The Chester Inn

It Proved a Fitting Place For a Wedding

By ETHEL HOLMES ************

John Overaker, a member of the national guard of the state of New York, was engaged to be married to Helen Withers, who lived in Chicago. John was called to the colors with the ex-

Since Miss Withers lived a thousand miles from Mr. Overaker and he could not get a leave to be absent long enough to go to Chicago, be married and return, an agreement was made between the lovers that she should come to him instead of his going to her for the wedding. Miss Withers did not like the idea of a wedding in Mr. Overaker's home instead of her own or in a hotel, or in the office of a justice of the peace. Just as she was about to start east she received a letter from a Mrs. Chester, an Intimate tice of the peace. Just as she was about to start east she received a letter from a Mrs. Chester, an intimate friend living near New York, to whom she had written of her quandary, inviting her to be married from her house. Not having time before starting to write fully on the subject, Miss Withers scratched off a bri. note to her lover asking him to meet her on a certain date at the location in which her friend lived, adding. "Come to the Chester."

The butler had been coached and retried with a simple "Yes, sir." The bride to be was about to inform her lover that he was making a mistake, but changed her mind, concluding to tell the matter take its course. There being some delay in serving the refreshment, Overaker rang the bell again, intending to give the butler a piece of his mind for being so long. But the man brought with him a tray, on which were a dainty luncheon and a

It is unfortunate to be obliged to write hurried instructions for a meeting. Miss Withers' ink gave out as she finished the word "Chester," and there was none left for the "s." When Coerske, read to the word "the hull." We the will be in the hill." Overaker read the note he inferred that the Chester was an inn. He was too busy with his military duties to read the missive over a second time. Indeed, it was difficult for him to do all he had to do before leaving to keep

ointment, lead to make the jour. Overaker concluded to make the journey in civilian dress, though he took with him a uniform in which to be married. After spending an hour on a train he alighted at his station. A taxi chauffeur stepped up to him, and Overaker told him that he wished to go to "the Chester." The man knew of no "the Chester." The man knew of no such hotel; but, preferring not to confess his ignorance and having often seen a handsome residence which was known as the Chester place, he concluded to take the chances of its being the house his fare meant. The consequence was that Overaker was driven to the house where he was to meet his bride, thinking that he was going to a hotel,

A maid in black and white uniform opened the door for him, and in a few minutes a lady came in to receive him.
"I would like a room, if you please," he said. "I am to meet a lady from Chicago here, Miss Withers. Has she

Now, the lady was Miss Withers' riend, Mrs. Chester. She had expected Miss Withers a few hours before Overaker arrived, but had received a telegram from some one-doubtless traveling with Miss Withers-stating that there had been a railway accident and consequent delay. The fact that the telegram made no mention of Miss Withers having escaped injury looked ominous. It occurred to Mrs. Chester that it would be better for the present to keep the matter from Mr. Overaker. His having mistaken her house for an inn facilitated her doing so.

"The lady has not yet arrived," she said, "but I have been advised of her

"I am Lieutenant John Overaker. I

"Do you know if she expects me to make the necessary preparations for the wedding?"

"I will do that for her."

"Indeed. Have you had any previous acquaintance with her?"
"Oh, yes; Miss Withers has been here a number of times."
"Your well. I say you there is not be

"Very well. I suppose there is nothing for me to do, so with your permission I will go to my room. I have been so busy lately that I have had very little sleep. I may get a nap before my fiancee's arrival. It will freshen me."

This suited Mrs. Chester exactly, since she hoped to get news of Miss Withers while her fiance was resting She led the way upstairs to a chamber. Overaker following. It did not look like a hotel bedroom, there being pic-tures on the walls and various articles that one does not find except in a pri-vate house, but Overaker was too much absorbed in his approaching nuptials, to say nothing of his military sit-uation, to dwell upon the condition of his room, and after getting the dust off him he threw himself on the bed. closed his eyes and in a few minutes

of Miss Withers was brought by the lady herself. She had not been injured in the railroad accident, and was perfectly well. Mrs. Chester informed her of the arrival of her fiance: teat he had mistaken the house for an inner that she had permitted him to remain in error that she might better save him.

"And he has also to thank you," replied the lieutenant, "for a luncheon and a bottle of wine."

When Lieutenant Overaker returned from the bridal trip, which lasted but a few days, they went to Mrs. Chester's house. Since Overaker could not atone for mistaking her for a landlady by a gift he declared to the declared t

from anxlety concerning his expected bride.

Miss Withers went to Overaker's room, knocked gently at the door and room, knocked gently at the door and, receiving no other reply than a snore, pushed the door open sufficiently to enable her to look in at her slumbering fiance. He seemed so dead tired and was resting so comfortably that she

had not the heart to awaken him. Go-ing downstairs to her fylend, she said: "I don't know but that we had bet-ter permit him to remain in ignorance of the fact that he is in a private of the fact that he is in a private house. He is very sensitive as to his treatment of others, and to know that he had spoken to my friend and hostess as a landlady would dampen his spirits for the wedding so soon to follow."

"I have been thinking of the same thing and quite agree with you," replied Mrs. Chester. "There will be no necessity to make an explanation. You can tell him about it at some future time."

was called to fhe colors with the expectation of being sent to the war at an early date. Most young men who are called upon to fight for their country and have sweethearts seem to prefer to go forth as married rather than as bachelors. At any rate, John Overaker proposed a wedding to his fianced and his proposition was acceded to by the lady.

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"I think we need some refreshment," said Overaker and, stepping to an electric button, pushed it. The butler entered, and Overaker said:
"Bring us in a bite of anything you may have in the larder and let me have a vine cord."

"The landlady says that it will be in the bill." was the reply.
Lieutenant Overaker and his bride to be enjoyed a very delicious luncheon together. Overaker, it must be admitted, was more in a condition to make merry than his fiancee, who was beginning to feel somewhat concerned as to the treatment the friend who was permitting the use of her house for the bridal was receiving at the bands of her lover. This belief that Mrs. of her lover. This belief that Mrs. Chester was a landlady and was to receive pay for what she was giving was becoming embarrassing. Something must be done to change the status.

"Don't you think," said Miss Withers, "that since Mrs. Chester has been so kind as to make the arrangements for our wedding we should invite her to lunch with us?" to lunch with us

"Certainly. Bring her in."
Miss Withers went out and returned
with Mrs. Chester, who played her part
as landlady admirably and treated the bride and groom with the respect due them from one of her station. Over-aker drew the line between his land-lady and an equal, much to her amuse-ment, while his flancee was a trifle embarrassed at the situation

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The wedding was set for 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Overaker was to leave to rejoin his regiment at 5, while the bride was to remain for a brief visit. When the parson arrived the household entered a room that had been properly decorated and awaited the coming of the bride and groom. The latter was somewhat surprised at the richness of the decorations and voted the landlady who had prepared them a trump. But what surprised him more was to find her gowned and jeweied in a manner not befitting the landlady of the Chester inn. There was still another surprise—a necklace that only a other surprise—a necklace that only a person of wealth could afford, which Mrs. Chester gave the bride for a wed-

ding present.

By this time Overaker began to sus am to meet Miss Withers here to be married to her. Did she mention this fact?"

"She did. She is to be married in

"I suppose I am in for some expense

in this matter."
"Not at all," was the reply. "Since we could not be married in Chicago, where all the expense would have fallen on my father, the bills here are all paid, the same as if the wedding

"But"— began the groom and paused,
"But what?"
"How about the luncheon and wine I

rdered?" stammered the lieutenant.
The bride broke into a laugh, called her friend, "the landlady," and all was

explained to the groom.

His remark on being enlightened was indicative of the selfishness of man.

"If this gets out in the regiment I'm

gone up."
"I am delighted," said Mrs. Chester,
"with the outcome of this affair. When
this morning I received the telegram
announcing the accident I was filled
with terror lest we should have something very different from a wedding. I
had no idea in permitting Lieutenant
Overslore to repress in correct tracking Overaker to remain in error, turning the affair into a bit of fun. He should certainly thank me for saving him from several hours' bitter anxiety."

"And be has also to thank you," re-

Testing Aero Engines.

In testing an aeroplane engine of 200 horsepower a Detroit company mounted it upon a heavy motor truck, and the aerial propeller sent the truck flying along a boulevard at the rate of over forty miles an hour, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. This was a speed that the truck could not begin to develop under its own motor power, and the method furnished a better practical test of the twelve cylinder aeroplane engine than was possible in practical test of the twelve cylinder aeroplane engine than was possible in the testing laboratory or in any stationary trial on blocks. As an additional test the rear wheels of the two ton truck were locked, so that they could not revolve, and in this condition could not revolve, and in this condition it was driven across a ball park by the aeroplane engine and propeller through heavy drifts of snow and over ice. The motor weighs 800 pounds and develops power sufficient to drive a twelwe passenger aeroplane at forty miles an hour.

Lord Brougham's Dream.

Lord Brougham was one of the most stubborn believers in the "common sense" explanation of ghostly appearances as dreams. At Edinburgh university he and an intimate friend drew the superposent written with their wersity he and an intimate friend drew up an agreement written with their blood that whichever of them died first should appear to the survivor. Years passed; the friend was in India, and Brougham had almost forgotten his existence. Arriving late one night at an inn in Sweden, Brougham had a hot bath and was going to get out of it when he looked toward the chair on which he had left his clothes and saw his friend sitting on it. Brougham his friend sitting on it. Brougham his friend sitting on it. Brougham seems then to have fainted. On getting home he received a letter announcing that the other had died in India at the very time. Yet this incident, the which most people would put down to telepathy at least, was dismissed by Brougham as a mere dream and pure coincidence.

Encouraging to Dullards.
Like Newton. Herbert Spencer in his schoolboy days showed no aptitude for study. Hugh Elliot, his biographer says of him that the was very backward as a boy in the ordinary subject of children's lessons. * * * Morally he was extremely disobedient and contemptuous of authority." At thirteen he "found the discipline of his school he "found the discipline of his school more severe than he cared about, and he ran away home to Derby again, walking forty-eight miles the first day." Yet as a man, "without money, without special education, without health," says his biographer, "he produced eighteen large volumes of philosophy and science of many diverse losophy and science of many diverse kinds, published a variety of mechan-ical inventions, and on endless other subjects, great and small, he set forth

The No Breakfast Plan The No Breakfast Plan.
The breakfast enting habit often creates an abnormal stomachic condition.
If one is in perfect health and arises with a keen appetite for breakfast there will be no occasion for omitting the meal. There are, however, but few in perfect health, and the omission of breakfast gives the stomach a chance to adjust itself. It has an opportunity to develop a keen appetite for the par-ticular character of nourishment most needed by the body at that time. The no breakfast plan is a splendid means of properly adjusting one's appetite, both as to quantity and character of food.-Physical Culture.

a profusion of new and original ideas.

Quite Contented. "He told her if she consented to an engagement she must be prepared to make all kinds of sacrifices and to be

treated with the greatest neglect and even face cruelty and desertion."
"Was the woman in her senses to agree to such an outrageous proposi-

"Oh, yes, for the engagement was t play the wronged and deserted wife in a melodramatic picture play."-Baltimore American.

Just Like a Woman.
"I understand your wife has beer quite ill, but is now convalescent."

"How was she looking when you left "In the hand mirror."—Florida Times-Union.

The word "aristocracy" comes from the Greek "aristos" (best) and "archo" (rule), meaning the rule of the best. Literally aristocrat means the "best

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Kidney Diseases and Diet. all diseases of the kid neys are due to salt. If you are suffering with or from your kid-neys the first thing to do is to smash all your medicine bottles, cut out salt and sugar from your meals and go on the fruit-cereal diet. Steamed asparagus is the best thing in the world for your kidneys and bladder. Parsley is good for victims of kidney diseases, so also is water cress in the form of salad—but no salt. One should not eat too freely of One should not eat too treely of parsley. Parsley will aid the eyesight by restoring the kidneys to their proper functions, but overdoses of parsley damage the vision. Pears are the very best of fruit for victims of kid-ney disease. But no matter the ney disease. But no matter the nature or the name of your kidney disease, you can get over it
by following the instructions.
Los Angeles Times.

Wanted to Help Him.

His kindness to his men once placed Dr. William H. Nichols in a predicament which caused him the worst mortification in his whole life, says a writer in Leslie's. The head of one of the concern's largest customers came to him and complained that he had been systematically cheated by short weighing of carboys containing acid. Dr. ing of carboys containing acid. Dr. Nichols could not believe the allegation, but on going to the consumer's plant fifty carboys were weighed, and each was found ten pounds short. He promised to make an immediate investigation.

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One employee was pointed out to Dr. Nichols as the man responsible for seeing that every carboy contained the proper quantity of acid. This employee Dr. Nichols would have tuited with his own money. But when quested, with his own money. But when quested the lack of the watch at the telephones heard heart finder heart suits. It is supposed that as the watch at the telephones heard he nearing propeller beats of a British destroyer screen, the alarm was sounded—"Tauch station!"—with every man flying to his post.

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Woman and Her Beauty.

Woman is the master stroke of beauty. Woman is the jewel in the crown. No chisel ever carved such lines of softness; no printer ever put such lister in the eye. Nature molded cliffs and gave us theights, gave us the flowing, shimmering river that travels toward the sea; let the moon-beams glimmer on the tranquil ocean; gave us flowers with their fluffy petals, some soft and snowy white, othals, some soft and snowy white, others tinted all the colors of the rain-bow. Yet when all has been looked upon, when all the landscapes have been viewed with wonder, man turns back to something stronger, turns back to that which soothes and heals, back to that which satisfies the eye and heartstrings—wimmn the

Start of Our Navy.
The United States navy has the distinction of being somewhat older than the government itself, for nine month-before the actual Declaration of Inde pendence congress authorized the con struction of two "noticnal" cruiser, and appointed a committee to purchase vessels to form the nucleus of a fleet vessels to form the nucleus of a fleet Within three months of its appoint ment this committee got together four teen armed vessels and appointed a personnel of officers, among whem was the famous old sea dog. John Paul Jones. During the war of the Revolution the Infant mays captured as man, as 800 prizes, but suffered so heavil, that by the time peace was declared it had almost censed to exist. A new start on a more ambitious scale was made in 1794.

The "Tawdry Saint."

St. Ethelreda has been unfortunate insmuch as her memory is perjetuated in the discreteable adjective "tawdry." and she is sometimes even referred to as the "tawdry saint." In the Isle of Eig, where she died, a fair was formerly held in her honor, at which a peculiar kind of cheap his showy lace was sold, which, as St Ethelreda so ref. Audreg's he e sood. Ethelreda's or St Audrep's became proverbial and tawdr name, was used to denote all things more gaudy than valuable. — London

The Use of Names. Judge Giegerich of New York in denying the petition of a foreigner desiring to use an American name recently said: "I have the greatest objection to foreigners who take up their residence in this country assuming the names of old American families of New York. It causes embarrassment to men who are of high standing in the community and take pride in their family names.

Solomon's servants (Ezra ii, 56-58; Nehemiah vii, 57-60) were the descendants of the Canaanites reduced by Solomon to the state of slaves. They were compelled to work in the king's stone quarries and in building his palaces and cities.

Corrected.
—I really believe you married

me simply because I have money. Hub—You're wrong. I married you be-cause I thought you'd let me have some of it.

Always Picking.
Yeast—My wife used to play the banjo beautifully before we were married.
Crimsonbeak—Now she picks on you. Crimsonbeak—Now she picks on suppose?—Yonkers Statesmen.

Galilei's Telescope.

The telescope with which Galilei discovered the satellites of Jupiter in 1610 is preserved in a Florence museum.

"Stop worrying" is a physician's best prescription and the hardest to take.

SINKING A SUBBMARINE.

How the U-29 and Its Daring Crew Were Sent to the Botton

Von Weddigen, the hero of the German submarine service, after sinking the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy was prometed to a better ship and took command of the U-29, in comparison with the U-9 a biggish brute, a regular "peach," almost an un-

dersea liner.

After a hard day on the job, looking for game in the upper North sea, the U-29 went "to sleep," resting with a slight negative buoyancy on a shelving sand bank. Outside of the watch officer

German submarine.

But after the second torpedo something went wrong with the U-29. Either the valves failed to work, which. by taking water into compensating tanks, were to equalize the weight of the discharged torpedoes, or at the instant the diving rudder man failed in giving enough "down rudder." At any rate, the ness of the submarine shot my above the water.

ap above the water.

She started immediately to begin to dive, but the dreadnaught, third in the left column, swung out of line and went full speed for the U boat. The big ship caught her on the ram, spear big ship caught her on the ram, spear ing her like a whale, and raised her along the cutwater until the submarine was half out of water a fash, a grinding smash, the U-20 balancing first one way, then the other, and finally dropping, the lettered bow foremost? The dreadnaught swing back into column. Without a signal being made, without a shot fired, the grand fleet proceeded.

This is the true story of how You

This is the true story of how Von Weddigen perished. It came from a man who saw it with his own eyes.—Henry Reuterdahl in Saturday Even ing Post.

Automobile Radiators.

To assure the efficient operation and long life of your automobile it is essential that the radiator be kept clean Severy radiator has been designed for the purpose of dissipating some of the heat from the engine to prevent it from overheating. The radiator can only accomplish this adoless the Fopus Science Mo cells are changed of hird, so that a comparatively cool air can cliculi through it. Yet many are the ca which are allowed to close to with en and dirt until it almost takes a bar mer to knock them out. A good antidot

The night table is not as well known in bedroom lore as it might be, I think It is such a comfort to be able after going to bed to read by the light on the night table and to be able to stretch out a band at midnight and switch this same light on. On the night table may be kept any of the lit-tle things which might in any possi-bility be needed during the night—a light, a clock, a carafe of trinking wa-On the ter, a book for a chance wakeful hour

venient a stiff brush or a broom will assist in solving the cleaning problem .

is a powerful stream of hose, or where this is

-Washington Star

est and noblest achievements of which human nature is capable. It would mean a splendid efflorescence of art. literature, science, philosophy and religion—in short, culture in its best sense as the spontaneous unfolding of the powers of personality.—David the powers of pers Jayne Hill in Century

To put the elbows on the table is to confess indifference to rules of etiquette. This attitude should remain peculiar to grillrooms, where it originated. Those who observe the details of good form keep their hands in their lans when not employed with the their laps when not employed with the knife and fork.—Pittsburgh Press.

His Trifling Mistake.

Lady Exhibitor (at the close of a baby show)—But, good gracious! This is not my baby, sir! Checktaker—Very sorry, madam. It's the last left. The checks got mixed up somehow. But I'll take care that it shan't occur again.

—London Answers.

He—You never consult my wishes in ordering the meals. She—Well, you never consult the market reports in providing an allowance for the household.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The wages of sin are always paid.

If there is any delay in settlement compound interest is added.

WEDDING RINGS.

Their Descent From the Ancient Sig-

net Rings of Egypt.

It was under the shadow of the pyramids that brides first wore rings as

symbols of wedlock.

In the early Egyptian home it was the custom of the wife to keep all of her jars, closets and storerooms sealed.

A different seal ordinarily was used. for every door or jars containing certain foods. Preserved sweets, for instance, would be sealed with one device and some sharp appetizer with another. So the course of time brought

in the old tombs of northern Africa, mute evidence of loves long since dead

HARD WORK FOR CUPID.

Roumanian Farmers Try to Keep Their Sons From Wedlock

Sons From Wedlock.

The Roumanian farmer doesn't thinkmuch of matrimony. A bachelor hasn't
missed much, in his opinion. And
when his son gets the marrying bee
buzzing in his bosom the Roumania
dad is apt to take a hickory cluh and
beat it out of the young man's system.
That's why the Roumanian youth
when he is in love never confides the
happy secret to his father. He goes
and tells his mother, for women still
believe in love and marriage, although
they lead from the altar to the wash-

they lead from the altar to the wash-tub. But the father has faced the mule heels and the plow handles so long in his hard struggle to feed the hungry mouths opened to him by marriage that he has forgotten he was once a lover sighing lover's tales. He is about as much in favor of state wide matrimony as a sick boy is in favor of castor of

So the son tells his mother. So the son tells his mother. The mother feeds father the best dinner she can cook, and when the old man is in a mellow mood she breaks the sad news about their boy. If she is skillful enough she wins his grouchy consent, and he calls in his two best men friends. These two go with his son to the girl's home. Perhaps she has heard nothing of the love affair, but when she sees them coming she guesses what's up. Her father entertains the visitors, and if he lets the fire go out it means he has taken this?

fire go out it means he has taken this method to turn them down cold.

Roumanian wives all have silk dresses or silk shawls. Their husbands do not buy the silk for them; the women raise it themselves.—Exchange.

Teeth Gritting a Symptom.

When children grit their teeth, either asleep or as a habit when awake, it is generally a sign that they have adenoid growths back of their noses; and need the attention of a physician. Dr. C. E. Benjamins tells in a journal of Ametardam of his experience with of Amsterdam of his experience with 1,544 cases of adenoids, in which about 37 per cent of the children were teeth gritters, and in most of the cases the gritting ceased when the adenoids were removed. Among 115 teeth gritters he examined for troubles other than adenoids all but two were found to have adenoids.

Art In America.
The first school of painting to estab ish itself on American soil wa of Spain, following in the train of vice roys and prelates after the Indian commonwealths had been subjected and Spanish towns had been built. To the present day there exists in the City of Mexico the oldest academy of the fine arts in the western world, the Academy of San Carlos. It is nearly as old as the Royal Academy, London

Fogs Are Valuable.

It has been discovered that fogs, especially ocean fogs, are valuable. Fogs are the principal fertilizers of the great bean fields of California. The fields are dry farmed. Rain means ruin. Yet moisture is a necessity. This is furnished in just the right degree by fors.—Detroit Free Press. by fogs.-Detroit Free Pres

He Told Her.

It was the first ball game she had ever attended.

"Why do they call that thing the plate?" was her forty-seventh question.

"Why—er—because that's where the drops from the pitcher are caught," he replied, his reason cracking under the strain.—Boston Transcript.

This Life.

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and cheerfully and faithfully as we can-

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