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A MODERN PROPOSAL.

Dialogue Which Ended in a Defiance to High Prices. He—You know, Celeste, what modern living means. You read the papers, of course? She—Yes, George. And I hear all about it at home. Nothing but high prices. He—That's right. Everything is up but salaries and salaries. She—I guess that's true. Mrs. Gore won't touch a waist now for anything under \$1. He—My mother and sister go to somebody else, but I'm sure they must be all alike. Anyway, father does a good deal more kicking than he used to do. She—Yes, and rents are way up for everything that's desirable. He—I know. I've been around. It's discouraging, isn't it? She—Awfully. He—After a little pause—Of course it wouldn't be fair to you to ask you to marry me. She—And I'm sure it wouldn't be fair to you if I accepted your offer. He—By Jove, Celeste, you're an angel for unselfishness. She—I love you too well to be a burden to you. He—Confound the consequences! Who cares for high prices? Let's get married anyway! She—Yes, George.

The Unexpected. The fire, not the earthquake, destroyed San Francisco. Few buildings really went down, and those were old brick structures of flimsy workmanship, or wooden houses half rotted by age. In the second story of such a building slept a middle-aged couple. The house settled gently forward, and out went the bed, all standing, onto the sidewalk. The wife sprang out of the bed on one side, and regarded her husband on the other. "Well," she said, "this will teach you to wear a nightgown in future!" Will Irwin in Success.

A Novel Wedding Gift. The negro woman who comes regularly to the apartment on the appointed business of Monday appeared last week in widow's weeds that she wore with an air of pride. "What can be the matter 'Liza'?" inquired the mistress. "Why you've only been married a week and here you are in mourning!" "Well, you see," said 'Liza,' "I never was a regular widow before. When my last of 'em died I didn't have the money to buy a mourning outfit, so this is a wedding present from my husband."

Fame of Annie Lauris. The new minister was inspecting a pawky Scots farmer's stock, and paused to admire a donkey. "Fine donkey that, Mackenzie," said the minister. "What do ye ca' him?" "Maxwellton, meenister," was the reply. "Wherefore that, mon?" cried the visitor. "Because his brays are bonny," came the answer.

Getting the Rings Mixed. "One ring for bellboy, two rings for chambermaid," read a hotel guest from the printed card hanging in his room. He pressed the button and the maid appeared. "I don't want you," said the guest. "I rang once twice." "Oh," replied the maid, "I thought you rang twice once."

THE THING TO DO.



He—If you let me kiss you last summer, why won't you now? She—It's different in winter. He—Then I shall adopt summary proceedings at once! No Hope. Prosecuting Attorney—Gentlemen, the foundations of this case are to be found in the old Roman law. Prisoner (jumping up)—Shut him off, Judge. I didn't know you'd been laying for me that long.

The Jamaica Firefly. The Jamaica firefly, a species over an inch in length, emits a very brilliant light, which comes from the sides of the head and beneath the thorax. The light is a fluctuating one and not the steady glow of the glowworm. A very remarkable fact is that this fluctuating or pulsating light may continue after the death of the animal. If we suppose that the light of the living insect is due to oxygen supplied under its control to the luminous matter we may conclude that after death the oxygen of the air might obtain access to it and produce a like effect. It is difficult, however, to account for the pulsations in the light of the dead firefly.

Camels for America. Plans are being made to import a herd of camels for use in the mining regions of Nevada, and the Death Valley region of California. They will be used to transport the ore through the desert region to the smelting mills. It is believed the camels will thrive in the region and their usefulness to the mining people will be best understood when it is considered the average camel will shamble off at a forty-mile a day with 600 pounds on his hump, eat sage brush for his supper, and go without a drink for seven or eight days.

ACCORDING TO MILLERSVILLE

The mystery was at last explained. There was a stir in the little congregation and a murmur ran over the church. Miss Wilson was passing down the aisle, radiant in her white gown and large black hat; her head proudly uplifted, her eyes smiling. Beside her was her mother, shy, gentle, appealing, with the soft eyes and sweet face that the village had so soon learned to love. The presence of these two afforded no occasion for comment, as they had appeared every Sunday since the first of the summer, but following them was the object that rendered the occasion memorable. It was no other than a man, tall and broad till he seemed to fill the whole church when he entered. His features were clear-cut and pleasant, and his clothes were made and worn in a fashion wholly foreign to Millersville. "College!" Jake Kent's whisper cut through the air of suspense that hung over the congregation. His sister uttered outright, and Mrs. Kent glanced them both with a recondite smile of her fan.

Yes, the mystery was solved, the reason for Miss Wilson's indifference explained. Ever since she and her mother had come to live in the little gray house at the corner she had been beset by every eligible man the village and surrounding town could boast. There was the minister, the rising, young architect, and even Harry Burns with his wealth and college education. To one and all she had been kind, but politely indifferent; and the village marveled that so lovely a form could hide a heart so stony. It no longer wondered. Even Harry Burns paled beside the charms of this young Adonia.

The retreat of the trio was cut off after church by shy advances. Miss Wilson met them half-way, and there was a look of sweet mischief in her eyes when she introduced "Mr. Rodney." "No wonder!" declared Mr. Kent, as she watched them slowly departing along the road. "What could the boys expect?" But the town was still agog with curiosity. No one could state what relation the young man bore to Miss Wilson. It was left for Nettie Haynes to discover, and this she did no later than that very afternoon. She had taken a book up on Curtis Hill and was sitting in the grove by the brook trying to read, when approaching voices arrested her attention. Miss Wilson and Mr. Rodney came along the other side of the stream and sat down on a large, flat rock. The girl's face was sad, and her eyes full of unshed tears. To the breathless watcher she was the personification of tragedy.

"You see," the man was saying, taking her hand and trying to draw her to him, "you see"—but she interrupted protesting: "I just cannot bear to lose you. Ben! I just can't bear it, dear." Her tears overflowed and she shook with sudden sobs. The man took her in his arms. "Don't kiddy, don't," he murmured. "Others bear it. Anyway it is too late now. I have got to marry her."

Here the horror-stricken Nettie dropped behind the bushes and rolled over and over down the hill away from them. With winged feet she spread the news that Adonia had killed Miss Wilson, or, worse yet, was bound by some dreadful scandal to another woman. Sympathetic looks followed Miss Wilson wherever she went for the next few days. When she and her mother took the train for town on Wednesday, new and exciting speculations arose. No knowing how they might have ended had she not put a stop to them by returning. The mode of her return again took the town by its ears.

She stepped off the train accompanied by her mother. Behind them came Mr. Rodney, and he in turn reached up and lifted down a pretty little stranger. No one could dispute the fact of her loveliness, and the look of adoration on her face forever settled the question of her relation to Mr. Rodney. Miss Wilson was a little pale, but held her head proudly, and her face was very bright. The little bumpkin into Mrs. Kent, and there was nothing to do but pause and apologize. This time the pretty little stranger was at her elbow. She put an arm about her. "I want you to meet my sister, Mrs. Kent."

That lady gasped. "I did not know you had a sister," she faltered. Miss Wilson smiled. "I never did until yesterday when Ben was married." "I did not know—" began Mrs. Kent again. "Miss Wilson's eyes fairly danced. 'That I had a brother! Why Mr. Rodney is my half brother!'" Mrs. Kent gasped, gurgled, and faded away still murmuring: "I did not know—I did not know—"

Wilhelm II.'s Checkerboard. The German Emperor owns the most valuable draughtboard in existence. The light and dark squares are made of silver and gold, and the draughts are also made of silver and gold, each having a diamond or ruby in the centre. The Greatest Racecourse. He is great who confers the most benefits. He is base—and that is the base thing in the universe—who receives favors and repays none. Emerson. The Emperor's Indulgence. Perhaps the most indulgent ruler the world ever had for the complexion

Of Interest to Women

Girls' College Fraternities for Cultivation of Social Life and College Spirit—Nice Girls Are Selected and Made "Nice."

"A fraternity is a large secret society, with branches called chapters—in various colleges," says Woman's Home Companion. "The fraternities flourish most conspicuously in the educational institutions. Here the girls, spurred by the presence of men, not only imitate their social organizations, but find in them a substitute for the class loyalty and dormitory comradeship which are so prominent in the colleges for boys alone."

It is not just such considerations—the opportunities for social life and for cultivation of college spirit—that the adherents of all secret societies have their argument. The girls in such a club get to know each other very well. If they have a house, or even hired rooms, to entertain in, they give pleasant little parties, which are enjoyed by outside friends as well as by their fellow-members. The fraternity gives a girl much social training that she might otherwise miss. Moreover, knowing her fellow-members as she does and being in the avowed relation of "sister" to them all, she is liable to receive much greater—and doubtless grateful—admiration from the older and more responsible ones whenever her manners or morals seem to need it. The societies intend to select only "nice" girls but even these can be made "nicer" sometimes. And in the happier event of a mistake in selection, the fact that all unpleasant traits of the bad bargain reflect upon the society as a whole is a powerful incentive toward the enforcement of correct behavior.

On the other hand, all literary or executive ability or social charm sheds honor upon the society and is fostered accordingly. I have seen frankish women develop into well-mannered women with much to recommend them, besides the fact that they were "stars in English," which was the ground for their selection by certain societies wishing to shine in the eyes of the faculty. These girls might have developed sweetly in any event. But in the particular cases I have in mind the society certainly did a great deal and it would be unfair to refuse it the credit because it does not deserve the whole credit."

The Study of a Writer Queen.



Royal poetess at work. Queen Carmen Sylva of Roumania at her type writer.

Cookery Don'ts. Don't slam the oven door; it will spoil the cake, and it won't improve the pudding. Don't cook by guesswork. Weigh all your ingredients, and test your oven before you try to bake. Don't fall to keep a clock in the kitchen for time in a necessary ingredient in successful cooking. Don't fall to keep the tea-box clean for many foods, like milk and butter are quick to absorb foreign odors. Don't be in a hurry. If you skimp in the matter of time, you are certain to leave some important thing undone. Don't be discouraged by one failure. If the dish does not succeed, try again; and keep on trying until you find out what is the matter. Don't try to economize in the matter of fruits and vegetables; your green-grocer's bill may be larger, but you will more than save it in the doctor's bill. Don't be wasteful. Bread crusts may be browned and ground; bits of meat may help to improve the soup pot. Cleaning a Muddy Skirt. The popular way of treating socks from mud is to wait until the mud has thoroughly dried, and then to rub the material vigorously between the hands, or brush with a stiff brush. Now, after the mud is dry, instead of employing either hands or brush of any kind, rub the cloth over a perfectly dry washboard. This, besides saving the fingers, will accomplish the work more easily and better.

Corset Covers. Beautiful corset covers may be made of a combination of lace and embroidery, the latter being applied to the lace in the shape of medallions. Yokes in corset covers are quite popular, but they usually are made the sole decoration of the plain muslin cover. A Case in Point. Cynicus—it is impossible for a woman to keep a secret. Heureka—I don't know about that; my wife said I was engaged before she said anything to me about it. A Slight Misunderstanding. First Man—I called on a couple of ladies last night. His Friend (absently)—So? I'll bet the other fellow told him.

VALUABLE SEAWEED.

Put to Many Uses by the Coast Dwellers of Japan. "A large income is derived by the inhabitants of the coasts of Japan from gathering and selling ordinary seaweed," said Jeremiah King of Atlantic City. "More than 1,000,000 yen is derived by the harvesters of the deep each year. This does not include the large amount of the product consumed by the natives."

"Certain kinds of seaweed are used for food and its by-products represent thousands of dollars annually. As choice a dessert as I ever have eaten was made from weeds gathered on the southern coast of Japan. This mixed with sugar and sprinkled with rum makes a dessert rarely equaled on this side of the Atlantic. "There are families on the coast of Japan whose ancestors for hundreds of years have lived entirely from the proceeds of the seaweed gathered from March to November and sold for food. The natives anchor branches of trees at the mouths of the rivers which flow into the ocean. The incoming tide deposits seaweed on the branches. The natives gather it and after rinsing it with fresh water they sell it in large quantities."

Where Immense Energy Lies. Talking before the institution of Electrical Engineers at Glasgow, on the unknown energy contained in the chemical elements and the prospect of making it available, Mr. F. Soddy said that the forces at our disposal compared with those exhibited when an atom suffers change are of a different and lower order of magnitude. Suppose, he said, that a way could be found in which uranium, which disintegrates to the extent of a thousand millionth part annually, could be made to disintegrate completely in the course of a year; then from one gram of uranium 1,000,000,000 calories could be evolved, which, converted into electric energy, would suffice to keep a 25 candle-power lamp burning continuously through the year. By the expenditure of about one ton of uranium, costing less than \$5,000, more energy would be derived than is supplied by all the electric supply-stations of London put together.

The "Marsellaise."

It depends upon what you mean by "great." If by great you mean the power of firing the heart and rousing the will, then there is no other "national song" that comes within a thousand miles of the "Marsellaise." "The sound of it," remarks Carlyle, "will make the blood thrille in men's veins and whole armies and assemblies will sing it with eyes weeping, hearts burning, and hearts defiant of death and despatch." It is the greatest soul-awaker ever known on this earth. The famous anthem was composed in 1793, by Rouget de Lisle. The words of its birth was not, as some suppose, Marsellaise, but Strasburg. It took its name from the fact that a force of Marsellaise first marched to its spring strains.

History of Cotton.

Prior to the middle of the sixteenth century cotton, so far as modern time is concerned, was practically unknown. It was grown only in the flower garden. When a bag of the staple arrived in Liverpool in 1784 the custom house officers seized it on the ground that such much could not have been raised in America. It 1787 our first cotton mill was set in motion at Beverly, Mass. In 1791 Whitney invented the cotton gin which rendered cotton raising profitable, and it soon became the leading crop of the South. The Southern United States produce most of the cotton of the world, and will in all probability continue for all time to hold a monopoly of the staple.

The Habitable Earth.

The entire habitable area of the earth is given at 46,000,000 square miles, of which the extreme fertile limit may be put at 37,000,000 square miles. With the generally accepted sustaining capacity of 200 persons to the square mile, this area could, by systematic tillage, be made to yield subsistence to 7,400,000,000 human beings. It has been calculated that within 216 years the world's population will be swollen to 7,400,000,000 souls. What will happen 300 years hence when the population of the earth will be 16,800,000,000, remains to be seen.

War of 1812.

The treaty of Ghent between England and the United States, December 24, 1814, ended the War of 1812. Its main provisions were the restoration of all territory, places and possessions taken by either party from the other during the war, except certain islands.

About Egypt.

The total area of Egypt proper is about 459,000 square miles, of which however, only some 14,000 square miles are arable. The population exceeds 10,000,000, the density of the settled part thus surpassing that of any other land on earth, Belgium not excepted. The superiority of Egypt as an agricultural country is owing to the equable climate; the possibility of carrying on farming all the year round; a constant supply of water and, as a consequence of the Nile overflow, a natural and perpetual richness of the soil, which does away with the great cost of fertilization.

Growth of City Population.

In 1790 only one-third of the people of the United States lived in cities of 5,000 inhabitants and over. In 1800, one-twenty-fifth; in 1830, one-sixteenth; in 1840, one-eighth; in 1850, one-fifth; in 1860, one-fourth; in 1870, one-third; in 1880, one-fourth. It is safe to say that to-day more than one-third of the people of the nation live in cities and towns, with the tendency steadily growing. If the present pace continues, by the middle of the present century, the rural population will become a minority.

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3	Local Express	12
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5	Daily Express	14
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7	Local Express	16
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9	Daily Express	18
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6	Express Chicago limit	5 32
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Milford in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, June 30, 1908.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 48,137 75
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	136 37
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Notes of other National Banks	999 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	90,827 50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,858 00
One third approved reserve	11,478 00
Checks and other cash items	107 43
Notes of other National Banks	150 00
Fractional paper currency, notes and coins	174 30
Legal Money Reserve in Bank	172 00
Total	\$ 188,071 35
Reserve fund	50,000 00
Transfers due to other banks	120 00
Total	\$ 238,071 35

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 95,000 00
Surplus fund	15,000 00
Unpaid dividends, loss reserves	8,810 52
Unpaid interest on deposits	65,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	123,000 00
Unpaid certificates of deposits	1,743 25
Unpaid checks	100 00
Total	\$ 208,963 77

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, County of Pike, ss.

I, John C. Warner, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN C. WARNER, Cashier.

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