

A Singular Occurrence

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

Mrs. Elliot Walker came home at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and saw her husband, who had arrived before her, just going into the library. He seemed agitated.

"What's the matter, dear?" she asked.

"Nothing."

This was all that passed between them at the time. Mrs. Walker went upstairs, and just as she reached the upper landing she saw a woman's hat sinking below the top step of the rear staircase. Mrs. Walker ran after her, saw her turn toward the front of the house and into the library. The lady ran into the room and saw a well dressed, rather good looking woman standing near her husband.

"Well, I declare!" exclaimed the astonished wife.

"Well?" said the husband, looking from one woman to the other.

Mrs. Walker was too full for utterance. The stranger cast her eyes on the floor. When the former found her voice she cast a troubled glance at her husband and said in a trembling voice: "Oh, Elliot, to think that I should have been so deceived in you."

"I know no more of this woman than you do," was the reply. "If you doubt me ask her."

The wife turned to the stranger, but spoke no word. Why should she? The woman acknowledged her guilt by her appearance. Her head was bowed; her eyes were glued to the floor.

"For one thing," said Mrs. Walker, "I give her credit. She can't lie as you can."

"My dear"—Mr. Walker regarded his wife with an injured look; then, turning a severe glance upon the woman, he asked:

"What do you mean by this behavior?"

"Elliot," she said without raising her head, "I am lost. My husband must sooner or later know of this, and I shall be an outcast from my home."

"Elliot! You call me by my first name—you, whom I have never seen before—and you admit that you came here to meet me in my wife's absence when I have only been at home a few minutes. This is incomprehensible."

"Oh, heavens!" exclaimed the wife. "It is plain enough to me, Elliot, I know your unconquerable assurance. Were this woman as adept in playing a part as you, your game would have worked admirably. As it is you are caught. Would that I could be deceived; then I would not suffer!"

"My dear!"

"Never call me that again! Madam, leave this house at once!"

The intruder, still with bowed head, passed slowly from the room into the hall. The front door closed behind her, and husband and wife were left alone together.

"This is the most remarkable occurrence of my life," said Mr. Walker. "And the most crushing in mine," added the wife.

"I give you my word of honor that I never saw that woman before."

"Do you take me for a fool? Did not the creature admit what you deny?"

For this the husband had no reply. "Leave me," he said, "to regain my equanimity. I am in no condition to think. There must be an explanation if I can but hit upon it. I came home only a few minutes before your arrival, much worried about a matter of business. I have a note coming due tomorrow and no funds with which to meet it. On top of that trouble comes this one."

The wife silently left the room. What was there to be said? The proof against her husband was absolute. His business trouble was an additional misfortune for her as well as for him. Going into another room, she threw herself on a sofa and gave way to immoderate grief, while her husband was walking the floor in the library. After awhile she arose, dried her eyes and went back to the library.

"What is the amount of this note?" she asked.

"Six thousand dollars."

"Though you have ceased to be what you have been to me, you are still my legal husband and I am still peculiarly interested in your affairs. My jewels will bring more than \$6,000. I will go and get them for you."

She went out of the room without having given him a look. Going up to her bedroom, she opened a drawer in which she kept a few ornaments she used from day to day, intending also to remove the bulk of her jewels from a safe. Those in the drawer were gone. A sudden idea flashed through her brain. She flew like a swallow down the stairs, ran into the library and threw her arms about her husband's neck.

"Elliot, forgive me!"

"What the dickens?"

"Oh, the blessed relief! How happy I am!"

"Explain, for heaven's sake."

"The jewels are gone."

"The jewels! Gone?"

"Yes; the woman must have taken them. When caught she invented a plan to get away instead of being taken with the jewels on her."

"Well, I'll be hanged! Have you lost all your jewels?"

"No; only a few I kept out of the safe."

"Heaven be praised!"

"My dear," said Mr. Walker, suddenly resuming confidence, "let this be a warning to you. Trust me always."

The thief was never caught, but she was said at maturity

TIMELY HINTS FOR FARMERS

The Dairy Water Supply.

A supply of water is necessary to a dairy. Water from a considerable depth is best, as it is generally pure and cold. To keep the water pure it is necessary to protect it from contamination. The top of the well should be covered and the ground leading up to it sloped or graded so that surface water will drain away from the top of the well quickly. Cows and other animals should be kept from standing around the well. This can be done by putting a barbed wire fence around it, with swinging or self closing gate. No filth or manure should be stored or piled within a hundred feet of the well. Water from a shallow well, less than forty feet deep, within a hundred feet of any building should never be used for washing milk utensils.

Potatoes For Hogs.

It has been found by experiment that 400 to 450 pounds of boiled potatoes are worth 100 pounds of mixed grain for pig feeding. At the Wisconsin experiment station potatoes were cooked in an open kettle, using as little water as possible, and cornmeal added to form a thick mush, which was eaten by the pigs with great relish. Raw potatoes fed in too large quantities will produce scours, and potato peelings when fed to cattle may produce gastritis, which is usually fatal. The potato peeling is especially dangerous in the spring after the potato starts to sprout.

Holstein and Jersey Milk.

The total solids not fat in 100 pounds of Holstein-Friesian milk are 8.7 pounds. In 100 pounds of Jersey milk there are 9.8 pounds. In other words, there is more than one pound more of solids in 100 pounds of Jersey skimmilk than in 100 pounds of Holstein skimmilk. The Jersey skimmilk contains approximately 12 per cent more solids not fat than Holstein-Friesian skimmilk. — Hoard's Dairyman.

Weak Kneed Colts.

Dr. Smeed says that many a crooked limbed colt can be helped by using a mixture of alcohol, two parts, and olive oil, one part, on the knees and tendons twice per day and with thorough hand rubbing. Each time straighten the leg and bring it into place several times. This will stretch the tendons and loosen up the joints and ligaments. Don't be afraid to rub and manipulate the legs into proper form.

GREEN FOOD FOR EGG PRODUCTION.

Fowls Need Vegetables to Do Their Best in Winter.

Some kind of vegetable food is now regarded as essential to the greatest success in winter egg production, says W. R. Purdew in American Cultivator. Cabbage is perhaps one of the best green foods for winter use, as it tends to keep the fowls in good health, and they relish it very much. Cabbage heads can be chopped up and cooked with mash or they may be hung up whole in the henhouse for the fowls to pick at.

Turnips, beets and the small potatoes not large enough for table use can be saved for poultry to good advantage. Turnips are good as an appetizer. They may be chopped fine and fed raw or else cooked with the mash. Beets also may be cooked in with the mash as well as a limited amount of potatoes. It is best not to feed potatoes very liberally unless the fowls are receiving plenty of animal food.

Along with vegetables clover is a valuable winter food, whether fed dry or steamed and fed in a bran mash. Where clover hay is fed to the stock the shatterings can be saved for the hens, or a special supply of the hay can be put aside for the use of the poultry flock. This should be chopped up into short lengths and steamed before feeding.

The Omnivorous Goat.

It is claimed that goats will eat the following: Hazel, crab, blackberry, cedar, hemlock, holly, willows, haws, buck, squawberries, hickory, sagebrush, elder, greasewood, sumac, ash, grape, jack oak, mahogany, vine, maple, fir, rosebush, cherry, alder, salal, apple, poplar, all kinds of oak, plum, elm and many others. As to weeds, everything appears to be to their taste, even to the poison ivy, which some breeders say they eat safely provided they have a sufficient variety of other weeds to vary their diet. Browsing gives the venison or game flavor to the flesh and for that reason is to be preferred. Fed as sheep or cows the flesh has the mutton flavor.

Skin Disease in Horses.

The following powder given each day is said to be good for skin disorder in horses: Finely powdered iodine of potash, four ounces; granulated sugar and common salt, of each one pound. Mix well together and divide into thirty-two powders. Feed no corn, but let the grain feed be oats and wheat bran. Use tincture of iodine on the lumps every second day until the skin becomes a little tender.

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WHEN A ROOM IS STUFFY.

Closeness May Be Overcome When Windows Can't Be Opened.

There is no greater purifier of air than open windows, but sometimes in sickrooms this method of changing the air is impossible.

Have you ever tried overcoming closeness by carrying a rolled burning newspaper through a sickroom? Equally good is a tablespoonful of vinegar ignited over an alcohol lamp.

An atomizer for spraying cologne can be used with toilet water or witch hazel with refreshing effect.

There are special spirit lamps that have a connection with a platinum ball attachment that are excellent to permeate a room with purifying odors. There are special mixtures for burning in these lamps, but a good cologne or toilet water answers.

The lamp burns until the platinum ball grows red hot; then the flame is extinguished. The vaporization of the cologne is increased by coming in contact with the heated metal, and the room is soon fragrant.

A quick way to cool a room is to wet a small crib sheet with cologne or water highly scented with perfumed bath tablets. Hang in a draft of air or shake the sheet lightly while still wet.

Burning lump camphor is favored by some nurses, especially in sultry weather, as mosquitoes avoid the odor.

The Trousers Coat.

Extremes in juvenile styles are to be met with on every hand, but probably the limit has been reached in the coat illustrated, which is decidedly "Frenchy."

The material used is a moire poplin in a lovely shade of tan. Belt, cuffs



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As you see, the coat is exceedingly abbreviated at the bottom and narrows into almost the width of a man's trousers leg. On a tall, stylish child this coat is stunning.

Substitute For Hot Water Bottle.

The following suggestion is taken from the Farm and Fireside, where it is published in the housewife's department: "For people with steam heat old magazines stuck in the radiators will be found a fine substitute for hot water bottles. Magazines so heated never burn and when placed in a bed or a baby's carriage hold the heat for a long time."

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