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The Reunion

It lacked 10 minutes to a quarter of 10, the time set by Manager Harris for a rehearsal of the "Woman's Love" company, when Miss Forsyth, cast for a small role in the company, awoke from her sleep tired, and with the rustic remark the manager had thrown at her the night before still ringing in her ears.

In case of sickness and adversity he was as good as a woman, but in business, all that was where he showed the crudeness of his nature. With a bound she left the bed and hastily dressing herself affectionately passed a golden haired miss of humanity on the bed which had just left, saying, "Be good, dearie; mother will soon return."

She arrived at the theatre, where Manager Harris was putting some local recruits through the big mob scene, and was about to go to her dressing room, when he beckoned for her to approach.

With secret fear, possessing her and with starvation starting her in the face, she should she be discharged, she obeyed her call. "Mrs. Forsyth," he began, clearing his throat. She was sure her hour had come. "Mrs. Forsyth, the company move on to-morrow to Kingston, so be in readiness."

"Yes," she replied, secretly pleased at the news, then as she was turning to go he said: "Then there is one more thing; Bennett, the leading lady, was taken suddenly ill last night and may not be able to go on, so he in readiness, if you make good, let's yours for keeps." So saying, he turned his attention to the local recruits.

With tears of joy moistening her cheek she sought her dressing room. Could it be that after all these years Fate was going to be kind to her? The rehearsal over Manager Harris said: "Keep it up, Mrs. Forsyth; you're doing good work." Such words were scarce from him, and when bestowed meant not a little, so with a heart lighter than it had been for many a day she sought her lodging house, actually humming the air to a popular song.

Early in the gray dawn of morning the company left town for Kingston, where the initial performance was to be held. As the manager had predicted, Bennett still continued ill, and her husband, also playing male leads, stayed behind to nurse the patient.

The manager was furious. He stormed, tore his hair, but to no apparent use. "We are ruined, simply ruined," he cried in anger. As luck would have it there chanced to be in town a company of stanced players, held there by the storm, so at the suggestion of Mrs. Forsyth he decided to try and borrow their leading man. He was successful, as he had played the part before in another company. It was, however, impossible for him to rehearse with them, so Mrs. Forsyth did not see him until their big scene in the fourth act.

As she stood in the wings waiting for her cue, a vague premonition seized her. Could it be possible that Dick was at hand? "Behave!" she said. "It is only the hangings of an overworked brain," and heaves she scarcely realized was "on" and doing splendid work.

Notes and Comment

Notes and Comment of Interest to Women Readers. WON'T BUMP THE BABY.

Folding Go-Cart Hides Easily Because of Spring Device. A new type of go-cart warranted not to bump the baby over the roughest pavement has been invented by an Idaho man. All go-carts are equipped with springs, but the greater or less extent, but this one is better provided in this respect than most.



Folds into Small Compass. The body of the vehicle rests partly on the springs under the front and partly on a supporting bar which is pivoted to the handle, so that all compression on the wheels is reduced to a bounce by the time it reaches the body portion; and it is well known that no properly reared baby objects to bouncing. The body portion is collapsible and the rods all jointed, so the go-cart can be folded into a small compass when not in use.

Painters in Marketing. In a large family with normal appetites it is economy to buy in quantity; as, for instance, a frequenter of lamb. With a small family and poor storage facilities, purchase a little at a time. In buying Hamburg steak do not take that already chopped, no matter how attractive it may look with its marbled red and white parsley garnish. Select your own piece of beef (preferably from the round) and see it chopped by itself, adding, if you desire, a bit of suet or an onion. In this case you generally get better meat, and the suet is thrown in.

Where a saddle has been cut from a side of mutton it leaves a big short hole in an ordinary cut. This is a great bargain. In buying round steak the third cut is best. The round is best for beef a la mode.

The chuck of beef, which is the part of the animal above the prime ribs and running up into the neck, has many virtues which housekeepers in general know not of. It is the part the butchers themselves patronize in their own families. The first rib is equal to the prime rib in nutritive value, though not quite so tender. This deficiency is easily supplied with twice or longer cooking and attractive flavoring.

The chuck roast or tenth rib is often cut in two, the "eye" part making a delicious roast. Chuck steak is excellent. The breast of lamb or veal can be made into delicious roasts by boiling. Many of the bones do not seem taking out, but become tender in the cooking when they can be readily slipped out.

The Girl Who Works. God bless the girl who works. She is not too proud to earn her own living, nor ashamed to be caught at her daily task. She studies at her typewriter, she cleans, counter or printer's case. There is a sweet memory of her in everything she touches. She is like a brave mountaineer, already far up the precipice-climbing, struggling, rejecting. The sight is an inspiration. It is an honor to know this girl and be worthy of her esteem.

AUNT HOPE WILTON'S JEWELS

Aunt Hope Wilton was always considered "old" by her people and her few friends. Everyone said she never could do things like anybody else, and the only one who had ever loved her was Hope Sterling, her niece's daughter.

"Now, Aunt Hope," I've again to have my say in the matter of this young one. Goodness knows I've never interfered with these lumps of boys, but I want Hope to be a woman of sense and if I have anything left after supporting this good-for-nothing family, she'll get it. These were her first words as she looked into the blue eyes of the new baby Mrs. Sterling's heart ached as her fond eyes pictured her little house ruled by the dominating spirit of the woman she had feared in her own childhood. But she dared not protest as Aunt Wilton held the mortgage on their home and her temper was very uncertain, besides her money had paid many outstanding bills.

One night when Hope was 17 Aunt Wilton called her into her room. Her face was full of determination as she said: "Hope, I looked you in the eye in as I want to give you this old jewel case to-night. It holds your birthday. You're not to open it till you're 21, remember, and then you'll have sense enough to take care of what's inside."

The first tears that the Sterling family had ever seen to Aunt Wilton's eyes were glistening behind her black rimmed glasses, and she put her arms to the girl, but quickly drew them back. Hope looked appealingly at her, but she did not speak. She knew that emotion with her aunt must pass unnoted.

"Now, child," resumed Aunt Wilton, "remember what I've said you and keep this case in remembrance of your cross old Aunt Wilton, and think of her in love, sometimes."

The girl kissed her, thanking her again and again, and promising to leave the case untouched until she gave her permission to open it. "I'll not be here, Hope, to give you permission, but when you're 21, unlock the case." These were her last words as she in the burning light found her in her last sleep. Her hands held Hope's baby picture, and so she had faced death alone, not crying out because she had never asked aid in her life.

That night in family council Hope told her parents of the jewel case Aunt Wilton had left her. "I'm going to put it away in my treasure trunk, mother, and not touch it till I'm 21." And no persuasion could change her decision. So the case was laid away and forgotten by all but Hope.

"Well," said Mrs. Sterling, "I don't see where Aunt Wilton got all her money from. She must have left something. No doubt we'll hear from some lawyer regarding a will. I know she held some mortgages, but ours, but she never could do things like other folks and I wouldn't be surprised to find her clothes lined with money."

But search failed to disclose anything left by Aunt Hope Wilton. And so four years slipped by and it was the night of Hope's 21st birthday. She sat in her little parlor with Rob Brent at her side, looking trustfully into the future and planning cheerfully as she had done during the two years of their engagement. "Why are you so discouraged to-night, Rob? Perhaps in the next two years we can't have enough to be married and by that time your sisters will be big enough to help you make a home for your mother. The mortgage on our place has run so long with you out trouble why should you worry now?"

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Time Table

Table showing train schedules for Erie Railroad at Port Jervis. Includes columns for train numbers, destinations (Buffalo, Niagara Falls, etc.), and departure times.

Chimney Sweep Brutality. This is almost too shocking for print. Jim Seaward, just elected an English Alderman, says he was "Tom," the little chimney sweep of Kingsley's "Water Babies." Here is part of Seaward's story: "When I was only 6 years old I went up my first chimney. Left an orphan I fell into the hands of a chimney sweep, and a cruel master was he. He would shove me up the chimney like a helpless little monkey, set straw afire under me, and stick pins into the soles of my bare feet to make me climb up the chimney. He would say, 'Climb, damn you, climb.' And when I came down my knees and elbows would be covered with blood and soot, and here are still blue scars. I was soaked in strong salt and water to make my flesh hard and tough, and sometimes I was kept up a bad chimney six hours at a stretch."

Progress. The head of a New York firm having important interests in Italy decided some time ago, in view of the death of an old and reliable clerk, who, of all in the establishment, was the only one to have a good knowledge of the Italian tongue, that his own son, also a member of the concern, ought to take up the study of that language. Recently a friend met the young man. "I understand," said he, "that you're actually studying Italian." "Why, yes," said the other. "I've been at it for several months under a teacher just from the other side." "What progress?" "Good," was the answer. "He's beginning to speak English remarkably well."—The Argonaut.

Protecting the Birds. Nowhere are birds better protected than in Germany. It is not only a subject of law there, but of education also, for children are taught in the schools the usefulness of birds in protecting trees, plants, crops and gardens. Bird-houses, and even bird-factories, are seen in every park. On the other hand, the enemies of useful birds, such as bats, buzzards, hawks, magpies, kestrels and jays, are remorselessly killed under the encouragement of local governments, which offer rewards for their destruction. One consequence is that the harvest-fields and meadows of Germany suffer relatively little damage from noxious insects.

Garters as Ornaments in China. In answer to an inquiry, Consul General Amos P. Wilder, of Shanghai, reports that there is no demand for suspenders and garters in China, save among foreigners. Suspenders do not interest the native, his trousers being so constructed as to render the use of such articles unnecessary neither is there any need for garters, as the trousers when properly adjusted are tied over the sock at the ankle with a neat hand of briton or cotton. Occasionally a native is seen with a well known make of American garters, which are worn outside the trousers as ornaments.—Consular Report.



"Put the post, says life is nothing without love." "Well, I haven't found much in life sayow."

Gameness of Tommy. Young Lady to Tommy, who had announced that he is engaged to a lady aged 131.—"Why, I thought you always promised to marry me!" "Tommy"—"Yes, yes, I know I did, I blame myself entirely."

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