

Life's Little Pleasures

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LAURA was very tired. She had only recently recovered from a long illness, and perhaps the day in the woods and the long railroad journey had been too much for her. But she had wanted to accompany her father, and it was his only chance to meet Professor Pearson, the famous English scientist, who was visiting America, and staying at the North Woods hotel. They had corresponded a lot, Professor Pearson and Dr. Galvain. The American's interest had been aroused in a contribution of Professor Pearson to one of the magazines on anthropology. Dr. Galvain had measured a number of skulls and had arrived at exactly the opposite conclusion.

In Dr. Galvain's opinion the dolichocephalic index was slowly changing the brachycephalic one. Professor Pearson denied this hotly. "I'll show you my data when you come to America," Dr. Galvain had written.

"I challenge you to disprove my thesis," the English professor had retorted.

And that was why Dr. Galvain and his daughter Laura were on their way to the North Woods hotel. It was a two-mile walk from the station, and they had to sit down several times on account of Laura's weakness. The sun was blazing hot, too. Several times the girl almost fainted from weakness, but she concealed her condition from her father, for fear of arousing his anxiety.

"I'm all right," she insisted. "If only I could get a glass of water, though."

The summer cottages, a long line beside the lake, had begun to appear. "I'll ask for a glass here," said Dr. Galvain, and went to the door of the nearest one. "Could you oblige my daughter with a glass of water?" he asked of the lady who appeared.

"You'll find an old tin can round by the pump," she answered, and shut the door on him.

Dr. Galvain found the tin can, rinsed it, filled it, took some water to his daughter, and put the tin can back. "Cheer up, my dear," he said.

"Well, soon be at the hotel, and we'll have a nice rest in the shade, and maybe the proprietor will let us buy some bread and meat to eat."

"Oh, I do hope he does, Daddy," said Laura. "I'm awfully hungry."

They reached the hotel at last, a gaudy place, through which young girls in summer dresses and young men in flannels were constantly passing and re-passing. From within came the sound of fount meriment.

The father and daughter entered through a side way and decently approached the desk.

"Is Professor Pearson in?" Dr. Galvain asked the clerk.

"Whadya want him for?" demanded the latter.

"Would you mind telling him Dr. Galvain is here?" asked the doctor. "He has come a long way especially to meet him."

The clerk snubbed the doctor from head to foot and burst out laughing.

"Oh, sure I'll tell him," answered the clerk. "You and that girl can wait over there by the hall boys."

Dr. Galvain crossed the floor, accompanied by Laura. One of two of the guests looked at them with a little annoyance as they stood there. The hall boy went up with Dr. Galvain's card. After a while the elevator descended and Professor Pearson appeared in the type of the English savant, white haired and rusty.

"Where is he?" he demanded. "Are you Dr. Galvain? Well met, doctor! Your letters gave me considerable food for thought. This lady your daughter? I'm very pleased to meet you, I'm sure."

"Yes, doctor," he continued, oblivious of the looks of astonishment about him. "I have been checking up the records of my own measurements in the respect of being able to refute your own deductions."

"Well, I thought, after you've had your lunch—" Dr. Galvain began timidly.

"My lunch? Ha, ha! You mean my lunch, doctor," said the professor, taking the other by the arm. "Come along! We'll get good seats if we hurry!"

"I beg your pardon, Professor Pearson," interrupted the actor, who of the proprietor, "but your friend will have to eat outside. We don't allow his type in the dining room except as waiters."

No Doubt-Headed. John Orman, manager of the Indianapolis Automobile Trade association, is locally famous as a good-natured Greek, but one day his heart was moved to inquire about a friend who had been reported ill. He telephoned the friend's home.

"I hear Bill is sick," he said to Bill's wife.

"Yes, John, pretty sick."

"Think I ought to send some flowers?"

"No, John, don't send any flowers. He will appreciate your inquiries about him."

Well, I'd like to send some flowers, but I didn't know whether to send them for the start or the finish. I didn't want to send twice.—Indianapolis News.

Death Claims Well Known Chemist. Palo Alto, Cal.—Dr. John Maxxim Stillman, 71, vice-president of Stanford university, from 1913 to 1917, and one of the best known chemists in the United States, died here recently. He joined the university in 1891.

War Cost Forty Billion. Washington—The World War cost the American people a cash total of \$40,000,000,000, according to final calculations made by officials of the treasury while engaged in preparing the annual budget for submission to congress.

Equador Town Destroyed. Guayaquil, Equador—The Equadorian government has received a report from the chief of the northern military section that the city of Tulcan has been completely destroyed by the recent violent earthquake. The shock was felt as far south as Ibarra.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Hart—Mrs. T. J. Hollister, 34 years old, a resident here for 33 years, died here recently. Her husband, a daughter, seven sons, 25 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren are living.

Ann Arbor—An average of 85 persons a year for the past 25 years have been saved from possible death by the Paster Institute of the University of Michigan which was founded in 1903 to give treatment preventing rabies.

Port Huron—The 1924 annual convention of the Detroit Conference of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in Adrian. The thirty-ninth annual convention ended in this city.

Grand Rapids—Michigan credit men convened here in their annual conference at guests at the Grand Rapids Association. J. Harry Trague, of New York, secretary of the National Association of Credit Men was the principal speaker.

Muskegon—Plans are being made for the erection of a gold storage vault at a 2000-foot depth here. Several gold storage projects are now under way in Western Michigan, including two plants at Muskegon, one at Zealand, one at Hart and one at Fremont.

Ann Arbor—Of the 9,000 students on the University of Michigan campus, 6,818 are church members. 1,279 signified some "church preference," and 1,564 failed to give any information on the religious census blanks when registering, according to statistics compiled by the Student Christian association.

Sault Ste. Marie—Floyd Field, 23 years old, of this city, died as the result of the first fatal hunting accident this season in Chippewa County's deer hunting grounds. Getting out of his car, Field allowed the butt of his rifle to crash onto the running board. The bullet struck him in the stomach. Death followed in 10 minutes.

Kalamazoo—Caught in a fire, which destroyed barns, livestock and crops on the Gates farm near Galesburg, William Schuyler burned to death recently. He was subject to heart attacks and it is believed he fell unconscious in an attack and his lighted lantern set fire to the barn. Thirteen cattle and four horses besides hay and grain were burned.

Manistee—The State Department of Conservation faces the problem here of keeping winter in the construction of Manistee County's forest fire tower which was begun last week. The location is said to be the highest point in Manistee County and it is thought that when the tower is erected practically every region of the county will be visible from it.

Menominee—Regardless of weather conditions Ann Arbor car ferries will operate all winter service to Menominee this coming winter. This decision was arrived at by officials of the Ann Arbor line at a meeting in Menominee. Commercial advantages are too great to forsake business for several months each year because of weather conditions, said one of the officials.

Muskegon—Snow drifts are to have no terror for Muskegon County motorists next winter, according to the Muskegon County road commission. The 71 miles of trunk line highway in this county are to be kept free of snow during the winter. The highway department has acquired two improved Caterpillar tractor snow plows to be used in addition to the present equipment for fighting snow drifts.

Alpena—Edward A. Westrope, veteran mail carrier of this city, after 28 years service, was retired automatically when he reached the age of 65. Westrope, formerly in the police force, was actively identified with the capture of the famous "Blinky" Morgan, who fled from Cleveland to Alpena in 1887. Only Westrope and his brother, S. M. Westrope, who was chief of police at the time, are alive of five who captured Morgan and his gang.

Bay City—County commissioner of Schools John B. Laing, who inaugurated the sugar beet campaign for rural school children, has notified all school boards in the county that absence because of the campaign hereafter will bring vigorous prosecution. He urges uniform dates for the vacation. Because of a late start in the harvest this year, work in the schools has been delayed. He cites the instance of one school with an enrollment of 54, that last week had an average attendance of 7.

Lansing—M-16, the Grand River avenue road between Detroit and Lansing, will be completely paved by next July 15. There are 42 miles of gravel, between Lansing and New Hudson. State labor is to be put to work as early as possible in the spring and grading will be done by prisoners this winter. It is expected that the same route from Lansing to Grand Rapids will be completed early next year. According to present plans the entire paved way from Detroit to Grand Rapids will be completed in 1924.

BELL COMPANY TIES NAME WITH SYSTEM

MICHIGAN UTILITY IS KNOWN NOW AS MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Announcements have been received, with their January statements for service, by local telephone subscribers that the name of the Michigan State Telephone company has been changed to Michigan Bell Telephone company effective January 1. Similar announcement is carried in the advertising columns of this paper.

Reason assigned by telephone officials for the change of name is that its name should indicate the company's association in the Bell System as it does the state it serves.

It also is explained that the company is a Michigan corporation organized in Michigan for the purpose of giving "Universal Service" to Michigan people, both designations, "Michigan" and "Bell," therefore being appropriately used in the company name.

Officials of the company announce that the task of consolidating the properties and service of the former Citizens company with the Bell company in some 63 towns and cities of Western Michigan, is progressing very favorably. Use of the unified toll service between the towns affected and to other points has increased considerably since the consolidation went into effect, indicating to telephone people that unified service was a greatly needed for intrastate as for local business. The work of unification of the service has been completed in all but three or four of the towns affected, such as Grand Rapids, Lansing and Jackson, where the task is one of great magnitude but where it is well under way.

The company has a considerable program of expansion under way for 1924, it is stated. Approximately 10,000 people are now in the employ of the Michigan Bell company throughout the state.

Dies Afire As Santa Claus. Los Angeles—Playing Santa Claus for school children holding a celebration at Palm Beach cost the life of Herman Nollenberger, 28 years old, garage owner, who was burned fatally when his costume caught fire from the cigarette which he was smoking while awaiting his turn to appear.

River's Improvement Urged. Washington—Expenditure of \$75,000,000 in making navigable channels in the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers has been asked in a bill introduced by Representative Newton, Missouri. It provides for channels in the Ohio from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill.; in the Mississippi from Minneapolis to the mouth of the Ohio; and in the Missouri from its mouth to the upper end of Quindaro Bend.

Grain Handling Record Smashed. Fort William, Ont.—All records in the transportation of grain were shattered by the Canadian Pacific railway during the month of November, when 34,311 cars were handled at the head of the lake ports. The total for November, established a world's record in the transportation of grain and represents the handling of about 72,000,000 bushels. The previous high mark was 34,000 cars, handled by the Canadian Pacific in October of this year.

DETROIT UNITED LINES. Farmington Time Table. (Eastern Standard Time)

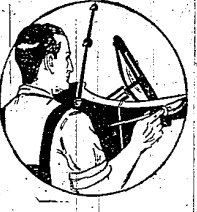
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Cars leave Farmington for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 5:40 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 7:10 a. m., 7:55 a. m., and hourly to 10:55 p. m., also 6:10 p. m. and 12:20 a. m.

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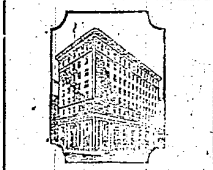
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