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# CHANCES OF BRISTOL BAY

Ethan Brett stood by the ship's side, and one hand rested lightly on the hard surface of the rail. He wore the blue clothes of the navy, and the deep tan of his skin was touched by a glow of excitement as he watched the scene before him. Bristol Bay was dotted with small craft out to see the squawron that had dropped anchor in the harbor the evening before; there were little rowboats staving to the crest of every wave, and boats scudding before the wind, and noisy motor boats chuff-buffing to and fro.

Bristol was Ethan's native town; he had walked its streets and called its boys ever since he could remember, until that day when he had rebelled against his toady old father, and declared he would live as a fellow with his means ought to live. It had been the meeting of the Greeks and the sailor Brett had prevailed as the only man who has it not. But Ethan had boldly gone to sail the seas and sent no word home of his whereabouts; he didn't like to remember the beginning of that life afloat, the sort of thing that had taught the raw lad to bend his back to a higher power as his father's rope-and had never done.

Along the shore from the town was a clump of red brick buildings clustering about a massive chimney, and a thin smoke breathed lightly from its height into the clear morning air; young Brett smiled a little grimly as he watched it—the establishment that had for its master, his tall, commanding father; and the young man wondered how it was that he could have gone so boldly and let that door shut him out into the world!

"You've got three wishes coming!" Brett nodded; he knew the alchemist's voice and felt a hand on his arm. "I wish I had enough cash to stay around this mooring when my enlistment runs out," said the other. "Brett nodded again; his own enlistment would be out in two days. "Can't you speak? I'll have the yachtsmen—that my father owned the business, yonder; that I had a horse with a whale's jaw-bone in the yard I can see on the tip-top of that break-neck hill, and that I had a girl as pretty as one that's come on board to see the lieutenant."

The fellow moved off with a laugh; Brett bowed his head a trifle; the alchemist's joking words had struck home; that house with the great jaw-bone in front was where Ethan had been born, and his memory of the sweet young mother who had died was all in that setting. Only that third wish, about the girl, had no meaning for him; there had been a girl once, a child-sweetheart who had daintily demanded that he fetch and carry for her small whims, and whose face came back sometimes in the sailor's dreams, but Helen Seaver did not enter his reckoning of the scheme of practical things.

The young man turned and walked along the deck, poised lightly to the slight motion of the boat; he saw the commanding officer at the gangway taking a last word from someone down below. "You'll see him immediately!" Ethan caught his breath. "Immediately, sir!" said the man on deck.

"Very well, sir!" Ethan stepped to the rail and looked over; a little motor-boat was starting to chug-chug off from the ship's side, and at the helm he saw his white-haired father, opposite was the fairest face Ethan had ever seen, the sweet, pure face of his child-sweetheart grown to the perfection of womanhood.

"Brett!" called the officer. Ethan saluted. "Aye, aye, sir!" he said. The officer glanced over the water at the receding motor-boat; Ethan's mouth was grim set at the thought that Helen Seaver had brought that light into a strange man's eyes. Was she not for him?

"Brett, your enlistment is out in two days. There has been a gentleman here inquiring if you will consider a place in his employ before you re-enlist, and who wishes your reply communicated to him."

"Will you communicate with him?" The young man drew a sharp breath between his teeth. A girl's face came between him and his curt refusal. "Yes, sir!" he said. Two days later Ethan Brett stood in the rope-walk office. His father wiped his glasses and put them on again.

Ethan threw back his head; the civilian's clothes hampered him for the moment; out of the window he could see the blue bay and the white navy ships lying at anchor; the thought of the grim man's watchfulness touched him strangely and he turned back.

# Notes and Comment

## NEW HAIR NET.

Small Hairpins Are Woven Fast to the Borders and Meshings. It required three Londoners to devise the improved hair-net which is shown in the illustration, but it would probably take more than three to get it off anybody's head unless you were one of them who knew the combination. The net portion of this important article is no different from that of any other hair net, but the value of the invention lies in the fact that it will "stay put." Along the borders are fastened



a lot of little hairpins and a circle of double meshes passes through the middle part. Hairpins are also attached to this circle and are woven into the meshes. When one of these nets is adjusted it is there to stay until the wearer is ready to withdraw the multiplicity of little pins that hold it in place. Fitting so closely it has not the objection raised to some old-style nets that the ends come loose and give an untidy appearance to the coiffure.

## HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

A few drops of lemon juice added to eggs that are being scrambled improves the flavor. A little oil rubbed on the stub end of a pen will prevent its rusting in the handle. Large Gothic letters are the most in demand for marking household linen. Stand in borax water for a little while dishes that have become brown from baking in the oven, and they can be easily cleaned. Rubbing with a piece of potato dipped in common baking soda is said to be an efficacious method of cleaning silver. A plate scraper is a wooden device shaped to fit the curves of a plate and attached to a handle of convenient length.

## FOR THE BRIDE'S TABLE

A beautiful conception for a bride table is a "Cupid's Road." A Hay road the length of the table is made to represent Cupid's highway. The path is made of the bordered red and white roses. All along the thoroughfare are placed bouquets of Cupids, and at the end of the way is a mixture of bride and groom walking up the aisle.

Have suspended from the chandelier directly over the table a large bell made of white roses and amilax, or any flower which is used. Place a white rose at each place and for name cards use plain white ones decorated in one corner with a water color or outline sketch of a bride and groom walking up the aisle.

A bridge of flowers is another very pretty scheme. In the center of the board rests a large circular mirror bordered with flowers. At each side some distance apart are silver candelabra crowned with candles and pretty shades. From one candelabrum to another are stretched two stout wires, covered and hidden under a broad band of ribbon. The ribbon is carried under the wires also, the two bands being pinned together invisibly under little fern sprays and airy bunches of white flowers. To give the prettiest effect some of the blossoms and greenery should fall naturally and easily over the edge. A blue Cupid should be pinned at each end of the bridge, and at the base of each candelabrum are straws, flowers and ferns. The idea is a unique one for a bridal table decoration, expressing the idea of crossing the flowering bridge to matrimony.

Chinese Women Study Medicine. The Woman's Medical School at Shanghai awarded diplomas to six graduates lately. The school was founded a little more than three years ago by funds furnished by Li Ping-Shu, president of the Chinese town council. The principal of the school is a Chinese woman who took an advanced educational course in both Canton and Hong Kong. During the last year there were 36 students. Each of the six graduates read an essay, two of them in English.

Always Missed It. "I saw they have taken the seven a. m. train off this line. Do you miss it?" asked one suburbanite of another. "I miss it, certainly, but not so often as I used to when it was on."

# By Wireless

The strike was on. All the telegraph operators in the small city of Jerome were out of work, and the non-union men dare not fill the vacancies.

Hal Monson was desperate, for his wife was sickly, and his three children must be fed as well. The outlook for work was dark, and he decided to go to Bolton, the nearest city, and look for work.

This was a dangerous venture should it become known, but he could not see his family want for food. One dark, rainy night he told his wife "that if anyone called for him, to say he had gone hunting, and to be sure and ask if there was any message," then he bade her "good-by" and told her not to worry if he did not return for two days.

He planned to go through a dense piece of woods and, if possible, take a freight train from a way station. He knew the engine well, and had saved him from drowning some years before, so he felt sure of his ride should he arrive in time.

After walking about five miles he heard voices of men coming nearer to him. He had only time to step from the path and behind a tree, when they were close upon him.

"This is what he heard: 'If we can only wreck the express it will be a great stroke, for the officers of the Telegraph Company are coming to Jerome tonight to talk over the strike with the union men, and had saved him from drowning some years before, so he felt sure of his ride should he arrive in time.'

Hal was horrified at their plans and resolved to get that train if it took the last bit of strength he had. After a great many falls and hindrances by running into trees in the dark, at last he came to where he could make better progress, although his boots were heavy with the water in them.

At times it seemed an impossibility to ever reach the station, but when he thought of the lives that were jeopardized and what the alternative would be, he renewed his efforts and stumbled on, till at last the goal was in sight.

Pootore and almost exhausted he reached the door of the station, and, leaning against it, he listened for sounds of the train. None came and he felt all was over. No! He would try and get a message through; it might not be too late after all.

As the door was locked he went behind the building, and finding a box he managed to insert it and climb in over a transom that had been left open. It took but a minute to light the smoky lamp, and he called one, two, three stations without any response. At last an inquiry, "What do you want?" Joy—he was in there!

"Click, click, click" went the key as fast as his weak fingers could drive it, and this is what he sent: "Danger; stop a-buzz-buzz."

"What? Was the wire out?" he tried many times, but no answer came. Also, he had fainted again. He grew faint and dizzy at the thought and must do something, so wrote on a telegraph blank "Danger; stop express; wires out; help needed in Jerome," then putting it in his pocket he staggered to the door, opened it and sank to a faint.

The freight, a half hour late, came slowly into the station and stopped. The engineer, Bill Graves, came over to the platform, and seeing Hal, spoke to him, and getting no reply, threw the light from his lantern on his face, and was startled to find his old friend there at such an hour and unconscious.

He went inside and found some amounts, which he used to revive Hal. As Hal opened his eyes, Bill said: "Seen a ghost, Hal, old fellow?" "Oh, Bill, is it you, and will you help me save them?" "Sure I will, speak up, man."

Hal sat up and said, "We must hurry. Detach the engine and take me to Bolton at once with you."

"Come on, I'm ready," and to the brakeman he said: "Display danger signals until I return."

In five minutes they were speeding as never before had been run over that crooked road before. On, on, on! Would the end ever be reached? Would they be in time? The suspense was growing unbearable and Hal was straining every nerve to keep up his courage.

At last Bolton was reached, and before the engine had come to a halt Hal was off and, panting, ran up the street, and seeing a horse tied to a post, he cut the strap and, mounting him, went racing up to the main telegraph office and started the sleepy operator as he burst into the room and, handing him the paper he had written on, he gasped, "By-wireless"—and sank exhausted to the floor.

When the express arrived in Jerome, headed by a wrecking train, a load of armed men took possession of Jerome and the strike was ended. Hal Monson was rewarded by the Telegraph Company and he never had to worry about his family being provided for. His hunting brought rich game, and the "wireless" saved the situation.—HOPE WINN.

Made Standard Measurement. It has been decided by the Chinese board of agriculture that hereafter the standard of measurement in China, known as the "chih" or foot, shall be 12.996 inches.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XXVII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

## Number One. A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section twenty-six of article five of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the following amendments to section twenty-six of article five of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same be hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section 26 of Article V, which reads as follows: "All laws relating to courts shall be general and of uniform operation, and the organization, jurisdiction, powers and duties of all courts of the same class or grade, or of all courts of the same class or grade, shall be prescribed by law, and the power and effect of the process and judgments of such courts, shall be uniform and the same shall be hereby prohibited from creating other courts to exercise the powers vested by this Constitution in the judges of the Court of Common Pleas and the Orphans Court," be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

Section 26. All laws relating to courts shall be general and of uniform operation, and the organization, jurisdiction, and powers of all courts of the same class or grade, so far as regulated by law, and the power and effect of the process and judgments of such courts, shall be uniform, and the same shall be hereby prohibited from creating other courts to exercise the powers vested by this Constitution in the judges of the Court of Common Pleas and the Orphans Court," be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

Section 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:

First. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second. He shall have resided in the State at least one year immediately preceding the election, and shall have been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he shall have removed his domicile to the State, he shall have immediately preceding the election, and shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

A true copy of Resolution No. 2. ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

## Number Three. A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so as to create a court of common pleas of Allegheny County.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same be hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section six of article five be amended, by striking out the said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the district courts and courts of common pleas, and such changes as may be made by this Constitution or by law, shall be in Philadelphia, vested in five district and separate courts of equal and coordinate jurisdiction, composed of three judges each. The said courts in Philadelphia shall be designated respectively as the courts of common pleas, number one, number two, number three, number four, and number five, but the number of said courts may be by law increased, from time to time, and shall be in like manner designated by successive numbers. The number of judges in any of said courts, or in any court where the establishment of an additional court may be authorized by law, may be increased, from time to time, and whenever such increase shall be made, the whole to three, such three judges shall exercise distinct and separate courts as provided, and shall be designated as follows:

In the county of Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas shall be vested in one court of common pleas, composed of all the judges in commission in said county. Such jurisdiction and powers shall be subject to such changes as may be made by law, and such subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of said court shall be elected by the voters of the county, and the number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Resolution No. 3. ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

## Number Four. A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

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Noticing on the paper a lot of familiar names, Mrs. Licum asked: "What are you figuring there, Mr. Legler?"

"Well, ma'am," says Legler, "I'm just putting down the names of all my friends that I can lick."

"Is Harvey Licum's name there?" asked Mrs. Licum.

"Yes," said the baker. "Yes, I got it down."

Mrs. Licum went home and told Harvey. He hastened to the bakery.

"Legler," he said, "is it true I'm on the list of men you can lick?"

"Yes," said Legler calmly; "I've got you down, Mr. Licum."

"Why, you little shripin," roared Licum, "I could eat you alive!"

"Are you sure you could?" asked the baker.

"You bet I'm sure!" said Licum, "I'm sure I can lick you."

"Well, then," said the baker sadly, "I guess I'll cross you off the list."

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