in a hot oven to glaze. When they look bright and glossy dish them on white paper and serve hot.

IN framing a picture covered with glass, be it a water-color, a photograph, or an engraving, there is one precaution which should always be adopted, but is too often neglected—the glass should fit the frame exactly, and should be cemented to the wood inside by a slip of thick paper. This should be glued all round the frame, and if done properly, will exclude all dust, dirt and undesirable vapors. The backboards, too, should be well papered, so that the picture may rest in a dust-proof and air-tight receptacle.

COMPOTE OF FRUIT.—Place in a stewpan two pounds sugar with half a pint of water; let it dissolve, and boil for ten minutes, taking off the scum as it rises; then throw in about twenty-four gooseberries, twenty-four strawberries, twenty-four raspberries and several bunches of red and white currants; when all are in allow the compote to get cold; cut one dozen small sponge-cakes into slices, overlap them in a circular manner on the dish, then with a spoon place the fruit in the centre of the dish; add the sirup and one glass of noyeau over the sponge-cakes.

COFFEE CREAM.—Beat one quart of rich, sweet cream to a stiff froth, like the white of eggs for icing; then mix with one-quarter pound of granulated sugar, and, shortly before serving, beat into it one cup of cold coffee extract, which has been made by slowly filtering two cups of boiling water through two ounces of finely-ground coffee. Serve in a glass dish with lady fingers or fresh sponge cake.

RECIPE FOR THICKENED MILK.—Two quarts of milk, three eggs, one cup and a half of flour, one cup of sugar, a little salt, flavoring to taste. Dissolve the flour in a little cold milk; beat the eggs and mix the flour, eggs and sugar together, beating them up well. Set the milk on the fire, and just before it boils add the mixture and boil until thick.

IF benzine will not completely remove axle-grease or varnish from clothes, place the soiled garment upon a flat cake of plaster of Paris or upon some folds of blotting paper; moisten it with sulphuric ether and rub it gently with a soft brush or clean cotton rag. Be careful only to do this by day, as the inflammability of the ether renders it dangerous to use where there is a light or a hot stove.

BROWNED BUTTER.—Put one-fourth pound of butter in a frying-pan over a clear fire; when the butter smokes have ready and throw into it, one tablespoonful of minced parsley, three tablespoonfuls of vinegar, salt and pepper and simmer one minute longer. Most excellent upon fish either salt or fresh, or as a sauce for clams, quahaugs, lobster, scallops or oysters.

STRING BEANS.—String them on both sides with a sharp knife, cut into inch lengths and cook tender in hot salted water. The time will depend on the age and size; drain well, stir butter, pepper and salt through them, and dish.

LEMON CAKE.—One-half cup sugar, one teaspoon butter, one tablespoonful sweet milk, one cup flour, one teaspoon baking powder, three eggs. Bake in jelly tins. Then take two apples and one lemon, grate together with a little sugar, and spread between the layers.

A French geologist, Mons de Lapparent called the attention of the Paris Geological Society to the effect gravitation has in heaping up sea waters upon the land. The continents are thus all situated at the tops of hills of water; and in crossing the Atlantic the ship has first to go down hill, then to cross a valley, and finally to climb another hill. The calculation has been made that in mid-ocean the surface may be more than half a mile (1,000 metres) below the level it would have if the continents exerted no attraction.

"YOUR father is entirely bald, isn't he?" said a man to a son of a millionaire. "Yes," replied the youth, sadly: "I'm the only heir he has left."

FARM NOTES.

HOW RAISINS ARE PREPARED.—A strip of land bordering on the Mediterranean, somewhat less than one hundred miles in length and in width not exceeding five or six, is the raisin producing territory of Spain. Beyond these boundaries the muscatel grape, from which the raisin is produced, may grow and thrive abundantly, but the fruit must go to the market or the wine press. When the grape begins to ripen in August the farmer carefully inspects the fruit as it lies on the warm dry soil, and one by one clips the clusters as they reach perfection. In almost all vineyards slants of masonry are prepared, looking like unglazed hot-beds, and covered with fine pebbles, on which the fruit is exposed to dry. But the small proprietor prefers not to carry his fruit so far. It is better, he thinks, to deposit them nearer at hand, where there is less danger of bruising, and where the bees and wasps are less likely to find them. Day by day the cut bunches are examined and turned, till they are sufficiently cured to be borne to the house, usually on the hilltop, and there deposited in the empty wine press till enough has been collected for the trimmers and packers to begin their work. At this stage great piles of rough dried raisins are brought forth from the wine press and heaped upon boards. One by one the bunches are carefully inspected, those of the first quality being trimmed of all irregularities and imperfect berries and deposited in piles by themselves. So in turn are treated those of the second quality, while the clippings and inferior fruit are received into baskets at the feet of the trimmers and reserved for home consumption. A quantity of small wooden trays are now brought forward, just the size of a common raisin box and about an inch deep. In these papers are neatly laid so as to lap over and cover the raisins evenly deposited in the trays, which are then subjected to a heavy pressure in a rude press. After pressing the raisins are dropped into boxes for market.

KILLING WEEDS WITH KEROSENE.—After trying all ways to exterminate Canada thistle and that next worst enemy of the farmer, plaintain, I discovered that kerosene oil is a certain remedy. Some may think my method tedious, but at best when you wish to get rid of a patch of either pest, diligent work is indispensable. Early or late in summer, when ground is dry and weather settled it is time to make the application. Take an old fruit can, solder on one side a handle, then whittle a pine stick round about two feet long, now dip the stick into the oil and touch the plant allowing a few drops to run down the stalk; it will follow on down and cover every root if enough is used, and the result will reward any person who has pride in keeping from lawn or field two of our worst weeds. If the thistles are very thick, a few may escape, which you will have to kill another year, but at worst two seasons work will whip them all.

THE QUALITY OF GRAIN.—An eminent authority insists that the quality of grain is best when the plants stand sparsely. In root crops, also, the larger tubers are, within certain limits, the larger the space allotted to their growth; and in general the production of plants increase with the size of the space, because abundance of room implies enough of light, heat and moisture, and such a healthy condition of the plant that it is capable of resisting parasites.

SPONGE THE HORSES.—Dumb beasts suffer frightfully when the mercury is in the nineties. Street car horses and the animals compelled to drag trucks and heavy vehicles through the streets under the scorching rays of the sun, endure unheard of torture while their drivers are ignorantly urging them forward. It would be wisdom on the part of the men to sponge their horses' mouth as often as possible, and to bonnet and sponge their heads whenever they can. Men who are supported by their horses should be kind to them.

EXPERIMENTS at the Canadian Model Farm shows that a cow previous to calving should be confined to a straw and hay diet and completely dried off; that the milking periods should be only once a day for awhile, then once in two days, and prolonging the intervals as long as it is safe to do so.

HAWKS have a partiality for a tall pole, from whence they can survey the field before seizing their prey. The knowledge of this propensity of the hawk by the farmers sometimes induces the latter to erect poles at certain location, at the top of which are fastened steel spring traps, which close when the hawks alight on them.

A GREAT many fields, especially those long and narrow, are always plowed the same way. Simply changing the direction of working will often make a great increase in productiveness. The furrow cut across the old lines of furrows is not stopped by the same stones; while new soil is opened to the growth of plant roots.

CROPS of 200 bushels, and occassionally over that amount of strawberries are reported to an acre, 150 bushels being only a fair crop, states Dr. Hoskins of Vermont, and at 10 cents a quart such a crop will return $470 per acre, more than half of which is clear profit.

As a remedy for bee stings, a correspondent says; "When a person is stung by a bee or wasp let them take a little common whiting, mix it with cold water into a paste, and apply it to the part affected. In a few minutes the pain will cease."

THE anxiety about frosted corn may be partially relieved by the fact that when untimely frost comes the grain robs the stalk to perfect itself. Hence there will be more and better grain than is now expected but the fodder will possess less feeding value."

SMALL fruit culture will always be most successful on the intensive plan. Plant only a small area at a time, and give that the best culture possible. Better raise 300 bushels on one acre than that amount on five or six.

IRREGULARITY in the amount of food given the cow will cause her sometimes to gradually dry up. So will worrying, fast driving, or excitement of any kind. An animal giving milk is very sensitive to bad treatment or surrounding influences.

"What a goose you are! You couldn't hand in your heart as evidence in a breach of promise suit."

Shroeder, in Germany, has been investigating the influence upon vegetation of the acid fumes which are present in a smoke-laden atmosphere. He finds that one part of sulphurous acid on 54,000 parts of air is capable of occasioning serious damage to plants in a short time. They are less sensitive to hydrochloric acid. Coniferous trees are most sensitive to sulphurous acid, than deciduous trees, while ordinary field plants resist longer. Oaks, palms, elms, poplars and mountain ashes resist better than birches and beeches. Fruit trees are very sensitive; plums and cherries more so than pears and apples.

Phytolacca electrica is the name given to a plant which possesses strongly marked electro-magnetic properties. In breaking a twig the hand receives a shock that resembles the sensation produced by an inducting coil. Experiments made on this plant, says the New York *Medical Times*, showed that a small compass was effected by it at a distance of about twenty feet. On a near approach the needle vibrated, and finally began to revolve quite rapidly. The phenomenon was repeated in a reverse order on receding from the plant. It is said that no birds or insects are ever seen on or about this plant. The soil where it grew contained no magnetic metal like iron, cobalt or nickel, and it is evident the plant possesses this electrical property.

The investigations of the Prussian Fire-damp Commission have shown that many mine explosions attributed to fire-damp, or outbursts of gas, are really due to fine coal dust, all kinds of dust appearing to be capable of exploding violently when ignited. The experiments relative to this inflammability of coal dust were devised as nearly as nearly as possible in accordance with the conditions prevailing in practice, and more than 200 tests were made, explosions occurring in every case when an electric spark was produced in a dust cloud.

John Marshall F. R. S. says that if a person, especially a girl or woman, whose clothing is on fire will lie down in a horizontal position the flames will become for the time being nearly harmless, and time will thus be gained for further action. The reason for this needs no explanation. He further recommends that there be at every school an example of this fact at least once every term by means of two upright models, prepared alike and set on fire simultaneously, the one being thrown over after two seconds and the other after thirty seconds. The suggestion is a good one.

An interesting experiment, showing the influence of electricity on the growth of roots, has been made in Germany by Professor Hodefleiss. Plates of copper were thrust upright into the earth and connected by wires with similarly placed zinc plates, about 100 feet distant, an electric battery being thus formed, with the earth between the copper and zinc in the circuit. Both potatoes and beets planted between such plates gave an increased yield—beets 15 per cent., potatoes 25 per cent—as compared with other parts in the same field.

Clouds Dependent Upon Dust.—Investigations by R. Von Helmholtz, described to the Berlin Royal Society, confirm the statements that the formation of cloud in saturated air is induced solely by particles of dust, and that the finer and sparser are the dust particles the more slowly is the cloud formed. These results are also confirmatory of Prof. Tyndall's explanation that the blue color of the sky is due to floating dust.

In Algeria there is a small stream which the chemistry of nature has turned into true ink. It is formed by the union of two rivulets, one of which is very strongly impregnated with iron, while the other, meandering through a peat marsh, imbibes gallic acid. Letters have been written with this compound of iron and gallic acid which unite to form the little river.

Animal tissues in undergoing putrefactive decomposition give rise to very complex products, which are very soluble in water, and are extremely injurious. Unless this water filters through such a quantity of soil and soil of such quality as will completely remove these products of decomposition, such water is unsafe, however far it may have passed under ground.

The attention of medical men in France has been directed to a new sleep-producing drug called hypnone, a distilled mixture of acetate of lime with benzoate of lime. It is claimed that the new drug produces none of the unpleasant after-symptoms of opium.

The housewives of Norway make their common flat-bread largely of the powdered branches of the young pine, not so much to save flour as to secure a light loaf. The bark proves to be not only innutritious but actually injurious, and is now being denounced by medical men.

Two German physiologists have calculated the relative liability of injury to the eye, finding that, if all parts of the body were equally exposed to injury, wounds of the eye would bear to wounds of other parts the proportion of about 1 in 600. As a matter of fact, the actual proportion is more than 20 times as great, or 36 in 1000.

Native Wooing in New Zealand.

When the Maoris ruled their own land, the most usual way for obtaining a wife was for the gentleman to summon his friends, and make a regular *tana* or fight to carry off the lady by force, and oftentimes with great violence. Even when a girl was bestowed in marriage by her parents, frequently some distant relatives would feel that they were aggrieved, and fancy they had a better right to her, as a wife for one of their own tribe, or, if the girl had eloped with some one on whom she had placed her affections, then her father and brothers would refuse their consent, and in either case would carry a *tana* against the husband and his friends, to regain possession of the girl. If confined in a house they would pull it down, and if they gain access, then a fearful contest would ensue. The unfortunate female, thus placed between two contending parties, would soon be divested of every rag of clothing, and seized by the head, hair and limbs; and as those who contended for her became tired of the struggle, fresh combatants would supply their place from the rear, climbing over the shoulders of their friends, and so edge themselves into the mass immediately round the woman, whose cries and shrieks were unheeded; thus the poor creature was often nearly torn to pieces. These savage contests sometimes ended in the strongest party bearing off the bride in triumph. In some cases after long suffering, she recovered, to be given to a person for whom she had no affection; in others to die of the injuries she had received. But it was not uncommon for the weaker party, when they found they could not prevail, to put an end to the contest by plunging a spear into the woman's bosom, to hinder her from becoming the property of another.

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"Now, my dear," he said as he prepared to leave home after supper, "the market has been feverish all day."

"I see."

"If wheat should go up a cent or two this evening I might not be home until late."

"Exactly."

"And in case wheat goes down, don't expect me before midnight."

"I see. Well, dear, you run along and keep your eye on wheat and stay as long as you care to, for I've asked Col. Haskins over to play whist this evening, and he'll be sure to stay until midnight."

The fever subsided and wheat stood still, and the husband was back before 9 o'clock.

A MAN who had evidently just arrived by the train walked into an Austin boarding house and asked:

"Is Day in?"

"What day sah?" asked the porter.

"What do I know about him? Do I look like a detective? If Day ain't in, tell Week to step out here."

"What Week do you refer to, sah?"

"Oh, last week, or week before Christmas! Do you take me for an almanac? Who runs this shebang, anyhow?"

"De widow Flapjack, sah."

"Well, then, you tell her to take down her sign. I read on the sign out there, 'Boarding by Day or Week,' and now it seems that both of 'em have lit out. That sign is put up there to deceive the traveling public," and he picked up his gripsack and swung himself on board of a street car.

DR. PILLSLEY—"Let me see your tongue. Hum! Appetite good?"

Patient—"First-class."

Dr.—"Digestion all right?"

P.—"Oh, yes."

Dr.—"Are you troubled with sleeplessness?"

P.—"Never."

Dr.—"Do you ever have severe pains in the head or back?"

P.—"None."

Dr.—"Don't you often feel a disclination to work?"

P.—"Well, yes."

Dr.—"And a desire to be abed late mornings?"

P.—"Frequently."

Dr.—"It is as I thought. Get this prescription put up at once and take a teaspoonful every three hours in water. I'll call again to-morrow. Good-day."

MISTRESS—"What! you want your wages raised already? Why, you have not been in this country a month; you know nothing of American housekeeping, and I am now paying you as much as the most experienced servants get."

Maid—"Yes, mum; I know, mum. But you see times is very dull now."

"I should say they were."

"Yes, mum. Me brother Mickey is on a strike; me cousin Jim's out of work; me cousin Philip and cousin John and cousin George, they all had their wages reduced."

"Well, what has that to do with it?"

"You see, mum, I must take care of the whole family now, mum."

EMPLOYER—"Mr. Penwad, on account of the depression in business it will be impossible for me to increase your salary this year."

Mr. Penwad—"I am very sorry, sir; because I can hardly maintain my family on the compensation I now receive."

Employer—"Well, I suppose, you will have to be more economical. By the way, Penwad, just draw me up a check of five hundred dollars for my tailor and one of one hundred and fifty for my caterer, and you can pay that bill for the flowers of seventy-five dollars."

MRS. A.—"Sometimes I think that if I should die my husband would have another wife in less than a week."

Mrs. B.—"Do you? I never feel that way; but then my husband is a very different kind of a man. He'd never have the courage to ask a woman to have him."

Mrs. A.—"But he asked you?"

Mrs. B.—"Not he; I didn't wait to be asked. I thought too much of him to put him to so much mental suffering as that would have caused."

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