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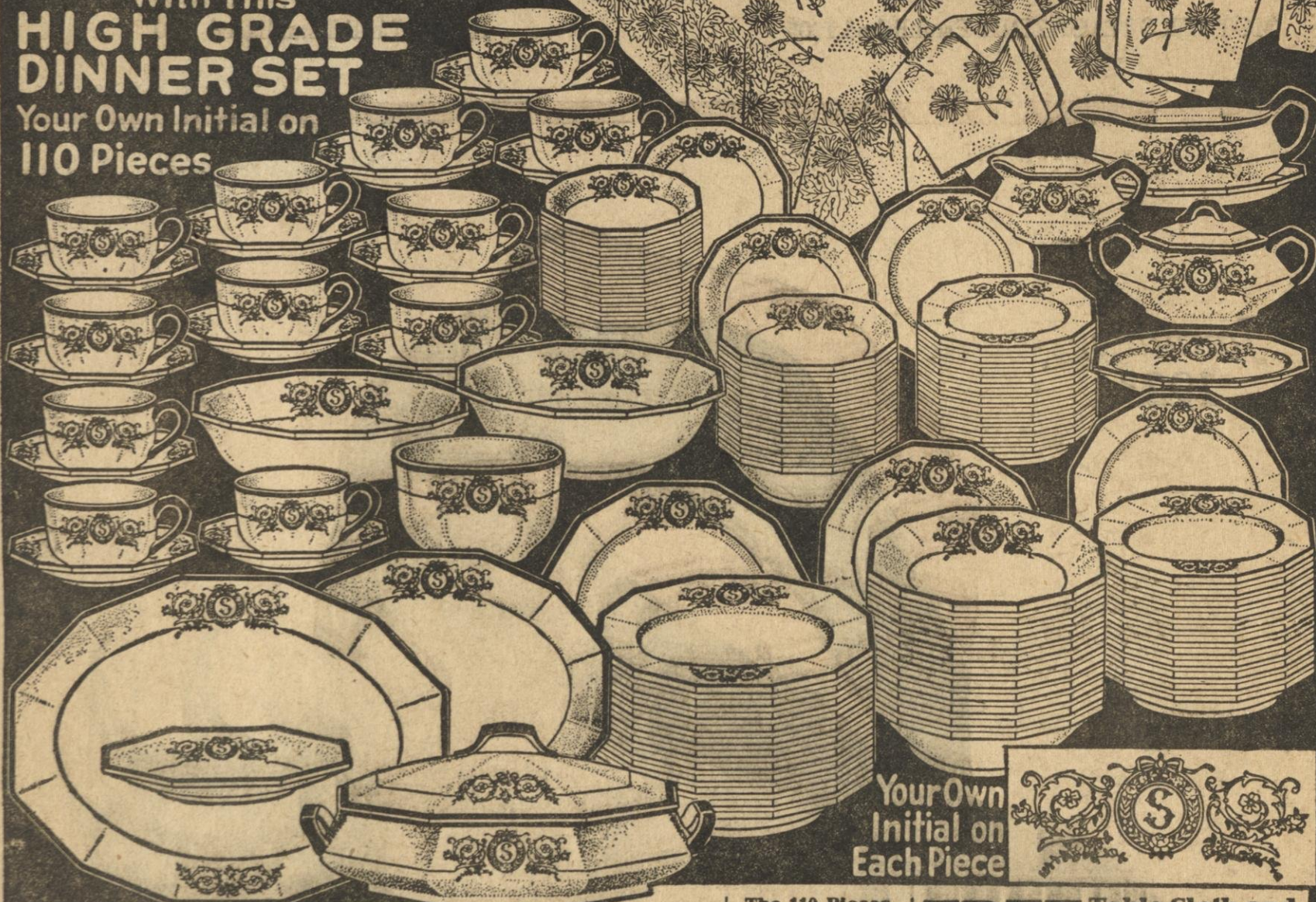


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RED VELVET

A SHORT STORY

By FLORENCE MILNER

IN FRONT of Margaret Ellair's desk in her dingy office at the Charities Building there waited the usual number of vagrant, incompetent, and inefficient petitioners. In strong contrast to this sordid group was the immaculate young man, who, with eyes bent earnestly upon hers, stood on the other side of Margaret's desk. She was not giving him the attention his appearance would seem to demand and there was impatience in the hand resting upon the back of her revolving chair as though she were anxious to have done with him.

"Really, Dave, I haven't a minute to talk to you. Don't you see all these people waiting?" Miss Ellair's troubled glance passed from him to the motley assemblage on the other side of the desk.

"I thought this was a charity organization and that it was your business to assist worthy cases." An amused smile curved the smooth-shaven upper lip and tightened the muscles of his strong chin. "I'm going to enter a formal complaint against you to the committee or the board of directors, whichever it is, because you show partiality. I can't get a decent hearing at this office and I insist I'm a 'worthy case.'"

DON'T be silly, Dave." She smiled in spite of her attempt to be severe.

"Margaret, why won't you listen to me?"

"I've told you over and over again, Dave Lovett, that you must not come here and interfere with my work."

"Then give it all up! You know how I despise all this charity rot. Why can't you be sensible and marry me and live among decent people?"

"This is no place to go over that old question. You know I must earn my own living and this is all I know how to do, but I like the work and I'm going to stick to it." She turned with an air of finality as she motioned the first of the waiting "cases" to the desk.

As Dave took up his hat and turned toward the door, his interest was stirred by a feeble old woman who sat at the end of the line.

"She's different," his eyes signaled to Margaret as their glances met understandingly.

None of the usual characteristics were visible in the newcomer. Life had left lines of sorrow and of sacrifice upon her face, yet it was drawn to sweetness, to gentleness, to submission. She folded her gnarled and toil-worn hands in her lap as one who has learned the great lesson of poverty—patience.

DAVE'S first momentary interest increased to curiosity and instead of going as he had intended, he loitered about the room studying the maps on the wall and glancing casually through the last report of the organization until he finally settled into a chair pretending to read. Margaret promptly forgot him.

When the old lady's turn came, instead of taking it, she motioned to the next one, then to the next until the hour almost gone, she was left alone.

"I'm of no use to anybody any longer." She spread out her worn hands toward Margaret as she sank into the chair indicated.

"But you have been." The charity worker, who had to be on her guard against the tricks of the impostor, felt she could allow a bit of tenderness in this case.

"Yes, I tried to do my share and I guess I did. But I can't any more."

"Have you a husband or children?"

Then she told her story. Her husband had died years ago, leaving her with one young baby. With health and youth, she had struggled on until the boy was old enough to help and finally to support her. Comparative comfort followed until John suddenly died and all their savings had gone in taking care of him.

"How have you lived since?"

"There was a bit of insurance left after I paid for the funeral. I spent just a little for—some flowers," she added hesitatingly as though she dreaded reproach for such extravagance.

But Miss Ellair did not reprove her. She remembered how some of her associates the year before had laughed about a certain plaid dress

trimmed with red velvet. She was only a social visitor then. On her rounds she found a woman destitute and dying. Put away in a drawer was a piece of bright plaid which she had bought for her little girl, saving for it penny at a time. As she lay in bed, her deepest longing was to see the child wearing the dress, trimmed as she had planned. She knew how she wanted every line of it, but she could find no way to get the red velvet.

THE United Charities did not provide for the purchasing of finery, but Miss Ellair insisted that the dress should be made just as the dying mother wanted it and trimmed with the identical shade of red velvet she had so desired. The mother died with one of the wishes of her narrow life gratified.

"And now the money's all gone," Miss Ellair continued. "Is that what you've come to say?"

"Yes, it's all spent and I'm about ready to go to one of those places where they take people who can't work any more and when they haven't any one to pay for them," and she looked sharply at Miss Ellair to see if she understood without further explanation her avoidance of the dreaded name.

and had directed her to make her request in person at the office. Evidently it had taken her some time to muster sufficient courage, for the card bore an early November date.

As Miss Ellair looked up from the record, the woman's expression arrested her attention.

"Is there something else?" she asked.

"Of course I know I must go where I can be taken care of." Then she hesitated. "But—I wish I could stay at home for just one more Christmas."

"And can't you?"

"I never asked for anything before, but—"

"You mean you must have help if you stay?"

"There'll be the rent and a bit to eat and a basket of coals to cook it. I'll go to bed early so as not to use any just to keep warm."

Miss Ellair found her voice choking as she looked at the beautiful old face, a face glorified by the chastened gentle spirit that looked out of the dim eyes in pathetic pleading.

"Perhaps something can be done," replied Miss for that street, who had found her entirely worthy Ellair thoughtfully.

This evidently was another "plaid dress" that must be made up as desired and trimmed with "red velvet," although she didn't quite see where the money was coming from.

DAVE put down his paper and walked to the window. Margaret flushed at sight of him, for she supposed he had gone long ago. But ignoring him, she turned to Mrs. Bauer. "Of course," she said, "I meant things to eat when I said something could be done."

The gentle old lady hesitated. There was still something back, back in her mind.

"But I needn't eat it all myself, need I?"

"But why shouldn't you?"

"Well, you see there's some of the folks round me that haven't got much and John and I always did something on Christmas. They kind of expect it; they'll be awfully disappointed if they don't have the regular party, for they don't know I'm going away. They think I've got lots, for I've never had to go to the charities."

"Who are your neighbors?"

"There's Mrs. Lannigan and her five children. They live in the basement. He's doing six months for stealing. She washes and does any kind of odd jobs she can get. You don't know how much five growin' children can eat! But then," the old lady added, "if her husband ain't any good she's got the children and that's something."

Margaret involuntarily glanced at the young man, but his back was inexpressive.

"Then there's Mrs. Doran, next door. She's sick a lot and Johnny and Dora can't earn only a little, so many's the night they all go to bed hungry. They've been talking about my Christmas party for a long time. Johnny'd be disappointed."

"And that's why you want to stay until after Christmas?" asked Miss Ellair.

YES, it wouldn't make any difference to me when I went, but they'd miss it. There's nobody to make any Christmas for them. By next year Jim Lannigan'll be out and besides something might happen so Johnny could have a news stand."

"It shall be done, Mrs. Bauer, just as you want to do it," Margaret promised. "Go home now and plan as you always have and I'll see that the things to eat are there in time."

"How can you stand it!" exclaimed Dave turning from the window.

"There's a side to it that you don't see."

After a moment's silence she added, "I don't know that you could understand, but once in a while there comes a chance to do something that makes one so happy that nothing else counts."

"For instance?"

"When I was a social visitor, before I came into the office, I had one such experience which stands out as a type."

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The Year Ahead

By JAMES M. WOODMAN

Some folks are always talkin' 'bout th' good old days gone by.

When ev'rything was goin' smooth, an' then, with long drawn sigh

Start in t' cuss an' rave an' rant, becuz we had a war—

An' wonder what th' hull dern world was really fightin' for.

But I aint got no time t' dream about th' days long dead—

I'm lookin' forward to th' joy that's in th' year ahead.

Whenever I look back I see some things that send a chill

Right down my spinal collum, an' I 'spose they always will.

I view my failures an' mistakes, an' all th' faults which I

Possessed an' worried over, in th' troubled years gone by.

Let other folks dream o'er th' times when they have fought and bled—

But I am lookin' forward to th' year that lies ahead.

Each mornin' an' each year, t' me, unfold a world that's new.

It matters little what I've done, folks watch for what I'll do.

Tho' memory oft brings back t' me the pleasures I have known,

Mankind cannot exist, my friends, on memories alone.

The sun will still continue bright, the roses sweet an' red—

And God will lend a helpin' hand throughout the year ahead.



"That can be arranged." Miss Ellair, struggling with emotion, assumed her most businesslike attitude, and reached for the proper blank.

WHEN she had written the name, Mrs. Bauer, and the address, the look of it struck her as familiar. She went to the file and there found the report of the worker for that district. This Mrs. Bauer had made a timid appeal to the visitor

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On the lips of financiers, manufacturers, agriculturists and wage earners, is the question—What may we expect during the year 1923?

Much depends upon the action of the politically elected officials of the country. Upon them will fall the task of settling some questions which will have much to do with our economic improvement, if such is to ensue.

Unfortunately, within the ranks of the faction predominating in Congress there exists not a leader of the pre-eminence such as our forefathers knew in other days of great crises, so—What may we expect during the year 1923?

Conditions are growing better. Unemployment is at low ebb. Living costs have not been reduced as much as they should, but in order to reduce the cost of manufacture, the cost of labor must come down. Labor wants capital to make the first move and vice-versa.

Perhaps, after all, the best method to pursue in order to get what you desire during the New Year, is to emulate the witty salesman who when asked—"How do you find business, mister?" replied "By going out and looking for it."

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND FREE SPEECH

Recently a millionaire free speech advocate and several of his associates were sent to prison for utterances which were in conflict with a state's espionage law.

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In the first instance patriotism and love of country was forgotten. The rock foundation upon which our nation rests was assailed. Laws were scoffed at. The cry of the anarchist rang out, until an outraged community called, halt! Trial and prison sentences followed—the latter suspended by a governor who had himself barely escaped conviction on a charge of being crooked in handling the people's money.

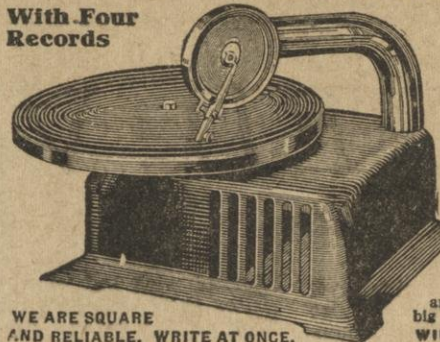
In the latter case no effort was made to purge the daily newspapers of a smear of slime and indecency that should not be allowed to enter any American home.

Such affairs as the one that engulfed the Tiernans, Poulin and silly, sentimental Mrs. Brimmer will continue to be enacted, but some law should be provided to prevent the placing of such disgusting exhibitions of sex perversion before the eyes of children, to say nothing of older persons who possess in some degree a desire to read clean, wholesome news of the day.

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Attractive Pillow Slips

By Jessie S. Hawthorne

Dainty pillow slips are always a pleasure to be brought out for the loved guest or when there is illness in the home. These can be easily made at small cost. Just one embroidered slip shown in a big store was priced at eleven dollars. A pair of pillow slips for twenty two dollars—not many housekeepers could buy by the dozen at this price. One worker counted the hours and it took just eighteen to make her pillow slip so the one shown was not overvalued considering the time.

Spare minutes can easily be changed into things of beauty that add so much to the homeliness of home.

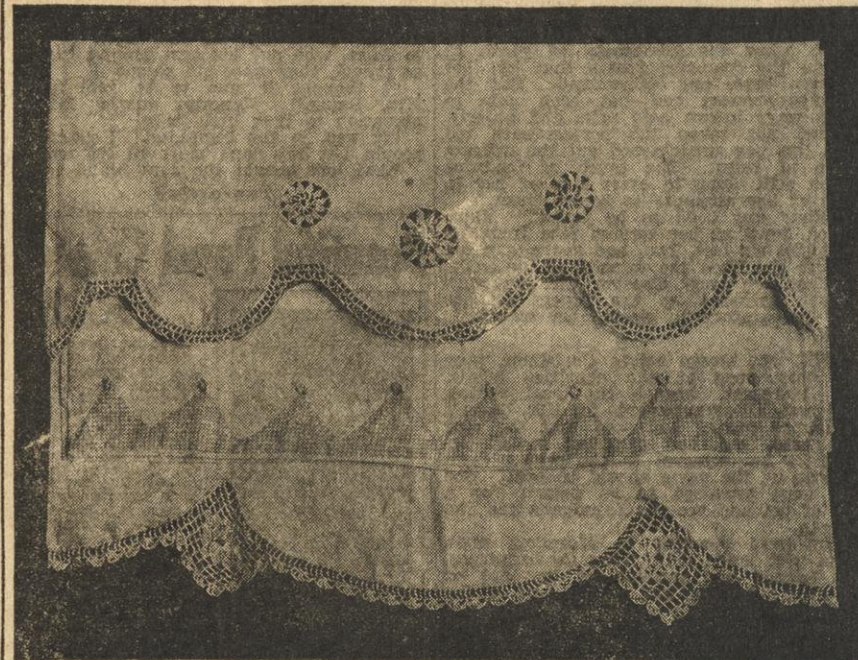
Any good medallion looks well in a pillow slip. Go over your old patterns and select the prettiest and begin practicing. Pillow tubing comes in a double seamless strip and needs only to be stitched across one end. It is not necessary to buy scallops and designs but the worker can easily make originals. Circular dishes of the right size can be tried out for scallops.

Number 1 is probably made with a dinner and tea plate with a small straight piece between. The scallops cut, single crochet all around forming a tight invincible edge. A filet space is made by 1 treble 2 chains 1 treble. Over the edge filet space all around as a second row. Row 3 is made of 1 double treble, chain 5, 1 double treble continuing in alternate meshes, all around and the dainty edge is done.

Buy a strip of checked gingham in blue or pink just the right length for slips. This cost a dollar a yard and took a yard and a quarter but the gingham of this length does not need piecing and can be used for handkerchiefs, children's dresses and many other things—even as edging for linen squares for table cover, dresser, and so forth. For the slip a strip of right length and width is chosen and stitched seam side out. Then the gingham is turned over cut in points, carefully turned under and stitched with minute stitches. Each point is finished with a bit of a rose bud in lazy-daisy stitch. The effect is so good that it is well worth trying. If blue is used a bit of a for-get-me-not will be more natural than a rose bud. The gingham strip may also be used as an inset, and the checks cross stitched, or the gingham may be stitched to a straight piece of goods and turned double for a hem.

No. 3—Slip No 3 is cut in one large center scallop. The effect is very good and the set in lace requires only four squares. This is made in Swedish hardinger crochet. The spaces are made the same as in filet with the difference that the thread is put over the needle twice as for double treble. For the first row single crochet all around goods. The second row is made of 1 double treble, 2 ch., 1 d. t.

As the point is reached turn back with



The Medallion.

Chain 7 and join so tight it cannot pull out, chain 5, thread over needle three times, take off as in double treble two by two, chain 5, repeat 12 times and join. Chain 7, thread over needle 5 times, take off two by two leaving two on needle, repeat 4 times drawing the last stitch tightly to the first two and forming a tight cluster, chain 5 and repeat all around. Fill the 5 chains by putting the thread over needle once and drawing through. This makes a large open medallion for the center. Smaller ones can be made by putting the thread over the needle fewer times and these are arranged on each side of the center.

Feather stitching all around the scallop adds very much to the effect giving a most finished appearance.

Pillow slips No. 2 are exceedingly dainty and are easily made. They will be just the thing for "Little Daughter's" room and will make her smile a smile that is good to see and well worth any trouble on mother's part.

5 open spaces, 1 solid of 4 d. t., 5 open meshes.

At the point the work can be done without slip stitching by putting the thread over the needle as for a double treble stitch and taking up the stitch from the opposite side, chain 2, 1 d. t. to goods and complete row of meshes.

Row 3—4 open meshes, 1 solid, 1 cross stitch, 1 solid, 4 open. (A cross stitch is made thus, chain 2, thread over needle, take up center of double treble, thread over needle, take up stitch over next double treble, take off stitches two by two.)

Row 4—3 open, 1 solid, 1 cross stitch, 1 solid, 1 cross stitch, 1 solid, 3 open.

Row 5—2 open, 1 solid, 1 cross stitch, 1 open, 1 solid, 1 cross stitch, 1 solid. This completes half the pattern.

Row 6 repeats row 4, etc.

The Edge—Chain 2, 1 d. t., ch. 2 (4 times, skip one mesh, single crochet, repeat).

Useful and Practical Household Hints

Paint Your Home

Paint will do wonders for a home. It brings a refreshing appearance, gives a pleasing touch and always in satisfaction to the owner. Probably you have noticed when one home owner paints his dwelling that the painting germ soon inoculates all the other home owners near that property. It is an infection that works for better homes. A few dollars for paint is always a good investment.

Home Development

Home atmosphere is developed within the four walls of a house. Pride circumscribes it, and interest extends to all that pertains to the home or its grounds. By neglecting his yard, or his lawn, the home owner unconsciously commits a grievous community error. There is nothing more inviting than a well-kept, attractive lawn around a home. Shrubbery, placed where it will have the best effect, is an essential, even for the smallest home. Flowers are a necessity to give color and add harmony.

Such a home creates pride, is admired by the neighbors and often starts other home owners to pay more attention to the exterior arrangements, resulting in a more attractive or beautiful district.

Rug Cleaning Made Easy

Here is a good way to keep rugs straight on the line while being cleaned.

Stretch the clothesline the same as on washday. Tie a rug pole or clothes prop (preferably a rug pole) lengthwise on the line, using a strong string or light cord. Tie this in about three or four places. This keeps the pole perfectly taut to the line. Then put your rug over pole and line.

Pictures Vital Home Factors

Pictures add tone to the home. Every home has pictures; some are effective ornaments, others are out of place. But no home need be without pictures that have personality and character. They must be dressed as carefully, however, as a woman should be.

Therein lies the secret. It's in the frame. A picture may be cheap, but it can be made attractive by its frame. It may be costly but it can be easily made to appear otherwise by its surrounding.

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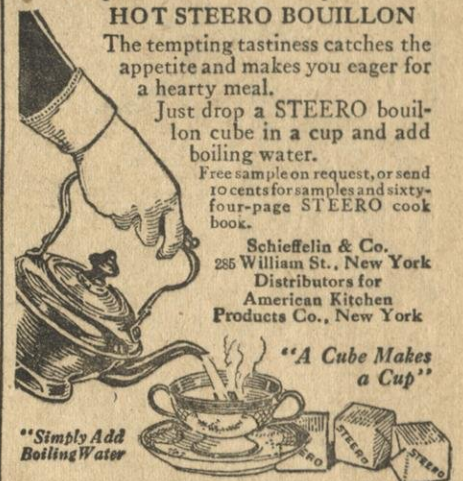
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Red Velvet

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As he showed some interest, she told him the story of the plaid dress trimmed with red velvet.

"That's all right," he exclaimed when she had finished, "but that's only one case out of a year's work. Down town we'd call that a pretty low percentage of profit." Turning eagerly toward her, "Haven't you had enough of spending your days in this dismal room and looking after a lot of smelly, hopelessly worthless people? For heaven's sake give it up and let me take care of you!"

"No charity matrimony for me." She set her lips firmly against his appeal.

"Don't you think you're a trifle unreasonable? You know perfectly well that I never for a moment have thought of marrying any other girl. We had gone upon a sort of take-it-for-granted understanding ever since we were children, and just because when your father died and left you without anything, I suggested that we get married at once. You call it charity matrimony. It's absurd!"

"I don't see it in that light," Miss Ellair moved the papers on her desk aimlessly.

AND you won't even take money to do some of the things you would like to do on your own account," he complained. "You've no business to take charity money for this old woman. You'll lose your job if the authorities find you're giving Christmas parties."

"If I thought you really cared, I'd let you help. But you don't; you just care for me." Margaret Ellair looked up at him with serious eyes from a face that would have been very beautiful if she only would allow the joyousness of youth to lighten the dead earnestness that left her features tense and determined. But the hyper-seriousness had not been able to make wavy brown hair prim and orderly. It had not taken the pomegranate red from lips nor straightened out the delicate curve of them. The touch of feminine charm still clung to every line of her in spite of her attempts to ignore them.

"What can I do to be saved?" Dave smiled down at her serious face from his masterful six feet, two, and she was vexed because she liked the warmth of his smile.

"That you must discover for yourself," as she gathered up the papers on her desk preparatory to closing her morning's work.

THE two weeks before Christmas were busy ones at the charities offices. Margaret, through the local visitor, had made all arrangements for Mrs. Bauer's Christmas party; had seen that the rent was paid, and had attended to all details for her removal to the county farm as soon as the party should be over. She had even promised to go herself for a cup of tea and see the Lannigans and the Dorans.

Christmas morning to Margaret came laden with much that makes for happiness. Old friends had remembered her out of the days when she had been a part of the city's gay life. There had been gifts and pleasant invitations. Dave had sent flowers; she would not have allowed him to do more.

She did not expect to see him at all during the day, for she was going to Ellen Hodges for luncheon and to the Du Champs for dinner. Between times, she was to look in upon Mrs. Bauer's party and see about getting her away from her old home. Margaret had tried to have the old lady stay where she was for a few days, but she had insisted upon going as soon as the neighbors left.

It was four o'clock when Margaret took the elevator for the dreariest part of upper Second Avenue.

What a contrast to the region she had just left! There comfort, luxury, every desirable dainty upon luncheon table, light, warmth, joy, merriment and soft, beautiful clothes; here dirt, squalor, rags, the coarsest, commonest food in meager little stores, pinched bodies, starved souls, sad eyes, tears instead of laughter, and sighs in place of joy.

LUNCHEON with Ellen Hodges and ten of her friends in the magnificent home facing Central Park; five o'clock tea with Mrs. Bauer in Second Avenue and even the tea furnished by charity! Margaret stood between the two extremes, able to touch each understandingly.

"And Dave wants me to give it up!" she breathed, as she hunted the grimy doorway for the number.

No laughter here? She was mistaken, for sounds of genuine happiness greeted her ears as she knocked on the door at the end of the hall to which she had been directed by a forlorn, colorless woman.

When the door opened, the tiny room seemed to be crowded to bursting, not only with people, but with Christmas cheer. The walls were festooned with green, and at one window was a wreath like that in Ellen Hodges's dining room with a red bow just as big. In the corner was a Christmas tree, decorated with gaudy brightness and with candles burning clear.

"I was beginning to be afraid you wasn't comin'," said Mrs. Bauer as that happy old lady drew her into the room and introduced her to her friends. Mrs. Robbins was a frail, worn woman who looked as though it were all she could do to keep up at all. Little Dora, with the insistence of childhood, tugged and clung to her skirts.

Mrs. Lannigan held in her arms a blue-looking baby clutching the dismal bottle of cold tea, the favorite beverage of Second Avenue babies. Then there was Mary Lannigan, the oldest of five, a child in stature, a woman in responsibility, and little Jennie who reached out her hand timidly to stroke Margaret's muff as though it were a live black kitten.

"Is it a real safe, Mister?"

"The real thing, Pat Lannigan."

MARGARET turned her surprised look in the direction of the voices. In the corner, partly concealed by the Christmas tree, was Dave's great bulk. He sat cross-legged on the floor with a group of interested children surrounding him. With his back to the door, he had not observed Margaret's entrance and she motioned Mrs. Bauer to silence.

"And is it for Johnny?" asked another boy.

"Sure, Mike! When a man goes into business he has to have a place to keep his money." Dave turned an approving look upon the boy on the other side of him.

"Sure, Johnny, you ought to be a grateful boy for all Mr. Lovett's done for you, and you a hopin' some day to have a news stand, but never dreamin' you'd get it yet. Here he's bought one and is going to be your partner. You're a real man, almost."

And the face of Johnny's mother beamed with satisfaction.

"This'll be a better place to keep my money than the hole in the floor under the stove," exclaimed Johnny.

"There! Here's the combination. Want to try it, Johnny?" Dave placed the really truly bank in front of an eager boy. As he did so, he turned towards the door and met the wondering eyes of Margaret. The color flew to his face as he scrambled to his feet, and Margaret's amazement at finding him here was matched by his embarrassment. Who could have imagined this man of the world, in immaculate attire, sitting on the floor in the tiny kitchen of this poverty-stricken locality?

"Were you invited?" stammered Margaret.

"Why, it's almost his party," explained Johnny as he left his new bank to come to Dave, who put his arm around the boy as though they were old chums.

"I thought it was to be your party, Mrs. Bauer," Margaret turned for explanation to that little lady.

"It was, in the beginning. I asked the people, but he's done most all the rest."

"And he's bought the news stand on the

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Almond Soup

1/2 head celery
1 blade of mace
1 parsnip
1 onion
salt and pepper
1/4 pound blanched almonds

2 cupfuls milk
1 cupful stale bread crumbs
2 tablespoonfuls butter substitute
1 cupful milk

Cook together one-half head of celery, one blade of mace, one parsnip, one onion, and a seasoning of salt and pepper until tender. In another pan put one-fourth pound of blanched almonds pounded fine, two cupfuls of sweet milk and one cupful of stale bread crumbs. Simmer two hours. Strain the vegetable stock and the almond milk, put both in one saucepan, add two large tablespoonfuls of butter substitute, as much water as is necessary to give soup the right consistency, and one cupful of top milk. Let heat and serve.

Egg Toast

6 slices bread
1 egg
1 cup milk, skim
milk or water
1/4 teaspoon salt

Beat the egg, and add the liquid and salt. Let the bread soak in the mixture until slightly soft. Then fry to a light brown on a hot, well-greased pan or griddle. More eggs may be used if available.

Corn Soup

1 tablespoonful
1 tablespoonful
1 tablespoonful
Stir together one tablespoon butter substitute and the same of flour. Add two cupfuls of sweet milk and cook until creamy. Then stir in one can of corn, season to taste and serve. The soup is better if corn is put through grinder or chopped to make it fine.

Barley Purée

2 tablespoonfuls of
4 tablespoonfuls
tomato
2 tablespoonfuls
chopped tart
apple
1 teaspoonful curry
powder

Simmer two tablespoonfuls of barley until tender. Add four tablespoonfuls tomato and two tablespoonfuls of tart apple put through a grinder or chopped. Add enough water to make soup of proper consistency and just before serving season with salt, pepper and one teaspoonful of curry powder moistened in cold water.

Swiss Soup

1 quart thickened
gravy
1 quart sweet milk
2 eggs

To one quart of thickened gravy, chicken, veal or beef, add one quart of sweet milk and heat thoroughly. Remove from fire, beat in two well-beaten eggs and serve at once with croutons.

Creamed Onions

large spring
onions
parsley
white sauce

When the larger spring onions are in the market or in your garden, cut off the tops of as many as you wish to prepare, and also cut off a slice at the roots. Tie several sprigs of parsley in a couple of bunches and put them with the onions in a saucepan. Cover with boiling salted water and cook until the onions are tender. Drain and remove the parsley, cover with a white sauce made of milk and butter substitute thickened with cornstarch. The parsley adds a delicious flavor and helps to remove the odor of the onions while cooking.

Creamed Parsnips

cold boiled pars-
nips
2 tablespoonfuls
butter substitute
pepper and salt
3 tablespoonfuls
milk

Chop cold boiled parsnips. Put on the stove with two tablespoonfuls of butter substitute, and pepper and salt to taste. Stir until it boils. Take up the parsnips and add to the butter a little flour and three tablespoonfuls milk. Let it boil up once and pour over the parsnips. Creamed carrots are prepared in the same way.

Eggs with Onions

5 hard-boiled eggs
1 onion
1 teaspoonful corn-
starch
1/2 cupful milk
seasoning

Slice very thin a medium sized onion into a hot frying pan in which is a teaspoonful of dripping or vegetable oil. Fry to a light brown; mix with the onion a teaspoonful of cornstarch and a half cupful of sweet milk; season. Stir constantly for five minutes, then add five sliced hard-boiled eggs; stir, but do not let them boil. When they are heated through pour into a dish and serve.

Baked Onions

3 large onions
1 ounce butter
Select three large sized onions; peel and cut them up and down into slices about a fourth of an inch thick; sprinkle each slice with a pinch of salt and pepper. Melt an ounce of butter substitute in a baking dish and place in this the seasoned slices of onion. Bake thirty minutes.

Onion Sandwiches

Cut brown bread very thin, chop green tender onions fine, mix with chopped nut meats, thin with mayonnaise dressing, spread between the bread and press together.

Scalloped Cabbage

1 small cabbage
1 egg
Cut out a small cabbage into quarters and boil until tender in salted water. Set aside to cool, chop and season with salt, pepper and butter substitute. Stir in a beaten egg and a little sweet milk or soup stock. Put in a casserole and sprinkle crumbs of victory bread over top. Bake for thirty minutes in a moderate oven.

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Muskmelons

Chill small muskmelons, cut in halves and remove seeds, but retain pulp intact. Fill with a chilled mixture of sliced peaches, shredded pineapple, and sections of orange, removed from the membrane and mixed with sugar.

Apples with Junket

apples cooked in
syrup
chopped almonds
1 pint fresh milk
1/2 junket tablet
vanilla

Have ready apples cooked in whole syrup. Set in individual dishes and sprinkle with chopped almonds. Heat a pint of fresh milk, sweetened to taste, until lukewarm. Then stir into it half a junket tablet crushed and dissolved in a tablespoonful of cold water, add a few drops of vanilla extract and pour into the dish around the apples which should have been cooled. The milk will jelly when cold. Garnish with candied cherries.

Baked Apples and Bananas

6 apples
3 bananas
6 teaspoonfuls sugar
1 tablespoonful
lemon juice
Prepare the apples as for ordinary baking, but make the hole from which the core is removed large enough to hold half of a banana. If the latter is too large around, trim it off a little. Sprinkle a teaspoonful of sugar and a few drops of lemon juice over each apple. Bake in a moderately hot oven. This imparts the flavor of the bananas to the apples.

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By Adnil Norton

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The Volcanoes of Hawaii

The entire group of Hawaiian Islands, twenty in number, extending in a chain for hundreds of miles, is of volcanic origin, says The World Almanac, though some of the islets and reefs are but the wave-battered remnants of volcanoes whose fires died out long ago. The Island of Hawaii has been formed by the coalescence of many recently formed volcanoes. The walls of the crater of the active volcano of Kilauea, in its ways, but it is now so well behaved on the island, are broken down on one side, giving access to its "lake of fire." This volcano has not always been gentle that the visitor can stand safely on the edge of its fiery pit and, if the volcano is active, watch the molten rock boiling and spouting 100 to 300 feet below. Sometimes many fountains throw up jets of glowing sulphurous lava and light up with ghastly glare the frowning crags that rim the crater. Then, suddenly and with deafening detonations, the jets rush together and convert the lake into a burning, seething, roaring mass, making a scene to which few others in the world are comparable. Mauna Loa, on the Island of Hawaii, and a neighboring volcanic cone, Mauna Kea, both nearly 14,000 feet above the sea, are among the highest island mountains in the world. On the other islands of the Hawaiian group there are volcanic mountains scarcely less interesting. The crater of Haleakala, in the summit of East Maui, 10,000 feet above sea level, is one of the largest extinct craters in the world and is as well preserved as if its fires had been extinguished but a few years instead of perhaps several hundred years ago.

The active volcanoes of Hawaii give a wonderful demonstration of the processes by which all these island mountains have been built up from the great depths of the ocean. Since the days of Capt. Cook, geologists and others who are interested in the problems of volcanoes have visited the Hawaiian Islands and written about them. Near the base of these mountains of igneous rock lie fields of sugar cane, which are just now of special interest. They are supplied with water from mountain streams and from wells and drainage tunnels that tap underground supplies.

Bundles of Habits

Putting one's shoes or stockings on without a conscious performance of the act, is quite as much a habit as that of intemperance. The habit of temperance may be quite as well established as the opposite.

Playing a piano, using the typewriter, singing, talking, reading, in fact all repeated acts which are turned over to our subconsciousness becomes habitual or automatic in character. All of these things are established only after painful and studious effort, due to the millions of demands which we make upon our nerve centers and for which Nature did not prepare us.

Preparation for efficiency then depends upon our desire to make automatic and habitual those things which we need in order to achieve success.

Ordinary discipline is, perhaps, as good an illustration as we need to convince us that making certain acts automatic leaves us free to exercise our consciousness for other work. The great majority of our acts need no deliberation, if we have been properly disciplined in early life.

Professor James gives us this very important maxim: "Seize the very first opportunity to act on every resolution you make and on every emotional prompting you may experience in the direction of the habits you aspire to gain. It is not in the moment of their forming, but in their producing motor effects, that resolves and aspirations communicate the new set to the brain." The great Psychologist says further:

"Could the young but realize how soon they will become mere walking bundles of habits, they would give more heed to their conduct while in the plastic state. We are spinning our own fates, good or evil, and never to be undone."

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RED VELVET (From page 6)

going to sell papers for us, for we're going to be partners. You've just bet he's the swell guy!" Johnny looked with pride upon his benefactor.

"He's always been that—rather too much that," said Margaret in a tone to reach Dave's ears only.

"Oh, we had the loveliest dinner!" exclaimed Mary Lannigan, whose pinched face testified to her need for several such dinners.

"We had turkey and sweet potatoes and gravy and pies and cakes and lots and lots of candy and nuts," added Jennie, her eyes shining with the remembrance of the good things.

ALL that had never been bought with the money that Margaret had fairly squeezed out of the charity organization. As she glanced at the table shoved into a corner, she recognized upon the serving dishes the crest of one of the exclusive clubs to which Dave belonged.

"Oh, that's nothing," objected Dave, embarrassed at this revelation of his good works.

"And I suppose it's nothing to buy all the warm clothes for Mrs. Robbins and me and the children," exclaimed Mrs. Lannigan, tears flooding her grateful Irish eyes as she displayed to Margaret, one after another, the useful things piled under the tree.

The children crowded about, delightedly displaying their wonderful mechanical toys, dolls, books, and other trinkets, for Dave had bought a lot of just Christmas things with nothing to them but joy.

"How did you find Mrs. Bauer?" asked Margaret, half resenting his interference.

"I read the address from the card as it lay on your desk that day in the office," he answered somewhat sheepishly.

"And he came right over that very afternoon," volunteered Mrs. Bauer.

"In his great big automobile," Pat Lannigan fairly shouted in his eagerness. "He's been here most every day since and he let us kids sit in it while he talked to Mrs. Bauer."

"And one day," burst out Jennie excitedly, "he let us all go with him and Mrs. Bauer when they went to the big stores. They wouldn't let us go in, though," she added a little disappointedly. "But it was great fun to sit inside and watch the lovely ladies and children," said Mary.

As little by little she gathered from exclamations and hints all that Dave had done, Margaret, the professional charity worker, felt very small and hard and practical. She had stretched a point to

give Mrs. Bauer her humble wish. Dave had filled the place to overflowing with real happiness, and had given them a bit out of his own brighter world.

"But I'm forgetting all about the tea!" Mrs. Bauer lifted the lid of the tiny stove and poked the fire.

Dave drank his tea from a cup without a saucer, a heavy earthen one at that, with all the grace he would have shown at any social function. He was entirely at ease with Mrs. Lannigan and Mrs. Robbins, but toward Margaret he betrayed decided embarrassment. The others were all very nice to her, but a little pang shot through her heart when she saw that the children really considered her an outsider, while they treated Dave as though he belonged.

It was six o'clock when the neighbors gathered up their precious belongings and departed.

"I'll be over next week, Johnny, to see how our business thrives," was Dave's parting word to his partner.

AS THE door closed behind the last guest, Mrs. Bauer said quietly, "I'll get ready, now," but it was toward Dave that she looked as she went into the tiny box of a bedroom.

Margaret turned to Dave for explanation. "Do you think I'd let that old lady go to the poorhouse? There's enough flotsam and jetsam to fill all those places, but Mrs. Bauer's going to have a real home." Dave spoke with a depth of earnestness that Margaret had never before seen him display.

"Where is she going?" asked Margaret very meekly.

"She's going up into the country to live with my old nurse in a wholesome, comfortable home."

"Does Mrs. Bauer know?"

"Yes, and she's very happy."

"Why have you done all this, Dave?"

"Because I wanted to. Is that reason enough? It's the first time I've ever had a chance really to come near such people." After a pause he added, "I'm beginning to understand, Margaret, why this work grips you."

There were tears in Margaret's eyes and she could not speak.

"I'm willing now, Margaret, to let you go on with your work in your own way, and perhaps I can help just a little." Laughingly he continued, "You could at least let me furnish the red velvet, you know."

There was no touch of the professional charity worker in the girl's face now. It dimpled and curved to feminine softness, and happiness drove the tears down her cheeks as she snuggled into Dave's arms.

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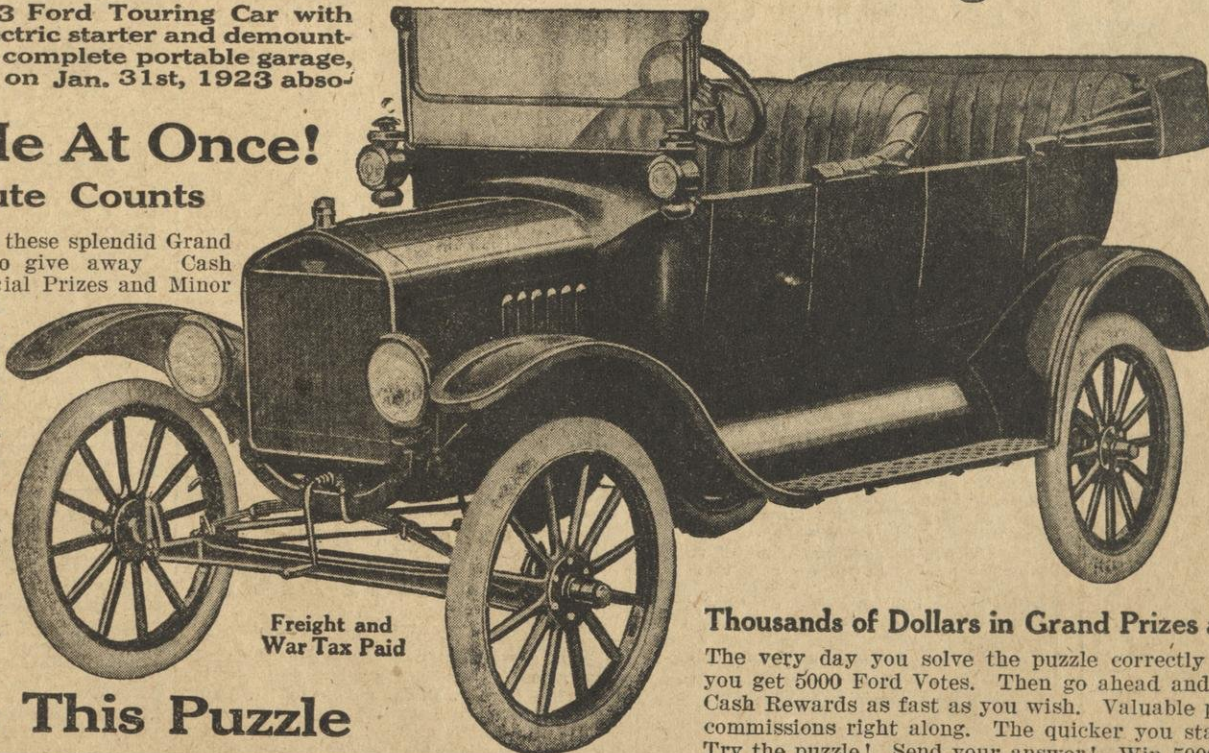
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Four Minute Talks With Mothers

By EMMA GRAY WALLACE

THE nursing mother must partake of an abundant but simple diet. Anything which disagrees with her or causes indigestion will be reflected by the child at her breast. If she suffers from constipation, diarrhoea, or headache, she may be quite certain that her own food and habits need attention. It is better for her to eat oftener if necessary, than to overeat at any one time. What one mother may be able to digest with comfort may be quite out of the question for another, so every nursing mother must watch her own condition and just how baby is digesting the food she furnishes if she wishes to be sure that she is doing exactly the right thing.

If baby cries after nursing as if in distress or passes stools which are green, watery or slimy, grey or clay colored, dry or curdy, the mother may be sure that either the food is not right or baby is unable to take care of it. Healthy stools in the young child are about the color and consistency of mustard paste and almost inodorous. There should be at least a couple of movements daily.

On general principles the mother should avoid rich puddings, freshly baked or under-done bread, rich or soggy pastry, foods fried in fats, pork and beans, pork and cabbage, veal, corn, salads, pickles, alcoholic drinks, acid fruits and vegetables, and highly spiced dishes.

Her diet may include suitable vegetables well cooked, ripe, non-acid fruits, meat, poultry, and fish in moderation if it does not disagree, milk, thoroughly cooked cereals, bread, especially that made of whole grain, simple desserts, gruel, cocoa, one cup of tea or coffee at a meal if not too strong, simple cake, and a little ice cream occasionally.

She should take plenty of time with her meals, masticating her food thoroughly and enjoying them amid pleasant surroundings. If the food is improperly mixed with the alkaline secretions of the mouth by imperfect mastication, proper digestion is utterly impossible in the later processes of assimilation. This means that indigestion is bound to follow. Food partaken of in an atmosphere of hurry, worry, or fault-finding is not taken care of readily or completely by the system for the reason that the flow of the digestive juice is retarded. In that case baby will get the ill effects speedily in the form of poor milk. If baby is to thrive the home must be harmonious.

ONE of our patriotic, as well as mother duties is to save life,—either the lives of our soldiers, or our citizens at home, by means of the right food, care, and environment.

It is a real duty for the mother to nurse her baby when she can, for statistics tell us that the chances for life of the breast-fed baby as compared with those of the bottle-fed one are approximately as one to six. Not only has the little one a better chance of life, but its development will take place in a steadier and more normal manner than when fed by substitute means and its resistance to disease will be much greater.

It is now thought that if a mother cannot nurse her baby wholly, that she should conserve the natural supply as long as she can, supplementing it to the extent necessary. This is somewhat different from the old theory that baby must either be fed on the breast or the bottle, as "driving a two horse feeding team" is likely to be disastrous. We are now convinced that the natural food contains the life-giving vitamins and other elements so essential to the child's growth and Nature considerably takes care of the breast milk and its modification without any recourse to puzzling tables of weights and measures.

The mother who would have plenty of milk for her child should take care of her own health before baby comes, giving her breasts such attention as may be necessary. In addition to this she must make up her mind from the beginning that she will feed her child in the natural manner. Even if she has failed to be able to nurse previous children, it does not necessarily prove her inability. One mother of my acquaintance had no natural nourishment at all for her first baby. With the second one there was a slight flow of the lactal fluid which, however, disagreed with the child. With the third little one she said, "I shall begin in time and I am going to succeed." To her great delight her hopes were realized and her child thrived splendidly.

Above all things the mother who would nurse her baby must avoid worry, anger, fear or excitement as these emotions change the quality and nature of the food in actual point of chemical composition, making it indigestible for the infant. The mother should enjoy life, avoid fatigue, and eat and drink with the welfare of her child in mind.

What a Worker Can Do

The wonderful dexterity acquired by American women in industry is illustrated by the following account in The World Almanac, taken from the records of an investigator for the United States Department of Labor:

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In the needle trades a girl tends a sewing machine carrying twelve needles making 4,000 stitches a minute, or 2,400,000 in ten hours, often working in a bright light and with unshaded eyes, and amidst a deafening roar.

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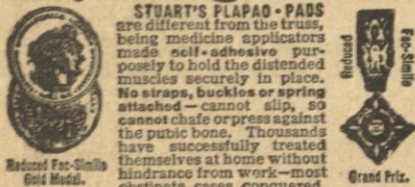


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White Sand Useful in Home

The uses of white sand, yes, white sand, in a home are varied, and while not otherwise known, very useful.

Clean, white sand placed in the bottom of Chinese lanterns will partly stop their swaying and hence lessen the danger from igniting.

Sand and warm water will quickly cleanse milk bottles, fruit jars or other glass retainers to reach the interior of which is difficult.

Sand is kept in many homes to scour the floors of the kitchen. Heated bags of sand are used instead of hot water bottles.

Using That Old Tablecloth

How one housewife found an excellent use for an old but fine linen tablecloth which had begun to wear out in places is worth knowing. Here's her secret:

The two borders made two attractive matching bureau and chifferette scarfs by crocheting a picot edge about them and embroidering a large monogram in the center of each. The remainder of the tablecloth made two traycloths for the children's places at the table and four everyday napkins.

Artificial Fruits for Table

There is a man in a small village on the mountainside of northern Italy who carves from marble wonderfully natural fruits and tints them so skillfully and naturally that even horticulturists must inspect them closely to determine their artificiality.

This man, whose age is 80 years, daily toils at his work of making artificial fruits from marble and the world wonders at his talent.

It was from his studio that the penchant sprang for artificial fruit which is now gaining great favor in the United States.

Choose Wallpaper with Care

When you choose the wallpaper for your home, select it with special care. If you are a renter, you will find that many apartments are fortunately decorated in good taste.

The five-room apartment or house always includes bath and sometimes a sun-room, in addition to the living room, two bedrooms and a kitchen. Sometimes these rooms are found already papered and the pattern is atrocious. With this condition, visualizing furniture settings and that "at home" feeling is utterly impossible.

To avoid these wallpaper jolts, if you redecorate, use care in the selection of patterns and colors.

How to Use Old Linen

An old linen tablecloth, by cutting out the best part, can be easily converted into a pretty cover for the kitchen table. Hem it all around and then embroider a blue initial in the center and cross stitch the corners with blue.

Better-Furnished Homes

President Harding's sentiment regarding American home is:

"The realization of our highest hopes lies in the continued construction and improved character of our homes because they have the first influence in the standard of American living."

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Good Design Important

"Undoubtedly much of the misconception concerning modern wood built houses is due to the lack of both good design and the observance of proper construction practices in their building. So many small wood houses are built without thought of design and with only cheapness of construction in mind, that many persons have come to look upon small wood houses as devoid of any possibility of interest or charm. No house, regardless of the material of which it is built, can be attractive unless it has the elements of good design."

"With a given sum for investment you can, by building with wood, have a larger and more completely equipped house than by the use of any other material. That is so true, in fact, that it may be questioned from the standpoint of cost whether a small house should ever be built of anything but wood."

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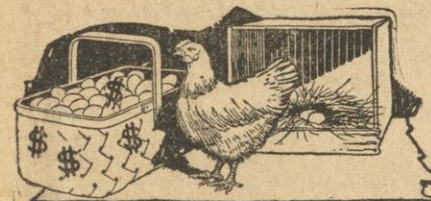
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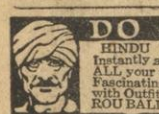
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One Farmer's Wife

By CHARLES D. ISAACSON

IT WOULD be so much finer if I could tell you her real name, but she wouldn't like it. Loving her so much, I couldn't disobey her slightest wish, for a fortune. Hence I will call her by the name Sophie Brand, but I will give you her picture as she is:

About six months ago, I wrote a little story for a magazine, entitled "The Farm and Music"; and in it I tried to show the splendid opportunities the farm folk have to gain a musical possession. Well, do you know that when it appeared, quite a few ladies sat down and wrote me some lovely letters. Some were better than others; but every single sheet came as a present I honored. To see those letters! To feel the heart-beats which sounded in the lines as I read them aloud, to realize the pictures of the homes from which they came, and to imagine the life of the people, the families, their friends. I couldn't wait to answer them all; I sat right down and did it, and I believe that what happened since has made it possible for me to know that I have some fine friends on farms out your way. Dear friends, I shake your hands across the page, and greet you again.

But one woman, Sophie Brand, stands out from the rest. She is a figure I will never forget. Some day I hope to make her the heroine of a great story. It would be a great story, if I could only do justice to Sophie.

She is one farmer's wife. She lives out in the wheat country in a little shack about five miles from town. I laugh—not snobbishly but sadly, at the word. There are about three hundred in the town, according to the census and the best encyclopedia. Investigation finds a few stores there, and a weekly movie show. There's a large town about twenty miles away.

Sophie's husband was a good soul. But he was hemmed in by circumstances. It couldn't be expected that everybody could be like Sophie. Mr. Brand married her when she was eighteen, and now she's forty-two. I've looked carefully at the photos I have received, the tin-types and all that; but I must confess that Sophie was never what you might call a beauty. But there's a look in her eye and a smile on her face that's more beautiful than beauty. "More beautiful than beauty"—I'm sure of it!

In Mr. Brand's house when Sophie married him, there was an old box. It is about this box that I want to tell you next. I might have put a title on my story "Sophie and the Box", because that would be nearer the point.

Jim Brand hardly ever noticed the old box. It was in the way, several times he was on the verge of throwing it out. Once he was going to break it up for firewood. But something stayed his hand, for evidently the box was meant for something better. Jim remembered that his mother used to do something with it. But that was so long ago, when he was a mere infant; and then as time went on, it was never touched.

Until Sophie came into the house. She was a shy girl when she first came home with Jim Brand. She had been brought up in a very strict way, she had worked hard, and she knew that she was going to work just as hard when she married—maybe a little more to do than in her father's place.

Do you think, dear reader, that there is anything to this notion of mine—namely that it makes no difference where a person lives or how she was born, or anything of that sort, when it comes to a special ability or genius or idea? I mean suppose you are living on a farm, away from city life and the goings-on of the city—can you be touched by inspiration or . . . divinity that's not understood by those about you? I have met farmer boys who had the gift of God for eloquence in writing and music—and they got it, only God knows how. I wish that you'd think about the notion.

For unquestionably, this Sophie Brand, living out there in her father's small house, grew up with a musical genius.

She tells me that she loved to sing. Oftentimes as she'd be out working in the fields, she'd find herself humming and singing things she had never heard before. At the church her voice would sound out beautifully in the hymns. She had a notion always since she could use her mind, that she would be a musician. She read about them in the magazines that came to the house and she always felt a calling to music—never a calling from her home, no indeed. With all its work and all its failings, she loved the farm. There is something about the farm which never can be found in the city. I speak for myself. I, who live in the crowded parts, with millions at my elbow. I speak for my own unconquerable yearnings and satisfaction, each summer, when I am able to join along with farmer friends, in the regular routine of the day's duties.

Sophie was happy in her place—as are the countless thousands of good women who live as she does. But she wanted to give herself to music—not entirely, not to shirk her work, but part of the time. Her parents couldn't understand Sophie—I do not blame them—neither does Sophie. They couldn't be expected to see through the clouds. They were hard at work from morning to night, and what could a lot

of nonsense like music do for them? Ah, I am sorry for them—they didn't know. If Sophie had been given some music and allowed in some way for a little while to learn to play or sing, what it would have done for them. They only could think of the immediate thing. Sophie begged her father and mother to let her buy a piano or an organ or something, but no, they wouldn't think of it.

Then there was the box at the Brand house. Sophie didn't discover it at once. One day in ransacking the garret, she found it. She couldn't imagine what it might be. Then she saw a book, and she unhooked it, and then she lifted the top, and there was . . . well, Sophie was so happy, that she couldn't speak. She didn't know what it was exactly, but it was a piano or an organ, she wasn't sure which. Later she learned that it was an organ, because one had to pump it with his feet. She would press a key and it would sound a note, if she pumped the bellows correctly.

It was what she had prayed for and cried for. And now what could she do with it? She spoke to Jim about it, but he wasn't enthusiastic; told her he had been thinking of throwing it out. "I want to learn to play it, Jim," she cried, clapping her hands in delight. "Fiddlesticks!" said Jim.

But she had determined that with the box in the house, she could learn. No matter what happened. She ransacked the papers for information on how to play it. She tried to work it out herself, and having native genius, she recognized when her fingers made harmony and when they didn't. She had a hard struggle of it. There is no use going into the whole account, but finally she could sound out the hymns and some songs, and she could play all the old melodies. She even played her own improvisations.

I like to think of Sophie as she must have looked up in the garret, playing that little wheezy organ.

At first, she had moved the organ down stairs. The hired man helped her, one Sunday morning; but Jim objected. "He was a good soul," said Sophie, "my dear husband; but he didn't like it. I was sorry for him, but what could I do?" So there she was up in the garret, when she could spare the time, having a lovely party all by herself.

Then the little children came—there was a little boy first. I must give you the incident of Sophie's boy and the box. When he was just in long clothes, Sophie initiated him into the organ mysteries. He cooed and laughed and seemed to have a wonderful time of it. Sophie noticed that he would cry though, when the music was sad, and gurgle when it was happy. Therefore she was sure he would be a musician. But he never became a musician—he never even became a man. A frosty night, when he died, poor Sophie could do nothing except go up into the garret and cry over the organ. Her little boy, how she missed him, and yet how much that organ soothed her pain and comforted her. Wonderful box!

The next child was a little girl—ah, she's a fine one now. Sophie wrote me that she is now nineteen. She plays the organ. She plays other things too, but I must not tell you everything, or I will spoil my story. The little girl, her real name is Gertrude, loved the box in the garret, too; and when she was not more than five, she could play it. The hired man, John Walters, used to hold his side laughing when she did the "Arkansas Traveller," and one day, Jim Brand came up and caught him as he was jiggling to Gertrude's accompaniment. Jim was very angry and John was more careful after that.

There came a time, when affairs on the farm went badly. It wasn't anybody's fault especially. The crops went back on him. There were lots of expenses to be met. There was a third baby, and there had been a fire in the barn, and the horse had been burned—and it was a bad year. Jim was particularly cranky and Sophie particularly unhappy, except that she had Gertrude and baby Jim and the organ. I can't keep you waiting any longer for the climax of our story. It happened one rainy, miserable night. It had been raining for many days, and it was the season when it should not have rained at all. Jim was sitting all alone at the table. He had been trying to read by the light of the oil lamp, but he threw down the paper, and held his hands; and I am very unhappy for all the cruel things he thought as he sat there.

Then all of a sudden, there came a sound from the garret . . . the wheezy old organ and . . . the sound of voices. It was Sophie and Gertrude and the hired man singing a pretty song upstairs. There was the swish-swish of the rain outside, and the crash-bang of the thunder, and the whee-hoo of the wind around the corner, and upstairs the singing of the songs and the voice of an old organ.

At first Jim jumped up to yell "Stop that noise!" but as he went to the stairs, he felt the notes pressing a soft touch to his brow, and seeming to say "steady, young man, be gentle, how can you murder a voice like ours?" He did stop anyway, and as he moved to the stairs, he had decided he would listen . . . sort of listen, with a sneer.

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By VICTOR ROSSEAU

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Joan dressed in a hurry and ran downstairs. Lancaster was waiting on the porch. She raised her face for his kiss, already natural to her, already the happy fulfillment of her innocent dreams of love. Then, arm in arm, they strolled out into the sunlight.

The glorious light lay on every hill. It swept the land in a torrent of golden brightness. In that light all the shadows of the past seemed to shrivel away.

"We are going back to the Institute this morning, Joan," said Lancaster.

She nodded happily. "I am ashamed to feel so gay when you are unhappy," she said.

"I am not unhappy, Joan," he answered. "I thought over everything last night, and I see now that you were right. I shall go back. I shall regain what I have lost, and I shall face my enemies and beat them."

At ten o'clock the horse was harnessed and the drive back began.

At first Joan, seated at her lover's side, breathed in the mountain air, the sense of freedom, the scent of the pines, the joy of the sunlight. Then the peaks began to tower above them. The duller valley air struck something from her joy, but not too much for her to dream. She looked fondly at Lancaster, who drew her hand into his.

"I am going back to win," he said again. Later the sun went into clouds. The air grew moister, the hills enclosed them, the familiar landmarks began to reappear. And now something of Lancaster's despondency of the evening before came over Joan. And again, as if sensing her mood, he reiterated:

"I am going back to fight and win, my dear."

But when the Institute came into sight at last the long, gaunt building cast its chill over the girl's heart. In contrast with the mountain village Lancaster was depressing and lonely. And Joan was conscious of one gripping fear. Suppose that Myers had returned!

She understood now how Lancaster had felt the evening before when he said he would never go back. It was like plunging out of the sunlight into a dark mountain pool.

The matron came forward as the buggy stopped. Joan looked at her in terror. But her face was placid enough, and she was able to read in it the secretary's continued absence.

"Dr. Lancaster, there was a telephone message for you a few minutes ago from Avonmouth," she said.

Lancaster leaped from the buggy and helped Joan down. "I'll be with you in a few moments," he said, throwing the reins over the hitching post.

He went into the house. His step was firm, his demeanor unruffled; the matron, who followed him, seemed undisturbed. But already everything was changed. The black shadow of Myers seemed to loom up until it overspread the Institute again. Joan paced the porch in fear which gathered strength each moment that Lancaster failed to return. When at last she saw him coming her suspense was unbearable.

She looked at him in mute fear as he laid his hand caressingly upon her shoulder.

"I have to go to Avonmouth at once," he said. "I have no choice in the matter. It is a patient who must undergo an operation—my operation—within twelve hours. It is fortunate that we have the buggy, because I shall just have time to catch the afternoon train and get into Avonmouth at midnight."

Then he looked at her white face and read the fear in it. "If you tell me to stay, I'll stay," he said.

"And the patient?" whispered Joan.

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go. But I am afraid," said Joan. "I am afraid of Myers."

He started, as if he, too, had been thinking of the secretary. "But the man can't harm me, dear," he said.

"The message came from him!" cried Joan in fear.

Lancaster looked away. But, when she repeated the question, he answered, "No." "He is at Avonmouth. Is he not there?" she asked.

"Well, Joan, I think he is," said Lancaster reluctantly. "But he may not be. I only know that the message was not from him."

"It was from the Hospital? Not from MacPherson?"

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She pulled herself together. "Of course you must go, John," she said again. She put her arms about his neck. "Dear, if you should see that man, you will not fall into any trap that he may set for you?" she asked. "You are so strong, you will not let him trample on you? You are yourself again, and you will remain so for my sake?"

"Never fear!" he answered cheerfully.

"I am not going to take morphine again. Why, I shall have none with me, my dear Joan, and I should have no opportunity to buy any, even if I wanted to. I shall operate perhaps as soon as I reach the Hospital, and return on the morning train."

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The Truant Soul

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I may not even go to my house at all." "I am not afraid that you will take morphine," said Joan. "But you will not see Myers?"

"Not if I can help it. He can't come to the Hospital, and I don't think he will dare to lie in wait for me at the station. If he does, he'll find me a tough customer to kidnap in broad daylight. There, my dear, be calm and sensible, and when I return I shall tell you everything that you must know."

He kissed her and hurried in to pack his suitcase. He came out in a few moments and placed it in the buggy. "Good-bye, Joan, dearest Joan," he said. "And you will not hint at our engagement to Mrs. Fraser while I am gone? I have very special reasons for this."

She shook her head and laughed, and returned his kiss, and all the while her heart grew heavier. And long after the buggy had disappeared from sight she stood upon the porch looking after it.

CHAPTER IX.

That night was sleepless as the last, but all the joy that had filled her heart in the hill cabin was gone. She lay awake, listening to the rain that pattered on the roof, thinking and wondering. How strange her life had become, and how far away the old landmarks were! She had fought for a man's soul in darkness and snatched it into light, and now the darkness seemed closing about her again. And she could only hope and wait through endless hours.

In vain she tried to tell herself that it was only an ordinary summons. On the face of it, the call was natural; but Joan's instinct told her that there was more behind it. Myers had not surrendered his prey so easily as he had assumed to do. And Lancaster had been evasive—to spare her, perhaps, but evasive. And her task now was only to wait.

She tried to follow Lancaster in her mind, to picture him at the various stages of his journey, now in the train, and now at Avonmouth. Then she fell asleep for a few minutes, awakening to find that the same process had been going on in her dreams. At eight she rose. She imagined that he must have finished the operation some time before, and be at the station, or on his way there, but her soul could not go out to his across the distance, and their communion seemed to be cut short by the same impenetrable darkness. Dressing, she was conscious of a stronger presentiment of approaching evil which she could not shake away.

It was a gloomy day, and the rain came down in torrents. About eleven o'clock Dr. Jenkins arrived in his buggy and inquired for Lancaster. He seemed surprised to learn that he had gone to Avonmouth.

He was preparing to return, but Joan felt the need of speech with him irresistible. She did not mean to cross-examine him, she only wanted to shake off the feeling that Lancaster had passed out of her reach by speaking to one of his associates. She hardly knew the purpose of her accosting Jenkins until she saw the look of concern upon his face.

"Miss Wentworth, you aren't well!" he exclaimed. "You have been overdoing it!"

"No, Dr. Jenkins, but—Dr. Lancaster has gone into Avonmouth—"

"Yes, Miss Wentworth. But he won't come to any harm there, thanks to you. You've taught me a thing or two about morphine patients, Miss Wentworth," he went on, in his polite, complimentary fashion. "I never saw anyone get well as fast as Dr. Lancaster, nor any nurse that could handle a situation as you did," he added.

"Yes, but it was not really morphine, you know," said Joan, and then she almost gaped in astonishment. What had she said? Why had she said it?

Dr. Jenkins was staring at her too. "Not morphine, you say, Miss Wentworth?" he stammered.

"I mean, the symptoms weren't those of morphine poisoning," said Joan.

"O, well, Miss Wentworth, everybody takes it in a different way," he answered.

"Yes, I reckon it was morphine right enough. They wouldn't put the wrong label on the bottles. You certainly did set things humming, Miss Wentworth," he added, laughing and raising his hat.

"Wait a moment, Dr. Jenkins," persisted Joan. "I am so anxious about the Doctor. He ought not to have gone; he was in no condition to go, and yet a man's life is at stake."

The doctor's face became at once impenetrable. He seemed to be on his guard against her. He seemed to know more than she, Dr. Lancaster's fiancée, knew; it was humiliating and ironical, but Joan saw that to question him, even if she had been so minded, was useless.

She was not minded. That would be a disloyal act toward her lover. Soon she would know; and meanwhile she kept down her fears. She watched Jenkins drive away with sinking heart. And somehow the morning passed.

The hours of the afternoon were leaden ones. Five o'clock came at last, with no cessation of the downpour, and Joan went out and paced the rain-soaked verandah endlessly, looking anxiously in the direction of the station, though she knew that it must be at least two hours before she could hope to see Jenkin's buggy again on its way up the hill.

Through the lowering western clouds the sun, emerging for a moment, streaked the west with angry crimson splashes. Lancaster must be nearly home. But it was no use waiting there, where her fears grew from moment to moment. She went into the building, and saw the matron standing within her door. Suddenly she sensed the reflection of her own fears in Mrs. Fraser's heart; she knew the woman was doing

nothing as she stood there, was waiting, like herself, and in the same manner, hoping against hope for the Doctor's safe return. Impulsively Joan entered the room. She could keep silence no longer. She broke down, sobbing distractedly.

"I am afraid something has—happened to the Doctor," she wept.

"Now you sit down in that chair, Miss Wentworth," said Mrs. Fraser kindly. "It's been a trying day. But Dr. Lancaster will be home in an hour, and there's no use becoming anxious about him. Heavens, if we got anxious before we had cause, what should we do?"

"I know," sobbed the girl. "But I can't bear waiting. I know something has happened to him."

"Now, my dear, you are all worked up about him," she said. "He won't come to any harm. He can't come to harm when he went straight to his own hospital," she added.

But she spoke without conviction. Joan's hysterical mood was infecting her, increasing her own fears and forebodings.

"I reckon, you know, Miss Wentworth, how much Dr. Jenkins and I feel we owe to you for taking care of the Doctor," she said, seating herself at the girl's side. "And for getting that man out of the place, my dear. Man? He's a devil—he's the Doctor's devil, Miss Wentworth. And no harm can come to the Doctor with you watching for him and praying for him."

Joan looked up at her with troubled face. "Mrs. Fraser, I am so much at a loss," she said. "Dr. Jenkins and you have known Dr. Lancaster so long, and I am a stranger here. I am like a child in comparison with you, so far as knowledge of Dr. Lancaster is concerned. I have been fighting his physical troubles, and I do not know his mental ones. That is what puts me at a loss. How can I know that Dr. Lancaster's enemies are not waiting for him, or have not hurt him?"

The matron placed her hand on the girl's knee. "Why, my dear, Dr. Lancaster has no enemies," she said. "How could such a splendid man have enemies? Of course there are troubles; who hasn't them? And it may be there's things that Dr. Jenkins and I don't know—I've thought there might be. But we've only been here three years, and that was long after the Doctor's troubles began. And of course we never listened to the village gossip. But, O, Miss Wentworth, you can't imagine the sorrow in our hearts when we saw that splendid man giving way to his habit, and letting it creep over him little by little and gain the mastery."

"At first, when I came here, it was only at times that he'd take the morphine, and then he'd have terrible outbursts of rage, and it was all that we could do to control him. I used to think that his mind would go, especially when he'd have those fits after he came back from Avonmouth. But after that the hoodoo got him. That was when I was afraid."

"The hoodoo?" inquired Joan.

"Miss Wentworth, the devil who was at him so long got hold of him once or twice. I've seen him come back from Avonmouth a different man, Miss Wentworth. That's when I've been afraid. Because the devil that can kill the body isn't much of a devil, but when he kills the soul there is no help but prayer. When he's in those dreadful moods he's another man. He's a wicked man, Miss Wentworth, and I'd shoot him then, if he tried to harm me or any of mine, and I wouldn't think I'd killed Dr. Lancaster. It all began after they accused him of stealing the trust funds."

"It is not true," said Joan.

"I'm sure it isn't, Miss Wentworth. But you see old Dr. Lancaster didn't leave the charge of the fund to his son; he left it in the care of the trustees. And there were complications about the Hospital at Avonmouth. And then, after the Doctor's bride ran away on the eve of their marriage it changed all his nature."

"I have heard of that," said Joan quietly. "But we must not discuss that in the Doctor's absence."

"Why, everybody knows about that, Miss Wentworth. Before it happened they say the Doctor was the most respected man in Avonmouth. He'd been born here, you know, on the plantation down in the valley Millville way. She was a Miss Reid. She came from Farnley County. She was the reigning belle there, admired and flattered, and it turned her heart to a stone to have all the men after her, crazy to marry her. The Doctor was a young man then, and he couldn't see any further into her heart, such as it was, than the rest of them."

"She led the Doctor a chase before she promised him, they say. But the very day before their marriage was to have been she left her home without a word to anyone, to go off with another man who's never been discovered. That broke the Doctor up. He took to drugs then, they tell me. The institute had been a big place before; it stood over on Morley's Hill, but it burned down one night, and we took this old farm house. And the Doctor was using the funds, they said and wasn't responsible at all."

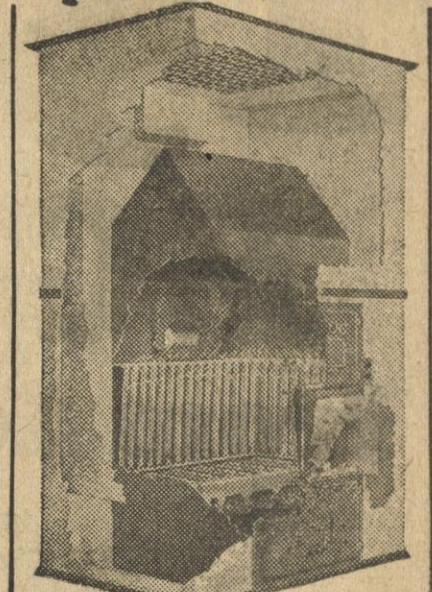
"The trustees found that the money was gone. Nobody knew where it went, because the Doctor had his own inheritance, and he wasn't the man to steal or squander. They wouldn't do anything to him, because of his family, but they put Mr. Myers in charge of the finances. That's all. None of us liked him, but what could we do about it? He was here when Dr. Jenkins and I were appointed, and as soon as we understood how matters were we agreed to stay as long as we could and try to help the Doctor."

"Mrs. Fraser, I want to know why Mr. Myers incited Dr. Lancaster to use morphine," said Joan.

"Miss Wentworth—"

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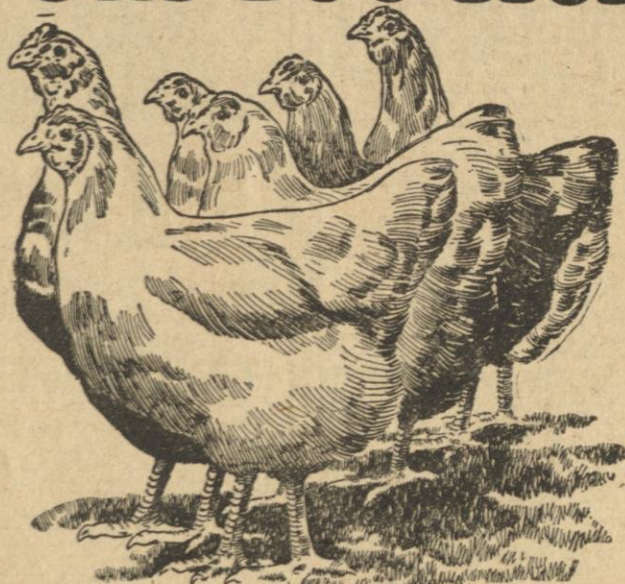
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The Truant Soul

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The matron looked agitated. "What could we do?" she cried. "Suppose we knew, what can two people do against a man like Myers? Suppose we had said so, who would have believed us? We did all we could do; and we all love the Doctor and would rather stay with him and help where we could than be discharged and do nothing."

She looked at Joan piteously, like a child caught in wrong-doing. "I know you did your best," answered the girl. "But why should Dr. Lancaster stay here in Myer's power, instead of at his home in Avonmouth, where he is respected and powerful? Nothing of all this is known there."

The matron wrung her hands. "I don't know," she answered. "I suppose that man has had him by the throat in more ways than we know. Whenever the Doctor used to go to Avonmouth Mr. Myers would go with him, and generally he'd come back with him. Miss Wentworth, till you came here the Doctor wasn't a man; what with his drugs and the hold Mr. Myers had over him, he was just a machine. And Mr. Myers was the driver."

Joan had the feeling that she should not listen to the matron's talk about Lancaster; it seemed disloyal of her; but she felt, too, that she must know more, and speedily, if she was to thwart that menacing evil which she sensed more and more clearly as the moments passed.

"Aye, but there's worse than that," continued Mrs. Fraser, dropping her voice. "I spoke to you of the times when the Doctor has come back from Avonmouth, not a man but a devil. I said I'd shoot him then and not think it was the Doctor who lay dead before me. Those are the times when Mr. Myers has pulled and pulled until he has pulled the Doctor down to his own level. Only two or three times, Miss Wentworth, but the village knows what he is then. That's why the people won't come here when they are ill. O, it's pitiful then, Miss Wentworth, and my heart has bled when I've looked into the Doctor's face and seen the eyes of a lost soul; my heart has bled in spite of my fears. For he's terrible then, Miss Wentworth, a different man, a wicked man, and I'd rather see the Doctor lying dead before me than see him like that. But what am I telling you this for, when that hoodoo's gone for ever, and, thanks to you, the Doctor will never be like that again?"

Joan rose. "I know that trouble is at an end," she said. "And I am sure Dr. Lancaster is incapable of having misappropriated that money. And if Mr. Myers made him think he had done so when he was under the influence of morphine, and has been blackmailing him, that has come to an end, too."

"Yes, Miss Wentworth. And even if the Doctor did use the money for some purpose or other, he wasn't responsible."

They went toward the door. Although she was not aware of it, Joan was straining her ears to hear, through the dripping rain, the sound of the buggy wheels. She had been nearly an hour in Mrs. Fraser's room. The sense of imminent danger was growing stronger, but with it was relief that the hour was come. She felt that the revelation was at hand. However terrific that coming battle was to be, at least it would be a blind battle no longer.

The women looked at each other, a little uneasily. Each had something to be concealed. Presently Mrs. Fraser spoke.

"Dr. Lancaster could never do without you now, Miss Wentworth," she said significantly.

Joan hesitated. There was a challenge in the words; but she remembered Lancaster's instructions to her to say nothing about their engagement. She could not break them.

"Miss Wentworth," said the matron, placing her hand on the girl's arm firmly, "there's something else I ought to have told you about. Mrs. Dana—"

"Hark!" interrupted Joan, holding up her hand for silence.

Then they heard, a long distance away, and inaudible to one whose attention was not strained, like theirs, the sound of the wheels of Jenkin's buggy.

CHAPTER X.

Joan hurried out upon the veranda and stood peering under her raised hand across the rain-swamped fields to where the carriage road wound in and out among the hills. The sun had set, and it was beginning to grow dusk; a bat was flitting under the eaves, and the steady downpour never ceased. Mrs. Fraser, who had moved to follow the girl, went back into her room. There was a queer, troubled pucker about her lips, and once she went to the door and looked intently at Joan, who had not stirred from her position of expectancy.

Presently, looking out through the dripping trees, Joan could see the buggy crawling up the hill through the mud. Slowly it moved along the road. Jenkins was driving, and there were two men with him, not one. Joan recognized Lancaster; then she perceived, first the hard hat, next Myer's face under it.

She shuddered. The worst had come about, then. But the last battle was joined, and under her fears she felt a hardening of her spiritual resources. She would not falter. She went slowly toward the top of the three low wooden steps, and stood there like a statue, watching the buggy pass up the weed-grown drive until it came to a standstill.

Lancaster and Myers were laughing together, and, as Myers saw the girl, he said something, and the other threw back his head in merriment.

Myers was the first to descend. He raised his hat to Joan and grinned. "The Doctor's come back quite safe, you see," he said, "and feeling fine again."

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What Becomes of Sonny's Work

By Mabel R. Young

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What becomes of his handiwork?

Probably it is praised, then laid aside, to be lost or even thrown away. At first Sonny is surprised and just a little disappointed when his work is thus disregarded. Then he reaches the "don't care" stage, where he often throws his pictures or cardboard toys in the street on the way home. Finally his schoolwork is done in a careless, hap-hazard manner; for it has become a mere task to be done. There is no longer any incentive to much effort.

What can we do about it?

Here is one mother's idea. Make a sufficiently large book of heavy brown wrapping-paper, either sewing it together or fastening it with small clips in order that additional pages can be added as desired. Have sections for drawing, cuttings, folded articles and pictures. Let Sonny take full charge of his book, and paste in each day's work after it has had due admiration, to keep it clean and safe.

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Then not only will Sonny himself enjoy the book. It will be a delight to younger brothers or sisters. Many an otherwise dull hour will be made bright and happy, as together they inspect its contents, and big brother re-makes their favorite articles for them, just as he learned to do "in school."

One Farmer's Wife

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them in the dim light. And he said he saw his wife in a new sort of attitude—more beautiful than beautiful, sitting there and playing that wheezy old box, and his little girl and the baby Jim lying there on the quilt, and stupid John Walters standing there and singing with a strange look on his face. He knelt there and watched them and he . . . he really did . . . he cried softly and he felt better . . . very much better.

The next day they moved the box down stairs, at Jim's special suggestion; and one morning he went to Sophie and threw his arms around her and told her he had just negotiated for a piano . . . and was going to pay for it on the easiest plan he could . . . but he was going to get Gertrude and her mother have both learned to play it, since. Yes indeed,—you see I had to blurt it out.

Sophie's house since, has become a very nice place to live in, she says. They are really very much happier. As the years have gone on, Sophie has become quite an accomplished musician. She's wanted whenever there's an entertainment; but more than that, she has been a veritable art-figure in the farming country. She has talked to other farmer's wives and made them see how music can help them; and she says as a special example of what it can do, to look at her. She has arranged for little gatherings at her house, and she talks to her neighbors about the musicians and about the composers and she has gathered the finest little chorus you ever heard.

Most of the neighbors are in it. She has a class for the children. She has developed some violinists too. She has induced a teacher to come out there and open a music store in the town and give lessons, and I am told that the lady who followed the advice is very happy and comfortably prosperous.

Now I have given her away, I am afraid. All her friends will know who is meant by Sophie Brand. But I hope she won't mind. And her husband is proud of her too, and I don't know whether it's because he works with a happier mind for his conversion to music, but things have prospered with him right along.

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Helps for Scenario Beginners

By CHARLES DONALD FOX

Well, I am certainly glad to see that so many of the readers of this splendid little magazine are interested in writing for the screen. Aside from the many questions I am answering this month in our columns, I have received and answered many, many letters from our readers, all of which thank us for inaugurating this department. Please feel entirely free to address me and ask me any question you wish. If you enclose stamped and addressed envelope I will be only too glad to render you whatever service it is in my power to give.

Last month I asked those of our readers interested in scenario writing to be logical in what they wrote. This month I think I will tell you how to start a photoplay.

STARTING THE PHOTOPLAY

Of course the very first thing the writer must do ere he can essay a start is to pick a theme to write about. Now most amateurs seem to shudder every time the word THEME is used. What is a theme? Do you know? I venture to say that many of you do and yet not knowing that you do become discouraged because of the technical quality of the word theme.

The theme of a story is not the idea of the story as so many people think. Everytime you sit down to write a story, just because you happen to have a good idea for one, ask yourself this important question—"What is the purpose of my story?" In that way you will learn just exactly what the theme is—for the purpose of a story represents the theme.

Once you have the theme selected and set down firmly in your mind, you must decide upon the best possible way to begin your story.

Probably you have heard of Aristotle—the father of all dramatic craftsmanship. He said that every story must have a beginning, a middle and an end. Sounds quite simple, doesn't it—but how many of you follow that rule when you write? Once you have decided upon the beginning of your story you must make all that occurred before the characters were introduced to your readers, very plain. We must know just who the characters are and what part they played in each others lives ere we met them.

Now a novelist will not find this a difficult thing to do because he can begin his story with the birth of his characters, if he wishes. Winston Churchill, famous writer, did almost this when he wrote his splendid story "A Far Country." We became acquainted with the two central characters while they were mere children. As the story progresses we came to know them better, and every act of theirs reflected their actions and traits as children. But to the Photodramatist no such opportunity exists. He is bound by certain limitations. And because the photoplay must be told in a certain amount of space—the average five reel picture takes 75 minutes to film on the screen and is about 5000 feet long—the writer of this form of literary effort must think considerably before he sets a pen to paper to start his story.

Give this point deep thought, those of you who are interested in writing, and next month we will go into further detail about writing photoplays.

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Q. How can I get in touch with Norma Talmadge, Mae Murray and Alice Calhoun?

A. I am sorry that I cannot answer this question for you as I am restricted quite naturally to giving my time to questions and letters about scenarios.

Q. What do you know about the various correspondence schools that claim to be able to teach writing for the screen?

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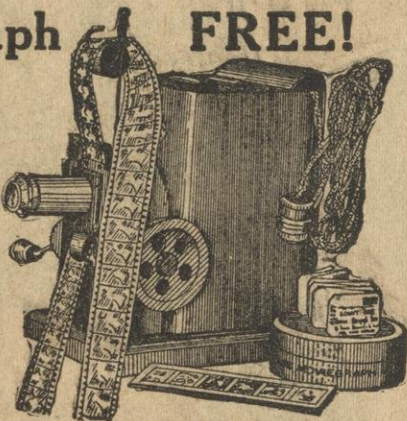
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The Truant Soul

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Joan hardly noticed the man; she was bracing herself to bear what was to come. Lancaster got out, and Jenkins, contrary to his custom, lashed the horse violently and drove rapidly away. Myers and Lancaster came up the steps of the porch together. Now Lancaster was raising his hat in turn, and under it was the face of the smiling bully of the operating theatre at the Avonmouth Hospital.

"Well, little runaway, I'm back, you see," he said, with a leer at Joan; and Myers chuckled.

Joan stood aghast, looking at Lancaster. He had the look of a man possessed by a devil, as the matron had said. If this was the man she loved, it was the departed soul she loved, not the soul within this same body. She could only stare at him, incapable of speech or movement, while Lancaster went on:

"Well, I had a fine trip to Avonmouth, my dear, and I hurried back as fast as I could, to see you. I couldn't stay away from you very long, Joan, after you saved my life. And I persuaded Mr. Myers to return with me. We're all going to be good friends. Mrs. Fraser! Mrs. Fraser! Where the devil are you?" he bawled.

Mrs. Fraser's frightened face appeared at the door. "Here, sir!" she stammered. "Is supper ready? If so, we'll all eat together."

"It's waiting, sir. I'll lay another place," said the matron.

"Good! Then we'll go in. What do you say, Joan, darling? Aren't you glad to see me?" he asked, linking his arm in the girl's and advancing his face within a few inches of hers.

He pulled her toward the door, through which Myers had already preceded them. But at the door Joan found her voice. She pulled herself away. "Dr. Lancaster!" she gasped.

"Yes, my dear?"

"What has happened? What is it?" she cried wildly.

He bent toward her and kissed her. "It's the sight of you, little Joan Wentworth," he said. "My, you do look a stunner to-night!"

With a sob Joan tore herself away from him and ran upstairs at the top of her speed. She was choking with grief and shame. Hard as she ran, she knew her flight was an incentive to Lancaster to follow her. He went after her as fast as he could, and, as she slammed the door of her room, his hand was on the knob outside. She was just too late to turn the key.

"Joan! Joan! Open the door and don't act like a little fool!" he shouted. "What's the matter with you? Ain't you glad I've come back? Say, I've got a half dozen bottles of the fizzy stuff in my bag, and we three will make a night of it."

"Go away!" cried Joan hysterically.

"Leave me alone, please, Dr. Lancaster."

"The devil!" shouted the other, and set his shoulder to the door. It crashed open, sending the girl staggering into the centre of the room. Lancaster stood before her, with evil, angry, mocking face.

"See here, now," he began, as Joan retreated slowly before him, looking at him in fascinated horror, "I guess this is a sort of misunderstanding, isn't it, Joan. You haven't turned against me since I left here yesterday? There's none of these spry young farm-hands about here has cut me out, eh, dearie?"

"O, won't you please leave me?" pleaded Joan. "Try to remember how—how different you were yesterday."

"That's true!" he swore. "I'm different now. I was a sanctimonious mug yesterday. I'm in my right mind to-day. It gave me the blue creeps, being cooped up here in this God-forsaken place. I tell you, Joan, now that I've had enough good liquor to soak that morphia out of my system I'm feeling like a king. Say, now, come down to supper, like a good little girl, and we'll have a great time together. Myers doesn't bear any ill-feeling. And we'll put him out after a while and finish up the bottles ourselves. And say—"

He was advancing toward her with his arms outstretched. Joan sprang back to the washstand and snatched up the half-filled pitcher, with such an evident determination to defend herself with it that the man fell back scowling.

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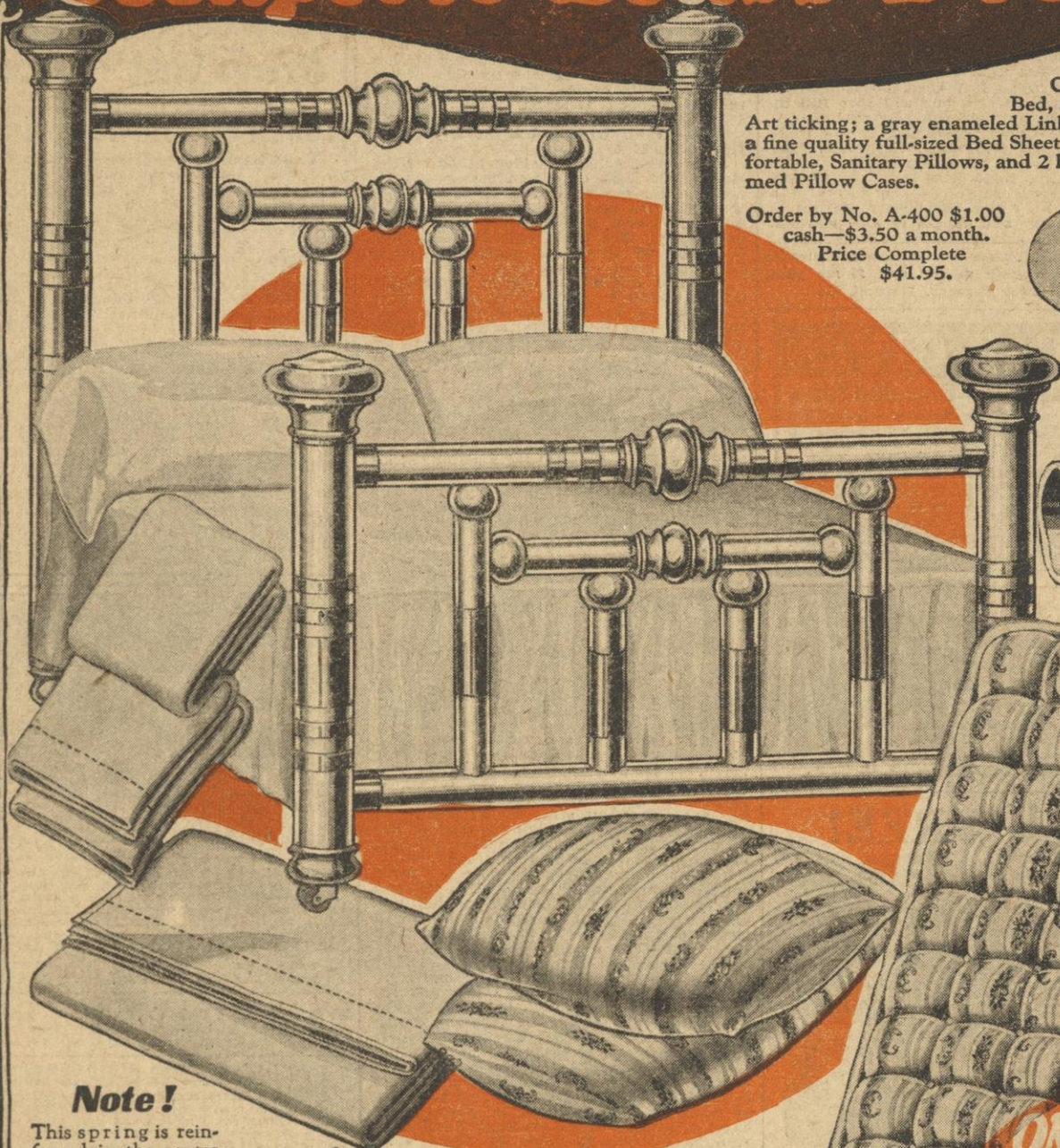
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