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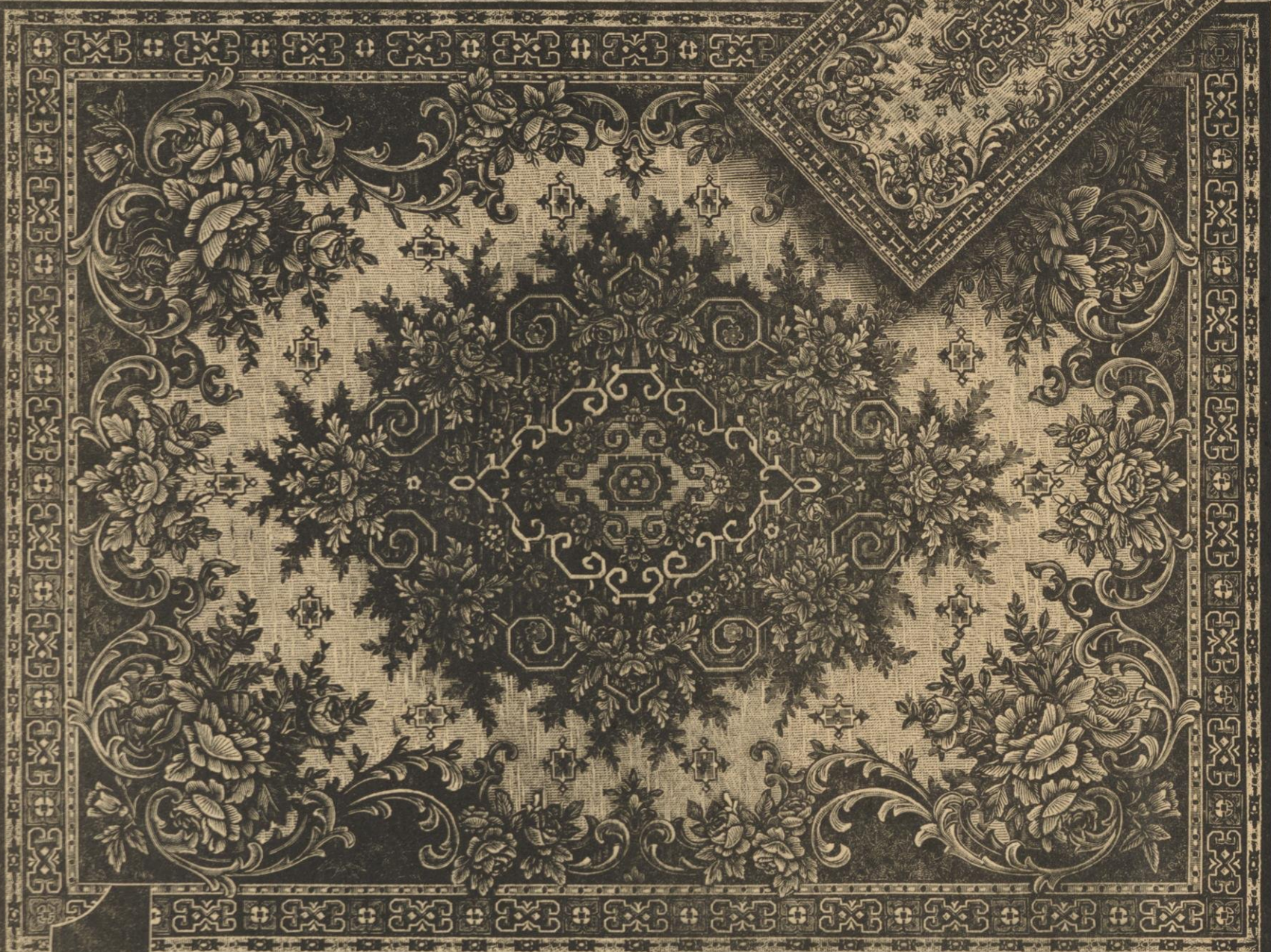
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## The Meal Ticket

A SHORT STORY

By MARY SYNON



OLD in the glow of a late afternoon of Maytime, the city surged into millions of molecules of movement, all glinting in the radiance of a sunlight that poured molten masses of glory into streets that had been sodden ere it came. Beyond the river, too low beneath its bordering warehouses to give back reflection of the glittering beams, rose smoke, white and mauve. Over the bridges and through thoroughfares wide and narrow clanged the roar of the working world. On the boulevards and through the parks where lilacs were blooming motor cars purred. On Michigan Avenue, between great hotels hallmarked with luxury, women strolled with the nonchalance of infinite leisure. On State Street, before shop-windows gay with garments of mid-summer, women paused with the certainty of assurance that they might buy as they willed. But in the hive of the town, in shops and stores, in factories and in office buildings, behind windows flooded with the brightness of the outdoor world, women worked at their daily tasks while the slow-moving hands of relentless clocks dragged toward the hour of five.

In the Hart-Willoughby offices, set high above the canyon of Dearborn Street and open to the glow of sunsets and the call of west winds, Lily Rider, rolling back her typewriter into its sliding desk, studied not the clock but the closed door of Willoughby's room. May Belden, filling her pen in anticipation of Hart's dictation rush at closing time, stared sharply at Lily's profile, finding a line of worry that ran deep from the corner of Lily's petulant lips. "What's the matter?" she asked with the frank privilege of a fellow-worker.

Lily Rider turned to her the full stare of sombre brown eyes. Some power in them, a tension not to be explained, gave May Belden a shock of surprise even before Lily spoke. "I'm trying to get up my courage," she said, "to tell Willoughby that I'm going to quit."

"To quit? Why? Got another job?"

"You might call it that. I'm going to be married."

"Well, of all— Who is he? Do I know him? When?"

"One at a time, Maizie. Next week, and he's Tom Canby."

"Next week? And who is he, anyhow? What does he do?"

"Oh, he's just Tom. He's a contractor, puts up buildings out in the subdivisions."

"Have you known him long?"

"Three years."

"What does your mother say?"

The line from Lily Rider's lips tightened. "She doesn't know yet," she said.

"Won't you tell her?"

"I'm going to tell her tonight."

"What'll they do without you, Lil?"

"I don't know." The glow in her sombre eyes flashed into anger, and her curving lips tensed straight. "I guess I've my right to my own life just the same as the next one. Didn't Elsie get married? Didn't Joe marry? Why should I have to stay and take care of the house just because I happen to be the youngest? Haven't I given up nine years of my life to taking care of my father and mother? Will I have to give up all of it?"

"No, of course not, but—"

"But what?"

"How'll they get along?"

"That won't be my business any more than it'll be Elsie's and Joe's, will it?"

"No, I suppose not, and it's none of my business. Say, I forgot the main part. I hope you'll be happy, Lil. It'll certainly be queer here without you. Let's see, I've been here six years, and you were here when I came."

"I came nine years ago the tenth of April."

"Time does go by, doesn't it?"

"It surely does." She kept her eyes on the glass of Willoughby's door, watching the shadow that crossed it as the last caller passed out into the hall. Then she rose, laggingly. "Here goes for luck," she said, and went into the junior partner's office.

Willoughby, restless, keen-eyed, gray-haired, looked up with the questioning gaze men give to their tried and true stenographers, a glance that seemed to inquire what detail of his work he had

forgotten. "It's not about you," Lily Rider said in answer to it. "I want to talk about myself."

"Well?" he smiled. "More pay? You know the business as well as I do, better perhaps, and you know it can't be done. Or is it shorter hours? Can't you buy enough in your three hours and a half for luncheon?"

"It's not a joke," she told him, standing across the desk from where he sat. "I'm going to leave on Saturday night."

"Oh, but you can't! Why, there's the Westover bid coming next week, and the St. Cloud deal, and—"

"But I must. I'm going to be married next week."

"You're what? Great Scott! Why, Lily, what'll I do without you?"

Tears, sudden and hot, rushed to her eyes. Through the mist of them she saw Willoughby, not as he was now, stooping a little and sinking into a commonplace, worried middle age, but Willoughby as he had been when she had come into his office. Willoughby young, and daring, and blithe with the joy of a world she had never known except through him. Long ago, even before he had married the

Something of the regret, of the hidden thoughts of the years, must have gleamed in her eyes, for Willoughby broke the silence with a nervous laugh. "Oh, see here, Lilyanna," he declared, "you don't have to go and get married, you know. You can stay here until we're all candidates for the Old People's Home."

She laughed at that, and he fell into seriousness. "Really, though, I'm glad for you," he told her, "and I hope the man's as good as he should be to be good enough for you. What's he like?"

"Oh, he's—well, he's just Tom."

"What does he do?" She told him.

"Well, they're the fellows who live on Sheridan Road," he laughed. "I hope your terra cotta palace won't be too awful. But, if anything goes wrong—and things have a way of twisting sometimes—you come back and we'll make over your job for you."

"Thank you," she said, "but I'm through with jobs."

"I wonder," Willoughby mused, "if you aren't just beginning them."

"Oh, that's different." She made answer to the implication in his words. "Marriage is every woman's job, of course. But these jobs—" her glance swept outward over the vista of tall buildings—"they're only stopgaps."

"Are you so sure?" Willoughby tapped his desk impatiently with a paper-cutter. "Isn't that the mistake most of you girls make? Work's work, no matter what the need or the purpose of it may be." He smiled suddenly, as if at his own philosophy. "And I certainly can recommend you as a day laborer, Lily," he told her. "If that man shouldn't treat you right, come and tell me, and I'll play court of domestic relations for you. But I hope you won't need to. I hope you'll be truly happy."

He held out his hand to her, and she took it almost limply, but he grasped hers with a friendliness that heartened her. "Will you let me give you some advice?" he asked. "You're going to be a partner in this firm, not a mark on the payroll, and it's up to you to keep shoulder to shoulder with your Tom."

"I'll remember," she said, edging toward the door.

Outside May Belden waited for her. "What did he say?" she demanded as Lily donned her hat.

"He talked," Lily told her, "as if I were going into business, instead of into matrimony."

"They all do," said May, "after they've been married themselves. Wait till you tell old Hart. He'll slush all over the office, and give you a silver service. Say, tell me, Lil, would you rather have linen for the house or something all for yourself?"

"Oh, I don't want anything." She sighed as if from weariness. "Getting married's no joke, is it?"

"Who ever thought it was?"

"No woman ever imagined such a thing. Good night, May."

"Good night, Lil."

She took with her, out into the homeward-hastening crowds of the streets, vivid recollection of May Belden's quizzical look and the softer thought of Willoughby's interest. But, as she swayed from a high strap in the packed car of the Metropolitan Elevated, she began to conjure another picture. It loomed larger as she left the car at one of the farther stations on the Garfield Park branch and walked down a street of two-story apartment houses, each flanked by a barricading back-yard fence and a budding garden. It became real as she let herself in one of the apartments and walked through the tiny dining room to the tinier kitchen to face a thin, worn woman who stood at the kitchen sink, paring potatoes.

At sound of her step the woman turned, revealing a face lined and seamed, but with a striking resemblance to Lily's. "That you, Lil?" she called. "I didn't think you'd be home till half-past six, and I'm just starting supper."

"That's all right, ma." She came to the doorway, standing irresolute until her mother turned toward her. "I guess I left a little early. I didn't notice the time. I was talking to Willoughby. I—I told him I was going to quit Saturday night."

The potato slipped from Mrs. Rider's hand into the water with a splash. She stood, staring at

## Sulphur and Molasses

By JAMES M. WOODMAN

*In them good old days back yonder th' home-folks useter make*

*Th' tonics which our mothers were so prone t' have us take,*

*When th' Springtime's balmy breezes began t' gently blow—*

*They had th' modern "dopes" outclassed a mile, I'd have you know.*

*E'en now I see our healthy brood, each take his turn by gee!*

*When mother dealt th' sulphur an' molasses out t' me.*

*Some folks tuk sassafras, an' some, et slipp'ry elum bark;*

*An' some used yaller-dock, but say! jest please let me remark*

*Uv all th' tonics ever made t' set yer teeth on edge,*

*An' make y' squirm an' argue back, an' duck around and hedge,*

*If there is anything on earth, much worse, what could it be*

*Than that old sulphur and molasses mother gave t' me.*

*Ef I should live a millyun years I don't think I'd forget*

*Th' taste uv that old medicine—by jing! I see it yet*

*Up in th' big old tumbler glass, upon th' kitchen shelf,*

*A-sort o' sayin' "come along, old chap, an' help yerself."*

*Still, could I be a boy again, I'd take it willingly—*

*Th' sulphur and molasses which my mother gave t' me.*

girl in Orange, New Jersey, to whom he had been devoted from his college days, Lily Rider had known that Willoughby would never be to her other than the well-intentioned, sometimes brusque employer of her labor; but the dream of him, solacing her for the loss of the boyish lover whom she had given up when she had become the breadwinner for her shiftless father and her slaving mother, had filled her years until now, looking at him, she felt that the man she was to marry was only life's second best.



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## The Public Generally Gets What It Wants

It is not an unusual thing to hear complaints about the conduct of enterprises that exist through patronage of the public at large.

It is always easier, with many persons to act in the capacity of critic, heaping condemnation rather than commendation upon those responsible for the management of institutions which offer service or entertainment to the masses.

Has it ever occurred to you, dear reader, that the public generally gets what it wants?

When a municipality, governed by officials elected by the people, permit for a long period certain things to exist contrary to the laws of decency, it may be safely concluded that the townspeople are satisfied with the condition, otherwise they would abate the evil through the ballot box.

Much has been said by some writers and reform orators about the present day dancing. The old time waltz, the polka, the minuet and money-musk are things only to be remembered. The wiggly, writhing, walky creations have come to us because the public—and by that we mean the society dames who trip the light fantastic at the country club, as well as the girl who works in the sweat-shop—is getting what it wants.

The press of the country never fails to play up in big type the most salacious story of the day, relegating to a back page, if necessary, any news of a less sensational nature. Not that the editor is especially anxious to smear his front page with slime, but the reading public must be satisfied, even at the cost of the family honor of some unfortunate.

The beautiful young women of the movies would in many instances possess a greater charm, measured by the standard of chastity that obtained in the days of their grandmothers, if they would refrain from promiscuous love-making and other scenes not altogether compatible with good morals—but, the directors apparently know what the theatre-going public wants, and furnishes it. Why not?

And who are we who class ourselves with the minority—if we do—and by what right do we say that the majority is wrong?

America is rapidly becoming one of the old countries of the globe, at least in the manner of living at a high rate of speed. We cannot, or rather we could not or should not have hoped long to retain the old staid ideas of the Puritans. We are founded upon a principle that the majority shall rule. Believing that principle to be sound, why shouldn't the public get what it wants, be it a Volstead act, cutting off the privilege of buying a pint of booze for fifty cents, or a piggly-wiggly dance instead of the old Virginia Reel?

## Is Anything Wrong With Our Boys and Girls

Ever since the close of the world war we have listened to the oratory of social workers, telling us of the lack of moral rectitude in the lives of our girls and boys.

War with its attendant atmosphere of unrest and excitement is bound to cause a laxness of social discipline. Men and nations cannot engage in the work of annihilating other men and other nations without transfusing the spirit of rapacity into the veins of a rising generation.

Greed and avarice soon find as fitting companions, dissoluteness and immorality. A people at war cannot escape the results of war socially as well as economically.

It is an old truth that "the sins of the father shall be visited upon the children," and if fathers will war, children will suffer in the wake of the conflict.

It's time, if indeed a time ever existed for such action, to stop preaching that our girls and boys are headed for perdition.

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Let's practice a little auto-suggestion on the girls and boys of America. Instead of telling them how bad they are, why not impress upon them the fact that they are good, as good, if not better than the young people of any country. Like begets like. No person has ever been helped by adverse criticism. Many have been helped by words of praise.

We believe there is nothing wrong with our girls and boys and that they are as good as they can be, living in the environment we have created for them. Let's place the blame where it belongs, upon the heads of the parents.

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# Keep Young—For John's Sake

By Caroline Wilson

MIRACULOUS achievements are accomplished through the agency of lofty thinking. Having ideals and living up to them is another big part of the beauty of face and form so eagerly sought, but alas! sometimes so long in finding because of the lack of one thing or another to bring the desired results.

What good deed have you done today that would leave the smile of benevolence on your countenance? Or have you scolded, pouted, quarreled, argued, wrangled over something small which, petty as it might be, left the shadow of a scowl around your mouth, or shows in the drooping, resentful lips, the faulty line to impede the way of Her Majesty, Beauty?

Ugly little lines on your forehead herald the mean thoughts back of the curtains, for it is only too true that we carry the windows of our soul right on our visage and the whole world can see whether ours is an angelic or devilish disposition; little tell-tale lines which develop into wrinkles where evil thoughts continue to flourish, stubbornly resisting the most persistent massaging.

Cultivate some charity—not necessarily of monetary value—a trivial kind act each day, and watch the result on your own face. The expression will set itself into form of the highest order and the other features will adjust themselves accordingly.

Not so long ago I knew a very spoiled young woman who, as the only pet of a grandfather and a father who were easily rated in more figures than consistent for any two individuals to have, was thoroughly discontented and unhappy all the time. Her doting grandfather sent her the most wonderful frocks and toys from abroad; her indulgent mother was never quite content unless she herself cultivated some new whim in her child to which to cater, often I am sure, when her own judgment indicated it was not always for the best. Withal the little girl was not happy. In fact she grew, through all this attention, more morose. Then the finest physicians were sent for to diagnose this case which was remarkable in so far that the child was pining over what no one could discover.

It was my rather good fortune at this time to have been retained as a secretary-nurse-companion to a wealthy Chicago woman who was, previous to my advent into her home, a patient (?) of one of these same specialists who had been called into consultation regarding the drooping of the spoiled little girl.

The doctor who had been attending the wealthy Chicago woman, saw a rapid and marvelous improvement in her case as little as three weeks after I had been sent to her. It was rather startling he said, since for two years he had been puzzling over the peculiar condition of this patient (?) who couldn't eat this or who rejected that—who, in fact, through sheer stubbornness kept herself ill.

When I told him I had succeeded in getting her interested in one or two charities and that nothing pleased her more now than to gather her discarded magazines and such clothes as those of which she had grown tired or were slightly out of fashion—this doctor told me I had through my suggestions, supplied a tonic of which with all his knowledge he had yet to learn of properties more potent and ingredients more powerful. And all I did was to invite this woman to a feast of health and beauty in forgetfulness of self.

Soon beautiful angelic smiles played all over her face, replacing the hard, set, painful expression she had hitherto worn. Her welfare work gave her a foundation that topped off the clothes she could wear

so well, and well afford to wear. She was now affording pleasure to others as well as herself. She had learned a wonderful secret.

After the foundation was laid, I left her in the hands of a maid who knew how to stimulate lady's beauty. Since then, she has been giving so much of herself in good deeds, charity, and kindness that not only has she regained the spirit of youth through her benevolence, but she is spoken of everywhere as a charming and beautiful woman. Surely as poor as you may be, you have something to give to some one who needs it—a few kind words could be spared from the store of any of us.

Last month I promised to tell you something about oily hair and dandruff.

By strictly following my rules, dandruff can be done away with:

Shampoo once in three weeks with eggs and soft water. Dry the hair out of doors if the sun is warm enough, otherwise near artificial heat, rubbing with the finger tips to loosen the scalp at the same time.

The day before the egg shampoo, use vaseline freely where the hair is inclined to be thin. It is a good idea to apply the vaseline the night before, sleeping in a rubber cap.

Here is a good scalp and hair cleanser which you could apply to the scalp with a toothbrush after first massaging the scalp. Use this every second or third evening, eliminating the two nights before and after using the egg shampoo.

Tincture of Cantharides..... 1 ounce  
Glycerine..... 1/2 ounce  
Liquid ammonia..... 1 dram  
Oil of Thyme..... 1/2 dram  
Oil of Rosemary..... 1/2 dram

Mix together with 6 ounces of rose-water. Rub in scalp with finger tips until dry. If your hair is inclined to be dry naturally, I recommend the vaseline applications as per above directions.

Oily hair is not only unsightly, it is most uncleanly. Dandruff is rarely found in oily hair, so we must take direct opposite means to do away with such a disgusting-looking feature as a greasy head.

An oily head of hair can be cleaned by taking a pint of fine yellow cornmeal well sifted and adding 2 ounces of powdered orris root. Sprinkle this mixture on the hair after letting it loose at night. Always massage the scalp in any treatment. A good stiff brush will remove the powder in the morning.

While treating the hair thus, sleep in a cap and you will be greatly pleased at the dainty and fragrant state in which you will soon find your once oily head.

The woman who has naturally wavy hair is indeed fortunate, as a slight ripple in any person's hair is a part of perfected hairdressing.

Straight hair leaves the face absolutely expressionless in many instances (1) and where a woman is not lucky in a little fluffiness, she should upon occasion, resort to kid curlers or—if the hair is not inclined to be too dry—use the curling iron.

The hair should be vigorously brushed before the curling tongs are used. (2)

It all depends upon the contour of one's face whether the high or low style of hairdressing is most becoming. But you may depend upon it that even the thought of getting her hair dressed, brightens the expression of a woman's face (3) and having experimented, herself, with the different modes to set off her features, it is not difficult for her to help beautify herself through becoming hair dress or to tell the hairdresser where each curl should lie, for curls are here again in all the abundance of our own hair or the amount our pocket-book can purchase.

## Care of Baby's Food

Properly prepared cow's milk is the best substitute for mother's milk, declare Public Health Service physicians. While "baby foods" and condensed milks give good results with some children, prepared cow's milk is a far more satisfactory substitute as a rule.

Use the best milk obtainable, certified milk, if that is procurable. If certified milk is not available in your community, get the cleanest and purest bottled milk obtainable. Avoid milk sold in bulk or that bottled from the can in stores. Such milk is likely to become stale in hot weather and is often contaminated with dangerous germs even when it looks and tastes good. Raw milk may carry the germs of tuberculosis, scarlet fever, tonsillitis, diphtheria, typhoid fever and other communicable diseases. Unless the milk you use to feed your baby is entirely above suspicion, danger should be prevented by pasteurization or sterilization.

Milk for the baby should always be pasteurized in the feeding bottle. This may be done as follows:

Mix and pour the milk into clean feeding bottles and stop them with sterilized absorbent cotton. Take a wire basket that will hold all the nursing bottles for twenty-four hours and place this basket in a vessel containing cold water filled to a point a little above the level of the milk. Heat the water and allow it to boil for five minutes. Then run cold water into the vessel until the milk is cooled to the temperature of the running water and finally place it in an ice-chest or cool-closet in which the temperature must not rise above 50 degrees F.

Everything that comes in contact with the baby's food must be scrupulously clean. The mother's hands should be washed with hot water, soap, nail-brush and dried with a clean towel before touching anything that goes into the baby's mouth. Dishes used in preparing the

food should be boiled and allowed to dry from their own heat. Never rub them with a dish towel.

As soon as the baby has finished his feeding, throw out any remaining milk, rinse the nursing bottle and fill it with cold water. When preparing the milk for the next twenty-four hour period empty the bottles, wash them thoroughly with hot soapsuds and a bottle brush, then rinse and boil them for fifteen minutes.

Only nipples that can be kept clean should be used. They should be turned inside out, scrubbed, cleansed and boiled. After boiling they should be kept covered in a clean dry glass. Dirty nipples should never be kept in contact with clean ones. Never use nipples connected with long glass or rubber tubes.

**Jokes Aside.**—A business man of Oakland who has many relatives well enough off, but anxious to inherit his even greater fortune, recently called in his lawyer to draw up his will. When the document was completed the client asked, "Well, Thompson, have you fixed this thing as I want it?" "I have done my best," said the lawyer anxiously. "Then there is another thing I want to ask you," continued the wealthy Oaklander, "as man to man, who do you think stands the best chance of getting my property when I cash in?"—The Argonaut (San Francisco).

**Poor Girl!**—Little Willie evidently had been "listening in" on some of his big brother's conversations with a chum and the following is a sample of the information he drew from one of them: "Mama, why do they wax people?" "They don't Willie. Why do you ask?" "Why, when brother came home from work he told Bill that last night the party waxed Mary."—The Lyce.

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## Red Cap

By Anna Locke Mac Kinnon

Red Cap was very unhappy. It was spring. Pussy Willow had put off her fur jacket; the Larch had hung out her silver tassels; down by the pond the Spring-Peepers were calling; the Breeze had kissed Red Cap's feathers very gently as it passed by; a Dragon-fly had zigzagged joyfully down a stray sunbeam; and a Blue Bird had sung a love-song.

Red Cap, alas, could not sing. He had tried the Blue Bird's trill, but his song was only a loud "Quar! quar!" He wanted so to find a joy-song that he might sing to Crimson Feather.

Finally he thought of the Wise Old Flicker who lived on the Hill. "I will go to him with my trouble," thought Red Cap; "perhaps he can tell me what to do."

So he flew toward the high, high Hill, and, when nearly there, he heard a harsh voice crying:

"Wick-a, wick-a, I'm the Flicker, Yocker, we-cup, yarrup, hittuck, Pe-ut, yaffle, queah, gaffle, Clape and Sap-bird, Fiddler, Ant-bird, I'm the Wise Old Yellow Hammer."

What's the matter? what's the matter?" "Goodness!" thought Red Cap. "He must be wise to be able to say all that." Then, hopping forward, he asked, "Why are you so very wise?"

"Because," said the Flicker, "because I am so very old, and because I have thirty-seven names. Yocker, yocker, what's the matter?"

"I am very unhappy," said Red Cap, "because I cannot sing like the Blue Bird. I can only eat and sleep. I am of no use to anyone."

Then the Wise Old Flicker winked one eye, curled up the ends of his long black mustaches, chuckled and cackled, and said:

"Oh, you foolish, silly Red Cap! You have the drumstick kind of a drum-stick in your bill. Find a hollow stump and try it. And furthermore"—and here the Wise Old Flicker puffed out his chest until the black locket around his neck fairly jingled, and the three red feathers on the back of his head stood straight out—

"and furthermore, every time you eat a grub you help mankind as no other bird ever can, for our family are the only carpenters, and we can drill into the trees with our hard bills and get grubs that no other birds could ever find."

"Is that so?" cried Red Cap. "So I have a drum-stick and am a help to mankind? I'll go and tell Crimson Feather."

So he hurried away and found Crimson Feather. "Listen," he said, "to my beautiful drum!" And he drummed on a hollow log. Then he found a knot farther up and drilled in a higher, shriller key.

"How lovely," sighed Crimson Feather. "Listen," said Red Cap, alighting on a near-by tree. And with that back toe, which moves either to one side or the other, he pulled himself in a circle right around the tree trunk. "I hear a grub! Now, when I drill in after that grub with

my carpenter's bill, I am giving a service to mankind that no other bird can give, for no other bird has a bill like mine."

"How good you are," said Crimson Feather. "Where shall we have our nest?"

So they went to a near-by Grove, and there they built Oak Castle. It was a whole day before it was all finished, even to the little brown bark door. They had taken turns and had worked twenty minutes at a time.

"Now," said Red Cap, "I will carry away all the chips and shavings so that Robber Owl will not think of a house being here."

Crimson Feather sprinkled fine sawdust all over the bottom of the nest, and there she laid her eggs. In about three weeks the babies hatched, and what do you think? They had gray heads. Red Cap and Crimson Feather were sick with disappointment.

"Where are their red caps?" they cried. Then Red Cap decided to go again to the Wise Old Flicker, who lived on the Hill. When he was nearly there, he heard a harsh voice crying:

"Wick-a, wick-a, I'm the Flicker, Yocker, we-cup, yarrup, hittuck, Pe-ut, yaffle, queah, gaffle, Clape and Sap-bird, Fiddler, Ant-bird, I'm the Wise Old Yellow Hammer."

What's the matter? what's the matter?" "Where are my babies' red caps? Why do they have gray heads?" cried Red Cap, in his excitement asking two questions at once.

Then the Wise Old Flicker winked one eye, curled up the corners of his black mustaches, chuckled and cackled, and said:

"Oh, you silly, silly bird. You and Crimson Feather had gray heads for a while after you were hatched, and furthermore—here he puffed out his chest until the black locket around his neck fairly jingled, and the three red feathers on the back of his head stood straight out—

"and furthermore, you didn't have your red caps until you had drilled into a tree and had captured your first grub. Your red cap is a token of your service to mankind."

"Is that so?" cried Red Cap. "I must hurry and tell Crimson Feather."

So, very patiently they fed their babies, and very patiently they coaxed them to the door of Oak Castle. Finally the babies all tumbled out into the air, one by one, and found a resting-place on a near-by bush.

But the day of joy came when those babies drilled into a tree and caught their first grub, and soon after that their gray heads turned to red.

Why, Red Cap drummed so loudly and so joyfully that he was nearly captured by Grinny Gray Tom, who put out one soft paddy paw ever so slowly and just missed Red Cap's longest tail feather by about half an inch.

## How to Take Care of Your Shoes

By Emma Gray Wallace

It doesn't make any difference whether you are old or young, rich or poor, male or female—you have to wear shoes. Of course there are a comparatively small number here and there who go bare-footed during a limited portion of the year, but those individuals will scarcely read these lines. The vast majority of the public wear shoes and the rest constitute a relatively negligible number.

People who are careless about their shoes suffer in point of personal experience and spend more money at that than there is any reason or need for their doing. Today we are hearing much about the importance of thrift and few of us can make big savings in great bunks. We will be much more likely to succeed in building up our savings bank accounts if we consider small savings here, there, and everywhere, for it is the pennies which make the dollars and the dollars count up very fast indeed.

To begin with, cheap shoes are a poor investment. They give neither comfort nor service. So our first rule will be to buy shoes of good quality and suitable style for the work for which they will be used. It would be foolish of course to purchase an expensive dress shoe with which to work in the garden, or dancing pumps for hiking purposes, and this brings us to our first principle. It is: Decide what kind of shoes you need. Think out what you want them for, and then purchase them with that view and use in mind. This will mean that you will have shoes to meet every need, and if you buy good ones they will be of a highly satisfactory character and will not have to be replaced very often. More than that, you will not spoil a good pair of shoes by wearing them when some other kind of a shoe would answer better.

The quality and style are the next consideration. A good shoe is the cheapest in the end, for only good materials and expert workmanship will stand the strain to which shoes are subjected. Style is an important item. Buy the kind of shoe which suits your foot. Because someone else can wear a flat shoe with very little in-step support, is no reason that you will be comfortable in one designed after that model. Some people are more comfortable in high heeled than a low heeled shoe. Some feet require a narrow last and others a broad last.

We cannot all wear the same size or shaped garments. What counts is proper support for the foot and comfort in walking, sitting, and working. A shoe which pinches or hurts can cause exquisite agony.

No man or woman can be at his or her best who is suffering with the feet. No one is beautiful who is hobbling along in misery and with an expression of pain depicted on the countenance. No one can be good-natured and affable who is wretched because of ill-fitting shoes. The earth is large enough to allow room for the extra size or half-size which may be needed to make us comfortable, and it is very foolish to attempt to wear shoes too small or too narrow. They will not give good service, and health is positively menaced by foot misery. The body is thrown out of plumb, nerves are punished and muscles strained.

As soon as shoes show the first sign of needing repair they should be taken to a competent shoemaker or repair shop, for a stitch in time will save nine. Besides, shabby shoes indicate a disorderly mind, carelessness, and lack of prosperity. A person of refinement is always well shod. The linen, the gloves, and the shoes are said to test the social standing of the individual.

Do not wear a pair of shoes day in and day out. Leather needs to rest or it will crack or peel. Shoes will wear much longer in proportion if alternated with others. At night a pair of shoe trees should be slipped into the shoes and the articles set in a draught of air. This keeps them sweet, allows the perspiration to evaporate, and makes them wear longer by straightening out the wrinkles.

When shoes are wet they should be very slowly dried or they will crack; and then cleaned and dressed so as to restore their appearance. Select shoe dressing with care. Take the advice of a reliable shoe dealer. When you find a dressing which is injurious to your shoes, make a mental note of it and avoid that make for all future time.

When heels need straightening have this attended to at once or shoes are thrown out of shape. Save shoes which are beginning to wear for stormy weather.

Keep track of your shoe bill for a year and see just what it is. Do not yield to the temptation to have too many pairs on hand. Styles change, leather dries out, and it is a pleasure to have a brand new pair once in a while.

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## The Meal Ticket

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Lily, her knife upraised. "You're what?" she shrieked.

"I'm leaving."

"Why?"

"I'm going to marry Tom on Wednesday."

"You're what?"

"I said I was going to be married."

"Oh, Lily!" She thrust her hand into the pan, rescuing the potato and resuming her task. A great tear gathered in her eye, and rolled down her wrinkled cheek. She brushed it away impatiently with her apron.

A tearing anger swept over Lily. "Well, is that all you're going to say about it?" she cried.

"What's there to say? You're going to do it, aren't you? And I—I wouldn't stop you if I could. But what'll your father and I do, Lily?"

"Oh, you'll get along. We all do somehow. Between Elsie, and Joe, and me, I guess we can fix things."

"You know how much Elsie and Joe have ever given us."

"Know? I should say I do know. But do you think it's fair that I should have the whole burden all my life just because they shirked? I'm tired of being the meal ticket for this family. It'll be a relief to have one of my own for a change."

"That's not the way to go into marriage, Lily."

"Well, if it's the way I'm going into it, it's not my fault. I guess that any girl who'd played father to a family as long as I have would like to be a mother for a while."

"That's no easier, Lily."

"Well, it's fair and square, and this deal I've had hasn't been."

"I'm sorry, Lily."

"Oh, it's not your fault, ma."

"Your father did the best he could."

A sneer curled the girl's lips. "It was never very much of a best," she shrugged. "And now he'll say, when I tell him, that I should have married ten years ago, and that he'd just as soon live with Tom as with any one else."

"Don't quarrel with him, Lily, whatever happens."

"I won't if he'll let me alone."

But with supper on the table and Anthony Rider assuming the air of lord of the manor she found it hard to keep her promise. Because she was sorry for her mother, because she earnestly desired to make for her a provision that seemed impossible of achievement, she concentrated her bitterness against her father, finding in his flabby acceptance of conditions adequate reason for wrath. If only he had worked with one iota of her mother's energy, he might have managed to come into old age without having made himself and his wife a burden to their children. If only he had really tried at all, Lily thought, she would have forgiven his failures; but his total inadequacy, his flaccid helplessness, set her teeth on edge as she watched his serene welcome of her mother's statement of her own announcement.

When he said exactly what she had expected she laughed almost hysterically. He looked at her wonderingly, and she started to speak, but the panic in her mother's eyes held her back from the scathing comment of her thoughts. The three of them ate in silence.

In silence, too, Lily helped her mother with the clearing of the table and the washing of the dishes. Speech surged on both sides of the wall they had built between them, rising above the level of their lips and finding expression in their eyes. But neither of them spoke until the bell pealed out startlingly. "That's Tom," said Lily, and flung off her apron as she went to answer the summons.

Tom Canby, coming in with the awkwardness of a man unaccustomed to the amenities of courtship, smiled a little as he took the match from Lily's fingers and lighted the gas jets in the parlor. Lily, looking at him from the new angle of asserted dependence upon him, found in his stolidity a comforting assurance of dependability. He was so solidly big, so sturdily immobile, that the girl's heart went out to him in a rush of gratitude. Consciously she compared him with Anthony Rider, and felt immeasurably relieved that her husband would possess traits of character her father lacked. Pride in the man lifted her to happiness, but the insistent knowledge that her mother was weeping alone in the kitchen made her angrily self-conscious. "Let's go out," she said to Canby. He assented with the eagerness of a man used to the outdoors and having the knowledge that he showed there to better advantage than within strange walls. "I won't be late," she called to her mother as she went. There was no answer from the darkened kitchen.

They strolled down the street to a car line and boarded a car for the park. There, under the stars and amidst the fragrance of budding lilacs, they sauntered with few words until they came to a bench back from the path. For a little while they sat in the quiet ecstasy that falls on lovers in Maytime. Then Lily spoke. "I've told the folks," she said.

"How did they take it?"

"Mother's taking it hard."

"Well, it is hard on her. Do you want her to come and live with us, Lily? I'll be glad, if you'd want it."

"That's sweet of you, Tom." She put her hand on his, and felt him thrill at the unexpected caress. "But, somehow, I want my home to be all my own. Besides, there's pa. Elsie won't have him, and Joe's wife won't, and I can't see why we should take all the burden."

"Well, they ought to stay together, too. Couldn't we all get together and fix it up so that they can?"

"Oh, I suppose we'll find a way. Tom, wouldn't it be awful to get to the place

they're in? Do you think we'll ever get there?"

"No, I don't."

"Why do some people get on when others don't?"

"Luck, mostly."

"I don't like to think that."

"Well, what else?"

"Pluck, perhaps."

"It's part of the luck to have that."

"Tom," she said, her hand pressing down upon his, "do you think perhaps I should keep on working for a while so that I could look out for them?"

"Well, I should say not," he declared. "My wife's not going to work."

She sighed, almost with a sound of relief. His arm circled her shoulder and she leaned against him. "Oh, Tom," she said, "you don't know how nice it is to have some one to stand between you and the world."

"You poor kid!" he said, and kissed her. She cuddled down in a luxury of contentment, forgetful of the years of toil, forgetful of the burden she was flinging aside, forgetful of all other dreams than this. "We're going to be very happy, aren't we?" she asked him. He said no word, but his eyes, steadily flaming with love of her, made answer.

The memory of that gaze lighted the candles of her spirit as she entered the darkened house. She could hear her father's heavy breathing, and, going softly to the door, she called her mother. In a moment Mrs. Rider came. "What is it?" she questioned listlessly.

"I must talk to you," the girl said.

They went together into the parlor, sitting on the sofa between the windows. For a little while neither of them spoke. Then, almost stormily, Lily began to cry. "Oh, ma," she sobbed, "I'm sorry, sorry that things are this way, sorry that I can't do better for you. But I've got to go, ma. You understand, don't you? I can't go on and on, working every day down at the office, getting older and crosser and meaner and wearier as I see the kids all going to homes of their own. I can't do it, ma. I want my own home, and my own husband, and my own children. I've got a right to them, every woman's right. Haven't I?"

"Yes," the older woman's voice was weary, as if with the weight of tears. "I'm not saying anything against that. We'll get on, somehow, your father and I. Only I wish you were marrying with a different spirit. I wish you weren't thinking of Tom as your way of escape. He won't be that. He'll be your husband, and husbands are pretty much alike. You're not quitting work. You're only shifting one job for another and a harder one."

"Harder?" Her cry was bitter. "Yes, harder. For it'll be your job to stand by your husband through thick and thin, through trials and hardships, and you'll have to do it his way, not yours. And your children—," She lapsed into weeping.

"There, there," Lily soothed her. "Don't you worry, ma. Tom and I will see that you get along, even if the other's don't."

"It's not that, Lil," she said. "It's not the years to come I worry over. It's the years that are past. I wish to God I'd used them better."

"You did all you could, ma."

"I wish I'd known how to do more."

"We all wish that. Go to bed, ma."

"I will."

They kissed each other penitently. Lily, undressing in the dark, felt the pathos of her mother's patience, but as her head rested on the pillow, she slid into dreams of Tom Canby that drifted her into sleep.

The dreams, brightening the days, upheld her through the week that preceded her wedding. The excitement of haste and change carried her over her farewell to the office. She did not weep with May Belden even when Hart presented her with a bachelor's baccalaureate address on matrimony and a case of marked silver, and when Willoughby gave her a cheque and a surety of future friendship. The thrill of the marriage ceremony tided her over the parting with her mother, and she went away from the home she had maintained for her people to the home her husband had made ready for her with a happiness that seemed compounded of relief and of hopefulness.

Through the months while Tom Canby worked under the spur of his desire to provide bounteously for his wife Lily bloomed into a radiance of joy. She did her household tasks gaily, singing at her work and finding in cooking, and sewing, and the hundred and one labors of a domestic day a delight in performance that deepened with each doing. That her brother and sister were aiding Tom to make provision for her father and mother relieved her from worry, and through the first year of her marriage Lily Canby met life with a glory of happiness that was erasing from her soul all memory of bitterness. Under the softening influences of his home Tom was developing a tenderness that Lily had only suspected in him, and with its growth her love for him strengthened until the knowledge that a child was coming to them pinnacled her joy.

The birth of the little girl—they called her Martha for Mrs. Rider—was the first influence to awaken Lily out of her blithe acceptance of the existing order. Before Martha came, her mother had taken her life as Tom Canby had made it for her. But with the baby cooing and crowing and crying Lily Canby felt in her heart the stirrings of ambition for the child. For Martha there must be, in time, a better home than the cottage that Canby had planned and built for them. For Martha there must be an education far beyond that which her mother had been given. For Martha there must be evolved a social system that would afford her opportunities for a better marriage than her mother had made. For Martha Lily Canby must plan, and Tom Canby must make money, not enough for the mere necessities of life and the tiny fund for a rainy day, but

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# David and Jonathan

By MARY B. PULVER

IN the cool of the woods where the cat-tails and willows grew thickest, the two boys stripped off their clothes for a plunge into the pool under the bank.

Both of them traveled light as to bathing gear. The sun was their towel, the clothes each wore at birth his bathing-suit; and this shade-dappled country swimming-hole a summer-long possession and secret shared only with each other. If you had asked their names, they would have said Davey Quinney, aged fifteen and a half, and Sam Watson, even sixteen. It was Davey's father who had given them the name David and Jonathan, suggested by their inseparable quality. David and Jonathan he had dubbed them, and the name had stuck.

Davey, always the quicker, was out of his clothes first and waist-deep in the pool. He was a lithe, thin little fellow with a fine white skin and the clear articulations and delicately rippling unfulfilled muscle-promise of the half-grown boy. His was a beautiful poetic little body, and might have served a painter for an allegorical figure of youth, or man in the bud, a thing of wistful, tender lines. But there was nothing wistful nor poetic in Davey's impudent freckled face as he stooped over and over, his torso a streak of flashing white, to throw great handfuls of sun-silvered water at his pal on the bank.

"Come on in, you old Indian, come on in, you old sucker. Get a move on you, or I'll come out and drag you."

But Sam was not inclined to hurry. He lay on the bank, like a brown faun at rest beside a mythological spring. Sam was of the olive type, ruddy of cheek, dark-skinned, black-eyed, his body like all youth that at meridian will take on overweight, sleek, shapely, full of subtle curves.

He grinned at Davey in his splashing dance.

"Gee," he said, reflectively, "that's some voice you've got there. You sing like the Lorelei."

If the Lorelei had had a voice like Davey's, she would have sent the fisherman no less surely on the rocks for very fright. For Davey and his vocal cords were living ill-at-ease together of late; the voice in which he had called to Sam had begun with a deep, booming sound and petered out to a thin falsetto. He took the taunt with wilder splashing.

"I'll show you, you lazy chump. I'll Lorelei you. If I get you in here, I'll wash the lights out of you."

A tidal wave higher than the rest scaled the bank, smote Sam's smooth body, and transformed him into Nemesis. He was the larger, the heavier, the swifter when he chose to move swiftly. He cut the pool's surface like a rapier-stroke. Davey met him with an uproar like a school of porpoises, his war cry of triumph ringing.

The two boys sparred, clinched, beat each other, choking with laughter, sending a silver rain up into the air, churning the smooth pool into a maelstrom.

"I'll send you b-below . . . p-permanently," boomed Sam.

"Full . . . f-fathom . . . five . . . for yours," Davey shrieked, slapping Sam's wet back and shoulder. Hugging close, they swayed back and forth, slipping, stumbling, the water boiling into froth about them. Sam had Davey's head under an arm; Davey plaited himself like a serpent about Sam. Suddenly they both went down. Sam's foot slipped on a stone and with a splash like a pair of hippopotami they ducked under, disappeared, came up a dozen rods apart, blowing, snorting, sleek wet heads abob on the water.

"Gosh . . . see the human g-geyser . . . Davey spat violently. "Ate a six-pound chub. Good thing—that stone. Licked you, Sam, dead sure."

"Licked! You!" Sam spat back good-naturedly, contemptuously. "Why, you darned little razor-back, all you can do is cut holes in a f-fellow with your bones. I'm tattooed all over. Nearly took an arm off on your shoulder-blade."

"Yeh. I'm the human sword-blade . . . sword-fish I mean . . . race you to that dead willow, Sam . . . world's champion water-buster . . . come on . . . I come . . . on . . . fat Sam."

Sam took the challenge and the two went down-stream neck and neck.

It was thus they made sport together always, in an unending, glib, friendly rivalry, that spared neither chaff nor rough and cub-like mauling. Bodily, they might have been any two young hooligans, sporting together, trying each other's nerve and muscle, but they were much more than this.

The thing had begun many years before this day in the swimming-hole. Sam was eight years old when the new little boy had appeared in the first grade. At eight, with a change of costume, Sam would have made a beautiful girl. He wore the loathsome maternal long curl; he was round and plump, with full, pink cheeks, and big, soft dark eyes. Teacher had once kissed him publicly and called him "sweet child." He had suffered as the long-haired kind are destined to suffer from their companions—perhaps more acutely than usual, for Sam's spirit was virile and belied his looks. It was only that externals weighed him down and he could not make others believe—until Davey came.

Davey, the small, wiry, freckled, pink-haired, terrier-lunged whippet who ran on his nerve alone! Davey had thrashed two of Sam's aggressors that first day in school.

"Now you must show 'em. You gotta thrash me," he had challenged.

Sam had done it. Their noses had bled

in unison and sealed a pact of eternal friendship. Thereafter each belonged to each, and Sam was metamorphosed. It was Davey's own daring hand that had played Delilah to his hated curls; it was Davey who had taught him his first steps into man's realm, and in return he had acquired the things Sam had to offer, the balance, stability and purpose of the cooler temperament.

Nothing had broken their relation. They had shared lessons, tops, marbles, measles, apples, "all day suckers," vacations, even whippings together; they had borne and successfully withstood the flouting of their juvenile world.

Youth is merciless and the first years had not been easy. There was one song, especially, raised in shrill cricket chorus at the inseparable two that had been productive of many a bruise and bump:

"Sam, Sam,

He doesn't give a damn.

For anybody else but Davee."

It was at this point that Sam always rushed, but Davey never waited for the sequel.

"An' Davey Quinney,

Little and skinny,

He loves old Sam like gravee."

Barring the unspeakable, infuriating term "loves," it wasn't the doggerel itself that maddened one—that made it a thing one simply had to fight about; it was what it stood for: the unconsecrated putting into words of a thing so intangible and sacred as the fine thread of affection the two were spinning together. Even to this day the casual chanting of the verse reddened Sam's ears; brought a strained, sheepish look to Davey's eyes. They never pondered their feeling for each other; it existed like the air or the sun. And they had brought it now to adolescence, intact, unspoiled by any difference, perhaps all the more because they had to fight for it as for an ideal—back to back against their little world.

Sam, with an extra spurt, reached the willow first; and after that, they went through all the forms of water-play they knew. High-dive and low, pin-wheels, underwater swim, float, crawl-strokes, paddling, they played like gamboling puppies.

Presently they were out on the bank again, sun-dried, dressed, lying lazy, happy, in the grass. A year or two younger and they would have taken to their heels, fresh for some new enterprise. Now they waited a little, touched by the restraint of maturer years. Sam recognized this and sighed mentally, reaching into his pocket for the symbol of maturity. It was all very well to play like a cub in the water or in an idle hour, but a fellow had his dignity to think of once in a while. Sam's spoil was a box of forbidden cigarettes. He lit one, puffing meditatively. It was not that he cared especially for a cigarette, to tell the truth they sometimes nauseated him, but when it came to laying down the law to a fellow going on seventeen—

Davey sighed at the cigarette. Not parental dictate but stern will-power kept him from following Sam. He knew on good authority that they stunted your growth, and Heaven knows he needed all of that he could get anyhow.

At last Davey rolled over and faced Sam. And Sam, as though aware of a sudden constraint, as though he knew the fun they had lately had was only a mask, flushed a little and shifted his eyes.

"Well, Sam," Davey suggested. "Well, yourself," Sam answered lightly. "You know what I mean." Davey spoke gravely, judicially.

"What d' you mean—'know what I mean'?" growled Sam.

"You know, Sam. No use to talk like a fool. How long you goin' to keep it up?"

"Keep what up?" "How long you goin' round chasin' that skirt?"

"What d' you mean—'skirt'?"

Davey groaned, then he sobered.

"Look here, Sam . . . you and me 've played square with each other always. But you're not playin' square now. Why did you tell me such a whaler last night?"

"I told you the truth."

"A half a truth . . . you'd o' had plenty of time to drive your old man over and see Dixon's stamps, too . . . and when I got back . . . to see you floppin' round in there, on the dance-floor—worse'n that . . . in the conservatory—honest, you looked like a seal, Sam, with that—with that—"

"You needn't call names," suggested Sam sulkily.

"That frilled, sashed-up, pie-faced, muttheaded Alison skirt," Davey finished cheerily.

"Aw—cut it! . . ."

"Fact, though. She's no good, Sam! Honest, they aren't any of 'em. They kill a fellow's fun, anyhow. And if you're goin' in for 'em . . ."

"I told you she wished herself on me last night," Sam defended gallantly.

"That's no go, Sam. What about last Wednesday? And at the clam-bake? You ran around like a penny dog. Why, last summer, there was some of it, too. She was after you, then, Sam. And she'll get you now, mind, if you don't swing straight from the shoulder. A fellow can show 'em, an' if you wanted to . . ."

"What do you want anyhow . . . want me to hit her on the bean when she comes fussin' round?"

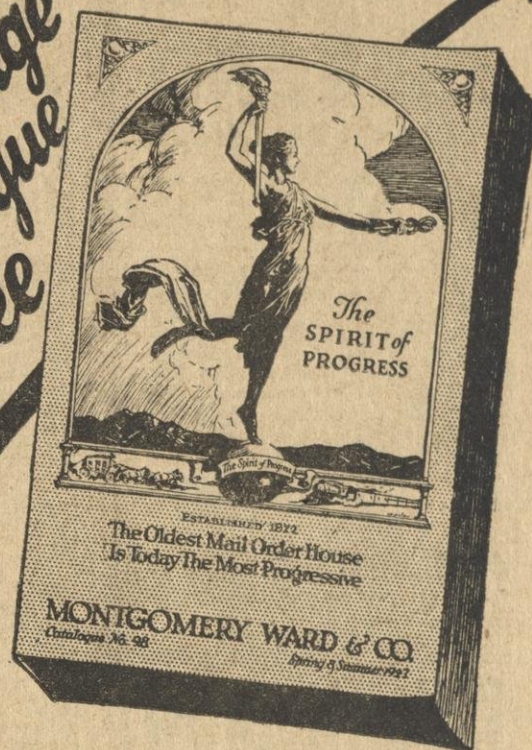
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money enough to set them all in the terra cotta palace on Sheridan Road that Willoughby had pointed to with amused scorn. For Martha, Lily dreamed castles and called on Tom to erect them.

Because he was a practical man with a love for his wife and child that left him inartificially blissful in their presence, Tom Canby tried to make his wife's dreams come true. Being slow he tried to accomplish his purpose by hard work until Lily's quicker brain saw the fallacy in his theory and urged him toward more spectacular methods. Against his judgment, but with faith in hers, he enlarged his business to a speculative basis, and waited the results with fear.

The outcome, however, more than justified Lily. As his venture had preceded the city's growth just enough to meet the demand for small houses, he made money hand over fist. On the strength of his success they moved from the cottage, leaving it to Anthony Rider and his wife, and into a far more pretentious home where a cook and a nursemaid took from Lily the tasks she had found a pleasure. Since she could not be happy in idleness she turned to other activities, joining a neighborhood club and starting on the campaign for Martha's future that would set Martha on a plane above her people's. Meanwhile, Martha came through a healthy babyhood into a healthy childhood, altogether unaware of the problem that she presented to her mother, but turning instinctively to her father's absolute satisfaction in her present state. She was growing up into a lithe grace that was very like what Lily Rider's had been, growing into a child who promised to make plastic material for her mother's ambitions, when there fell a night when Tom Canby came home, gray, old, and haggard.

He went up the wide oaken stairs of the house to Lily's sitting room, finding her reading under the light of a shaded lamp. She looked up at him with the casual fondness of many years of wifehood, then, seeing his twitching face, flung aside her book. "What's happened?" she cried.

"Can you be a game sport, Lily?" he asked her, thrusting his hands deep into his pockets and looking down at her quizzically.

"What is it? Tell me!"

"Well, we're in for it. I'm broke."

"You're what?"

"Broke. I've hit the bottom of the slide. They are putting me through bankruptcy tomorrow."

"Who?"

"My creditors."

"Do you mean—" she clenched her fists

"that we've nothing?"

"Just about that."

She stared away from him, her lips drawn taut across her white face. "Tell me," she said, "how it happened."

"There's not much to tell. I overbuilt. The boom broke. That's all there is to it."

"But won't we get anything?"

"If we get enough to start with again, we're lucky."

"But you don't mean—you can't mean that we'll have to go all through it all over? That we'll have to go back to the cottage?"

"We're lucky to have the cottage. We wouldn't have that, either, if I hadn't decided it to your mother."

"But, Tom, you don't mean that we won't have this house? And the maids? That we won't—"

"We won't have anything," he said, surlily, "but a roof, and our daily bread, and not much butter."

"But Martha—"

At mention of the child Lily Canby flamed into rage. "How dared you risk her chance?" she demanded.

"How dared you gamble on what didn't belong to you? How dared you?"

"I didn't gamble on this any more than I've gambled on anything I've undertaken since you forced me into the speculative building. And I didn't risk what was Martha's any more than I've risked what was my own. Do you think I want to be poor? God, I was poor long enough! It was the getting away from it that's got me back to it again. If I hadn't taken your advice, we'd have had something. You've had the good things for a while. Now you can take your chance at the poor days."

"I don't care for myself," she cried, even while she knew she lied. "I care for Martha. She can't be poor. She can't go to work, when she grows up, the way I did."

"Why not? It didn't hurt you."

"I won't stand this. You'll have to do something to prevent it."

"I've done all I could do. It's gone, I tell you."

"You'll have to get it back."

"I will, if you will give me time."

"Time!" She stood up, facing him with fury. "Time? How'll you start over on nothing? How'll we live while you're waiting? Don't you suppose I know what it means? Don't you suppose I remember

how my father was always going to be rich, if he only had time enough? Do you think I don't know what it is to want clothes, and food, and amusement, and even self-respect? And do you think I can face it calmly? Oh, it's hideous, it's hateful. And I hate you for it!"

He stared at her through a long moment while she blazed scorn at him, then turned and walked from the room. A little time afterward she heard the outer door slam. Then, in a passion of fear for the future, she flung herself on the bed to sob through the long night.

With the morning she came into a calm that kept her curiously rigid. Canby, coming home armored with sullen silence, found her painstakingly polite, but almost alien to him. As the days passed, busy days in which they made arrangements for leaving the house that had come to represent their success, and for going with the Riders to the cottage, Lily lavished on Martha the affection she had once given the child's father. She knew that Canby realized that she had not forgiven him for his failure. She wanted him to be so conscious of her anger because of his bankruptcy that he would strive the harder to win back her good will and her love. In her insistence upon her own rights she failed to consider her husband's. To her mind she had married him because of his contract to provide for her. That he was failing to do that, according to her revised code, nullified the spirit of marriage. She withdrew herself farther and farther from him as he struggled in the slough of despond. And, with new assiduity, she devoted herself to Martha, who only wanted to enjoy life in her own way.

They had been living with the Riders three months, however, before the actual break came between them. Canby was finding the new start almost impossible to secure. Lily, shunning his tentative confidences, refused to see that lack of encouragement was retarding him more than outside conditions. Once her mother strove to make her see the truth, but Lily turned on her with such sharp retort that Mrs. Rider subsided into silence. For a time the atmosphere of the house was tense. When one day Martha needed a winter coat, and Tom Canby told Lily harshly that he had no money for its purchase, she turned away from him with hard eyes. He went out in silent anger. A little later she, too, left the house.

That night, after the Riders and Martha had gone to bed, she faced her husband defiantly. "I am going back to work," she told him. "I went to Willoughby today. He told me to report on Monday morning. I shall have my old job at my old salary."

He stared at her unbelievably. "You're joking, Lily?" he said.

"Joking? Do you think work's a joke?"

"No," he said, "I think it's a privilege. But you're doing the wrong kind of work. Your work's a harder game, the waiting end, but you ought to stick to it."

"And let my child go ragged and hungry while I wait?"

"It's hard, I know," he said patiently.

"You'll never know how hard," she said with cruel bitterness. He turned away from her, taking up a newspaper he could not read for the mist that came to his eyes. She left him alone with no other word. On Monday morning she went back to the Willoughby-Hart offices. On Monday night she came home to find a note from Tom Canby. "When you have decided that you will really be my wife," he told her, "come to the office. Until then I shall not see you."

She read it tearlessly, then clutched Martha to her heart in a passion of tenderness from which the little girl shrank in fear. "I want my papa," she said. "Why doesn't he come?" Because she could not answer her Lily set the child down.

Through the weeks while she tried to find her old groove in the Hart-Willoughby offices she was struggling with her inner problem. She was glad, in a way, that May Belden had gone and that she need not make constant explanations of her reasons for a return to work. Hart had accepted her return with his old bachelor's cynicism about marriage, and Willoughby had made no comment; but, as the days went on, she realized that Willoughby was studying her with a persistent curiosity that began to annoy her. Finally he questioned her. "What did Canby do to you?" he asked one evening as she brought him a pile of letters for signature. She told him her side of the story succinctly. "Was that all?" he asked her.

"Isn't it enough?"

"No," he said seriously. "It's not. What do you think would happen to the world if all the wives in it left their husbands as soon as Tom, or Dick, or Harry slumped on the market? You aren't a good sport, Lily, and I used to think you were that."

"Well, I have my child to consider."

"Didn't Canby always consider her while he had money?"

"Yes, but—"

"And wouldn't he do it again if he had the price? Then do you think it's the square thing to keep him away from that child and from you until he makes another pile? Honestly, you women make me tired sometimes."

He stared at her with the keen blue eyes that had been wont to thrill her when she had been young. They stirred within her now the beginnings of remorse. "You think it over," he said to her. "You look around this man's town, and consider what you see."

Not from conscious desire, but impelled by the dominance of Willoughby's demand, she found herself looking around the working world to which she had returned. For the first time she saw the city for what it was, a field of endeavor where men and women strove to win to their own goals. Around her she counted the girls working as she had once worked, stopgapping the days to matrimony; and beside them she

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"The first portion of the Bible to be printed in English was Tyndale's translation of the New Testament. This was printed nearly a hundred years after the Gutenberg Bible. A number of copies of this work exist in the British Museum and in the book collections of the great English universities. The translation of Miles Coverdale was the first complete Bible done into English and was printed in 1535. It might surprise those not familiar with the evolution of our modern Bible to know how closely the Authorized version, prepared by the best scholars of England during the reign of James I in the early seventeenth century, follows the text of Tyndale and Coverdale and of the earlier translation made by John Wycliffe in manuscript form before the invention of the printing press.

"The figures on the distribution of the Bible in the United States have been obtained from Dr. J. S. Kirkbride of the American Bible Society. They are illuminating in their bearing on the religious situation in the country. Devout people might think it appalling that there are 35,000,000 individuals and 7,200,000 families in the United States who do not own Bibles. But to me the fact is not discouraging. I am convinced that the people of the United States are essentially a religious people. This is especially evident in the rural districts and no class of people is more religiously inclined than the farmers whose close touch with nature and peaceful environment seem naturally to foster a religious feeling.

"Statistics show that there is still a wide field to be covered in Bible distribution, but I believe that the great majority of the 35,000,000 people in the United States who do not own Bibles have had the benefit of Bible instruction at some time in their lives and have abundant opportunities of reading the Scriptures. It is worthy of note that house-to-house salesmen who sell the Bible are, almost without exception, welcome in every home. This in itself is a tribute to the religious sentiment of the nation.

"The American Bible Society is the largest publisher of Bibles in the country and is the largest in the world with the exception of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The American concern was established in 1816 and during its history has printed 141,729,340 Bibles. There are some fifteen Bible publishing houses in addition and more Bibles are printed in this country than any other book. It is also true that more Bibles are printed in the world than any other book. Money invested in the printing and distribution of Bibles in this country amounts to several million dollars.

In pointing out opportunities for reading the Bible by those who do not own a copy, Mr. Buxton said the Gideons distribute free 32,000 Bibles annually among the hotels of the United States and Canada. Since 1908 when this society first began the work of distribution, it has distributed 532,969 Bibles.

## Worth Knowing

Renewing Old Yarn

Raveled yarn can be revived and made to look like new by wrapping it in a towel, and placing it for a short time in a colander or steamer over a vessel of hot water. The steam makes it fluffy again, and the yarn knits up like new.

## Sewing Hint

To determine just how far from the edge you wish to sew a trimming braid, adjust the tucker on your sewing machine and remove the thread from the needle. Stitch around the garment as you would if you were putting in a tuck and the needle will trace a line by which you can baste on the braid without frequent measuring.

## Another Economy

A great labor and fuel-saving hint is to heat water in the oven when cleaning house or washing clothes. A twelve quart pail or kettle will heat as quickly as on top of the stove.

## Ways of Cutting Glass

To cut glass if one does not happen to have a proper cutter at hand is a problem. Here is a method I have found extremely useful, although it does not result in a perfectly straight edge: Mark a line to be followed with a piece of French chalk, hold the glass under water, and with a large pair of scissors cut along the line marked. A straighter edge may be secured by making a small notch with a file at the edge of the glass where you desire the line of breakage to start, and with a rod of red hot iron draw across the glass where you desire it to break. A crack will follow the course of the iron so that the glass may be easily snapped off.

## Tiny Food Savings

Plunge the serving spoon into milk or cream before putting it into the dish of oatmeal, then none of the cereal will adhere to the spoon.

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## Tested Recipes

### Date Marshmallow Jelly

2 tablespoonfuls gelatin  
 3/4 cupful sugar  
 1 cupful cold water  
 2 cupfuls boiling water  
 1 tablespoonful lemon juice  
 1 cupful dates, stoned and chopped  
 1/2 cupful pecan meats, broken in pieces  
 Whipped cream  
 Marshmallows

Soak gelatin in the cold water five minutes; add boiling water and sugar, and when sugar is dissolved add lemon juice. When mixture begins to thicken, add dates and nuts. Pour into a mold and set aside to cool. When set and ready to serve, heap jelly in sherbet glasses and cover with whipped cream to which quartered marshmallows have been added, and place a whole marshmallow on top of each glassful.

### Dried Beef Omelet

1/2 pound chipped dried beef  
 6 eggs  
 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley  
 1 tablespoonful butter

Chop the dried beef and add to the beaten egg yolks. Add chopped parsley and fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Melt butter in an omelet pan, pour in the egg mixture and stir well with a fork until it becomes quite thick; incline the pan and shake gently to bring the omelet near the edge; then begin to fold. Place on a heated platter and garnish with parsley.

### Halibut en Casserole

2 tablespoonfuls butter  
 2 tablespoonfuls flour  
 3/4 teaspoonful salt  
 1 cupful hot milk  
 1/2 teaspoonful pepper  
 1 teaspoonful Worcestershire sauce  
 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten  
 1 1/2 cupfuls cold cooked halibut  
 1/4 cupful grated cheese

Flake the fish and see that it is free from bones. Melt butter, add flour, stir until blended, add milk gradually, stirring constantly, and cook three minutes. Add egg yolk and seasonings and cook until thickened. Add fish, fill individual casseroles or ramekins, sprinkle with grated cheese and brown in a hot oven.

### Fish Chowder

3 pounds fresh haddock, cod or pollock  
 3 cupfuls sliced potatoes  
 1/4 pound salt pork, cut in dice  
 1 onion, chopped  
 3 cupfuls milk  
 1 1/2 tablespoonfuls butter  
 Pepper and salt  
 6 crackers

Fish trimmings may be used for the chowder. Sauté pork and onion together until browned. Cut the fish in pieces about two inches square. In a large kettle place alternate layers of fish, potato, pork and onion, seasoning each layer with salt and pepper. Add enough boiling water to barely cover and let simmer about twenty minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Heat milk and butter together in a saucepan, add to mixture and let boil up once. Split the crackers, place them in the bottom of a tureen and pour the hot chowder over them. This is an entire meal in itself.

### Compote of Rice with Peaches

3/4 cupful rice  
 1 cupful boiling water  
 1 1/2 cupful hot milk  
 1 teaspoonful salt  
 1/4 cupful sugar  
 1 can peaches  
 Macaroon dust  
 Candied cherries

Wash rice, add to boiling water and steam until rice has absorbed water; then add hot milk, salt and sugar, and cook until rice is soft. Turn into a slightly buttered, round, shallow mold. When shaped remove from mold to serving dish, and arrange on top, sections of canned peaches, drained from their syrup and dipped in macaroon dust. Garnish between sections with candied cherries. Pour peach syrup around the mold.

### Milk Sherbet

2 cupfuls evaporated milk  
 2 cupfuls cold water  
 3 cupfuls sugar  
 Strained juice of 5 lemons  
 3 egg whites

Mix evaporated milk and water and put them on to boil. When boiling stir in the sugar and let boil for a few minutes longer; remove from fire and cool. When cold begin to freeze, and when half frozen stir in the lemon juice and the stiffly beaten egg whites. Continue to freeze until it is of the consistency of ice cream.

### Stuffed Peppers

6 medium-sized green peppers  
 3 cupfuls boiled rice  
 2 tablespoonfuls butter, melted  
 1/4 cupful grated cheese  
 Salt

Cut off stem end and remove seeds from peppers; boil eight to ten minutes in boiling salted water; drain. Mix rice, melted butter, cheese, and season to taste with salt; fill peppers with the mixture. Place them on end in a shallow baking dish and bake twenty-five minutes, basting occasionally with hot water or meat stock.

### Virginia Sandwiches

Arrange lettuce leaves on very thin slices of brown bread. Spread lettuce with chopped peanuts seasoned with salt and a few drops of lemon juice. Cover with another slice of brown bread and garnish top with hearts of lettuce.

### Vegetable Roast

2 cupfuls cold boiled beans  
 2 cupfuls stewed or canned tomatoes  
 2 cupfuls bread or cracker crumbs  
 2 cupfuls mashed potatoes  
 1/2 cupful melted butter  
 Salt  
 Ground sage

Mix first four ingredients and put all through a food grinder. Moisten slightly with warm water or milk, add melted butter and salt and ground sage to taste.

### Coffee Souffle

1 tablespoonful gelatin  
 1 1/2 cupfuls strong boiled coffee  
 1/2 cupful milk  
 3/4 cupful sugar  
 1/4 teaspoonful salt  
 3 eggs  
 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla

Soak gelatin in one-half cupful of the cold coffee. Mix remaining coffee, milk and one-half of the sugar and heat in a double boiler. Add remaining sugar, salt and egg yolks, slightly beaten. Cook until mixture thickens. Remove from fire, add softened gelatin, egg whites beaten until stiff and vanilla. Mold, chill and serve with whipped cream.

### Irish Lemonade

2 lemons  
 1/4 cupful sugar  
 Fresh mint leaves  
 1 quart water  
 Extracted spinach juice  
 Ice

Slice and crush the lemons with the sugar and a dozen mint leaves, using a wooden potato masher. Add water, strain and color green with extracted spinach juice. Put a piece of ice and a sprig of mint in each glass and pour the lemonade over them.

### Relish for St. Patrick's Day

Bread  
 Caviar  
 Lemon juice  
 Large queen olives

Cut thin slices of bread in the shape of pipes, toast and spread lightly with caviar, to which a few drops of lemon juice has been added. Stone the olives and fill with caviar. Pile the olives in the center of a plate and arrange the pipes around the edge.

### Graham Cracker Cake

1 cupful sugar  
 1/4 cupful butter or  
 3/4 cupful manufactured shortening  
 2 eggs  
 1 cupful milk  
 1/2 cupful shredded coconut  
 1 cupful white flour  
 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder  
 Pinch of salt  
 1 cupful rolled Graham crackers  
 1 teaspoonful vanilla

Cream butter and sugar, add well-beaten eggs, milk, coconut, flour mixed and sifted with baking powder and salt, rolled Graham crackers and vanilla. Bake in two layers. Put together with the following filling.

### Filling

1 cupful milk  
 1 tablespoonful butter  
 1 tablespoonful flour  
 1 egg yolk, beaten  
 1 tablespoonful sugar  
 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla

Heat milk in double boiler. Mix butter, flour, egg and sugar, and pour gradually into the hot milk. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Add vanilla and cool.

### Frosting

1 cupful powdered sugar  
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Cream butter and sugar, add vanilla and milk until thin enough to spread.

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Collar No. 3 is made of organdie and has been much favored. A neat design is embroidered in each corner and a lace edge is used as a finish.



Set No. 1 won numerous compliments. It is made of a coarse white net and the coarse is much handsomer than a finer net. A hem is turned and run with a double thread of No. 5 blue crochet cotton. Another plain row is darned in and is followed by a row of diamonds taking up two threads for each side. Complete with two plain rows of darning. For a finish take up a loose circular stitch with needle, make threads cross and draw needle tightly through center. A vest is made to match of a straight piece of net. The collar may be cut in a straight piece or shaped.



Collar No. 2. This collar is cut circular from swiss with a large dot. The dot is French knotted and surrounded with long lazy daisy stitches that make very pretty flowers. A narrow lace always makes a pretty collar finish.



Perhaps each set could be made at a cost of fifty cents or less. Often by using left-over materials these dainty accessories can be made with no extra cost. A coarse mesh material can have threads pulled through in colors and edged with lace will look very well.

Pongee silk makes very pretty collar and cuffs with pulled threads in colors and touches of embroidery. The edges can be cross-stitched, hem stitched or hemmed.

One very pretty collar and cuff set had tiny squares of a contrasting color in each corner as the only finish. It was so effective that more than one head turned to admire.

It is a mother's duty to look her best for her family that she may leave a beautiful memory for her children. They will love to remember a sweet face above a dainty collar. It is well worth the time and bother for the mother's time with her children is all too short.

### Some Simple Tests for Fabrics

To test fabrics for fastness of color they must be subjected to the influences and reagents to which they will be exposed when in use. The usual destructive agencies are light, water, soap, perspiration, friction, and, in some parts of the country, alkaline dust.

Fastness to soap and water may be tested by thoroughly washing a small piece of the goods, drying, and comparing with a piece of the unwashed goods. In case the color forms only a part of the fabric, the goods should be tested against "bleeding" or running, which sometimes disastrously affects the shade or whiteness of the other portion of the goods. Wash a piece of the colored goods with some of the white or with the material of other shade to be used with it.

Fastness to friction, the absence of which is sometimes called "crocking," may be tested by rubbing a piece of the material on a white surface, such as a piece of white cloth. Some colors disintegrate rapidly when exposed to acids. Such colors are not suitable for use in articles liable to become wet with perspiration. Resistance to acids may be tested by dipping a sample of the material in dilute acetic acid or vinegar and noting the results. Fastness to alkalis may be tested by treating the material with a solution of washing soda.

To determine the fastness of colors to light usually requires exposure of the goods to direct sunlight for several days.

## Up-to-date Fashion Notes

For the little girl's dress that needs brightening, as well as for the hat band that is to match the dress, Roman-striped and Bayudere ribbons from half inch to three inches wide, are exceedingly adaptable. They are made with simple tailored bows, with one or two ends.

Four cornered waste baskets, made of ribbon in the same colors as the interior decoration of the bedroom, are easily made. The baskets are lined in a contrasting color, and ribbons placed in vertical or horizontal bands around the basket, and bound at the top and edges with gold ribbon or metal galon. Front of basket can be trimmed with a spray of ribbon flowers.

There are so many new and wonderful wrist watch ribbons that a woman can have a different one for each gown. There are metallic ribbons for dress wear, and plain striped bands for tailored.

To bring your gloves absolutely up to date, line the flaring wrists with beautiful brocaded or brilliant colored ribbons. Gloves have never been more elaborate than they are this season, and the lining of the flaring wrist is quite as important as the stripe on the back of the hand or the color of the glove.

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In interior decorations, ribbon covered cords in fancy braidings make convenient and attractive light pulls.

Girdles made of ribbon in the shape of laurel wreaths, or of small rosettes that are open in the center, held together by a narrower ribbon running through, and ending in the back with an attractive bow, can serve a double use by being used as a band about a hat—providing the crown of the hat is as large as Milady's waist.

A wide ribbon girdle with collar, cuffs and vest to match makes the simple straight line dress very stylish. The girdle can be made tailored and have two long streamers—one on each side of the front and one on each side of the back.

Designers and well dressed women are voicing the simplicity note and soft feminine touches. Ribbons are indispensable to this season's fashions.

The mid-winter and spring lines out-do the present modes in ribbon touches. The manufacturers, designers, dressmakers, seem to feel that no garment is complete unless it has a ribbon girdle, corsage or trimming of ribbon-rosettes, cockades, or pipings.

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## David and Jonathan

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"There's ways," he said, "and you don't seem to take any of 'em. You always sheered off easy enough in school from the girls . . . but this Alison . . . I watched her last summer, all right, gibbering at you . . . you'll be giving her flowers and candy yet, and writing her letters. Gee, Sam," his voice broke tragically, "it takes the stuffing right out of a fellow—this skirt game. Look at my brothers. Look at Charley Quinney writing to that Iredale girl every day. There's a manly deed for you . . . he's never been the same since he met the little, sawed-off blockhead. Sam, I tell you it don't work. I-I hate to see you gettin' into it."

Sam fanned the air thoughtfully.

"Got to let 'em in sometime, Davey. Can't stay in the kindergarten always." Davey gloomed suspiciously.

"Strikes me you're in a good hurry, Sam. What you see in trailin' round with 'em's beyond me. You're goin' to your doom and don't know it. Why you're like one of those fellows that grins before he's executed . . . Why," he cried suddenly, "how do I know you aren't in already? How do I know you haven't been writin' to her all winter."

"How do you know? What's it to you, anyway? You my keeper?"

"You need one if you're doin' that. I've been a pal of yours—"

"Well, if you must know, it was only two or three times. She sent me a Christmas present, and I had to thank her, didn't I? And I sent her a postcard at Easter and another before we came up."

"Ruined!" Davey groaned. "Ruined for life! Well, I've told you and I've done what I could to pull you out of the fire."

"Aw . . . out it." Sam got up and dusted his trouser-legs, "you'll be as bad as any after a while."

"The deuce I will! I guess yes," Davey kicked out savagely. "Anyhow," he said, "you think over what I've said. This is our last night together here, and we'll dismiss the skirts into the future. I tell you Sam, I've got it all doped for the niftiest deal to-night. We'll go over to Bell's Island lighthouse. Lowther'll let me take his motor-boat, and we can grab some eats and make it a moonlight jink. We'll have a ripplin' time. They say of Murrefree on the island's so darned glad to see visitors he let's 'em climb all over the place!"

Sam stopped and looked at his chum, slightly red.

"I can't go to-night, Davey."

"Can't go! Why not?"

"I—I promised . . . there's that—that war thing the women have fixed up . . . I've gotta stay."

"Not to-night? Why, your mother said Sam, it ain't . . . you're not going because of that Alison . . .?"

"I tell you a fellow can't help it always. I tell you she wished herself on me for it, oh— Sam spoke more sharply, "a fellow's gotta let 'em in sometime."

Davey's howl of horror stopped him.

"You're doin' this on our last night together? And you're goin' back to town to-morrow, and your dad sendin' you to school in two weeks, an' breakin' everything up for us—an' you won't keep your last night for us! Then I tell you, his voice rose shrilly, "if you do this, I'm done with you, Sam Watson, you an' me've played round a lot and stuck together, but it's all over if you're goin' on this way. I'm done. You've got no sand. You're lettin' yourself go to the dickens and I'm done."

"Aw—what's one night?"

"It's one night too much," Davey gulped. "I'm done, I tell you. You can think it over and take your choice. If you'll come along on Lowther's boat, you can let me know an' it's all right. But if you run with that Alison—I'm done." He started to walk away, hands in his pockets.

"Aw, Dave, forget it . . . race you to the old mill . . ." Sam cried a pacific challenge.

"I'm done"—Davey did not even turn—"unless—" he added darkly.

Sam flushed. Dave was a good pal and a fellow was a fool to lug a girl all over a dance-floor, still a fellow going on seventeen can't be dictated to—Sam whistled airily.

"Just as you like," he called.

Davey tramped sternly on. He came out of the rural fields and woods to the sophisticated elegance of the hotel grounds. On the veranda a slim, flower-faced little girl in frilly skirts favored him with a smile at which he scowled darkly, furiously. Lord, the effrontery of woman—to cleave the friendship of two men like a merciless sword and keep on grinning.

Davey made an early toilet and took his dinner ahead of the rush. He went to his room then. He had no fear of the outcome. Old Sam and he had ranged together too long. No silly doll would keep Sam away. Any minute now his friend might knock on his door. There was plenty of time before 8:30. Davey got out the fogs necessary for the island jaunt—steps in the hall! Ah, old Sam, after all! No . . . somebody else passing.

Davey occupied himself busily and the world outside grew darker and darker. Somewhere a clock struck eight and Sam had not come yet. "Way out beyond the bay Bell's Island light, like a star, burned in the violet evening. It beckoned and allured, but there was no fun for just one—without his best pal!"

And then eight-thirty and almost at its heels, nine o'clock. And somewhere under

him the hotel orchestra began its rhythmic pink-pinky-pink! pink-pinky-pink! And Sam hadn't come, wasn't going to come. He had crossed the bridge. He had "let 'em in" and gone back on his best friend. Davey clenched his hands, a queer stiffness in his throat. Was it all over then, all their good times together? He undressed and threw himself on his bed and fell fast asleep, still reflecting bitterly. It was daylight—late morning when he woke, long past the hour for the outgoing train.

"What's wrong with David and Jonathan?" he heard his sister ask, "Davey didn't see Sam off."

"Ah, well, let 'em ask. They'd have more time to wonder when they saw the thing was over eternally."

The day following he got a post card from Sam, and sent one himself. On the third day after he got back to town and Sam was at the station to meet him just as if nothing had happened. After all, had anything happened? The two boys shook and pummelled each other like a pair of bear-cubs. It was gone. It had never been—the shadow between them!

Those were halcyon days for Sam and Davey—the week that lay before their separation. Neither one was thinking of that empty winter ahead; both were too absorbed in the present, in each other.

And such was Davey's flame of friendship, his own desire for self-effacement, that on a morning when his sister shocked him with a bit of news, he went voluntarily to the phone and delivered it to Sam.

"H'loa, Sam."

"H'loa, old scout."

"Just heard something you might care to know. Sis told me. Jane Todd has a girl visiting her . . . came yesterday. You won't guess . . . it's that . . . it's Mabel Alison."

"Yeh—I know."

"Oh! You know—" queer what a funny stab a fellow's insides get sometimes.

"Yeh—she told me."

"Oh!"

"Yep. She told me before I left she was comin'. And she wrote me—"

"Oh, she wrote!"

"Yep. But I don't give a hang about it anyway. Davey."

"Oh, well . . . I thought I'd tell you why didn't you come over last night?"

"Felt too darned bad, old scout."

"Huh! What's wrong?"

"Got a twist inside o' me, I guess. Rocky all night over it."

"You!" Incredible! Sam, the old iron-

side, with the endurance of an ox. It sounded—yes, it did, it sounded thin.

"Say," Davey's voice trembled a little, "you didn't go—you didn't call on Alison last night?"

"No—I didn't. What's eating you any-how?"

"Oh, well . . . I just thought. See you at the soccer match this afternoon."

"Oh . . . say, Davey, don't believe I'll go."

"Not go! Why, Sam—"

"No. . . I-I . . . look here, I'm feelin' punk . . . rotten all over—"

"Punk! You!" again suspicion thrust up its hydra-head. "Why, you never . . . why you're always well, Sam, what the dickens . . . what d' you mean, punk?"

"Oh, I dunno . . . Sam's voice

had a shamed, evasive sound that fanned a furious flame in David. "I just got a lot—o—pains."

The flame burst suddenly to a consuming blaze.

"Well, I don't believe you . . . you can't put it over on me that way. You threw me down before, Sam, in cold blood, and this time you're tryin' to hedge. I let bygones be bygones after you stung me with that Alison before . . . but this time . . . don't believe you. I tell you . . . no use. Might as well quit lyin' . . . that's what I said lyin' . . . don't believe you. No, Sam, . . . I know where you went last night all right . . . I know where you're plannin' to go to-day."

No use, Sam's indignant protests; the tide of Davey's suspicions swamped him, brought a red mist before his eyes.

"You're a liar . . . and you know it."

Unthinkable words for one's pal; but unthinkable perfidy of the pal, too. Davey hung up, furious, blinded with stinging tears in his eyes, and a lump like a roc's egg in his throat. Sam of all people—on the eve of good-bye! Well, it was over. Between them they'd killed it, this time surely. David and Jonathan were done for—slain!

Davey flung out of the house, his cap over his eyes, into a world suddenly cold and empty.

It was dusk when he came in, his hideous afternoon ended. His mother, sewing by the lamp, looked up quickly, spoke more gently than usual.

"Well, Davey— then, as she saw his gloomy face, "don't worry. It—we think it will be all right, dear. Sam's so young and strong. And it really isn't considered dangerous. Why, you don't mean you don't know about Sam?" she cried.

"Sam? 'Bout Sam?" Davey faltered.

"Why, yes, we thought of course you knew. Sam was taken to the hospital an hour ago, dear—it's appendicitis, and they're going to operate at six o'clock."

In front of Davey strange things happened. His mother, chairs, table, began spinning around circle-wise.

"Sam's mother says he hasn't felt well for several days, but they didn't expect this. I suppose he didn't complain to you; a boy hates to. His mother says he was afraid of being ridiculed."

So it was true. Sam had not been hedging—it had been bona fide, his suffering! He had called him a liar!—and now per-

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# Cranking Up the Matrimonial Six

By Uthai Vincent Wilcox

GOOD old Springtime. The time that poets and artists rave over. Also the time that maidens and men begin to rave over the weather—the woods—the posies—and the lights that shine in each other's eyes. It's all natural—it's Springtime.

Sitting in the hammock dreaming—on the green grass looking up into the blue sky—parked by the side of the road and in the soft light of the new moon there is the Vision. You know it. Interpreted in the symbolism of this age and youth the vision discloses the bright and shiny (color scheme to suit) marriage auto. The old bus looks pretty nice whether brand new or just out of the used car department.

How the vision persists. How the desire grows for absolute possession of the well-known famous make. It is the Matrimonial Six that is so popular, in the Springtime.

He or she—the feelings are akin—look and looking know that running that car will be easy, sure! Simple? Certainly. Hardly a question in Springtime about how much gas will it take—meaning how much will it cost to fit up a home for two. No query concerning the ignition system—will the present job provide for the needs of two or more. Kind of tire? No worry about whether he or she are able to run smoothly over life's road and not have blow-outs and punctures. Finish and upholstery? The physical condition of either side need not be considered—absurd! Why bother about the speedometer? He or she will never camp me in my ambitions. Shift gears easily? Relatives, mothers-in-law and others are not worth considering. Right or left drive? Who is the stronger temperament—that'll take care of itself.

The cut-out arrangement—the spark-plugs—the make of bearings (temper, disposition and religion) can be ignored, as they generally are, so it seems.

Who buys a machine that way? Not a one. Yet the zippy Marriage-Six with its easy self-starter is rarely examined. Some folks hardly know what's under the hood. It's enough that it'll go off on high—oil, water and gas will somehow take care of themselves. Every now and then the snappy, clubby speedster gets stalled on the first rise or goes into the ditch, 'cause no one knows how to drive it.

Really the Marriage-Six, new or old, needs care and attention and lots of it. There must be something more than a love for speed and new scenery. If the dear dreamers hope to avoid a wreck of their new Six, or a tow to the garage, or the services of an experienced mechanic then it becomes necessary to find out about the essentials.

## A Complicated Machine

With all its beauty and utility the complicated Marriage-Six when started out on its journey in careless hands and a lack of knowledge of certain fundamentals has an "expectancy" of making the journey to the glittering end of just one in five. And that's official.

The wrecks of past trials have all been counted by the Census Bureau and the very latest figures show that there are on the average a divorce for every five marriages in the United States. And as most autos, big and little, show off worse after a few years of hard usage, so the Census Bureau indicates that the largest proportion of divorces are granted in the third, fourth and fifth years, being about eight per cent of the whole. The Marriage-Six's break down at the rate of 5% the first year and 7% the second to the sixth years.

What sublime optimists the warm spring sun produces. Their faith in the ability to make the race is far greater than the well known grain of mustard seed—far greater.

Tires and gas are, of course, absolutely essential and so are money and a place to live. Lubrication, oil and grease, are just as necessary. The springtime dreams count them in as a foregone conclusion. Yet, without any very definite knowledge of how or when or where to lubricate the Marriage-Six it is sure to overheat and maybe "freeze" a cylinder.

Affection, love, is the lubricant of the marriage-motor. It is more often taken for granted in getting married than the oiling system of the popular machine. By some unknown manner, never explained it is expected to function perfectly at all times and without attention of any kind. It is not enough to know that there is oil in the tank. It must be forced into the engine. It must be utilized. The splashers must distribute it and put it to work. The higher speed the engine, the greater the need of efficient lubrication.

## An Oil for Every Purpose

The average machine has a score or more tentation as to their lubrication. There is of separate places that need constant at heavy oil needed for the transmission, the gears, the differential and the packing of the universal joints. Next's foot oil to the leather surface of the clutch, vaseline to the armature and light oil to the starter. Many oils for many purposes.

Consider the Marriage-Six. There are the various expressions of affection needed to lubricate the complicated matrimonial machines. Joy, laughter, appreciation, sentiment, tenderness, delight, caress's help the marriage motor run smoothly.

Affection must do its work after marriage, as the motor must have oil when running. It must be made to work. It must be watched, and if it fails to lubricate properly and efficiently the system through which it should operate must be overhauled.

Somebody is going to say here that love

is something high and holy and not subject to moods and tempers—something noble and ethereal and cannot be chained to earth or run through the lubricating system for common service in the Marriage-Machine.

Some of which is true, perhaps.

Someone has observed that "love is insanity," having noticed perchance that love has its wildest manifestations among those who are more or less unbalanced, and who run their cars in the ditch or burn out their ignition systems on the boulevard or turn turtle on the curves. Love must be reckoned with: its place must be recognized.

Marriage is the norm of human happiness. There is no doubt of that. But true marriages do not drop down out of heaven, readymade. They come because love is put to work along tested, efficient lines. For a successful marriage is an endless labor of love. It calls for sacrifice, for will, for effort. And this is the thing that the springtime lovers fail so often to fully understand.

## Love and Matrimony Not Divergeable

We all admit freely, that success in a chosen art or profession can be attained only after years of thoughtful work, even though one may have been endowed from the first with great natural gifts. But somehow we fail to teach our marriageable sons and daughters to recognize marriage as an art, or love as a gift. Happiness is supposed to be perfected and handed to us without any effort whatsoever. Then when it is discovered that happiness never comes unasked and that love must be constantly deepened if it is to give richness and creative power to life, husband and wife become petulant and envenom marriage with disappointment.

Successful marriage must be tempered with love. We cannot divorce love from matrimony without injury to both, but when one is permitted to depend entirely upon the other, both become a curse rather than a blessing.

If this is the popular season of the year for a discussion of marriage it is also the season for all the advisers to advise. As John Selden said: "Of all actions of a man's life, his marriage does least concern other people; yet of all actions of our life, 'tis most meddled with by other people."

Eugenists would begin before we are able to contemplate anything—before we are born—and, looking into our antecedent history, decide whether we have a right to contemplate anything other than suicide. If our great-grandmother as an infant had nothing more serious than hay-fever we may begin our preparation for marriage.

## They All Have Advice

Domestic scientists working on the theory that every married woman should be able at least to make her own fudge, would substitute a course in housekeeping for the usual program of clay modeling and basket weaving, while the boys are being taught how to write poetry and to build pigeon houses.

Some, as a matter of precaution, would teach the boys how to keep house and give the girls a course in practical business. Many look upon marriage as a partnership, but quite as many can see it only as fate. But notwithstanding all these absurdities, despite all obstacles, matrimony continues to threaten and pursue and possess.

It is told that one who dwelt in a sphere above our own found there a precious jewel. Wishing to give it to this world, he carried it to earth only to discover that there its brightness vanished. Then he learned that his gift would have been priceless had he but raised men to it instead of trying to bring it down to them.

So it is with marriage, that is a wondrous gift of God. When we take it by chance and without effort expect it to furnish us with super-happiness; when we expect it to adapt itself to our sordid mold of expediency, we find its luster gone; we have only a limping, uncertain living, of what might have been a priceless boon from Heaven.

The man or woman who would take advantage of marriage to further his own ends; who would try to reduce it to a bondage or a mere partnership, or to govern it with his own selfish rules and regulations will awaken to find the true marriage missing and a vile mockery in its place.

The man or woman who through the glamor of matrimony, would ensnare another into a slavery of body and soul, will find that the worst things about chains is that they make him who wears them justify their use, whereas liberty is the greatest restraint.

## An Adventure in Happiness

When true love leads to marriage it also continues to lead in marriage, making its course smooth and its journey pleasant. It is not of that obnoxious kind that is always evident, flaunting. It is not spread about for the sake of appearances, any more than the oil of the motor is splattered on the steering wheel or on the windshield or on the cushions. The oil does its work quietly, unobtrusively, yet efficiently and effectively. It is our privilege to take love when it comes, to mate freely and finely and then make of marriage the great adventure in happiness.

It is true that marriage, touched by the ideals of a democratic age, and a liberty-loving people holds greater possibilities of happiness today than it has before, within the memory of man. There is in it equality and justice and freedom, especially for the woman. It was not so very long ago that woman crept meekly under the shelter of any marriage, because the common mind derided them as failures if they did not marry; because indeed there was no place for them outside.

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# Marcella—A Story for Children

By Richard Thomas Wyche

"Catch a butterfly and rub the dust of its wings on your sleeve and you will get a new dress the same color as the butterfly." That is what little Marcella had often heard old Aunt Dinah, who lived under the hill, say. Aunt Dinah had gone even so far as to show Marcella scraps of the beautiful dresses she had gotten that way when she was a girl.

Marcella wanted a new dress to wear to the picnic, held at Loch Lilly the thirtieth of May. All her playmates had new dresses, but not Marcella. Her parents were very poor and were compelled to work hard for a bare living. But the child said, "If what Aunt Dinah says will come true, I shall get one prettier than all the rest. Anyhow, I'll try it and see."

It was a bright day in May. The tulips and hyacinths had bloomed, while the apple trees were white with blossoms and the clear note of the thrush was heard in the woods. Marcella got her sunbonnet, and said, "Mother, I am going for a walk."

"Do not stay long," called her mother from the window.

"No," said the blue-eyed Marcella. "I shall soon be back."

Slowly she walked among all the flowerbeds, and saw the humming-birds and bees sipping the fragrant flowers, but no butterflies.

Soon she came to the rock wall at the back of the garden. Over this she quickly climbed and entered a little path leading to the woods. She walked along this shady path and in a few moments reached a thicket.

"Surely," she said, "I can find a butterfly here."

Overhead she heard the squirrels bark and chatter. From the little brook she saw the robin fly with mud in his beak to daub his nest. The air was fragrant and fresh with the odor of the woods, and the birds so beautiful in their gay plumage, as they called to their mates and flew from tree to tree, that before Marcella realized it she had gone far into the forest.

In time she became tired of walking and sat down on a cushion of moss to rest. She leaned her head against a tree and saw through an opening in the tree-top the blue sky, across which floated white clouds.

"The larger clouds are ocean boats," she said, "the others are little sail-boats that come up the mouth of the river." She sat and watched them, as some melted in the air while others sailed away to some far-off shore. She had almost forgotten why she came into the woods, when suddenly she spied something in a clump of bushes close by. It looked like a small balloon just ready to rise in the air, or a large hornet's nest.

What do you suppose it was? It was the house of giant butterflies!

On one side was a door like the door of a wigwam, and Marcella saw going in and out the most beautiful butterflies she had ever seen. When they spread out their wings to fly they looked as large as swans. They had large bright spots of gold on their wings.

Marcella said to herself, "If I could just catch one and rub the dust of its wings on my sleeve, wouldn't I have a gay dress?"

She crept along behind the bushes nearer and nearer to the door. She waited her chance to touch one. Presently a

beautifully colored one came out and stood opening and closing its wings. This was Marcella's opportunity. So eager was she that she actually seized the butterfly with both hands. It flapped its wings, and fluttered and jumped. Then all the other butterflies came swarming out of their house and caught the little girl and held her fast.

Marcella was terribly frightened and began to cry. The butterflies disputed about what should be done with her. Some would have given her poisoned honey, but others said, "No, she did not mean to do any harm." Then they took her into their house before the queen butterfly, who sat upon a throne of flowers. When all was quiet, Marcella told the queen that she was in need of a new dress to wear to the picnic, that all the other girls had new dresses, and that her parents were so poor that they could not get one for her, that she had been told that if she could only get some of the dust of a butterfly's wings on her sleeve, she would get a new dress the same color as the butterfly.

The queen butterfly felt sorry for the little girl. "Not only dust," said the queen, "but a new dress you shall have."

Then the queen called a dozen mother butterflies and told them to make a dress for the little girl. At once they went to work, they put on their spectacles, got their thimbles, needles, and scissors, and began to cut and fit a dress of shimmering rainbow silk for the little girl. They worked so fast and looked so wise and cunning that Marcella forgot her trouble and began to smile, as she watched them so deftly making her new dress. Soon it was finished, and fitted on the little girl. It had not only bright gold spots and gas stripes, but wings so she could fly like the butterflies.

The queen then called ten of the strongest-winged butterflies and told them to take the girl up in the air and let her fly home. So five got on one side and five on the other and away they flew, up, up in the air. As they were going up Marcella looked down and saw far beneath her the trees and in the distance her home.

"They will carry me so far I shall never get back again," she thought.

Suddenly the butterflies loosed their hold and she spread her wings and flew, like the butterflies, for a moment. Then she began to fall. She closed her eyes. Like one in a dream she came down to earth. She heard a dog bark. Something cold touched her warm, flushed cheek. She opened her eyes, and where do you suppose she was? Still sitting on the bank of moss, leaning against a tree, where she had gone to sleep watching the clouds.

Marcella had been gone from home so long that her mother had gone in search of her with Zip, the shepherd dog, and found her asleep.

Did Marcella get a dress the way Aunt Dinah had told her? No. When her mother heard why she had wandered so far into the woods she said to Marcella, "Why do you not pick the ripe strawberries and take them to the market? In that way you can earn a new dress."

When the picnic day came, Marcella went to the picnic a happy little girl, wearing a bright-colored dress which she had worked hard for and earned herself.



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Because the young women are free today in America, it would seem that their share in marriage should be greater than that which women asked of themselves when they were less free. If a successful marriage is worth having, they must do their share; for it takes both the man and woman, of course, to make real happiness. But barring the weakness of character, the woman's share may seem to be more easily defined.

### The Woman's Share in Marriage

That is because the woman's contribution to life down all the ages has been the cultivation of passion into love and family bonds; the transformation of a shelter into a home. And it still is. The fact that she no longer is a bondwoman, or the more modern fact that she may be absolved from actual house labor to follow her own vocational aptitudes, do not set her free from that primal service.

Put into the most practical terms, the woman's share in the happy success of her marriage resolves itself, first, into the efficient maintenance of the home as a rest-place where the life of the family may find expression; and second, the fusion of that home with the common life about it.

Any husband has the right to expect that his wife will understand the business of domesticity as he understands the business of money-making. Smoothly running household machinery is the fundamental factor in successful home life. Given a home, managed in haphazard fashion, and there is always too little margin for the development of real happiness. Mechanical work crowds into leisure hours; meals are hurried or unappetizing; little comforts are neglected; small, stimulating pleasures are sacrificed to meet some material need; petty irritations rooted in the lack of money or time or strength nag at the married partners. Life, by and by, grows dreary, discouraging. The motor knocks, and there are a

hundred and one groans in the Marriage-Six.

The faults generally attributed to marriage are nothing more than our weakness intensified by too frequent repetition in the

The joys and blessings credited to matrimony are no more than the goodness and loveliness of human nature developed and increased by constant practice where it is most appreciated. It is love at work.

Marriage although giving the widest opportunities for new developments and new happiness and new ways of self-expression; the lovers, no matter how intense to begin with, will still be human. The machine will still be subject to faulty workmanship. Lovers must take into account the human element, for after marriage, say, about three weeks after, there seems to be a little excess of humanism. Then give the machine immediate attention.

The acquiring of a home and the acquisition of a husband or a wife does not provide all the excitement to life. In other words the matrimonial state should not become dull routine. Merely because a girl is grown up and married it is not necessary to suppose that the play instinct is dead within her. And with the varied amusements of this century two people can surely find something that will be fun for each where they may be together.

The true marriage has within it a standard of honor between husband and wife that is commensurate with the standard of honor between man and man, an innate joyous permanence and a deep spiritual unity. But such marriages do not drop down from heaven ready-made. The grace of them must be striven for—attained like saintliness. Keep the love working and for each phase of the matrimonial state there will be found a proper lubricant of affection that will do the work well when properly attended to.

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There are also many weaknesses to which this is a contributing cause—it exposes one to infection by lowering the vital resistance, poisoning the blood, depleting the system of its oxygen-carrying power, and by actually killing off vast numbers of leucocytes, or defensive phagocytes, of the blood.

Some of the very greatest authorities claim, indeed, that immunity from the most ordinary infections depends upon a clean condition of the lower bowel and its freedom from poisons.

Health Commissioner Copeland, of New York City, recently said in the Columns of the New York American:

"The lining membrane of the colon (lower intestine) is thick and corrugated, lying in folds, not unlike a miniature washboard. The folds afford many hiding-places for germs. The waste material of the body standing and fermenting in this canal and the heat of the body combine to make the colon a glorious breeding place for germs." And he recommends giving rectal injections of simple, pure warm water.

Review, if you will, two of the commonest complaints caused by this accumulated waste with which every one of us is afflicted unless we have two bowel movements per day.

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But remove the cause, and one must be careless indeed of his diet to suffer from these annoying and often dangerous digestive discomforts.

Among the most conspicuous diseases caused directly by intestinal infection are rheumatism, lumbago, neuritis, neuralgia and sciatica, and there is no physician who would not devote his first attention in such cases toward eliminating the waste from the lower intestine and recommending foods which would be easily assimilated and keep that waste down to the minimum.

High blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, too, with the apoplexy that they help to produce, are due, in large measure, to the effects of the toxins absorbed from the alimentary canal; acting upon the walls of the arteries, they tend to produce calcification.

They also irritate the delicate neurons and neuroglia of the nerve cells, which often manifests itself in nervous irritability, insomnia, distressing dreams and irregular heart action.

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## How To Take Care of the Clock

By Emma Gray Wallace

Many people are careless in the management of their time-pieces, and then complain when they are misled into losing a train or being late for an appointment.

A clock is a valuable aid to daily living. It helps us to regulate our time from the moment of rising until we are ready to retire. A clock or watch, however, which is wound irregularly or exposed to extreme changes of temperature cannot be expected to give proper service.

The owner of a time-piece should treat it with respect, winding it without fail at a given time, and clocks should be so placed as to avoid jar and as much vibration as possible. They should be set on a level surface and the door or opening should be kept closed to exclude dust and moisture.

Sometimes a clock will lose or gain because it needs cleaning or oiling. Traveling tinkers about whom one knows nothing should not be permitted to handle time-piece machinery. Take the clock to a trusted clock man who has an established business, and reputation. Most local jewelry stores have a reliable employee who does this work, or can refer you to where you can have it properly done. If the clock has a wheezy or squeaky sound when it ticks, it probably needs oil.

The woman who took her sewing machine oil can and "dosed" an expensive clock with cheap oil which she had purchased from a peddler, thought she had done a fine thing. In a little while, however, the clock stopped and it was an expensive job to take it all apart and to undo the mischief, for the surplus of heavy, coarse oil had attracted much dust.

A more sensible process would have been to have soaked a piece of blotting paper with a fine, light oil and to have laid the blotting paper on the bottom of the clock case. Enough of this would have evaporated to oil the clock for the time. Sometimes a piece of absorbent cotton soaked in kerosene will answer the same purpose.

In another case a tidy housekeeper who did not like anything standing about, placed a bottle of strong medicine in the bottom of her clock for safe keeping. In time the medicine ate the cork and the evaporation of the contents of the bottle corroded and rusted the clock, quite spoiling its accuracy.

Many old-fashioned and some modern clocks have dials of copper which are silvered over or have a silver finish. In time these frequently become stained from the action of sulphur or other gases in the air. If we attempt to scour the dial of the clock we destroy the surface or scratch it or remove the hour numbers.

The safest thing to do is to dismount the dial or face of the clock and this may usually be done quite easily. Then it may be taken to a jeweler and properly cleaned.

An authority on the subject states that it may be done at home with success if sufficient care is used. Take one ounce of powdered cream of tartar and make a thick, smooth, creamy paste of this by using hot water, just adding a few drops at a time until the right consistency is obtained. Then take a soft clean pledget of absorbent cotton and spread this creamy paste very gently over the whole surface. Set aside and allow to dry thoroughly.

Under no circumstances rub or attempt to polish. When the water has evaporated take the dial and holding it under the faucet, gently rinse the dried cream of tartar off until the surface is perfectly clean. Do not touch with a cloth or the hands. Set aside until dry. Now take a little ball of the soft cotton and spread a very small portion of warm vaseline over the surface. Rub well into the surface of the cotton, so that it will almost have disappeared. Now go over the surface of the dial with the oily cotton very lightly in order to protect it from the action of the air.

The dial should be in good shape and much improved in appearance. A clock maker or jeweler will usually clean up a dial nicely unless the surface is cracked or injured. In that case, it is often possible to get a new dial and to restore a reliable clock to respectability of appearance.

When a clock is purchased it is wise to obtain careful directions as to its care. In time we are all liable to forget or the clock may pass into other hands. To insure the right method being followed it is an excellent plan to write neatly the rules given, on a slip of paper and to paste this slip to the back or base of the clock, or if it has a wooden case, inside of the door.

If no such directions are at hand the clock man who cleans and regulates your clock will tell you how to handle it and whether it is of the type which it is safe to turn the hands backward or not, then you can govern yourself accordingly.

In purchasing a clock it is well to buy a standard and reliable make, for in time a clock becomes a prized, a familiar, and an intimate friend. Friends should be well-treated at all times.

### A Winter Night

My window-pane is starred with frost,  
The world is bitter cold to-night,  
The moon is cruel and the wind  
Is like a two-edged sword to smite.

God pity all the homeless ones,  
The beggars passing to and fro.  
God pity all the poor to-night  
Who walk the lamp-lit streets of snow.

My room is like a bit of June,  
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## David and Jonathan

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Davey tramped upstairs heavily. Sam—in the hospital! Old iron-horse Sam in a hospital with a knife at work on him. Shucks, well, suppose they did cut him. An appendix wasn't anything nowadays. "Rod" Lacey had had his out—and Beeler Williams. Beeler carried his around in a bottle. Davey'd seen it a dozen times. Just a little thing.

Davey washed himself very carefully, very quietly, in the bathroom and went and sat in his room to wait until supper-time. But when the summons came he did not go down. He watched the little clock on his dresser instead—watched it miserably and saw its meddlesome hand edging round to six.

His mother knocked and came in with a plate of milk-toast.

"Better eat a bite," she advised. "It's easier waiting on a full stomach. Sam's mother will let me hear directly it's over." Not even to a mother could he reveal the shamed depth of his emotion.

"I—I'm just not hungry to-night," he said, with a pretense at indifference. "I wasn't going to eat anyhow. I know Sam's all right."

But two hours later he clung to the banister, white-faced, his hands trembling strangely, while his mother got her tidings.

"Just a word from St. Stephen's. And it's all right. Sam's out of the ether and stood the operation nicely. What he needs now is rest and a chance to heal. You can call up to-morrow and in a day or two go around."

Well, of course! Why, he'd known Sam would be all right. Appendicitis wasn't anything nowadays. In a week or so Sam would be out. And meantime he'd see Sam . . . and tell him . . . Oh, yes, tell him what a beast he'd been!

Yes, he'd see Sam again and tell him. Oh, yes, tell him. Over and over this thought recurred, and the last time—the dark of night screened the shame of it—he reached up and found his cheek was wet.

They hadn't much to say next morning, at the hospital. Young Mr. Watson had had a very restless night: his temperature was not quite what it should be. That was all. At mid-afternoon he appeared to be about the same. Davey, going over to Watson's found Sam's mother dry-eyed and a little hollow-cheeked, telling him that Sam was going to be all right, of course.

Why, of course. Nobody minded appendicitis, though Davey remembered that young McHenry in his grade, who had gone down with it had had a long pull to get back.

A queer, uneasy weight settled on his chest. Going home he walked round the hospital block three times. It had always seemed a vague beneficent sort of place, but this afternoon, with the red sun behind its gables, it became suddenly an inferno, a Spanish Inquisition.

Sam was no better that evening, nor the next day, nor the next—two long black days. On the third afternoon Davey deliberately waylaid Sam's doctor coming out of St. Stephen's.

"Doctor," he said, "I'm Quinney—Sam Watson's friend. I've been phoning every day to the hospital but I—I'd like to know what you think," he tried to speak coolly, to control his unruly voice, but it rose to a mouse-like squeal at the last.

But the doctor was not amused. "Young Watson?" he said, "he's—well, he's holding his own. But of course matters will take a turn for the best shortly. In fact, they must or—we've instituted drainage and are doing all we can. We will decide to-morrow if re-operation is necessary."

Davey gulped again. "You don't think?" he asked haggardly. "You don't suppose it would help giving him new blood, somebody else's I mean. I'm strong and healthy and I'd let him have mine . . . all he needed."

"Why—er, thank you. I don't believe it's indicated. Not necessary in fact," he eyed Davey shrewdly, with a faint smile. "Very good of you to offer, though. If it were needed, I'd call on you, of course, but I think after to-night—" he made an expressive gesture that meant anything at all. He said something more, a jargon of phrases, half-technical, and jumped into his electric with a swift pouncing movement, leaving Davey marooned on the pavement, a strange fright in his heart, a shaken confidence in modern surgery.

The surgeon was right. That was his friend's crucial night. Davey's mother came to say good-night and found her boy standing in his pajamas looking out into the still moonlit evening. The despair and whiteness of his face touched her.

"Better sleep, dar, or try to," she counseled.

But Davey didn't sleep. He kept on looking out of the window, a numb, cold terror at his heart. How strange that a world could look so beautiful, so still, and yet Sam be lying over there fever-flushed, perhaps even now dying.

The weight on Davey's conscience troubled him no longer. He was thinking only of his friend and of their love. Yes, he did not mind the word now—love! Why, it didn't matter what Sam did. He loved him . . . way down underneath. That's the way it could be with two fellows—not women, poor despicable things—but fellows and now . . . Sam . . .

Suddenly he looked up with a sob. Surgery, nursing, might fail, but a fellow could pray for his chum.

"Oh, God," the boy sobbed, "let it come all right for Sam and me. Don't take it out on me, God, being a fool like I was."

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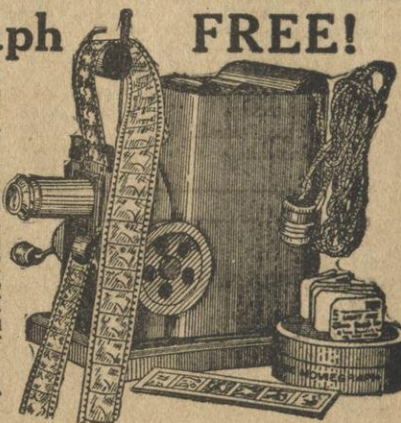
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### For Your Emergency Shelf

There is nothing better to keep bandages in than wide-mouthed screw top jars. Defective fruit jars come in handy for this purpose. In order to have them perfectly clean, the pieces of linen and cotton should be boiled, then ironed, and torn in strips of different widths and each strip neatly rolled. A number of little rolls can be put into a one quart jar where they are ready for use away from dust and dirt.

### To Whiten Hardwood Floors

Add two tablespoonfuls of paraffine to the hot soapy water used for washing the floor. This will also destroy any insects that may be lurking in the cracks.

### To Keep Egg Yolks

Very often I find that I have egg yolks left for which I have no immediate use. By boiling them hard the yolks keep and I can grate them over a salad, creamed salmon or a baked fish.

### Use for Putty Knife

The putty knife is the handiest of all kitchen knives to scrape pans and skillets in which something has stuck; also to clean the corners of the tray on baby's high chair.

### Mush Without Lumps

Try using an egg beater instead of stirring and your mush will be free from lumps.

### Home-made Jar Opener

Unscrewing the tops of jars is a simple operation with the aid of a shawl or belt strap. The strap cannot slip because the harder it is pulled the tighter it grips the top.

### Cleaning Ivory

Ivory which has become yellow may be easily cleaned and its whiteness restored by the following method: Take half of a lemon, dip it in salt, and rub over the discolored ivory. Wipe off immediately with a soft cloth.

### Stained Tea Cups

To remove stains from bottoms of tea-cups or plates or to clean wash-bowls rub them with a little cooking soda on a damp cloth and all discolorations will disappear.

### To Save Soap

Purchase your soap, both laundry and toilet, in large quantities, remove wrappers and stack soap in a warm, dry place. It will last much longer when being used.

### New Use for Corn Popper

Use the corn popper for washing raisins, currants and other small fruits. The cover can be locked on and the whole popper put under the water and shaken, thus washing the fruit thoroughly, without crushing or breaking it.

### Horseradish Sauce

Grate one good-sized root of horseradish into a bowl and add one teaspoonful of mustard, a little salt, one-quarter of a pint of cream, and vinegar to taste. Stir all well together and serve with roast beef.

### Cleaning Painted Walls

Dampen a soft cloth in warm water, rub on the cloth a small quantity of baking soda, wash a small part of the wall with this, rinse with clean warm water, and wipe dry. Walls cleaned in this way look as if freshly painted.

### A Time Saver

If a busy mother will buy medium-sized white buttons in large quantities, using the same size on all the children's clothes, she will save the time often spent in "picking over" a button box trying to match the buttons on the garment.

### If the Salad Dressing Curdles

Add a little unbeaten white of egg and it will become smooth as velvet. This is excellent to try on curdled mayonnaise.

### For a Damp Cellar

As charcoal collects moisture, it is a good plan to fill cheesecloth bags with pieces of it and hang them in the cellar, basement or any place which may be damp. The bags should be emptied occasionally and the charcoal dried and used again.

### A Sewing-Room Convenience

Make a number of small bags, using two inches square of cloth. Fill these with sand, and weight your patterns in place instead of pinning them. These weights are easily handled, and their use prolongs the life of paper patterns.

### A Pantry Convenience

In a dim light, a nail or hook on which articles are hung in the pantry is nearly invisible against dark woodwork. It may be made conspicuous if the nail be driven through a piece of white pasteboard or a small white circle is painted around the base of the nail.

### Kitchen Efficiency

Fasten a brass screw eye, large enough to hold a scrap bucket, underneath one end of your kitchen table and fasten the bucket to this. It will be found very handy while preparing meals. All scraps can be pushed into the bucket and the table kept free from litter.

A screw eye under the ironing board is another convenience. Have the eye firm enough to hold a basket of sprinkled clothes. It will save unnecessary motion.

### When Spreading Sandwiches

Put the butter to be used in an earthen dish and cream it with a wire potato masher. This makes it easier to spread and does not injure its flavor as warming so often does.

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## Planning the Spring Garden

In order to get the best results from the early garden great care must be taken in moving the young plants from one setting to another as growth demands more space and richer food. Generally speaking, the less the roots are distributed the better, but when they are first taken from the seed bed, whether it be flowerpot, flat, or open ground, the tap root must of course be exposed and it should be pinched off about half its length before resetting, says "House and Garden". This induces the formation of a bunch of small rootlets which will produce good sturdy stems and branches and also facilitate later transplantings. If the leaf growth is heavy in proportion to the root, as in lettuce, cabbage, etc., pinch back about half.

After this first moving the roots should be disturbed as little as possible, and where only a few plants of a variety are required, such as extra early tomatoes or egg-plants, it is better to place each one in a 2-inch or 3-inch pot where it can remain until it is safe to set out in the garden. Be sure then, however, to cut off the bunch of matted roots which will be found at the base of the pot. Where hotbed space is limited, fill shallow boxes with good rich earth and set the seedlings far enough apart so that you can cut around each with a sharp knife or a transplanting trowel.

The final setting out in the open is perhaps the most important moving of all, for then the plants must meet more severe weather conditions. Wilting is as usual the great thing to guard against, and the work should be done after the sun is low, or better still on a cloudy day. Be sure the soil in the box is wet enough to hold together in a ball round the roots, then prepare the hole, cut the plant carefully from the box, firm the roots well in the new position, and water generously, filling in

with loose earth after the water has soaked away. Do not depend upon watering after the hole is filled, for this does not supply the roots with the necessary amount of moisture and also cakes the surface.

Even under the most favorable conditions it is wise to protect newly set plants from direct sunlight for one or two days, removing the covering at night. Newspaper cones, empty berry boxes, or inverted flowerpots are convenient for this purpose. Plants from the seedman or the green-grocer are seldom as vigorous as those raised in your own hotbed and will therefore require more careful handling. If the roots of these have been bruised or allowed to get very dry, trim off about a quarter of their length with a pair of sharp scissors, and be sure they are well spread out in the hole before covering. Remember that a bruised root or a broken root is worse than no root at all. In all transplanting to permanent locations, it is well to leave a decided depression around the stem for a few days so that more generous watering may be given, and if the soil is heavy enough to cake, it should be well loosened each morning to admit the air, for plants breathe through their roots as well as through their leaves. As soon as it is evident that they are well established this depression may be filled in.

As a rule the sturdiest looking plants are the best, but one need never be afraid of "leggy" tomatoes, especially in the latter varieties. The tomato will root the entire length of the stem if given a chance, so always set them in "up to their chins," and fine growth will result. When placing them in the garden the bunch of roots should lie 4 inches to 6 inches deep, the stem being drawn slantingly to the surface, leaving only two or three pairs of leaves above the ground.

## More Tested Recipes

### Caramel Coconut Pie

1 cupful brown sugar  
1½ cupfuls milk  
1½ tablespoonsfuls flour  
2 egg yolks or 1 whole egg  
1 tablespoonful butter  
Baked pie crust  
1 cupful grated cocoanut  
Heat milk and sugar in double boiler, add flour and slightly beaten egg and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Take from fire, add butter, and beat until nearly cold. Pour in baked pie crust, sprinkle cocoanut over the top and set in the oven to brown slightly.

### Tapioca Pudding

2 cupfuls evaporated milk  
1 pint water  
2 eggs  
1 cupful sugar  
2 large tablespoonsful granulated tapioca  
1 teaspoonful vanilla  
Mix evaporated milk and water and cook with the sugar and tapioca in a double boiler for twenty minutes. Then add the beaten yolks of the eggs and the flavoring. Remove from the fire and add the well-beaten egg-whites. This may be served with crushed fruit.

### Angel Cake

9 egg whites  
1 teaspoonful cream of tartar  
1 teaspoonful vanilla  
1½ cupfuls sifted sugar  
1 cupful sifted flour  
Beat egg whites stiff, add cream of tartar and vanilla. Sift sugar and flour separately three times, then together and fold into the stiffly beaten egg-whites. Turn into an ungreased angel-cake tin and bake in a slow oven about sixty minutes.

### Tongue Salad

1½ cupfuls cooked tongue, chopped fine  
½ cupful chopped celery  
½ cupful finely shredded lettuce  
2 hard-boiled eggs  
Mayonnaise  
Heart lettuce leaves  
Mix tongue, celery and shredded lettuce. Moisten with mayonnaise. Serve on heart leaves of lettuce, garnished with slices of hard-boiled eggs.

### Lettuce Tartlette

1 dozen sardines  
6 hard-boiled eggs  
1 bottle pimentos  
2 stalks celery  
1 small pickle  
Lettuce  
Skin and bone the sardines and pick meat from bones, add eggs, pimentos, celery and pickle and put all through a grinder. Serve on lettuce leaves with the following French dressing.

### French Dressing

6 tablespoonsful olive oil  
2 tablespoonsful vinegar  
1 teaspoonful salt  
1 teaspoonful paprika  
1 teaspoonful onion juice  
½ teaspoonful celery salt  
2 tablespoonsful lemon juice  
Put all the ingredients in a bottle and shake thoroughly.

### Chocolate Doughnuts

4 tablespoonsful butter or  
3 tablespoonsful manufactured shortening  
1½ cupfuls sugar  
2 eggs  
1½ squares bitter chocolate, melted over hot water  
1 cupful sour milk  
4 cupfuls flour (approximately)  
1 teaspoonful baking soda  
¼ teaspoonful salt  
½ teaspoonful cinnamon  
1 teaspoonful vanilla  
Fat for frying

### Lettuce Tartlette

Cream butter and sugar. Gradually add well-beaten eggs, beating constantly. Add melted chocolate, sour milk and flour, mixed and sifted with soda, salt and cinnamon, and the vanilla. Add more flour if necessary to make the dough stiff enough to handle. Toss part of the mixture on a floured board, knead slightly and pat and roll out to one-third of an inch in thickness. Shape with a floured doughnut cutter. Fry in deep fat and drain on brown paper.

### Baked Ham

A baked ham is said to keep much longer and is more delicious than a boiled one. The ham should be first soaked twelve hours, previous to cooking, and then wiped dry. Stick cloves into the ham, an inch apart. Make a coarse paste of flour and water and cover the ham with this, taking care that it is of sufficient thickness to keep in all the flavor and gravy. Place in a large pan and bake in a moderate oven for about four hours. Take off the crust, remove the skin, and cover the ham with finely powdered bread crumbs. Return to the oven and brown.

### Minnaset Punch

3 cupfuls water  
½ cupful sugar  
Juice of 4 lemons  
Juice of 3 oranges  
Grated rind of 1 large orange  
4 eggs  
Boil sugar and water for five minutes; remove from fire and add lemon juice, orange juice and rind. While hot pour gradually onto the eggs beaten till thick, beating constantly until cool. Set dish in ice water until cold. Then freeze to a mush and pack in ice and salt for two hours. Pile into long-stemmed glasses and garnish with whipped cream and candied cherries. Serve with lady fingers.

### Peanut Bread

1 egg  
¼ cupful sugar  
1½ cupfuls sweet milk  
1 teaspoonful salt  
4 cupfuls flour  
4 teaspoonsful baking powder  
1 cupful shelled peanuts  
To the beaten egg add the sugar and milk. Beat in the flour which has been mixed and sifted with the salt and baking powder. Then add the peanuts which have been run through the coarse knife of a food cutter. Let rise twenty minutes in a warm place, then bake one hour in a moderate oven. This is delicious for sandwiches.



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## The Meal Ticket

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saw the men who would labor for themselves and the woman they had chosen until they could strive no more. Little by little she began to see life from a new angle. Because she was working now for something other than herself, something that she chose to work for and longed to work for, she began to understand the spirit in which men labored. Little by little she groped toward an understanding of the fundamental reason for labor. It was then that she began to think of her husband from his point of view, and not from her own.

Through a winter of growing discontent with herself she worked early and late, flinging herself into her routine with an ardor that was vain in its intention of keeping her thoughts away from Tom. Day after day she sat at her desk, piecing together all the incidents, all the thoughts of her life with Canby. It was as if it had been a picture puzzle that she was only now solving. With the pieces set together she saw their marriage as it had been, not as she had considered it. She had married Tom Canby less from love of him than from weariness with work. While he had prospered, giving to her and to Martha what she wanted, she had stood by him. When he had failed, she had deserted him. Willoughby was right. She was not game. She didn't play according to the rules. In justification, as she reviewed her conduct, she told herself that she had never known the rules. How many women did? Looking out over the roofs to the westward, she made the decision to teach Martha the code that she herself had learned at so high a cost.

That night, as she tucked the child into bed, she looked down at her with sudden realization of the girl's resemblance to her father. The same curve of cheek, the same long eyelashes, the same breadth of forehead seemed to plead Canby's cause with a zest he himself could not have done. Lily, bending over her, kissed her tremulously. Then she went out on the doorstep, looking out into the moonlight of the May night.

As if driven by a power outside herself she went down the street toward the little office where Canby had returned, the place where he had started his work for her and himself. There was a light in the window, and, when she came near, she saw that he was at work alone, bent over a mass of blue prints. She paused outside for a little while, then opened the office door without knocking. He looked up at her as if he were not sure of her actual presence. There was in his eyes a strange, boyish pleading that melted all the hardness that had frozen Lily Canby's heart. "Do you want a partner?" she asked him. "Not just a wife, but a partner?"

"What do you mean?" he asked slowly, while in his eyes there grew a great wonder of gratitude.

"I mean," she said, "that I've found out how wrong I've been, not just in our trouble, but always. I want to work, not for Martha, nor for myself, but for you, with you, Tom. And I'll work any way you want me to. Only, only let me help you. For it's not the goal, but the struggle to it, that makes the game. And, oh, my dear, I want to play it with you!"

Over the table his hand groped for hers, and, finding it, held it tight. "I've been so lonely," he said. She smiled at him a little quivering, but bravely. "Let's go home," she said. When he had switched off the light he kissed her, very gently. Then through streets of little houses where dwelt the workers of the city they went back, in the silence of understanding forgiveness, to the place where they had started life.

### Worth Knowing

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## David and Jonathan

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Give Sam a chance. He's young yet . . . and a good fellow . . . I don't care what he ever does . . . I want Sam to live, God . . . I'd take his sickness for him if I could. . . Oh, I know how this sounds, but you understand! If you'd just stand by him a little and make those guys help him . . . I . . . Oh . . . just stand by him, please!"

So Davey kept his vigil through the night.

It was in the gray, early morning that his mother found him asleep in a chair by the window, his eyelashes still wet.

"Davey," she touched him gently, "I thought you'd want to know, Sam's better now, on the mend sure. His fever's entirely gone."

When he was alone the full realization came to him and suddenly he began a mad, coltish, gawky, capering, finger-snapping dance about his room.

"Bully for you, God," he sobbed and laughed together. "God, bully for you!"

They let him in to see Sam after three days. The two boys, one flat and long and white-looking, with the carnival of flowers about him; the other, wide-eyed, gulping strange, stared at each other long.

"Sam . . . I . . . Davey began, then he could not speak, only whisper hoarsely. "I was wrong, old scout. You gotta forget what I said . . . I was just mad."

"Sail right," Sam lifted a thin, pallid hand in token of forgiveness. "I knew, Davey, I knew."

"Sufferin' much?"

"Not now; goin' to be all right now, Davey."

The sight of Sam's altered, ringey-eyed face was unbearable. Davey turned to the blossom-filled vases.

"Got swell flowers. I never thought of it . . . doin' anything for you, Sam."

I just forgot . . . Gee, but I am glad you're better . . . these roses are hum-dingers." Davey hid his face for a bracing necessary moment in their sweetness.

"Alison kid sent 'em."

Davey started. An asp in the bouquet! Then he conquered himself—and his friendship rose purified, cleansed for all time of petty baseness.

"Well," he said cheerfully, "they're darn fine flowers, and she's a darn good kid to send 'em."

Sam grunted.

"Don't care," he mumbled. "I don't give a hang for skirts, Davey."

"Oh, I d' know. Got to let 'em in some time!"

"Now, I think a good chum's a lot better."

Davey's heart leaped. The boys' eyes met, thrilling with the old tender bond. Why, it was all right! They were pals! Would be in spite of all the skirts.

"Say," Sam murmured, "I ain't goin' to school . . . dad's goin' send me . . . Miami. Your dad . . . you're goin' too."

The nurse came forward.

"That's enough for to-day. You're talking too much."

She pushed Davey to the door.

"S'long," he whispered back.

"S' long, old scout."

Davey went out, feather-heeled.

He smiled at the nurse, at the porter, at the clanging good old jolly world. He bought a penny paper at the corner and offered the boy a nickel. "Keep the change," he said extravagantly. He boarded a home-bound car and opened his sheet automatically to "Mutt and Jeff."

An old lady across the way watching his radiant and moving lips, sighed at the decadent taste of modern youth. She could not know, of course, that Davey's page was a blank; she could not know that Davey was really praying—that his heart sang Hosanna and his lips were merely voicing it, whispering automatically,

"Bully for you, God . . . Oh, God, bully for you!"

## Conundrums

What must always be made in a hurry?  
Haste.

What has four legs and only one foot?  
A bedstead.

Why is the letter D like a cross baby?  
Because it makes Ma mad.

What must you add to nine to make it six?  
S—IX is nine, with S it is six.

How can we prove that Noah had beer in the Ark? The kangaroo and the toad went aboard with hops and the bear was always bruin.

What did Lot do when his wife turned to salt? Got a fresh one.

How many soft boiled eggs could Goliath eat on an empty stomach? One, when he had eaten that his stomach was not empty.

What is the best material for airplanes?  
Flypaper.

What ship carries the greatest number of passengers? Courtship.

When may a pocket be empty and yet have something in it? When it has a hole in it.

Why is a greenback more valuable than gold? Because you double it before you put it into your pocket and when you take it out you find it increases.

If thirty-two is freezing point, what is squeezing point? Two in the shade.

Why is your nose in the middle of your face? Because it is the scenter.

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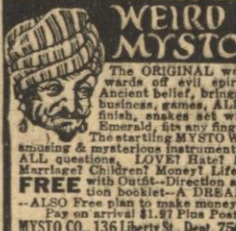


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## Boats for Baby

By Martina Gardner Owen

There are two classes of mothers who need to utilize kindergarten principles in the home: those who have children in the kindergarten, that they may co-operate with the teacher in her methods for development of those children; and those living where no kindergarten is yet established and who realize the need of making the most of the golden, quickly speeding, formative years, while still endeavoring to secure a kindergarten at the earliest possible moment. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of this pre-school period. Some child psychologists tell us that the trend of the child's character is determined during the first six years. In any event the problem of keeping the runabout baby happy and busy is the largest one which must be confronted in the home. The average mother has no training for this job. She does one of three things; inundates her child with a flood of "don'ts"; devotes herself to his amusement to the detriment of his character; or leaves him absolutely to his own devices provided he does not "bother" her. By the use of kindergarten methods the mother can so direct legitimate child activity that the child's character will be strengthened while she is left with uninterrupted periods for her own interests and for household duties.

By way of illustration, consider the picture resultant from a rainy day in the average home. Its high lights show tired whining children, a fretful, nerve-frazzled mother, and disorderly rooms. Contrast that picture with this of the home in which the mother has a working knowledge of kindergarten plans.

Drizzle! Drizzle! Drizzle! Drip! Drip! Drip! Mother's eyes searched the horizon in vain for a tiny speck of blue. Undoubtedly this early morning shower was the beginning of an all day downpour, and baby Marjorie was wailing:

"Nasty old rain! Keeps baby in the house. No, I don't like my dollies. Tired of my tea-set. Please read me lots and lots of stories."

Mother, keenly conscious of heaped-up

tasks, restrained the impulse to exclaim: "Stop bothering me or I'll put you back to bed."

She knew that Marjorie was not naughty, that she merely needed to have her activities wisely directed. She knew, too, that she could easily afford to devote ten minutes to this purpose. She cuddled the disconsolate midget on her lap and read a three minute story. Then she said firmly: "No more, now, dear. Mother is very, very busy. She must shell the peas for dinner and you may have the pods for boats. See, here is a shiny pan of water on the oilcloth. Here is your rubber apron. And there are toothpicks. Open the pod, so. Put a bit of the toothpick in for a seat and to hold the sides apart. Away it goes across the ocean. Now another. Where is it going and what does it carry?"

Mother's fingers flew nimbly while they talked. They decided that the first boat was loaded with presents for poor children; that the next was bringing oranges for Marjorie's breakfast. The morning harmony was restored. Baby was busy and happy. She was learning to conquer conditions. Her imagination was being trained, as well. And the difference between an untrained and a trained imagination is the difference between the man who is content to remain a hodge-podge and the one who could visualize and plan the Panama Canal before a spadeful of earth had been turned.

## A Birthday Party

By Katherine McDonald

We sometimes think it is necessary to expend money for gifts and toys for the children in order that they may be happy. This is especially true on birthdays, holidays and other special occasions. That the opposite is true can best be illustrated by the following incident.

The time was mid-summer, the place was on an ocean liner plying between New York and Potsdam, Holland. The occasion was a small girl's birthday. Little Margaret was a general favorite with every one on the large ship, and so all were interested in a personal way, that her sixth anniversary be a memorable one.

Her mother had some remembrances for her which had been selected in a hurried way, as the father had been called as an attaché to the Ambassador to Germany, and with the struggle incident to closing their home and starting for a foreign one, the mother had her hands and thoughts full.

The day came and the announcement that a supper party for Margaret and her friends would be served early in the dining room.

The idea of making it a real party came to a trained kindergarten teacher, but where was the material for the pretty chains, favors and presents to be obtained?

Of course there was beautiful monogrammed stationery belonging to the "Potsdam", so why not use it? As if by magic, with the help of willing hands, including Margaret's own, there appeared a whole set of furniture,—tables, chairs, piano, bookcase, writing desk, telephone stand, beds, dressers,—and dolls and flower pots for the table decorations. For the lovely birthday chain which was to grace the big dining table the material was taken from the various lace lined candy boxes and colored paper found here, there and everywhere. The purser emptied everything he had in box form to add to the collection. Then came the wonderful march to the feast. It was discovered in time that the little girl and her guests numbered thirteen and as no grown-up could participate in this event, the steerage was searched and presently the hungriest, most ragged, little brown-eyed son of Italy was selected to be the fourteenth guest.

It was a most lovely party and the best one that Margaret had ever had. Her eyes passed over the gifts representing a money value, and rested lovingly on those fashioned so crudely and hurriedly, but with much joy. They met her needs at that time and because she could add to them herself and also fashion them to her own liking, her enjoyment was beyond the price of material costly things. The party also opened the eyes of all who helped to the value of the "blue bird" which is near at hand and easily found if one has insight and desire.



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Universal has purchased Elizabeth Alexander's magazine story, "The Self-Made Wife."

Margaret Deland's novel, "The Vehement Flame," has been purchased for Universal. Rex Ingram has started filming "Scaramouche." Alice Terry and Ramon Novarro are featured.

R. A. Walsh will direct Douglas Fairbanks in "The Black Pirate." Color photography will be used.

Lon Chaney, Willard Mack and Barbara La Marr will appear in the film version of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

Madge Bellamy, who is being starred in a series of six pictures by Regal Pictures, has just finished work on "The Tinsel Harvest."

Wanda Hawley will have a leading role in Vitagraph's special, "Masters of Men," adapted from the sea story by Morgan Robertson.

Maurice Tourneur will film "The Lullaby," an original screen story by Lillian Ducey, as soon as he completes "The Isle of Dead Ships."

Claude Gillingwater will play the part of Findley in the screen version of "The Wise Fools." He created the role on the stage. King Vidor will direct.

Thomas Meighan and Alfred E. Green, director, with their company, are at Panama for the making of scenes in the canal zone for "The Ne'er Do Well," Rex Beach's story.

Clara Kimball Young has completed her performance before the camera in "The Woman of Bronze." Miss Young will take a short vacation before starting work on her next picture.

Antonio Moreno, who appears as leading man with Gloria Swanson in "My American Wife," and is featured in support of Mary Miles Minter in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," both Paramount pictures, is to be co-starred with Bebe Daniels in "The Exciters."

Barbara La Marr, who won great success in "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "Trifling Women," plays the role of the vampire in Rupert Hughes' newest photoplay, "Souls for Sale," from his novel of that name of motion picture life.

Edward S. Curtis, noted for his Indian studies of "The Vanishing Race," and for still photographs illustrating Ferdinand Earle's screen edition of "The Rubaiyat," is making a series of stills for Cecil DeMille's picture, "Adam's Rib."

Mary Jane Sanderson, who won a beauty contest in Johnstown, Pa., and who received a trip to Universal City as a prize from the Grand Amusement company, has returned to Universal City to support Neely Edwards and Bert Roach in their Universal tramp comedies.

The screen version of "If Winter Comes," A. S. M. Hutchinson's popular novel, which probably has been more widely read than any other story published during the last five years, has at last been completed.

It was photographed in the actual scenes pictured by the famous British author. Clare West, costume designer for Cecil B. DeMille, and Mrs. Florence Meehan, traveler and expert on customs and clothing of ancient peoples, have started in opposite directions from Los Angeles on a trip around the world to collect data for Mr. DeMille's next picture, which will be based on the Ten Commandments. They will meet in Paris.

## Evening

The sun goes down behind the hill  
Alone I stand.  
And all the Earth is hushed and still—  
A silent land.  
The heather's breath is all around  
Upon the air  
The sly fox slinks along the ground  
Back to his lair.  
Black bats fly sideways in the dusk  
About my head.  
Field mice are hunting for fresh husk  
To make their bed.  
The moon comes up behind the trees,  
Serene and grand.  
She seems to tell of strange weird seas  
And a strange land.  
And as her pale rays fall like gold  
Upon me here  
I find that I am feeling cold  
And shake with fear.  
And so I leave the moorland wild  
And homeward go—  
But yet I am the moorland's child.  
I love it so!

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The scope of the pamphlets is suggested by their titles: "Life's Richest Offering," "A Message to Husbands and Wives, too," "The Growing Life," "Keeping up Appearances," "Watch for Nature's Signals," "Preparation for the Newcomer," "Getting Ready for the Great Event," "The Day Your Baby Comes," "The Lying-in Period," "Starting Baby Right," "After care of the Mother," "The Foundation of Child Life."

It is planned to distribute the pamphlets to a great extent through nursing and public health organizations which are closely in touch with local conditions in their own communities. Expectant mothers will be encouraged to present their cases to those institutions and receive personal advice and direction.

"It is not our purpose to try to supplant the doctor or nurse," said Miss Nancy E. Cadmus, R. N., general director of the Maternity Center Association. "The expectant mother is urged at every opportunity to place herself under expert professional medical and nursing care."

"We do not believe that any woman should rely on printed instructions alone in so important a matter as motherhood, for each case presents its own idiosyncrasies and needs individual attention. The burden of our message is that the woman should see her doctor or nurse as soon as she knows she is going to have a baby and remain under their care until her final examination, six weeks after the baby is born."

"Dr. Haven Emerson, former Health Commissioner of New York City and an active member of our Medical Advisory Board, estimates that only one woman in seventeen in the United States receives the benefit of modern medical and nursing science at childbirth. The result is that each year more than 20,000 women sacrifice their lives on the altar of maternity, more than 100,000 babies die under the age of one month, and more than 100,000 are born dead. According to the latest figures of the Children's Bureau at Washington, eighteen countries, including Italy, Sweden, Japan, Spain, France and New Zealand have a lower maternal death rate than the United States."

"The only way to solve the problem is through education. It is not so much that women do not know what steps they should take to protect their lives and their babies, but they do not realize that care is necessary. It is our task to find out just what are the essentials of maternity protection. This we are doing through an intensive study of mothers in one district in Manhattan. The routines, or nurses' procedures, we have worked out are now widely accepted as standard."

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The germ of an idea came while listening to some boys discourse in "pig latin" with no other apparent purpose than hiding their plans from interfering brothers and sisters of more tender ages. From this idea evolved a game, simple, interesting, entertaining, as well as highly educative. After a little thought, I perfected the plan and immediately put it to work. To let the boys know my purpose might spoil the whole plan, therefore I decided it best to proceed cautiously.

Most boys like the heroic, so at every opportunity, I gathered them around me and talked of the war. I purposely related some stories illustrating the important part played by despatch carriers and spies, laying stress upon the secrecy of the codes used in the messages. I described in detail why codes were employed and the construction of same. I agreed to show the boys how to work out a set of codes that would enable them to send notes to each other that would mystify other boys who did not know the key.

A dictionary was secured and the code worked out by taking the fifth word listed in the dictionary following the word to be coded. To illustrate, one boy wrote out the sentence, "I am twelve years old." In this particular dictionary the fifth word following I was ibis, the fifth word following am was amadot. We continued so until the sentence completely coded read: "Ibis amadot twenty yearling olden." The novelty of this appealed to their imaginations, as they were quick to see the point. The grouping of these words, many of them strange, appeared like so much "jibberish" as they called it, and they laughed heartily at the idea of their meaning anything. Our first evening was spent in coding short sentences such as the above. Very often, two or three words of a coded sentence would have a bearing on each other and many peculiar and funny phrases occurred, to the amusement of everybody present.

After a few evenings of practice, the boys were ready to commence their new game in earnest; however, before proceeding it was necessary that all have dictionaries alike. By ordering one-half dozen, I secured a special price from the local book-seller. This detail provided for, I started them sending coded notes back and forth. It was then that another possibility of the game presented itself. We found it easy to decipher notes when the code employed was understood, but when the code was unknown, the deciphering developed into a puzzle. All boys like puzzles, however, and this further added to the interest of the game. They would tackle their messages with a vim, deriving much pleasure and satisfaction in completing the decipher. In fairness to all, I insisted that when writing to another with the key unknown, the first word of the sentence must be written out correctly. This gave the recipient an inkling of the sentence and did not puzzle to the extent where interest would lag.

It was, of course, necessary for the boys to write out their messages, which proved excellent penmanship practice. In addition, I insisted that all words must be copied correctly, which stimulated a desire for accuracy. The boys invariably reprimanded any correspondent that copied a word incorrectly, and as deciphering required locating each word in the dictionary, they were quick to notice any misspellings.

After a bit they became very proficient in their codings and decipherings and to hold their interest in the game, I devised new codes to further complicate the play. Instead of coding with a word a given number following or preceding the correct word, we would start with the first word listed in the dictionary following the first word of the sentence, the second word listed following the second word and so on. Later, we measured the code word by the number of letters in the correct word, for instance, "have" coded would take the fourth word following in the dictionary, and "fun" would take the third word following. Many different methods and systems were employed and always the boys' interest was sustained. Very often one of the boys would work out a new code. By regular questioning, I determined whether or not the boy was profiting by this constant thumbing of the dictionary. I found the puzzle feature of the game had sharpened his wits, had increased his faculty of concentration, while providing interesting amusement. The writing out of the messages had improved his penmanship, the copying, necessitating care, had instilled a desire for accuracy as well as impressed the spelling of the words more firmly in his mind. The constant contact with new words showed a decided change in his taste for literature and prompted a desire to use these words in conversation.

She Knew  
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**How Was This?**—One of our country correspondents, telling about a fire in his town, wrote: "The Fire Department was called, but not much damage was done." —*Copper's Weekly.*

**New Attraction.**—FIRST KID—"Sure, Charley Chaplin's goin' to heaven when he dies!"

SECOND DITTO—"Gee! Pretty soft for Saint Peter!" —*New York World.*

**A Good Start.**—An authority on the fuel situation declares that we must "learn to eke out by burning oil, gas, electricity and what not." We are glad he mentioned the whatnot. Mary, hand us the ax. —*Boston Transcript.*

**One Better.**—Sometimes the Yankee's humor of exaggeration is met by as good as he gave. An American in London stopped at a coster's stall and lifting up a good-sized melon said: "Are these the largest apples you have?"

"Put that bloomin' grape dahn, will yer?" said the coster. —*Boston Transcript.*

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### The Lad I Used to Be

When I recall my schoolboy days,  
Those days so wild and free,  
When I was master of myself,  
Where no one else could see;  
Beside some brook that played a tune  
So gay, or wandering o'er the lea  
Upon a sunny afternoon,  
A holiday, when all the brooks  
Ran sporting through the glens,  
And every bird sang May; and books  
Were thrown, with odds and ends,  
Beside some bank, while I roamed through  
The sylvan solitudes, and haunts  
Of forest animals I knew;  
I long to be that little lad  
I used to know and be  
With all the good and all the bad,  
Just as I was, just me.

And when I think of all the days  
I used to sit and pore  
On mystic books, now treasured dear  
In Memory's golden store;  
I also think of fairy tales,  
And Grecian myths, and lore,  
And how Sindbad fought through the gales  
That shipwrecked him, but always he  
Was cast upon dry land;  
And played with death in safety,  
And all the stories of fancy weaves,  
Arabian Nights, and Copperfield,  
And Treasure Island's thieves,  
And Tom Brown's Schooldays that appealed  
To me when sad or glad;  
—And once again I long to be  
That thoughtful little lad  
I almost think that I can see.

Oh, little lad, with wondering eyes,  
And hands on mischief bent,  
With feet that often trod  
A path that downward went;  
With ears that picked up wicked words,  
And mouth that gave them vent,  
But yet, withal, the lowing herds  
You followed through the heat  
Of burning country roads  
On many days, while evening sweet  
Cast o'er old Nature's fair abodes  
A solemn hush that holy seemed;  
And many times you helped  
Your patient parents, and redeemed  
Their wavering faith in you,  
—And so, I dream, and seem to be  
The little lad I knew  
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