

IN OUR DAILY PATH.

Say not, "Were I that man, or this, I would create a world of bliss..."

Was He a Brute?

Office buildings and stores were pouring their streams of life into the crowded streets. It was six o'clock at evening.

"I am a woman, and I demand to be treated as such."

When she had been taken to the station and asked to make a statement, she said: "My name is Laura Hoytt."

Three weeks later the wounded man was sitting propped up in bed, when a card bearing the name of Laura Hoytt was handed to him.

With a timid, awe-struck air the woman approached the bed. She coughed in embarrassment as she seated herself on a chair which the nurse placed for her.

"No, I wouldn't. You have come so far out here that I couldn't have found the heart to disappoint you."

"A plaster of sarcasm won't draw out a soreness, Mr. Brown. I have suffered so with remorse that I have come to see if I could not find some sort of consolation."

"Yes," he drawled, "I rather wish so myself. So, you see, we have something in common. But you needn't be worried over the trial. I shall not appear against you."

The nurse had withdrawn. They were alone. She put back her hair again, and he followed the movement of her graceful hand—the hand that had shot him.

"Yes, I am sorry I shot you," she said; "but I hate you, and can never forgive you."

"Ah! and I am therefore consoled by the thought that you never can forget me."

"Brute!" she said. "I almost wish I had killed you."

"When a woman almost wishes a thing, she wishes it doubly," he replied.

"I don't know but there is some truth in that," she assented. "But what a beast you were to treat Helen so. How could you?"

"Because I was a beast, I suppose."

"Yes, you were. She was taken down with fever shortly afterward, but it was a broken heart that killed her."

"But I didn't come to reproach you," she said.

"Then why did you come?" he asked.

"To ask why you could have been so heartless. I simply want to know. Was it because you had no heart at all?"

"It was because I had too much heart!"

She darted a fierce look at him. "Ah! it was because you loved another woman?"

"Yes. Helen made me promise to tell her if I should love any one better than I did her. It was not my fault if another woman set my soul afire, when Helen had only warmed my heart."

"Ah! And then you went to the other woman and told her of your love, and she spurned you."

"No, I did not tell her. Indeed, I was determined that she should not know."

"She looked at him searchingly. 'You killed my sister, but you are more of a man than I thought.'"

He smiled sadly. "A man is always more or less of a man than a woman thinks."

"If you hold so poor an opinion of women, I don't see how you could love one."

"I don't see, either."

"Fool!" she said. "Yes, I'm a man."

She smiled at him, and then after a silence she said: "Do you intend to tell the woman of your love?"

"No."

"If you do, and she loves you, I will shoot you again."

"That's consoling."

"Then let it console you. But really I am sorry for you—for your weakness. You ought to have had more strength than to let that other woman—and I know she is a fright—win your love. You ought to have known that she was playing with you."

"Reason addresses the brain, but it cannot reach the heart. I told you that I fought—"

"Yes, I know." And after a long silence she said: "I wish you would tell me the name of that woman."

"Laura Hoytt."

She sprang to her feet with a cry, and a nurse ran into the room. She found the visitor on her knees by the bedside. "Leave us," the man said, and the nurse withdrew.

"And that was the reason I could not keep faith with her," he said. "You set my soul on fire, and in the flames I could see your smile." She caught his hand, and it was wet with tears. "And for that love I was willing to die," he said, unable now to see her, kneeling beside him, but feeling the warm tears upon his hand.

"Oh, don't—don't say that!" she sobbed. "In my despair I hated you because I loved you so."

PROPIIATING THE DEMONS.

Strange Chinese Ceremonial on a Junk in San Francisco Bay.

Many Celestials gathered recently at Oceanic wharf to see the high priest, Whan Ti, and his attendant acolytes, embark on the junk Fang-Hi.

At 1 o'clock the joss, Kwong Goon, was brought onto the wharf in a hack, accompanied by Whan Ti and eight attendants, all in full canonicals.

Platter after platter of sweetmeats and delicacies dear to the Mongolian palate followed the joss along the wharf, to the incessant squealing of a reed instrument, played by one of the joss's attendants.

Following the sweetmeats came bearers carrying huge plates, on which were various roast pigs, ducks and sundry vegetables. The ducks were the strangest items of the collection.

They were placed on the dishes in all attitudes some as if attempting to fly, and others resting in a dignified manner on one leg.

At last, however, the procession was in order, and a move was made toward the junk, the joss in the lead. When the end of the wharf was reached, at a signal from Whan Ti, the idol was lifted on to the junk and placed against the mast, on which it leaned with a wabble in its legs suggestive of locomotor ataxia after three years of a sitting posture.

Punk sticks were at once lighted and placed at the feet of the joss, and the roasts and dessert were then—very carefully this time—carried on board.

Enormous bundles of prayer papers completed the junk's cargo, and, after a large table had been fixed up as an altar and a few prayers had been said, the high priest ordered the ropes to be cast off and the Fang Hi floated out into the bay.

The vessel was gaudily decorated with lanterns, tinsel and colored cloth, and appeared to be worthy of the honor of carrying such a dreadful divinity as Kwong Goon.

The junk sailed out for about a quarter of a mile, and then the priests began casting their bread on the waters, believing that it would be swallowed by the evil spirits, of whom Kwong Goon is king, and so deter them from eating up all the flesh.

Fowls, ducks, pigs and rice were thrown to these demons amid a deafening din of cymbals and drums, and the wondering Chinese on the wharf did obeisance to their deity which was out on the water.

At 4 o'clock the junk returned, and the priests and their altar servants repaired to the joss house on Pine street, where they conducted the closing services of the Kwong Goon festival, which will be celebrated again three years hence.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A specimen of German architectural and business solidity is afforded by the fact that in Nuremberg there are houses still in good order which were erected in 1080, and that in the same town a firm has been engaged in manufacturing harmonicas since 1560, sixty years before the settlement in New England.



No Pink Teas for Her. A Norton county (Kansas) paper, in speaking of Miss Kate Johnson, the county treasurer-elect, says: "She is good looking, jolly, well fixed financially, full of business, likes company, but couldn't be dragged into a pink tea with a four-hour team."

Owns Two Hundred Teapots. A woman in Chicago owns 200 teapots. Among curious pieces in the collection is a double Japanese teapot with two spouts, which is always used at wedding festivities in that country by the bride and groom.

There is the pale blue, daintily figured combination teapot of two parts and two handles. The upper part has a sieve-like arrangement for the leaves, and the lower contains the cheering concoction.

A Woman as Consular Agent. Little work and no salary was involved in Miss Emma Hart's tenure of office as consular agent of the United States at Edmunston, New Brunswick, during the two weeks' leave of absence granted to the regular agent, Mr. Guy. But as Secretary Sherman appointed Miss Hart in mid-November, and as it is unusual for a woman to act as a representative of our government abroad, the case is an interesting precedent to be recorded.

New Occupation for Women. A new occupation for women is that known as "music teacher's assistant."

This is a young woman who superintends the daily piano practice of the children of a family. Where expensive music masters are employed their work is frequently retarded by the careless practising of their pupils.

To be on hand every day during the time spent at the piano by the young people of the family is the duty of the assistant; and her careful supervision of practice hours undoubtedly contributes to the successful teaching of the master.

Health and Hair Dressing. The style and influence of hair dressing is a topic of importance to the fair sex. Every health reformer is bound to express gratification that the days of the chignon and of hair pads are past.

The present Grecian style of dressing the hair, in which pads are dispensed with and the hair is gathered into a simple coil behind, is a return to a classic and healthy fashion. There may be objections on the score of taste—its variable condition—to the "boy's," or short-cropped hair, as a feminine style; but where health considerations intervene there should be no objection to the adoption of this latter mode, especially for girls.

Many diseases of the hair are clearly traceable to the reign of the chignon. It is only to be regretted that what is rational in the modern headdress does not extend to the chest and to the feet. But our fair readers should know that staging the hair is of not the slightest use as a measure for hair stimulation.—New York Ledger.

A Woman's Club of Indian Squaws. The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs has admitted to membership a club of squaws, which will hold sales and give entertainments to raise money for charity, just as the clubs of white women do.

This latest development of the woman's club movement is the Wab-na-ki club of Indian Island. Its membership is limited exclusively to the squaws of the Tarratine tribe, which occupies the government reservation on Indian Island on the Penobscot, opposite Old Town.

The idea of the club originated with Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, author of "Mothers of Maine." Some months ago she became interested in the people of Indian Island, and, being an enthusiastic club woman, proposed to the squaws of the island that they form a woman's club.

The proposition was well received, and within a few weeks an organization was effected. The club name comes from the tribal title of that branch of the Maine Indian tribe to which the Tarratine tribe belongs.—New York Journal.

Home Massage for Beauty. You may use massage for obesity, for rheumatism, for weariness and for wrinkles. For all these ills to which femininity is heir it is excellent.

Massage of the body should always follow and never precede a hot bath. After bathing and being vaporized, the flesh is much more supple and flexible.

Massage consists in rubbing, kneading and pounding with the fingers all the fleshy parts of the body. A massage treatment is, therefore, difficult to manage if one has no maid, but it can be done by the use of a long-handled rubber brush. The movements must be gentle and the treatment not very long.

In massage of the face, if the skin is sensitive, redness is apt to follow. The fingers should be dipped in olive oil to prevent the chafing of the skin. The face should be very lightly pinched and kneaded. The movement must

always be in an upward direction. On the face, neck and chin the tips of the fingers should be used, and used very gently, but not the whole hand.

If one takes massage for obesity the rest after it should be brief. If it is for weariness or rheumatism, a nap may very beneficially follow.—New York Journal.

Treatment for a Red Nose. Nothing is a greater blemish to the face of a woman than a red nose. This irritating condition may arise from various causes, one of the chief being indigestion.

A habit of bolting the food is very often the cause of the indigestion which shows itself thus. Sufferers from red noses arising from indigestion should be most careful in their diet, avoiding heating foods and hot drinks. The food should be taken slowly and each mouthful be well masticated.

Sometimes a red nose is due to dryness of the nasal duct or delicacy of the capillary organs. The inflammation may then be treated as follows: Prepare a wash containing 154 grains of powdered borax, one teaspoon of eau de cologne and five ounces of soft water.

First dissolve the borax in the water and then add the eau de cologne. When the nose burns damp it with this lotion and let it dry on. If, when dry, it still burns, repeat the treatment. Another mixture for the same trouble may be made as follows: Dissolve 30 grains of borax in one ounce of rose water and orange water in equal parts. Wet the nose with this lotion about three times a day, letting it dry on.

When the redness of the nose arises from a kind of congestion it should be washed in warm water only on going to bed.

A cold in the head will often produce a red and inflamed condition of the nose. A little cold cream should then be applied to the sore parts. The following is an easily prepared and safe recipe for cold cream: Get half a pound of the very best lard, put it in a basin, pour on it boiling water, and when cold drain it off. Repeat this process three times; then after quite freeing the lard from water beat it to a cream with a fork and scent it with essence of bergamot.

The nostrils should never be touched with the fingers. To wash them, a little hot water should be sniffed up and then ejected.—Chicago Record.

Fashion Notes. Rose pink velvet turbans are much seen at the theatre.

The tiniest of tiny monograms are in vogue on smart stationery.

Salted peanuts are strong rivals of the salted almonds at women's luncheons.

Black velvet capes, trimmed with chinchilla, are much worn by the younger women.

The neck scarfs of sable, with many heads, tails and claws, are affected by the tailor made girl.

Hugenot caps are added to the tops of many of the short, full, puffed sleeves of evening bodices.

It is a great mistake to put too much handsome trimming on a hat. A little of a better quality produces a better effect.

Many of the demi-trained dress skirts are cut with nine gored; and at the back some are box pleated and others fan pleated.

The tiny empire fans are just the nicest sort of a gift for a debutante friend, whose ball attire is the delight of her frivolous little heart.

One cannot use too many ostrich feathers this season. If the hat becomes overloaded they can stray into the neck ruche or on a cape or muff.

The dolman style of wrap is likely to have a rather unwelcome reception. It is so difficult to move one's arms when wearing a garment of this sort that it would be small wonder if sensible women refused to accept the fashion.

There is nothing more becoming to the average woman than a hat of dark velvet. When loosely laid over the frame and caught down with brilliant pins or jewels and finished with a little very rich trimming, it is the ideal headgear.

Peplums, which are added to Russian blouses, jacket bodices, surplice waists and similar garments, are shaped in various ways. Some are crinkled, others cut in oval tabs or sharp Vandykes, and also in circular form, with or without pleats at the back.

Theatre wraps are elegant and elaborate in the extreme. They are immensely large and full, and as profusely trimmed as the most extravagant ball costume. Velvet, plush and brocade are the favorite materials, and fur, lace and ruchings the approved garniture.

The shoulder cape wrap still continues in style, and probably has secured a place that will make it difficult to supplant it. It is comfortable, easily put on and very stylish. Such wraps are becoming to almost every woman, even the stoutest being able to wear them if properly modified and slaped to the figure.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

The baked banana is the ideal food for nervous and anaemic brain workers. On an average, man's physical strength begins to decay at the age of thirty-six.

A curious present for a deaf person in Germany is a fan, deftly concealing a tiny ear trumpet in its stick.

The temperature of the cucumber has been found to be one degree below that of the surrounding atmosphere.

According to French figures, a man adds eleven years to his theoretical and statistical life by marrying at the age of thirty.

The most powerful microscope ever invented has just been perfected by Professor E. L. Gates of Washington, D. C. Its magnifying power is 3,000,000 diameters.

Lighthouses in Denmark are supplied with oil, which is pumped on the waves during a storm. This explains the fact that two or three vessels are always to be seen round each lighthouse in rough weather.

At present the world's production of nickel is considerably in excess of the consumption, but as there are but four or five districts in the world where it is worked the price is maintained by controlling the actual production. The world's total output last year was about 4603 metric tons.

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four out of five are rejected because of defective vision. The "eyesight" test consists of being able to count correctly with both eyes, as well as each eye separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate.

According to the statement of the Engineering and Mining Journal, an authority on mining matters, the new Klondike placers may be expected to produce about \$60,000,000 in gold. This statement is admittedly limited by the fact that there has been no systematic examination of the alluvial deposits to admit of an exact determination.

A strongly phosphorescent strontium sulphide has been investigated by Professor Mourelle of Madrid. The pure compound shows no phosphorescence, the presence of a small quantity of alkali seeming to be necessary and a trace of subnitrate of bismuth an advantage. After cooling from a high temperature slowly, the substance is made strongly phosphorescent by even a very little light. Pulverization destroys this property, which may be restored by long heating with starch.

Mexico has now become a producer of sulphur, aside from that which is obtained from the crater of Popocatepetl for local consumption, a trial consignment having been received recently at Yuma from the mines in Lower California, which are being exploited by an American company. Arrangements for the construction of an aerial tramway to bring sulphur on a large scale from the summit of Popocatepetl to the foot of the mountain have been discussed for a long time, and surveys have been made.

Which Way Does the Current Go? An extended discussion has been going on in the German technical press as to whether or not a lightning rod during a thunder storm is continuously acting to equalize the electrification of the clouds and that of the earth. Some assert that the function of the lightning rod is to offer a good conducting path to the earth for a lightning flash, while others claim that it offers a constant medium between the air and earth. Among the facts adduced by the adherents of the latter theory was an instance which occurred during the construction of a lightning rod for a chimney 100 feet high, when the uncompleted work was interrupted by a thunder shower. A temporary wire was, therefore, run to a neighboring pond, so as to ground the rod, when it was noticed that considerable gas was formed on the surface of the submerged wire, indicating that a current produced by the silent discharge of the clouds was passing and decomposing the water by electrolysis.

Another experiment was quoted, in which a plate lightning arrester, with a galvanometer in circuit, was connected in circuit with a lightning rod, when an almost constant deflection of the galvanometer needle was observed, showing that a continued equalization of electric discharges does take place.—Electricity.

Corduroy Road Uncarthed. In the gravel pit belonging to the Lake Shore company at Amboy, O., 38 feet below the surface of the ground has been discovered a peculiarly constructed roadway, which is apparently a corduroy road, made of small cedar trees. The wood is in a perfect state of preservation. Over twenty feet of this road has been uncovered. It was laid on hard clay and was covered by a thick vein of gravel. Prof. Carl Wright, teacher of geology at Oberlin college, visited the gravel pit and secured pieces of the wood, which he examined. He gives it as his opinion that the wood has been where it was found since the glacial epoch, and that it has retained its natural condition several thousand years. A piece of a mastodon's tusk, two feet long, was unearthed. It also is perfectly preserved, the ivory being a natural color after the dirt was removed.

The Long-Lived Orange Tree. An orange tree will bear fruit till 150 years old, and there are recorded instances of orange trees bearing when 500 years old.

Few people in India eat more than twice a day, and thousands only once, and other thousands not at all.

New Breadmaking Process.

A French inventor converts grain into dough at one operation without milling. The grain is soaked, and entering one end of the machine is crushed and disintegrated, the past passing on to the kneading machine at the other end of the apparatus where it is aerated and kneaded into dough, which can be preserved indefinitely without injury. The nutritive qualities of the grain, bran included are kept.—Tit-Bits.

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Proverbs About the Czar.

A Moscow newspaper publishes following proverbs with reference to the Czar:

"A crown does not protect the Czar from headache."

"The Czar has never lived in peasant's hut, so he does not know what poverty is."

"The Czar's arm is long, yet it does not touch heaven."

"Even the Czar's hand has not more than five fingers."

"The Czar's voice has an echo, when it is not near a hill."

"Death carries on its back a Czar, as easily as it does a thin man."

"A tear in the Czar's eye costs people many handkerchiefs."

"When the Czar amuses him the Ministers have but one eye, the peasants are quite blind."

"When the Czar cuts thongs, peasants furnish the leather."

A Cough Cured of Sticklersville, I who for nearly ten years has been treated for consumption by the doctors, in a coughing fit the other brought up a tooth which he swallowed almost ten years ago. It stuck in his windpipe then. The doctors now say that it got down his lungs and that it is the tooth which has caused what they treated as consumption.

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