

A WOMAN'S LOVE.

A man prefers the one who makes him laugh. The cares that he must carry through the day are forgotten or diminished more than half if there's just a chance to laugh along the way!

HIS METHOD.

By GEORGE H. EVERETT.

WHEN here's a letter from Tom," exclaimed Peggy Wharton one morning, hastily selecting a foreign letter from among the little pile of envelopes that lay on the breakfast table.

Bob glared down at her. "Enjoy yourself as much as you please," he said, "but don't neglect me."

"Oh, long ago, when I was at school!" "Well, I hope we shall see something preparatory to his departure for the day."

"Then you refuse to stay to-night?" "Most certainly. You should have told me before."

"When the had gone, Peggy glanced through the letter again, and letting it fall unheeded to the floor, lapsed into reverie. Old scenes and half-forgotten memories flitted by her mental vision in pleasant panorama.

"She is very late," he muttered, getting up and going over to the window. Outside it was beginning to rain.

"On entering he discovered the cause to be a tall, dark man in gray, who rose to meet him. "This is Major Anderson," said Peggy.

"By the time you read this I shall be speeding westward, for I leave New York forever. You will soon be free. In the course of a few days you will hear from Messrs. Brown & Smith, who, acting upon my instructions, will remit you a sum of money, which, I trust, you will find adequate to your present needs.

"One morning, about six months later, Bob Wharton stood before his wife with an angry frown upon his face. "Where, then, do you propose going to-night?" he asked unpleasantly.

"Reading it over with a grin, he placed it in a prominent position upon the desk. He had barely done so when the jingle of an approaching cab caught his ear. It came nearer, and finally pulled up sharply below.

"No, of course not! Don't be absurd, Anderson is one of the best fellows. But at the same time, Peggy, I think you have been going about a great deal too much lately. Why, hang it, I hardly ever see you at all."

"YOUR HUSBAND." Reading it over with a grin, he placed it in a prominent position upon the desk. He had barely done so when the jingle of an approaching cab caught his ear.

"Yes, but dash it, Peggy, you are away nearly every night asked. "Tom will be going back to the Philippines soon, and I want to enjoy myself while I have the chance. Must make hay while the sun shines, you know," she

"I heard the sharp click of her latchkey. The next moment she had entered. He could hear the soft frisson of her dress.

There was a long pause, and he wondered what she was doing. He dared not move—to do so now would be to court discovery. Suddenly a quick exclamation told him that she had seen the letter, and he looked out cautiously from behind the screen.

"Gone—gone forever?—You will soon be free? Free?" She raised her head suddenly, and the light beaming down upon her upturned face showed that she smiled excitedly.

"No, Bob," she answered, "I know you had not"—with a quick movement she held up the letter. "Come, she added, laughing, "hadn't we better cry quits?"

"Without waiting for him to speak, Peggy continued sweetly: "Of course, I saw you the moment I entered the room. I knew you were playing some sort of joke, though it was not until I read the letter that I understood it all properly.

"Kiss me," she whispered, softly. "And he did,"—The American Queen.

George Ade recently heard that an old lady from the neighborhood down in Indiana where he was born was in town on a visit to a grand-daughter.

Calling the next day, he asked her how she found that the performance compared with the one of long ago. "Well," she replied, "Venice seems to have spruced up a right smart bit, but that Shylock is the same mean, grasping critter that he used to be."

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The Farm

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Early Seeding of Clover. The best time to sow clover is after the snow has gone off and the ground has frozen just enough to cause the surface to become rough and honey-combed.

Treating Seed Potatoes for Scab. Potato scab became a great nuisance with me, for if I ordered Northern seed I found more or less scab on them.

Increasing Farm Values. If every farm owner would look upon his farm as the merchant does upon his stock of goods, as something to be improved as his business grows, farm values would increase wonderfully.

A Good Plan to Follow. Writers for this department, practical and skillful men, have urged from time to time the necessity for applications of fertilizers which would not only supply the needs of the growing crop, but give back to the soil all that was taken from the natural stored up supply.

Economy in Feeding Ducks. On starting into business with ducks the inexperienced are apt to find they are running short of food long before spring shows signs of returning.

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try to the market when it is overcrowded, but when prices are up and the dealers have but a few on hand. Followed with care and judgment, there is no reason why one may not derive a great deal of pleasure as well as profit from an individual duck ranch.

Small Separators in Favor. The plan of parting cream to the butter factory rather than the whole milk is without doubt gaining ground in most parts of the country.

Checks in Suits. The checks make good redingote suits as well as simple gowns. One in a rich green and white voile was trimmed in green taffeta and cream lace.

Shirt Waist Brought Up to Date. One of the prettiest of the many ways to modernize a shirt waist, whether silk or cotton, is to turn the sleeve upside down and cut off the top part.

In Fine Voile. Quite the handsomest of the new checks are of fine voile, almost as sheer as silk veiling. They come in blue, black, brown, red and violet, in combination with white, and have small dots

New Ideas in Toilettes

New York City.—Two events that mark the young girl's life are her confirmation and her graduation, for each of which she requires a simple, yet attractive, dress.



of the color scattered over the surface. None of these made up have been seen, but it is easy to imagine that they will make beautiful gowns. White silk rather than colored will be used for linings.

A Handsome Hat. A very handsome small hat is in two tones of blue straw, one of the rougher spiny varieties. There is a decided purple suggestion in one of the shades of blue, and the exquisite ostrich plume with which the turban is trimmed was blue on the upper part and mixed with lavender underneath.

Summer Hats. Summer coats are here! They are of immediate usefulness to those who are going south, and to many others who are remaining at home, and are having them copied for country and resort wear later. In shape they range from little capes built on bolero lines to full belted redingotes.

Rainy-Day Hats. Any large millinery establishment will model a silk tissue hat after a design in stock, and some few keep these waterproof on hand. A plain quilt is the most serviceable and sensible trimming for the rainy-day headgear.

Eton Dressing Jacket. No garment is more in demand for warm mornings than the tasteful and attractive breakfast jacket. Here is one that would be charming made of various materials. Lawn or dimity with lace frills is always dainty and attractive, dotted Swiss is much liked, and is lovely when one of white is desired, while for the many cooler mornings albatross, Japanese silk or velveting would be appropriate.

The dress is as simple as it is attractive, and can be made either with or without the smoothly fitted waist lining as material readers desire. The skirt is full and graceful, made with a straight upper portion and straight flounce. The flounce is shirred at its upper edge and joined to the skirt,

A Late Design by Mav Manton.



which again is shirred and arranged over a foundation yoke. At the waist there is a draped belt, which preferably would be made of some soft silk.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (fourteen years) is nine and one-half yards twenty-one, seven and one-half yards twenty-seven, or five yards forty-four inches wide, with one-half yard of all-over lace for the chemisette, two and five-eighths yards of insertion, three-eighths yard of silk for belt, and eight and one-half yards of ruching.

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