

How Mason Was Surprised

By HI AKERS

She saw a shade of embarrassment, even a heightened color mounting in his face.

"Will you please not be sarcastic," he said.

"What do you mean? Didn't you have a good time?" she asked in some surprise.

"I would have had a good time in the Sahara desert if you were there."

His look and tone brought the color in turn to her face.

"Well, why?"

"Why?" he broke in, "to take a girl bus riding up and down Manhattan and—"

"Now, please," she interrupted. "I did enjoy it so! And let me tell you a little secret. Someone here said you were the son of a very rich man, and I'm so glad you're not. Just too glad to tell it all."

"Glad?" he echoed blankly. "Why should you be glad?"

"Because," she said, looking down and digging her hand into the sand, "if you like me as much as you said, I should want your people to like me, too, and you see I am not in the fashionable set, so I'm glad you're not so awfully rich."

"But I'm not quite so impecunious as that 'treat' of mine might indicate. It seems to be up to me to explain a little. When I got home I found mother had taken a little trip to Lakewood, and just before you telephoned I lent a fellow some money. On the way down to meet you, I discovered I had just about one dollar and ten cents in my pocket. I had something of a chill, for I thought I had more. The bank had closed, and I only had just enough time to meet you. I felt smaller than a pinhead, but I determined to make the best of it. I think now I'm glad it happened. It has told me something about you—I thought I knew—now I am sure that you're just one girl out

"Look here, Grace!" said her friend, Amy French, the next morning after the dance. "do you know who that Mr. Mason is?"

"I only know he's a pretty nice chap, and I like him. He has just graduated from Princeton, and—and—well, that's all I know."

"For the amount of time you two have been together that doesn't seem a great deal to be found out. Don't you know anything about his people?"

"I don't think we talked about his people," said Grace quietly.

"It seems not," observed Miss Amy dryly. "Don't you think you'd better?"

"I don't know," answered Grace, drifting off into a kind of blissful dream in which "people" played no part whatever.

Just before dinner Amy French burst into the room bristling with news.

"My dear!" she exploded, "it seems you have landed a whale!"

"What do you mean?" gasped Grace in utter amazement.

"Why, Mrs. Dean says Mr. Mason must be the son of Daniel Mason—you know—that millionaire!"

Grace regarded her friend in a dazed way without speaking.

"Well, what is the matter? Is it because he is a whale—or you haven't landed him? Which?"

"A little of both, perhaps," answered Grace. "I certainly haven't 'landed' him."

"Well, go ahead! Get busy!"

"No—I wish you hadn't told me. If those are his people, they won't care for me. Oh, well, I needn't worry. I don't know as he cares the least bit for me. And, anyway, that Mrs. Dean is an awful gossip, and half the time doesn't get things straight."

"That's so," rejoined Amy. "She wasn't sure, anyway."

A few days after this Mason told Grace he was obliged to run into town for a little while, and as she had said she might also go to New York in a short time, she must be sure to let him know if she did, and he gave her his telephone number, so she could call him up. Less than two days had elapsed when Grace received a letter from her New York cousin, asking her to come to town for a concert which she especially wanted to hear.

Grace had an argument with herself as to whether she should call up the telephone number that had been given her. There seemed to her to be several reasons why she should not, and one overpowering one why she should. She wanted to see him, and the want held her, and she conquered. There was an unmistakable glad note in the voice at the other end of the wire which asked where he should call for her.

The glad look was repeated in his face when he met her. Mason had told her at the beach he would give her a good time, and when they met at about three o'clock, Grace was quite prepared for it. He signaled a bus, they climbed to the top and went up Riverside drive, along the banks of the Hudson to Grant's tomb. Here they dismounted, went inside, and viewed the relics within. Next he suggested a little boat ride from the Battery; so they again boarded the bus, left it at Washington square, took the elevated, and landed at the other end of Manhattan island and back. It wouldn't have mattered much to Grace where they went. She was too blissful to care. At six she insisted she must return to her cousin's, on account of her evening engagement.

"Oh, I thought you might have dined with me," said Mason, "but, of course, if you have promised, I won't insist."

Notwithstanding her delight at being with him, when Grace thought it all over, a certain conviction forced itself upon her. The "good time" he had given her was not exactly the treat of a millionaire. He couldn't be the son of Daniel Mason. On the whole, for reasons she had given before, she was rather glad he was not. She went back to the beach, and in 48 hours he followed her.

The first chance they had to speak together alone, she spoke of New York and the "good time" he had given her.

Thomas Manion, of Mount Carmel, owns a 30-year-old hen.

Pennsylvania had 21,839 employees injured in January.

At Dillsbury several roofs were crushed by the recent heavy snow.

Work at the new Millersburg electric light plant is steadily progressing.

Deer have become quite plentiful on and near the State reservation in Perry county.

The Reading Railway Company is planning the enlargement of its shops at St. Clair.

The total estimated value of cattle, other than milk cows, in the State is \$19,960,900.

Columbia council authorized the public safety director to install a new fire alarm system.

Bethlehem mills report business booked sufficient to keep them running for over a year.

Work resumed at the Big Soldier mines of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company.

W. E. Wolfram, long head of the projectile department of the Bethlehem works, has resigned.

A postoffice has been established at Slovan, Washington county, with Joseph Rostan as postmaster.

A dog got into the coop of Lewis Peck at Lewistown and killed thirty prize chickens, valued at \$40.



WANT THE COMMANDMENTS POSTED IN PUBLIC PLACES

The posting of the Ten Commandments in courthouses and industrial plants is recommended by the Johnstown Ministerial association. A resolution adopted also suggests that they be posted in public school and on the exterior of churches.

Bishop Courtland Whitehead of the Episcopal church was chosen chaplain of the Society of Colonial Wars.

The State Treasurer has been receiving from \$300,000 to \$400,000 a day in State taxes. March payments will run very large.

Jacob Herbst, of McKees Rocks, and for many years a councilman of that borough, died after a week's illness of pneumonia.

The average price of swine increased from \$11.80 per head in 1915 to \$12.90 per head in January, 1916, and is still on the increase.

Orders for Pennsylvania and Reading railroad equipment to cost about \$4,500,000 were placed with Pennsylvania manufacturing plants.

Fire destroyed the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company power plant at East Pittsburgh. The loss will total many thousands of dollars.

John Wick, Jr., of Kittanning, a State bank examiner, says that he could raise a company of soldiers who were willing to enlist in the event of war.

Mrs. Marie Wilson, 607 pounds, said to be the largest woman in the world, died at New Kensington. She was only five feet and three inches in height.

The war department announced that schedules of departure have been so arranged that the last National Guard organization will leave the border March 25.

Residents of Mercer and Venango counties are leaving no stone unturned to boost the proposed Perry memorial highway movement, although there is much discussion.

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Windows were broken, steam radiators torn apart and walls and ceilings damaged in the old college building at Dickinson during a fight between sophomore and freshman classes.

The State Water Supply Commission has sent word to all of its food reporters and observers to make frequent observation of the condition of streams in their district and make prompt reports.

A large shipping contract has been obtained by the Bethlehem Steel Company, for cargo carrying vessels of 5,500 tons and over, involving an expenditure of \$13,000,000. It is understood they are to be built for the Cunard Steamship Company.

Drilling of a community water well in New Castle, where there are few wells and no springs to relieve the condition resulting from the poor water supply, has been ordered by council. The city will bear the entire expense in an effort to supply pure drinking water.

A conservative estimate of the loss to the Pennsylvania potato crop through diseases, based upon records kept by the department of botany at the Pennsylvania State College is 20 per cent. Figured on the average annual crop, this loss amounts to about 1,500,000 bushels annually. Such losses are largely preventable.

Sportsmen in Tioga county have under consideration a plan whereby that county may be closed to deer hunting.

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Four flat steel cars were required to carry a huge steel girder from Steelton to Chicago. This girder, which was for use in a railroad bridge, measured 131 feet nine inches in length, and ten feet six inches in height and weighed 89 tons.

KEYSTONE BRIEFS

SPRING-HATCHED PULLETS LAY IN WINTER



FEEDING CHICKENS ON AVERAGE FARM.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Poultry owners who wish to obtain a satisfactory production of eggs during the fall and early winter should arrange to hatch pullets in March or April. Birds hatched at this time will be well matured in the fall. Furthermore, a greater proportion of them will go broody early in the spring, thus completing the circle necessary for production in the fall.

Pullets hatched in the spring can be induced to lay more abundantly in the winter if they are properly fed, housed, and handled. On the average general farm, very few eggs are secured at the time when eggs bring the highest prices. It will pay the poultry owner, therefore, to devote a little trouble to providing his birds with the most favorable surroundings for the winter.

The house should be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and made tight before the cold weather sets in. If the house has a dirt floor, it is well to remove three or four inches of dirt from the top and to replace this material with dry gravel or sand. On cement or wooden floors four or five inches of fresh straw or litter may be thrown down after the floor has been cleaned.

Ventilation is important.

Ventilation is another important factor to consider. The house should be tight on three sides, but for the fourth muslin curtains may be used for from one-third to one half its extent. In any case, there should be some ventilation in the house, even on the coldest nights. Fowls will stand considerable cold air, provided it is dry, and ventilation will keep the air thoroughly dry in the house. On the other

PROPER SOIL FOR POTATOES

Value of Crop is Generally Greater Than Any Other—Practice of Rotation Favored.

The best soil you have on your farm should be given to the potato, both because it is more exacting in its demands on the soil than any of the other staple crops and also because the value of the crop per acre is generally greater.

The crop that precedes the potato is also important. A clover, alfalfa, peas or cowpeas—any legume—is a first rate preparation for a good crop of spuds. Rye or buckwheat plowed under is good. If you had sod on your farm plant corn first and then potatoes; this is a first rate rotation. Oats, then peas, then potatoes is another.

Another good rotation is fall wheat, in which clover is seeded in the spring; second year, clover, plowed under in the fall or early winter; the third year potatoes. However, if you have plenty of land it is best to grow potatoes only one or two years in succession on any ground; thus you avoid diseases.

PLAN FOR BREAKING A HORSE

Most Successful Method for Preventing Animal From Pulling at Halter is Outlined.

The most successful method of breaking a horse from pulling at the halter is as follows: Secure a new half-inch rope about 15 feet long; make a loop in one end. In tying, throw looped end over animal around the chest or flanks and run other end of rope through the loop, between the fore legs, through a neck strap or the nose piece of the halter and tie securely to a strong manger or other object. When the horse pulls back the rope runs through the loop and tightens up on the body, and after a few trials the animal soon gives up the habit of pulling. Tie in this manner at all times until the animal has been broken thoroughly of the habit. Then use a good strong halter or neck strap that will not break under ordinary strains.

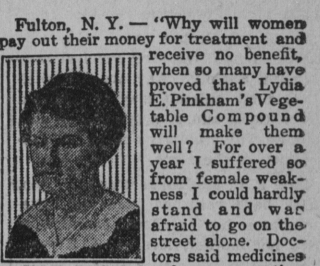
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India's Hoarded Treasure.

The "hoarded treasure" of India is estimated by the Financial Review at over \$400,000,000. Most of this is believed to be hidden in comparatively small sums. It is a financial axiom in London that all the gold and silver which is sent to India annually by the British government is immediately absorbed and passes quickly out of circulation. In India, however, the existence of any really important hidden wealth is declared a myth.

Sky Splitter.

Marcy, the high mountain in the Empire state, was named in honor of Gov. William L. Marcy. Its Indian name is "Tahawas" (he splits the sky).

Repository Diseases Result From Drafts—Fowls Should Not Be Crowded—Use Straw Litter.

Colds, roup and similar repository diseases largely result from drafts in the poultry house. It will pay the poultry keeper, therefore, to make draft-proof any cracks in the back, side and roof of the houses.

The fowls should not be crowded in the house and from two to five square feet of floor space is needed per bird. The exact ratio depends upon the breed and the extent of the yarding. As a rule, it will be found advisable to allow four square feet and floor space for the lighter breeds such as the Leghorn.

About five or six inches of straw litter should be placed on the floor. Grain which is fed in this will make the birds exercise continually. Clean nesting material is needed in the nest boxes.

MANY SHEEP KILLED YEARLY

Estimated That in Thirty-Six Farm States 100,000 Are Killed Annually by Dogs.

The number of sheep killed annually by dogs cannot be stated exactly, since there are many cases which are not reported at all.

Judging from the figures in those counties and states in which reasonably complete reports are obtainable, however, it may be said that in the 36 farm states more than 100,000 sheep are killed each year by dogs.

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