

DUNTY AGENT'S NEWS LETTER

Paper Twine for Tying Sheep Fleeces

The Somerset County Sheep and Growers' Association have just received their allotment of paper twine...

Farm Gardens

Mr. J. M. Huffington in charge of garden extension, spent Tuesday and Wednesday of the week in matters pertaining to the production of vegetables for the family...

Good Feeding of Ewes Aid to Fine Lamb Crop

To insure a profitable lamb crop by correctly breeding ewes, ewes that are suckling lambs, or will be, should receive a good ration...

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Garden soil can be improved by the application of at least 20 tons of well-rotted animal manure per acre...

Mortgaging the Community, Detrimental

Nothing can be more detrimental to a community's progress and prosperity than a burden of bonded debt...

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Bobby's Sister His Proxy

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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BOBBY was struggling with a refractory tie and muttering strange sounds under his breath...

The other twelve men would be already cooling their heels and wondering whether Bobby Granville would appear or whether he would be fined the one hundred dollars imposed on any one of the thirteen friends who failed to appear for the annual dinner...

The telephone rang imperiously as Bobby was slipping into his immaculate dinner coat. A forceful word flew from Bobby's lips as he picked up the receiver.

When he hung it up he looked dejected. Seeing his sister Peggy flitting past his door—a billow of fluffy pink—he shouted to her.

"Peggy—you've got to do me a favor tonight. The hospital's just called me up—urgent case—I must go. No time to get a substitute for the dinner and I can't stand the racket just now of that hundred-dollar fine. Hop into your evening cloak and into a taxi, quick. You've got to be a sport and represent me at that dinner. Be a darling, Peg—they're an awfully decent bunch of men."

"But, Bobby—it's a stag affair—I should be the only girl!" "Never mind—you can stay only for the soup or fish and then retreat. I just want you to be my proxy—save the fine. Hustle—there's a dear."

So Peggy, her cheeks like crimson roses and her eyes like stars, had rushed off to do her beloved brother's bidding.

She quaked inwardly as she neared the doorway where she knew those twelve men would be gathered to welcome Bobby; but outwardly she was the picture of feminine charm.

"I—I have come as Bobby Granville's representative," she began haltingly and feeling the ordeal of so much admiration all at once a bit disconcerting. "He suggested that I just sit down and—well—try with the first course or two—then leave you—to enjoy your dinner in Evesless peace."

Even the married men of the twelve and those that were nearly in double harness realized the fact that Bobby Granville had played a rather mean trick on them all these years in having concealed a sister like this from them.

John Manners felt it most keenly. He was about the only one of the bunch neither tied nor half tied to the matrimonial yoke. He felt he should like to shake Bobby into an explanation. He, John, had been circling the globe in search of just such a wonder woman as this sister of Bobby's and now she was going to be snatched from his grasp after the soup or fish course.

"I say," he cried loudly to the eleven men—who were still wondering just how to arrange a somewhat delicate situation, but were all feeling a certain desire to keep this vision in their midst; "couldn't you chaps call up wives and near wives in a hurry and get them here for this dinner. Sprint out to the telephone booths and get busy and I'll speak to the waiters about doubling the places. What do you all say?"

"Great head—that's what we all say," came a quick response. Meantime, Peggy stood by and inwardly laughed. Men were certainly amusing creatures. She felt glad that the particular man who had taken this matter in his own hands and was now having a heart-to-heart talk with the head waiter had time also for swift glances in her direction.

It wasn't until he saw the extra chairs being brought in and the table being drawn out to accommodate double the number it had been arranged for that he came to sit beside her. It was while a mass of pink flowers were being brought in to decorate the table—flowers that exactly matched the glorious pink of Peggy's frock—that Bobby's sister realized how wonderfully thoughtful some men could be—in fact, John Manners. Would any other have thought of such delicate flattery?

And it wasn't long—at least it didn't seem but a moment—to John and Peggy—before wives, fiancées began trooping in to make the room merry and far more lively to look upon. But John kept a close guard on Peggy and as a matter of fact Peggy didn't mind in the least.

Her entrance to a stag dinner and also to love had been a simultaneous affair.

POULTRY

EARLY BIRD GETS RICH EGG RATION

February Chicks Should Make Rapid Growth.

Leghorn chicks hatched in February should be fed rations that make for continual rapid growth...

Pullets from early hatched chicks cannot be expected to produce a profitable number of eggs during the summer and fall, if their growth is stunted in any manner.

One must remember that an early hatched bird is an entirely different individual from a late hatched bird.

The later hatches should have a much slower development in order to prevent an early winter moult...

Feed Turkey Breeders for Vigorous Poults

Too much corn in the turkey's winter ration may make the birds too fat for the production of eggs of high hatchability.

Feeding the turkey breeding stock on soil away from the chickens is a help in preventing blackhead and other turkey diseases.

Warm water is fine for hens in cold weather. A safely-heated water fountain will return several times its cost in eggs.

If the litter gets damp in a short time it means poor ventilation—and then there's danger of roup.

It pays to study your flock and make the birds like you. Doubtless they will laugh, but hens will lay better for a caretaker that they know well and are glad to see.

It is not considered good practice to take breeding cockerels from the same brood from which you get your pullets.

It is said that if alfalfa hay is used for hens' nests and scattered around the chicken coops the chicken mites will be a hasty retreat.

Protein derived from animal sources, such as meat products and milk, is of greater value to the hen than protein from vegetable feeds, such as cottonseed and linseed.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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THE GULLS' SONG

"Come, Sea Gulls, and listen to the song," said Mrs. Sea Gull. All the sea gulls came around and then they all rested on the top of the waves while Mrs. Sea Gull sang this song:

Let's sing a song, a song As we fly, fly along. Let's wave to the people on boats, And sing for them shrieking notes, Let's whisper sweet words to the waves, And laugh when the old wind raves.

Mrs. Gull paused for a moment, and then she said: "Now, Sea Gulls, I will teach you the chorus, which we will always sing twice. Here it is:

It's joyous to fly And fly so high, And 'tis wonderful bliss The great waves to kiss.

The sea gulls all sang this song until they knew it by heart, and every time they sang the verse they sang the chorus twice over.

Then they followed the boats, and after a time they left the boats, which were going far across the ocean, as they wanted to go back to their coves

near the harbor where they would find delicious food which sea gulls love. And Mr. Sea Gull told of the boats he had followed.

He told of the food which had been given to him from some of these boats. He told of the adventures he had had, of the great wild storms on the sea through which he had lived.

He told of boats he had seen rock and toss, he told of people to whom he had waved his wings as they waved their hands or arms or handkerchiefs to him.

He said he wasn't quite sure which were arms and which were hands and which were handkerchiefs, but anyway it was very nice to be waved to by the people who were on the boats.

And all the little sea gulls listened to his adventures and hoped that they would have interesting adventures, too.

And all, all the time, the sea gulls kept whispering secrets to the waves and the waves kept bubbling over with laughter, for some of the sea gulls were so merry and jolly and funny and gay.

And the waves roared in their deep voices: "Oh, sea gulls, we love you. Oh, sea gulls, we love you!"

RIDDLES When is a ship like a floor? When she's boarded. Why is the oyster the wisest of animals? He keeps his mouth shut. When do you become a country of South America? When you are CHILL.

Why is an orange like a church steeple? Because we have a peel from it. On what condition would women wear men's clothes? If it were the fashion. Why is a brave man like a tin soldier? Because he is a man of metal (metal). Why is the Fourth of July like an oyster stew? Because we enjoy it best with crackers.

Why should a fainting woman have more than one doctor called? Because if she is not brought to (two), she will die. What is the difference between a new sponge and a fashionable man? If you wet one it makes it swell. But if you wet the other it takes all the swell out of him. What is the difference between a man and a banana peel? Sometimes the man throws the banana peel into the gutter, and sometimes the banana peel throws the man into the gutter.

Certain Legumes Improve Soils

Cowpeas and Soy Beans as Effective Fertilizer as Manure.

Anyone having a field which he is not going to use for producing a market crop this year might find it a good plan to improve the soil by sowing cowpeas or soy beans...

Soy Beans Cheaper. Soy beans are cheaper than cowpeas by about 50 or 75 cents a bushel. Soy beans are, therefore, a better crop to use for this purpose.

Drill or Broadcast. Soy beans or cowpeas should be drilled, but if a drill is not available, broadcasting by hand and harrowing will do.

When the crop is beginning to mature, plow it under or disk it in and sow rye or vetch as a winter cover crop.

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