

THE OPTIMIST.

There's a mighty sight of trouble as the world we're sailin' through...

The man who sits a mountain by the grave of blasted schemes...

The man who gives up tryin' 'cause he failed once in the race...

The world is full of glory if you open up your eyes...

GOOD FOR EVIL.

By GUY DECKER.

R. BEND was a dry goods merchant doing business in Broadway.

In a few years he had amassed quite a fortune, and he now lived in Madison avenue.

He had a son at college—a fine, noble young man, whose ideas were somewhat different from his father's.

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the bank, questioned the paying clerk, who had unobtrusively given the money on seeing the check.

This showed that some arrangement had been made between the "friend," whoever it was, and the bank official.

The man, however, had sworn to keep the secret, and would not divulge the name.

Therefore there was no other way but to go to Martha Bend herself.

The old man did so, and the blushing wife owned that she had sent the check.

This was too much for Mr. Bend. His hard feeling relaxed, sunshine entered his heart, and remained there forever.

From that moment he was a wiser and better man.

The kindness of Martha, who had so nobly returned good for evil, made upon him a lasting impression.

He insisted on paying every cent of the money, regarding it as a loan, and, on paying it, said he was proud to know his son had obtained such a noble-hearted wife.

A reconciliation took place between father and son, and the old man to his dying day was heard to declare that his happiest moments were always passed with Richard and his wife.

And Martha—angel Martha! how she bloomed and brightened in these halcyon days.

Richard, meanwhile, steadily increased his business, so that in a few years he was able to refund all his wife's money.

Many years have passed since then. The mother-in-law is now in her grave, and so is Mr. Bend.

But Martha and her husband, the parents of several blooming children, are yet living, enjoying themselves as those who truly love ever may.

They live among green willows and singing birds, in an attractive country home near the banks of the silver Hudson, where they intend to pass the rest of their days.—New York Weekly.

AN ANDAMAN WEDDING.

Queer Tree Climbing Ceremony of a Dwarved People.

The day was warm for March. The sailor sat in the lee cream saloon eating ice cream and lady cake.

"The queerest marriage I ever seen, miss," he said, "was in the Andaman Islands. But maybe you ain't interested in marriages?"

He laughed, as men always laugh over this joke, and the pretty waitress permitted herself to smile.

"The islanders in their islands," he said, "is dwarfs. Four feet, on the average. Very fierce and ugly."

"If a young islander wants a girl for his wife, he asks her parents for her. They never refuse."

"The girl and her parents are in the forest. The girl must find her before morning. If she finds her, she is his. If she don't, she ain't."

"Of course, I don't need to tell you that if the girl wants the young fellow, she sees to it that he finds her all right."

"And vice versa."

"Here is how the marriage ceremony is performed. The lad climbs up a slim young tree and the girl climbs up another close to him. Her clothes don't bother her in climbing—clothes never bother an Andaman islander. Well, up they go, and as they near the top their weights bend the slim trees over toward each other prettily. The trees bow and bend and courtesy, and finally the lad's head touches the girl's, and from below a shout goes up, for the head touching has done the business. The ceremony is finished. The young folks' troubles have begun."—Chicago Tribune.

Fillet Antique.

A revival, as much as a novelty, is the fillet antique, which is coming into favor.

It is chiefly used for curtains, though over a color it is pretty for bureau sets and bedspreads.

The net chosen is the fillet, and it is darned back and forth until the design is filled in. A blunt needle is selected and it pierces the threads of the net, and it is threaded with mercerized cotton.

Items are made by turning up the edge and running them through a couple of rows of the cotton.

Conventionalized flowers and vines are the figures that will be most seen, but the somewhat more difficult herbage designs, showing quaintly-drawn lions, dragons, horses and the like, will be by far the handsomer. They will look like the very antique laces.

For bedrooms and other rooms in which one likes a face shade, these shades of darned fillet net are lovely. For these the design should be rather heavy. If it is to hang in folds like the ordinary sash curtain, either full or half length, the pattern may be very light. Indeed a mere border is enough, if one does not care to do figures in the body of the curtain.—Philadelphia Record.

Herodotus on Mosquitoes.

The discovery of Sir H. Arthur Blake that the transmission of malaria is recognized in Sanskrit literature recalls the following passage in Herodotus:

"The contrivances which they use against gnats, wherewith the country swarms, are the following: 'In the parts of Egypt above the marshes the inhabitants pass the night upon lofty towers, which are of great service, as the gnats are unable to fly to any height on account of the winds. In the marsh country, where there are no towers, each man possesses a net instead. By day it serves him to catch fish, while at night he spreads it over his bed in which he is to rest, and creeping in, goes to sleep underneath. The gnats, which if he rolls himself up in his dress or in a piece of muslin, are sure to bite through the covering, do not so much as attempt to pass the net.' (Rawlinson's Herodotus, Vol. II, page 154.)—Lancet.

Metelder Hobbeema.

Very little is known of Hobbeema's life. He appears to have been born at Amsterdam in 1688, but, as we have seen, other towns claimed to be his birthplace. It is probable that he was the pupil of Jacob van Ruyssdael, and certain that he lived in Amsterdam. He died poor, his last lodging being in the Rosekrantz, the street in which Rembrandt, also poor, had died forty years before. His works were little appreciated in Holland until nearly a hundred years after his death, and most of them found their way to England.—St. Nicholas.

Fashion Notes

New York City.—No house gown of the season is more attractive and charming than this one made in surplice style with the dainty chemisette.



Clash on Silk.

As odd as it is dainty is a soft silk in a pastel cadet blue, the gown being strewn with white dots. So far it is only pretty. There is more. The narrow panels of skirt, the quadruple bretelles on the waist and a four inch band on the handkerchief wrap, as well as around the skirt, are all of cloth the exact shade of the delicate cadet blue ground of the silk.

Some Sassy Umbrellas.

The neatest umbrellas are the dark browns, reds and blues, which have woven into them some inconspicuous pattern. It may be a mere dot or a dash, or a narrow stripe effect carried around in bands, but it is tasteful and relieves the monotony of the dead black rain protector.

Silk Gauzes.

Many of the new silk gauzes, in lovely Dresden designs, make charming gowns for dances and fetes. They are trimmed with many fluttering ribbons, lace frills and picturesque fichus or berthas.

Nine Gored Walking Skirt.

No fashionable material is more satisfactory for warm weather wear than mohair, inasmuch as it is light of weight, sheds dust and easily can be kept clean, for all of which reasons it was selected for the making of this very graceful and attractive skirt, but the season nevertheless is a generous one and the model can be made adaptable to many other fabrics as well. Pongee, Rajah and the Burlington silks are much in demand for immediate wear while after a bit linen will be having extended reign, for all of which the design is admirable while it also can be utilized for the various suitings. As illustrated the trimming is banding and handsome buttons, the

A LATE DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.



lining on which the full fronts and back are arranged and which, together with the waist, is joined to the skirt, which in turn is shirred over a foundation yoke.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is eleven and a half yards twenty-seven, ten and a half yards thirty-two or six yards forty-four inches wide with one-half yard eighteen inches wide for chemisette and four and a half yards for banding.

On Severe Lines.

A fair one is indulging herself to the extent of a strawberry cheviot coat suit. The shade is neither light nor dark, though it fairly suggests cerise. The cut is perfect and there is no trimming save a row of stitching. For one who has a number of suits the red zig is a charming addition. Red cloth coats will be very smart for country wear. The younger contingent especially affects them for driving and the like. As for little folks, a red reofer is, indeed, a catchy garment.

Brettele Gown Fashionable.

The brettele gown seems to be gaining favor marvelously. It is a very youthful fashion and should never, never be attempted by a stout woman. The stage-pastor appearance is not adapted to modern conditions. The brettele gown is a boon to mother of growing girls, especially if there are rows of her own to be remade for the daughters.

A Dainty Waist.

A fragile-looking, but very dainty lingerie waist, with a beautifully embroidered front had a yoke of tiny tucks



and a half yards twenty-seven, five and a quarter yards forty-four or four yards fifty-two inches wide when material has figure or nap; six

THE KEYSTONE STATE

Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order.

Charles H. Worrlow, a real estate dealer, and Miss Kathryn H. Morris, a Delaware County school teacher, of Chester, were married the other afternoon at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, the pastor, Rev. Francis M. Tait, officiating.

Miss Margaret Miller, a teacher in the John F. Hartranft Public School, Norristown, was assaulted by the mother of one of her pupils. The teacher had occasion to chastise a 9-year-old boy for misconduct. He rushed home and informed his mother, who came to the schoolroom and, rushing up to the teacher, demanded to know "What right had you to abuse my boy?"

Robbers set fire to the general store of G. W. Sypher, at Crofton, a few miles below Bristol, early the other morning. The store contained the post-office, Mr. Sypher being postmaster. Mr. Sypher, who resides a short distance from the store, was awakened by the flames. Neighbors were soon on the scene, but the fire had gained too much headway for them to save any personal property.

Sixty members of the Pittsburg Automobile Club turned out with their machines and took over 200 children through the parks and over the boulevards. All the little ones were inmates of orphan's homes or children's hospitals. The machines were decorated and every child had a flag. After the ride they were taken to an amusement park, which was given up to them for the afternoon. Then they were taken home in the automobiles.

The court at Reading continued the case of George Kenney and H. J. Humma, charged with illegal fishing, on the ground that the District Attorney had not had time to prepare the cases. The men in fishing used umbrella ribs, to which were attached sileigh bells. When they had a bite the bells rang, thus obviating the necessity of watching the lines. The defendants' counsel protested against the continuance on the ground that the fishermen of the county are anxious for a ruling at this time, the fishing season being in full blast. He said the men had not violated the law, but were simply good fishermen. "No, they were not," said the Court; "they were pot hunters."

It seems to me that the woman of the house is the boss of the kitchen, and no one has a right to interfere with her duties," said Judge A. S. Swartz to a jury at Norristown in the assault and battery case brought by Mrs. Walter Idell of Pottstown, against her brother-in-law and boarder, Warren Idell. Idell testified that when he went home from work one morning there was no breakfast ready and that Mrs. Idell was blacking a stove. He started to build a fire and the two quarreled. Judge Swartz qualified his reference to woman's dominancy in case of a boarding mistress by saying: "When a woman keeps boarders and takes their money she should provide meals, or else allow the boarders a chance to eat." The jury acquitted Warren and put half the costs on Mrs. Idell.

Mrs. Susan Gibson, widow of Dr. William Gibson, the "Doctor" in Mark Twain's book, "Innocents Abroad," is dead, at Jamestown.

The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., began sinking a 2,000-foot shaft at One Colliery, Brandywine, Pa., on the ground that the District Attorney had not had time to prepare the cases. The men in fishing used umbrella ribs, to which were attached sileigh bells. When they had a bite the bells rang, thus obviating the necessity of watching the lines. The defendants' counsel protested against the continuance on the ground that the fishermen of the county are anxious for a ruling at this time, the fishing season being in full blast. He said the men had not violated the law, but were simply good fishermen. "No, they were not," said the Court; "they were pot hunters."

Charles Will, Burgess of Beaver Meadows, was held up by three men on the way home from Hazleton, after dark when the robbers saw who the Burgess was they released him and fled.

Frederick Thompson, a negro, of Richmond, Va., was arrested in Lewistown, charged with being implicated with three other negroes, in kidnaping a number of Italian laborers in their shanty. The cobbers secured over \$300.

Harry Mellon was committed to jail by Justice Robinson charged with the theft of a horse and buggy from James Ramsay, at Modena, and threatening the life of Ramsay.

Judge W. F. Bay Stewart at York has confirmed the sale of a portion of the almshouse farm to the Northern Central Railroad Company for \$12,000. The proceedings have been pending since 1889.

The Governor has honored the resignation of Governor Higgins, of New York, for the return to New York City of Charles F. Stewart and John J. Fay, under arrest in Pittsburg. The men, it is said, represented to certain New York city department officials that was about to organize a political club and collected large sums of money to fit it up.

George Roberts, an alleged pickpocket, who was caught at one of the Menutaria Day exercises in Allentown, pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to one year's employment in prison.

Edward Fritzing, 25 years of age, of Berlinville, was killed by a premature explosion of a blast in the slate quarries at Heimbachs.

Governor Pennypacker fixed July 20 for the hanging of David Spair, of Cumberland County, and Joseph Gibson, of Philadelphia, and July 25 for the hanging of Bigler Johnson, of Bradford County.

The Plumstead Church, which for many years was owned by the Presbyterian congregation, and which originally cost about \$3000, was sold at public sale for \$600 to Abraham L. Myers, of that place. It is said it will now be used as a union church.

Household Matters

To Remove a Stopper. When a glass stopper is immovable expand the neck of the bottle by heating on the outside; it will loosen its hold on the stopper, says Good House-keeping.

A Dress Hint. Sew a piece of the goods to the waist band of a dress that it may have the same washings as the dress, and when necessary make a less notable patch than a bright, new piece.

Wash the Eye Glasses. An oculist suggests that glasses should be washed every night in warm soapuds, well rinsed, and dried on a bit of old, soft linen. Few people, though otherwise neat and fastidious, cleanse their glasses frequently enough.

Keep the Screens Clean. A coat of prepared black varnish or spar varnish given to the screens every season will keep them looking bright and fresh, and make them last longer. Apply with a good paint brush, rubbing well into the mesh on both sides. —Margaret Sherwood in the Pilgrim.

Dry the Soap First. You will need less laundry soap if you make sure that it is thoroughly dried before using. For this pile it in such a way as to leave open spaces between the bars to allow free access of air. After thus drying it does not wash away so readily, and does more effective work.

To Keep Butter. To keep butter flat a bowl with cold water. Put the butter on a plate and put on top of the bowl; then take a piece of butter muslin and put over the butter and let both ends drop into the water. You can easily get the butter for use and you will find it is quite solid and cool.

Retaining Their Freshness. Silk blouses retain their freshness much longer when the sleeves are stuffed with tissue paper before putting them away (this is an excellent plan for dress sleeves as well) and boots last twice as long if they are put on "trees" when taken off. The shape is kept and the leather doesn't crackle. Both trees are so inexpensive nowadays that they can be indulged in by girls with quite moderate dress allowances.



One-half pint of cold water, one ounce of butter, two eggs, pepper, salt and cayenne; three ounces of grated cheese. Fry the flour in a cold oven, then sift. Put the water and butter in a pan and let boil while adding the flour. Stir well, then take from the fire, and when nearly cold add the eggs, then the cheese. Have ready some boiling fat and drop teaspoonfuls of the mixture into it. Fry a golden brown and drain on paper.

Tomato and Pineapple Salad—Select tomatoes of a uniform size, scald quickly and peel. Cut a slice off the stem end, and scoop out the pulp, being careful not to break the wall; salt each tomato inside, invert on a plate, and chill thoroughly. Cut sliced pineapple in one-fourth inch cubes, and blanch and shred almonds cut into narrow strips lengthwise, and toss the pineapple and nuts together; the proportion should be one-third nuts and two-thirds pineapple. Mix well with mayonnaise dressing, and refill the tomato cups. Stir mayonnaise on top of each cup, and nestle each in a nest of heart lettuce leaves.

A Delicious Dish—Whipped cream with a fig border makes a delicious finishing touch to a luncheon or dinner. The only difficult part is the making of the border. Here is the simplest method: Put a pound of figs, cut up very small, into a stewing-pan with one pint of water, six ounces of loaf sugar, and a little lemon rind. Cook in the oven for two hours. Rub this through a sieve (removing the lemon rind), and add to it half an ounce of gelatine, previously dissolved in water and strained. As it begins to cool, stir in a quarter of a gill of cream. Have ready a border mould, masked with jelly and decorated with chopped almonds and pistachios, fill in with the fig puree, and place on ice to set. Whip half a gill of cream and sweeten it to taste. Turn out the mould in a cold dish, and fill the centre with cream.

Stuffed Ham—A medium sized sugar ham is boiled in the usual manner, says What to Eat. When done, either slash with a knife, making long, slanting slashes, or puncture to the bone with the carving steel. Prepare a stuffing of bread crumbs seasoned with prepared mustard until the crumbs are quite yellow. Moisten with the water in which the ham was boiled. Mix with the dressing one onion chopped fine, a few sprays of parsley, minced, and plenty of pepper, black or red. Press this dressing in the slashes or punctures, and glaze the ham over with white of egg. Take a large handful of crumbs, some as large as a grain of corn, and others larger; spread these over the top of the ham and moisten them with cream. Place in the oven long enough for the crumbs to brown, which will be long enough, also, to let the stuffing get hot. Garnish the dish with parsley or fine bunches of water-cress.

Good News For Coyotes. Hamilton County doesn't propose to be bused any longer. For years it has paid a bounty on coyote scalps. Adjoining counties never paid a bounty, and hunters for a hundred miles around would take their coyote scalps to Hamilton and get bounty. Hamilton has got tired of furnishing "incentive" for the destruction of coyotes, and has rescinded the scalp-bounty order.—Kansas City Journal.

Epizootic myxomatosis is devastating the stables of the south of Ireland, and has stopped hunting for a time.