

"ALL IS NOT GOLD THAT—"

SHIRLEY looked at her new friend with softly shining eyes. "I sometimes wonder if I deserve so much happiness. Just think, Alice, Ted has the lot completely paid for and has made three payments on our new bungalow. Isn't it wonderful to be engaged?"

Alice regarded her tolerantly. "If a four-room cottage in a new subdivision satisfies you it is very nice. For myself, I have ambitions. You haven't met any of my friends yet. Harold writes poetry."

Shirley turned quite pink with indignation. "Poetry doesn't pay as well as plumbing. Ted is getting along splendidly. He has put in all the plumbing in the new house himself evenings. You ought to see my sink; double drainboards and set 36 inches from the floor instead of the usual 24. There is a shower over the tub, too."

Alice rubbed at her already glistening nails. "You seem very domestic," she drawled. "I like to go to dances evenings. What do you think of my new ring?"

Silently Shirley stared at the large diamond, fully four times as large as the tiny, perfect jewel Ted had so proudly presented her with. "It is beautiful," she said at last, "but it must have cost a great deal."

"But naturally," Alice practiced this phrase, one heard at a theater, "Harold wishes me to have only the best. Don't you think he is awfully handsome?"

"Yeas," Shirley agreed with a mental reservation that she hardly understood herself. Harold puzzled her. Tall and slim with dark varnished hair brushed to a snaillike smoothness he did not fit in with the rest of them. His clothes, too, were not those of their crowd. Ted had a good, \$45 suit that fitted him nicely but it wasn't in the same class with Harold's. Ted disliked Harold and had even asked his sweetheart to drop Alice.

"Alice has lost her head over society. For a laundry sorter to talk about living at an apartment hotel and being near theaters and dances is a scream. Money doesn't come that easy. What will she do when she is old and needs a home? Better go easy on that sort of stuff, Shirley. We're ordinary folks and we want to get ahead while we're young enough to work and plan for the future. Alice spends every cent she has to try to dress up to Harold."

Shirley, thinking over this speech, had to admit that Ted was right. "Harold wants you to come with us to see the circus parade," said Alice.

"Isn't it lucky the boss is such a good fellow? I never worked anywhere before that I got two hours off for it. I wish it fell on a Saturday, though. Then we could spend the whole afternoon running around."

"Oh, no, I can't," Shirley answered quickly. Alice scowled. "And, why not?"

"Why—that is—I just can't."

"You've been acting awful snippy lately. I know Ted doesn't like me and you're letting him run you. Afraid he'll break off with you, I suppose."

"I am not. Ted loves me."

"Maybe; it's plain he doesn't trust you, though. I think he's jealous of Harold's good looks."

"No," Shirley spoke without much enthusiasm. A girl doesn't like the implication that she isn't trusted.

"Then be yourself and come with us. What are you going to do with the two hours? Hang around this place?"

And Shirley found herself accompanying the two. She had pinned on a cluster of flowers, given by Ted. Harold cast a displeased glance at the decoration. "Any need for that?" he drawled.

Shirley shrugged. "It's going to stay there, though."

The three were now walking up the street, the distant band quickened movements.

A short man with an odd scar across the left cheek slipped through the crowd and whispered to Harold, then vanished.

Harold wheeled about. "Say, girls, I'm frightfully sorry. I've got to hurry to help out a friend who is lunching at Hotel Ritzmore and who has forgotten his billfold. It will take all my ready money and I'll have none left to treat. Miss Shirley, will you do me an immense favor?"

"What is it?" she asked, instinctively disliking the way his eyes shifted from her direct regard.

"It's to take this," he brought out from his pocket an emerald ring, square and exquisitely cut, "and run into the pawnshop on the corner and get as much as he'll give you. I'll take Alice with me and we'll meet you in the lobby of the hotel."

The girl stared at him in amazement. Although she had weakly permitted Alice to drag her along when she did not wish to offend Ted by accompanying her, she did not lack spirit and this proposal didn't sound good to her. "Most certainly not. What should I know about pawning jewels?"

Harold frowned at the clear tones that carried several feet and brought some surprised glances at them. "No need of shouting. Really, Alice, your friend does not show much courtesy. I thought you would enjoy going to the hotel and," he glanced severely at Shirley, "I had planned to take both you girls in there for a bite after the parade. Of course, though, the plan

must be given up now as I have to hurry away.

"I'll do it, Harold," cried Alice eagerly. "I don't mind it a bit. As Shirley is too fine to go into a pawnshop she can wait in a doorway for me and we'll meet you at the hotel."

Harold pressed the glittering ring into her hand and vanished in the crowd.

"You did your best to spoil the day, Shirley. I'm afraid Harold is disappointed in you."

"I don't care, I—oh, Alice, there is Ted, now."

Alice went on her errand and Ted beamed as he saw Shirley.

"I hope you won't mind, Ted, they really insisted upon my joining them. Couldn't we make four now?"

The brightness had faded from Ted's face as he followed Shirley's glance and saw Alice. "No, we could not," he said curtly. "I don't like Harold. I think he's making a fool of Alice."

"We were going to get a bite at the Ritzmore," pleaded Shirley, dazzled at the thought of the hotel.

"It doesn't sound good to me. Perhaps I'd better be on my way and leave you to your grand friends."

"Which girl panned an emerald ring just now?"

Alice grew very white. Harold, however, looked bored.

"She did," he said, indicating Shirley.

"I did not."

Alice started to speak, but Harold's eyes deterred her and she stood mute.

"Which one was it, Ike?" demanded the officer, motioning in two plainclothes men to detain Harold.

"This one," Ike looked at Alice. "I noticed she wasn't wearing flowers. The other one has quite a bunch of them and some ribbon, too."

"What difference does it make?" quavered Alice, bursting into tears.

"The difference is that the ring was stolen from Mrs. Jerrold's handbag about an hour ago. Sam, the dip, got it and passed it on to this fellow, Slick Dick is his name. Come along to the judge."

Alice drew off her engagement ring: "Wouldn't you take this and let me go? I hadn't any idea that ring was stolen, please."

The officer glanced at it contemptuously: "It's against the law to try to bribe an officer but, girlie, look at it. Pure glass. He wanted you a honor all right. Come on and tell it to the judge."

When Shirley had been vouched for by Ted's employer and was permitted to go free she looked up at him: "If you hadn't given me those flowers I might have had a hard time proving I hadn't pawned the ring. The officer followed us and he knew I hadn't put the flowers on afterward."

"Harold, or rather, Slick Dick, coaxed Alice to make you her chum so that you could be blamed for what he wanted done."

Shirley touched his sleeve repentantly: "After this, Ted, I'll do as you think best. Think, she shuddered, "if you had to go home and tell mother I was in jail. We'll keep away from folks who sneer at cottages and—love, Ted."

Asphalt Bed Reveals Glacial Age Remains

Bones that tell what kinds of animals roamed the valley of California a hundred thousand years ago, while eastern America was buried under the great glacial ice sheet, have been discovered in an asphalt bed in Carpinteria, in the southern part of Santa Barbara county. Scattered for ages against decay in the cement-excluding bitumen, they are only now being brought to light and are finding their way to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, where specialists studied them.

The report of these scientists published in Science tells a dramatic story in which the actors were beasts and birds now extinct, but resembling existing form and in some cases practically duplicating them. They found bones of deer, horses, rabbits and even of skunks. Beasts of prey were represented by three species of the fox-wolf group.

"For wherever the cause is there will the eagles be gathered together. This text receives startling illustration in the makeup of the group of birds whose bones were discovered in the asphalt pits. There were twenty-five specimens of one kind of eagle, fifteen of hawks and several of fowls, vultures and condor-like birds.

The usually accepted theory is that herbivorous animals trying to cross the treacherous, sticky, tar-like stuff were entangled and killed and that the predatory animals and birds, coming to feast on their bodies, were in their turn caught.

In addition to the animal bones, there were many pieces of wood, pine cones and other plant remains. These tell a fantastic story of their own. At the present time there exists on the shores of Monterey bay, 200 miles to the north, a group of trees found nowhere else on earth. Of these peculiar plants, specimens of both of the pines and one of the cypresses have been found embedded in the asphalt here at this distant point, together with fragments of other plants now characteristic of the Monterey region.

SCHEDULING THE HOME MAKER'S DAY

Makes Work Run Smoothly and Reduces Some Tasks.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Scheduling all the time-taking activities of the household makes the work run smoothly and shows the home maker how she can reduce the amount of work to be done, says the bureau of home economics, United States Department of Agriculture. A time schedule is easy to prepare. The bureau says to begin by making a list of all activities that go on in a successfully run home. Some occur every day or several times a day. Others are once-a-week or once-a-month tasks. Then estimate the time needed for doing each one. Don't forget to include some periods of rest and leisure, time for irregular work, and some minutes every morning and afternoon for the ever-occurring but never-expected interruptions of housekeeping.

Next distribute the work and other periods by days of the week, arranging them in the order they occur, and with regard to the fixed activities that must be considered—meals, children's naps or school hours, the time the man of the house gets home from work, rising time, bedtime, the best hours of the day to devote to the long, heavy once-a-week jobs. It may be necessary to rearrange the day's work somewhat to fit everything in—to get up a little earlier or shift the dinner hour a bit, but it can be done.

Some of the customary tasks can be done less frequently without detriment to the family well-being. Some can be done more efficiently; some need not be done as painstakingly as once seemed necessary; some can be cut off the list entirely by turning them over to others in the family, or by using a commercial service or a ready-made product. Such changes can be made little by little, until the home maker who always felt driven by her work suddenly realizes that she has released a good many scattered hours and minutes to do the things she has always wanted time for.

Buttered Spring Onions on Toast Are Welcomed

Variety in vegetables seems to be more universally desired than is the case with any other group of foods. We can eat an orange every morning, and bread with every meal, potatoes almost every day, and the reappearing meat roast as long as it lasts, if only the vegetables are varied and combined in different ways. One of the joys of the spring months is that they bring to most of us a few more changes in the vegetable part of our menu. Even our winter friend, the onion, arrives in such a different dress that we welcome it as practically another vegetable in the springtime.

From the large round onion we know in the winter, here's a suggestion from the bureau of home economics for serving spring onions in a dainty and appetizing way:

Allow six or seven finger-sized onions for each serving.

After trimming the green tops from the onions, cook them until tender in lightly salted boiling water, in an uncovered vessel. This will take only about 20 minutes for fresh, young onions. When they have cooked tender, drain, add more salt if needed, and season with melted butter. In the meantime toast slices of bread. Arrange the onions as you would asparagus on the toast, and serve.

POT ROAST OF BEEF IS ALWAYS POPULAR

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A cross arm of beef was used for the pot roast in the illustration. Other cuts of beef suitable for cooking in this way are chuck ribs, cloid, round, and rump. The secret of a well-flavored pot roast lies in first browning the meat well and then cooking it very slowly for a long time in a tightly-covered vessel with just a little added water. Some of the juices of the meat will cook out so that when the meat is done there will be considerably more liquid in the pan than you put in. All of this liquid is utilized in making the gravy, so none of the goodness of the meat is lost. There is all the difference in the world between a roast made in this way and a piece of boiled meat, which has lost much of its flavor in the surrounding water.

In describing the cooking of several of the less tender cuts of beef, the bureau of home economics gives these suggestions for making an attractive and delicious pot roast:

Select a piece from four to six pounds in weight. Wipe with a damp

Government Recipe for Yeast-Raised Doughnuts

For a good many people, doughnuts "like mother used to make" are always yeast-raised doughnuts, which have a somewhat different texture from those made with baking powder. As in making any yeast breads or cakes, several hours must be allowed between the first mixing and each of the two rising periods. The recipe is from the bureau of home economics.

1 cup scalded milk 1 yeast cake  
1 egg 2 1/2 to 4 cups sifted  
1/2 tsp. salt soft wheat flour  
1/2 cup sugar 1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
2 tsp. butter

Scald the milk, add the butter, and when lukewarm add the yeast and sugar. Stir in one and one-half cups flour. Allow the sponge to stand in a warm place until very light. Add the beaten egg and the rest of the flour, which has been sifted with the salt and nutmeg. Knead, until thoroughly mixed. The dough should be softer than bread dough. Cover and set in a warm place to rise. When light, roll from one-half to three-quarters inch thick on a lightly floured board, cut with a doughnut cutter, cover, and set in a warm place until almost double in bulk.

Heat the fat in a heavy kettle to the temperature between 330 degrees Fahrenheit to 340 degrees Fahrenheit. Put in the doughnuts with the raised side of the doughnut down in the fat, and turn when brown on the underside. These doughnuts should be cooked through in three or four minutes. Drain on absorbent paper and sprinkle with powdered sugar while hot.

Elevate Bread Pudding by Adding Chocolate

You can elevate a plain bread pudding from its usual humble status by adding a little chocolate, and serving it with plain or whipped cream. It is good either hot or cold. The directions for making it are from the bureau of home economics.

2 cups fine stale bread crumbs 1/2 cup sugar  
4 cups milk 2 eggs  
2 squares unweetened chocolate 1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler, add the sugar, and then gradually add the milk. When well mixed, add the bread crumbs and salt. Beat the eggs and stir into them a portion of the hot mixture and then add this to the part in the double boiler. Remove from the heat and add the vanilla. Pour into a greased baking dish, set in a vessel partly filled with water, and bake in a moderate oven until the pudding is firm in the center when cut with a pointed knife.

Pickled Cherries Make Very Delicious Relish

Spiced cherries, preserved with vinegar, make a good relish. Here are directions for making them given by the bureau of home economics.

Wash and pit large sour, red cherries. To the desired amount of cherries add three-fourths of their weight or measure of sugar. Sprinkle the sugar over the fruit in layers and let them stand overnight. In the morning stir until the sugar is dissolved and then press the juice well from the cherries. Tie a small quantity of whole spices in a loose cheesecloth bag, drop this into the juice, and boil it down until it is three-fourths of the original quantity. While the sirup is hot pour it over the drained cherries, and add 2 tablespoons vinegar to each pint. Seal and let stand about two weeks to become well blended before using.

Twins at Minnesota U. Puzzle to Teachers

Minneapolis, Minn.—"Nip" and "Tuck" Teeter, twin brothers attending the University of Minnesota, find it most convenient always to have a "double" available.

Students and faculty members have despaired of ever being able to distinguish between the Teeter boys. When Tuck turned in a stellar performance in a wrestling match against Iowa university, Nip was congratulated on all sides.

Friends say Tuck never turns down an invitation to a party because if he can't go Nip can, and nobody will be the wiser. Both brothers deny, however, that they fill in "dates" for each other.

Recently the suspicions of the faculty were aroused over rumors that Tuck, who likes science, writes Nip's chemistry examinations while Nip fills in for Tuck in history tests.

Or it may be Tuck who likes science and who threw the Iowa wrestler—that's where they have the edge on professors and fellow students.

Rooster Wins Finish Fight With an Eagle

Sarasota, Fla.—Ed Zwinggill, a dairyman near here, brought to Sarasota a story of a finish fight between a six-month-old Plymouth Rock rooster and an eagle in which the cock came out victorious.

He exhibited the wounded rooster in support of the tale. He and his wife heard a commotion in the barnyard, he said, and distinguishing a whirling melee of feathered bodies, went to investigate just as both combatants collapsed.

The eagle, measuring six feet one inch from wing to wing tip, was dead. The rooster was badly hurt. A local taxidermist, to whom the eagle carcass was brought for mounting, expressed the belief that the rooster delivered a chance blow in a vulnerable spot just as the eagle swooped down.

Bothered by Conscience, Pays for Stolen Melons

Holland, Mich.—The common childhood prank of stealing watermelons weighed so heavily upon the mind of a Hollander that after years of smitten conscience he has at last paid for the stolen fruit. A 50-cent piece was contained in an anonymous letter postmarked "Holland" received by James Kollen of Overisel. A single paragraph of explanation was inclosed: "Toward swiping watermelons when a child. Thanks."

Executioner Falters, Bandit Finishes Job

Zagreb, Croatia.—Four hands were cranked here publicly, one of them placing the rope around his neck and springing the trap himself when the executioner faltered.

The executions were the first in Croatia in 13 years. They were at the instance of General Zivkovich, who recently became premier in the sweeping government changes made by King Alexander.

The executioner and his assistant failed three times to adjust the noose around Mrbanec's neck, whereupon the latter seized the rope and brushed the executioners aside, saying: "Get out of here. Your hands and brain are frozen. Let me complete the job myself."

Then he placed the rope around his neck calmly and kicked the trap.

SERVE SENTENCE; CLAIM INNOCENCE

Germany Now Start Hunt for Proof.

Berlin.—In 1914 two men, whose names are Lehing and Schmidt, were sentenced in a Delmenhorst court to 14 years' imprisonment after being convicted on a charge of having committed a murder while robbing a Delmenhorst store. In 1921 they were released from prison, their sentences having been shortened because of good behavior. Immediately upon being freed they set about the apparently impossible task of proving that they were innocent of the crime for which they spent seven years in jail.

Now, however, after another seven years, during which they talked to thousands of persons and visited scores of towns and villages, they have obtained sworn affidavits from three people asserting that they were miles away from the scene of the robbery at the time that it was taking place. A woman by the name of Haschinsky testified before the criminal court in Oldenburg that she had met and talked with the two men in a shop in Bremen at five o'clock on the day of the murder; it was at five o'clock that the murder took place. A married couple likewise recalled under oath that they had met the men on the street in Bremen the same afternoon.

A fourth witness, who it is believed can give testimony that they did not return to Delmenhorst until the following day, is now being sought. When his affidavit has been obtained Lehing and Schmidt intend to apply for the compensation to which German law entitles all persons unjustly convicted.

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Photos Reveal Gaits of Horses and Dogs

For the purpose of investigation and observation by scientists and horse breeders, there is being prepared for exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History in New York the skeletons of a racing horse and a running dog. These are to be mounted side by side as in action, offering opportunity for comparison of the respective gaits of the two animals. Before starting the work on the horse Doctor Chubb devoted a great deal of time to studying the anatomy of the horse, particularly while the horse was in action on the track, but this was not regarded as thorough enough and certain questions arose in the doctor's mind which he concluded could only be settled by a series of pictures taken from a point over a horse's back while the animal was in motion. It was impossible to do this at the race tracks so various experiments were tried at the museum. By means of ropes stretched from the museum roof to the base of a tree some 70 yards away, a block and fall, Doctor Chubb hoisted himself up 50 feet into a painter's chair, from which point, with his camera weighed behind his feet, he took several photographs of a race horse speeding over a roadway below.

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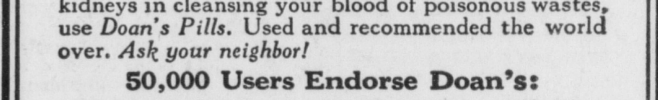
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