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AUNTIE ENDED THE LOVER'S QUARREL

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THEN Mary Leesmith announced to her family that she was thinking of running up to New York, Jerrod Leesmith, her husband, put his cup down so hard that the contents splashed out on the tablecloth. Not so Eddie,

"Why, mom!" he exclaimed, reaching out to fling his arm about her. "Won't that be scrumptious? New York's only fifty miles away from Fairview and I reckon you ain't been that far away from home this long time. What got you into the notion all of a sudden?'

Mrs. Leesmith flashed a grateful glance at her big son and drew a let-ter from her apron pocket. "I've been thinkin' I'd accept one o' Margie Newton's bids to visit her. She's that girl that spent all last summer at Compton's. 'Member how she liked to run over here for some o' my doughnuts? Well, we got real friendly like an' we been correspondin' all winter. The invite this mornin' seemed toll'ble earnest like so I thought I'd run along up there for a week or so."

In spite of the glowering displeasure of her husband, urged on by her devoted son, Mary Leesmith left the little farming village of Fairview a day or two later, bound for the great

"Don't forget to feed the settin' hen in Dobbin's stall," she called back to her husband, as Eddie put the car

in gear. Settling herself in the train, a little feeling of panic swept over Mary Leesmith. She wished she hadn't been quite so daring. The city was an awful big place. Suppose Margie should not meet her? But all her anxiety was for nothing. Margie did meet her and she was whizzed along the crowded streets in one of the most luxurious motor cars she had ever seen.

"My!" she sighed, leaning back comfortably. "This sure is fine. I never will be able to stand the flivver again, to say nothin' 'bout the old buckboard. Now Margie, you begin to the beginnin' and tell me all 'bout the fuss with your beau, I was that upset when I got your letter tellin' how broke up you was that I 'lowed I'd come right up to town so's we could

"Oh, it's terrible, Aantie Leesmith!" the girl answered, trying to check the quivering of her lips. "I—I've broken my engagement and I've broken my heart doing it!"

"What come twixt you, Margie, and him, such a likely chap—if it's the one that was out to see you last sum-

"It's the same one. We-we quarreled over a mere trifle and I got furiously mad. I told him not only that I didn't love him any more but that I never had. I threw his ring on the floor. I ran out of the room but not before I heard him call after me. 'In a case like that, I've no choice. Good night and goodby.

"You do love him though-you know

stopped off sudden like that!" 'Of course I do, but it's too late to talk about that now. My horrid old temper has gone and killed all my chances for happiness. Oh, Auntie Leesmith! I'm so glad you could come! I never wanted my mother so badly as

I did the night after the quarrel."

Mrs. Leesmith folded the suffering girl to her motherly bosom and let her cry there undisturbed until the car stopped before the door of her handsome home where Margie lived with her widowed father. Then she helped her dry her tear-wet eyes and assured her that she, Fairview's beloved Auntie Leesmith, who had holped adjust more than one rural misunderstanding between lovers, was sure she could act as efficiently in the

That night, alone in the room assigned for her use, Mary Leesmith gave a great deal of consideration to the trouble Margie Newton had brought upon herself. Along toward morning she had mapped out a plan and early the next day she set the wheels of her plan into motion. She learned the name and business address of Margie's young man and fate played nicely into her hand when Margie ordered the chauffeur to take Mrs. Leesmith for a nice long tour about the city, while she nursed a sickening headache.

The first thing Mrs. Leesmith did was to give the chauffeur Crane Wilmot's business address, which she had carefully written down upon a piece of paper. She found her way into the tall building without any trouble and to Crane's office.

"You don't know me," she began without previous introduction, I'm a friend of yours and I want you to do something. Your girl's in trouble and she needs help. Will you forget your pride and come with me? "Is it serious?" he asked, breath-

lessly, jumping up.
"It may be. You can go in the car

Tense and white-faced, he followed her out of the building and into the front steps, Mrs. Leesmith bade him | phosphorescence.

wait in the drawing room for a moment or two. She returned almost immediately with Margie's hand in hers. When the erstwhile lovers saw each other they all but collapsed.

"I thought you said there was something the matter with her," Wilmot said, trying to gain his composure. "There is," answered Mrs. Leesmith, holding fast to the squirming Margie. "She told you a fib and it's killing She said she didn't love you

now and never had and she's owned up to me that that ain't so." Margie wriggled, trying to escape, and then turned to bury her face on Auntie Leesmith's ample shoulder. Auntie Leesmith beckoned to the man standing like one frozen in the middle of the floor. A flush overspread his face as he shook his head. Mrs. Leesmith gave him the look she was in the habit of using on Eddie when he was minded to disobey her, and in

ing Margie into her lover's arms.
"You're two of the headlest children I ever saw and I've a mind to spank you both!" she said as she left the room. Two hours later they came in

another second she was slowly push-

"I see now it was all my fault,"
Margie admitted. "I can hardly believe I was willing to allow such a little thing to destroy my whole life's hap-

"It's always the little thing, honey," Mrs. Leesmith said sagely. "And now, that I've tended to the business that fetched me, I reckon I'd better be gettin' back to pa and Eddie and the settin' hens. 'Spect that place is no end of a sight.

the wedding, won't you?" they chorused. "We couldn't get married with-"If that's the how of it," she an-

just reckon I'll have to." Pretty Cactus "Gardens"

Caught Popular Fancy From the heart of the desert country of Arizona comes a story of a ing deserts. Confronted with the necessity of earning a living for herself and three children, Mrs. May Pitts of Florence, Ariz., turned to the making

Her story told in her own words has the ring of sincerity and the stamp of experience. It is in part:
"I was left a widow with three small children, and almost penniless. I tried everything from jelly making to mending clothes and could make

and ingenuity met with financial re-

only enough money to exist. The florist had a dozen or more small cactus gardens in the window, the kind that have been a fad lately. I bought a few dozen cactus plants the country about.

"Then I bought a quantity of gaudy and had orders for more. All the their investigation. gardens were small and sold from \$3 to \$5 each with the dishes, and without the dishes I sold them at \$1 each. "Before I advertised the second time I made some more elaborate ones. This time I bought small Japanese pagodas and bridges and little Japparasol flirting with an officer on a bridge. Many of my customers fell appeared. in love with the garden with the little I used moss for the grass, and have made some really picturesque gardens.

"I am now making a good living out of the cactus business. I am thinking of making more elaborate rock gardens and cactus borders for some of the big estates that fringe the suburbs. It is pleasant work and I enjoy it. And, best of all, it has banished want from my door."

Evolution of "Stateroom"

Doctor Vizetelly says that the evo- not yet been found. lution of the word "stateroom" on a boat may be cited as follows: Cabin, state cabin, stateroom. The term "stateroom" was taken over from the British navy. There is a note in Pepys' Diary which gives a clew to this (April 24, 1660): "Very pleasant we were on board the London, which hath a stateroom much bigger than the Nazeby, but not so rich." Another evidence of this use is to be found in the London Gazette for 1690, No. 2, 982: "The yacht having lost in this encounter but three men, who were killed by one great shot in the stateroom." By the time the Hanoverian kings were on the throne of England the term "stateroom" was thoroughly established in the language, for Smollett used it in "Roderick Random," which was published in 1748: "A cabin was made for him contiguous to the stateroom where Whiffie slept.'

Concealed Diamond Source

In ancient and medieval times the most important source of diamonds was the great Golconda mines of India. The Hindus showed excellent business judgment by never revealing to for-eigners just how they obtained the precious stones. Far Eastern travelers were told that the diamonds floated in from the sea. Until it became known that the Hindus were toying with the limousine. Not a word was exchanged | truth, thousands of people sat up night

#### Rocks Fourth Member of Family to Death

Franklin, W. Va.—An aged and decrepit chair in the Dickinson mountain dwelling of the Eye family rocked the fourth member of that household into

eternal sleep. Apparently in perfect health, Mrs. Miles Eye, seventy-two years old, sank wearily into that mysterious family rocker. She had just completed drying the breakfast dishes. A few moments later she followed her husband, who died similarly while resting in the chair.

Some years ago Miles Eye's grandmother found her final rest in the chair. His mother quiet ly succumbed to the hands of fate that rocked the chair. Two sons, five daughters,

\* survive.

three brothers and three sisters

# LURE FOR KILLER

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Woman Would Help Police Catch Murderer.

Berlin. - Dusseldorf's mysterious series of murderous attacks has given rise to numerous startling and unusual suggestions of ways and means for "But you'll be sure to come back for trapping the killer. One of these was proposed by a young woman of twenty-one, who, in a letter to the police offered herself as a stalking horse through which the man might be swered, putting an arm about each, "I tracked down.

All she required, her letter said, was a coat of mail to be worn under her street dress and a steel helmet camouflaged with flowers to look like a real hat. She would then go about the streets and lanes near the scene of the attacks, thus hoping to bring the mad woman's success in a singular industry, one indigenous with those thirst-ter was filed away with the hundreds of others that lately have come to the police in connection with the crime

Duesseldorf, for a number of weeks, of miniature cactus gardens as a possible source of income. Her resource particularly its police department. The officers dare not overlook a single clew or alarm, even though they know in advance that it is false or misleading. One night they received a note that the body of a child would be found near a certain church at seven o'clock in the evening. A squad of 30 policemen was immediately dispatched to the church; they searched the entire neighborhood; throughout the "One day I was walking down the street and looked into a florist's wintrolled the district. They found nothing except a boy's hat lying outside the church, but this led them no-

Meanwhile dozens of notes have been of all varieties. They were very beautiful. I added those I could find from day, most of them explaining that a corpse may be found buried in this place or that. These letters, judging dishes and bowls, mostly Chinese in spirit. I advertised my little gardens many different persons. A veritable spirit. I advertised my little gardens when they were complete and in less epidemic that has served only to an than a month I had sold 20 of them | noy the police and to interfere with

# German Grave Digger

Digs His Own Grave Berlin.—Two score years Johann Denk had been the grave digger for the village of Koessen in upper Bav- way." anese figures in gay clothes and placed them under the little green plants. I through all kinds of weather. He dug through all kinds of weather. He dug had one little Jap lady with a red graves for strangers, neighbors, friends, relatives. One day Denk dis-

The community searched for Denk Japanese lady and wanted one like it, but could not find him. Finally a mass in his memory was celebrated in the village church. Shortly thereafter a letter, addressed to the burgomeister, was found in Denk's home It told of an illness that had disabled him as a grave digger; it said that he feared to die and be buried in a grave that he himself had not dug, so he was going into the mountains to com-

He must have chosen a well secluded spot. Despite the united efforts of the villagers to locate it, his body has

# Doctor Gives Life in

Effort to Reach Patient Stroudsburg, Pa. - The traditional heroism of the country doctor was up held here in the death of Dr. George

S. Travis, fifty years old. Doctor Travis started recently for Shawnee, answering a call from the home of James Snyder, who had been wounded accidentally on a hunting trip. The physician drove his car through a blinding snowstorm and at a point about a mile from the Snyder home the automobile stalled. Unable to start it again, Doctor Travis attempted to complete his journey by foot. His body was found lying in bile. He had been overcome by cold and fatigue.

# Frank Certainly Had

His Share of Trouble Grand Rapids, Mich.-Frank Ray mond, fifty-three, a night watchman, has nad his share of troubles. Several years ago he lost an eye: two months ago his house burned down. To recover financial stability his wife went to work in a cafe. She slipped and her back was broken. Later the cast had to be removed for an operation on the way home. Hurrying up the after night to scoop hopefully at the a hospital for cancer, and a daughter only think of the of appendicitis. Frank was taken to is soon to be operated on.

### LAW NOT KEEPING UP TO TIMES

By DEAN YOU! B. SMITH, Columbia Law School.

HE law and legal profession in this country suffer too much from intellectual inbreeding and lack the proper and dynamic touch with life and society. By "intellectual inbreeding" I mean the isolation of the law or rather its lack of proper contact with other spheres of research and study and its failure to keep abreast with social and economic changes.

The many and important changes which are taking place in the economic and social structure, with the concomitant shifting in philosophic thought are creating new problems of law. Their solution calls for an understanding and technique which contemporary legal education does not afford. Legal concepts born of a passing order are losing their utility and devices for law making and law administration designed to function in a simpler society are breaking down under the complexities of modern life, and this is so evidenced by the popular demand for remedial legislation, the increasing nonobservance or disregard of law and the growing tendency to invoke nonlegal agencies in the regulation of business and the adjustment of disputes.

The habit of lawyers in looking to reported opinions for the answer to legal questions has tended to deprive the law of the benefit of new ideas in testing the validity of rules of the law. Even when courts are inclined to formulate new policies, their decisions too often rest on little more than the limited experience of the particular judges who make the pronouncements. Seldom do the courts utilize the knowledge of the economist, the historian, the psychologist, or the philosopher in determining social policy. The profession has developed no technique by which such knowledge is made available. As a result, legal standards are often inconsistent with actual experience.

#### PERILS OF MACHINE AGE

By DR. RALPH SOCKMAN, New York (Methodist).

We are becoming a land of lookers on. The machine age gives to man the lengthened leisure which is so potential for material culture but also is fraught with dangers. The divorce rate has risen with the sale of vacuum cleaners and electric washers.

There is a danger to morals growing out of the increasing use of labor saving devices. Modern machinery has resulted in short and comparatively light work for the individual, tiring his nerves, but not his body. As a result there is a restless craving for excitement necessitating a sharper moral control than is required when work tires both the body

Modern industry, in its vast enrichment of material resources, is lessening the general resourcefulness of the individual. Man is more and more the purchaser and less and less the creator.

We are becoming passive spectators of expensive amusements rather than participants in productive pleasure. Religion, too, becomes an acceptance of second-hand experience rather than a creative original activity

# PARENT'S DUTY TO THE CHILD

By MARIE I. RASEY, Detroit Teachers' College.

Parents must first assure themselves that they are grown up before they undertake the directing of other lives. Parents fail to realize it, but oftentimes the daughter is grown up more than her mother. One of the chief characteristics of maturity is the assuming of responsibility. This means the ability to solve life's little problems as they present themselves. We are all in some stage of growing up all the time, and when young people seek our help we'd get along better if we assumed that shoulderto-shoulder attitude, rather than that of "I know it all and I'll lead the

The adjustment of one individual to another is one of the greatest problems. The more a child has been pampered the less he will be able to adjust himself to others. When he leaves school he understands little of life's values and has a hard time facing problems.

When a parent pampers a child he takes, free of cost, a privilege which the child himself pays for with interest later on. Teach your child that responsibility is a privilege and not a burden.

### SOVIETS DENY HUMAN RIGHTS

By RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, New York.

The Russian government is guilty of the most brutal denial of elementary religious rights of its people and the union of Christian and Jewish sentiment throughout the world, despite the quasidiplomatic recognition of the Soviet republic in some lands, will refuse comradeship with such a government.

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To those Jews who are fearful of injuring colonization and settlement work for Jews in Russia we answer that the only course in the presence of a colossal wrong is the undismayed resolve to stand up and fight until justice be done and injustice righted.

### COLLEGE AND SOCIAL PRESTIGE

By DR. JAMES ROWLAND ANGELL, President Yale University.

American youth goes to college to a large extent merely to gain social prestige. ele has come to ask if the striving for social presreds into college who would have done better had tige has not dray they never been

Colleges sho nestly admit that they are obliged to reconceive their recruiting p and begin to be responsible for their failures, as well as for their ements. When we come together we should not the university has turned out who have become successful, but also ose who have not met with success.

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