

MODERN INVESTMENTS

Speculative Investments Have Had Their Day—The Legitimate Only Survives.

Time was when the glittering promises of the wild-cat oil-well, gold-mine and similar enterprises were received with eagerness by the investor, to his sorrow. Today all that is past, but we still find man ystock offers that promise much more than can be really fulfilled.

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WATERMELON KING A BARBER

Develops With His Country Leaving Hair-Trimming to Take Position With Government.

Weatherford, Texas.—Henry Means quit shaving chins and necks of Weatherford citizens to become the leading Watermelon grower of the country. He has advanced from the position of tow barber to an agricultural missionary drawing a salary from the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. His work is to spread the doctrine of good farming and of proper watermelon raising broadcast.

In 1884 Means left an Indiana farm and came to Weatherford. Those were the palmy days of the then Par West. At first Means was a little anything but soon was attracted to the barber business by the flowing locks and long beards he saw. It was not long until he became the leading shaver of the place. The punches came in to have Henry Means cut their "alfalfa" and trim their "foretops." Besides, Henry had some real smelly dope for the hair that you couldn't tell from the city perfume—it was sure good smelling stuff.

In those days Henry had a room in his shop where the town quartet met nightly and practiced its harmonies on the air and in between the concert, the banker, grocer, butcher, stockman, farmers and the gay gathered and talked over the gossip of everything west of Fort Worth. Also the news of the "Fort" was discussed, and it was known just who had been over to the city, how much he had lost on three queens and a pair of elgus and how many "alickers" he would have to brand to get even. But along with the gossip, the political of the country also was discussed and Henry Means always kept both ears open.

Therefore in later years when Parker County began to change, Means changed with it, for he was wise enough to see the progress of the country. He reared a family and soon began to see the need of a farm to keep his boys busy, so he acquired 164 acres of land three miles east of here.

"That melon was as poor eating as I ever saw," says Means, "but it had the color and I kept the seed and began a series of crossing. First the seed developed a melon that took the first prize at the St. Louis World's Fair and since then I have been clearing \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually off my melon patch. The Truck and Fruit Growers' Association bought \$95 worth of seed from an Atlanta, Ga. seed concern and never got a melon. They are now buying seed in Parker County and are supplying them."

Means declares melons will thrive where the bull beetle grows. He has about rid this country of thistle patches and in their stead is a mat of vines producing delicious melons. Means has raised melons that weighed seventy pounds.

RATIFICATION OF TREATY

Is Expected to Better the Economic Conditions in Nicaragua.

San Juan, del Sur, June 14.—All hope for a betterment of the economic situation in Nicaragua are centered in ratification by the United States Senate of the canal treaty between this country and the Washington Government. So acute is the condition that the Government has been forced to send hand troops and many public servants are unpaid.

BROKEN ENGAGEMENTS GRIEF AND BITTERNESS

Love at the Bottom of Tragedies and Comedies of Human Life.

LOVE makes the world so round, according to the old adage, and, less, more often than not, at the bottom of the tragedies and comedies of human life. Love is the great force that makes the world of every policy court.

And among these there is, almost every day one or more cases of "broken engagements." Cases where women, with tear-filled eyes, and striving in vain to steady their voices, tell of the love that made the drawing of their heartbreak, and their suffering.

Just such another sad case came up within the past few days, standing out from among the others because of the romance and the good birth of both concerned.

It is the story of childhood sweethearts, of a boy and girl who played together in the middle days, and then, when the girl was read upon the hill on the same side, and then—

who grew up and plighted their troth amid general rejoicing. But business took the man away after three years of courtship, and in another town, amid different surroundings, the boy met a girl who, though she perhaps a less beautiful passion took its place, and—

he loved and broke the engagement. Hurt and angry, with the tragedy of it dawning on her life, the girl brought suit.

Yet, wasn't it perhaps bigger and braver for him to tell the girl of the death of his love rather than strive to carry out his promise and marry her?

That's such a different side of it, isn't it?—a side that it takes tears and prayers and anguish to see, but you are the woman in the case, but you are the woman who looked at fairly by the girl.

Love that is over can never be resurrected, so the psychologists say, and love that needs duty to keep it is not worth giving up a life to, is it?

That is the question girls should ask before they strive to "punish" and hurt and give vent to the anger, the dismay and the lack of self-control that prompt the beginning of most breach of promise suits.

Making Cakes

First attention should be given to the oven, making sure that the fire is not too hot, and will remain even until the baking is done. Unless you have control of your fire do not attempt to bake cake.

Loaf cake requires less heat than thin cakes. If the oven is too hot at first or is suddenly cooled while the cake is baking, the cake will be ruined. Loaf cake should be baked as long again as thin cake. Divide the time of baking into quarters. The first quarter should show a rising, with the edges higher than the center; the second a leveled even rise, with a slight brown tint; the third a deeper brown, and the last a shrinking and settling. If your cake rises and cracks in the center you are using too much flour; when it browns before rising, the oven is too hot.

How to Put Butter Cake Mixture Together

Cream the butter with hand or a large spoon, add sugar and cream again very light. When the proportion of butter is small it may be put in with the eggs and sugar. Beat the yolks until light yellow, add the sugar, beat again, then a little milk, add flavoring and then a little milk, and so on until the milk and flour are all used, and beat vigorously until your mixture is smooth. Fruit lastly, the beaten whites. Fruit cake should be baked in a loaf pan containing a little water. Uncover and brown lightly.

Sponge Cake Mixtures

Beat the yolks until they are a light yellow and creamy and slowly beat in the sugar. Add flavoring and liquid and beat again. Beat the whites until stiff and fold in without beating. Add flour lightly with as little stirring as possible, as it makes the cake tough. Follow the same directions and cake failures will never be known.

Baked Onions

Parboil Bermuda onions ten minutes. When cool remove center and fill with mixture of broken crumbs, highly and adding a generous amount of butter. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs, cover, and bake one hour in pan containing a little water. Uncover and brown lightly.

Mexican Onion Spaghetti

Melt two tablespoons butter in saucepan of granite ware. When hot add four ounces spaghetti, broken small, a half onion, one can tomato soup, salt, half teaspoon, salt, six shakes cayenne. Stir till slightly browned. Add a large cup of hot water, and the mixture is absorbed and spaghetti is tender.

For variety cook some little white onions with the green peas. Fresh peas need no flavor but their own, but if not perfectly fresh the onions improve them.

The Devouring Element

It was very different from what he pictured to himself when he had planned to work his way into literature and the authorship of a best seller by the interesting route of newspaper reporting. He had thought he was to plow through a busy street and plow through the look-out for news, pencil and pad ready, his reporters' badge the open sesame to all closed doors. Now he knew that he could work only when tasks were assigned. He spent long hours in the office waiting for a chance, and right guessing that the end of the week meant his dismissal. He wasn't getting the swing, and the business he had the less he accomplished. He had written a runaway, an interview with a would-be politician, and a drowning accident. None of his stuff had seen print.

Thursday the office was short of men. Some of the best were out on a murder, two were on a train wreck, others were doing a diamond robbery, and still others People's ascending cashier and the run on the bank.

It was 1 o'clock when the city editor called him. "Here, Curtis, I've got a story for you. Tenement fire. Get there quick and get something out of it. We go to press at 3. Be lively." He handed him a slip of paper with an address, and Bob started.

There was a growl and a snarl from the editor as Bob pulled wearily into the office at 3. "Get to work! Two sticks will be enough."

Bob threw himself down at a desk and rattled the typewriter feverishly. "Hail" snuffed a fellow reporter, "brought the whole smell of the fire with him." And he threw open a window. Five minutes, ten, and the city editor came over to the desk and snatched the paper from Bob's hands.

"Heavens! man, you aren't writing a message to Congress. Give it here." His swift eye ran down the typewritten sheets. He went a little more slowly. "Good stuff," he said once. The description of the fire was certainly more than a schoolboy's composition. The adjectives were red hot and so few they fairly stung when they met one. The gathering crowd shifted in the glare so one could see significant features, the cry that a man had been killed, and the fact that the fire had been started by a cigarette.

The story had been forgotten started even a reader. Then came a story. A young spectator worked his way under the firm's rope, ran up the ladder, the chief had too much to do to leave any one else to attempt it to the window through which flames roared as through the open door of a furnace. A cloud of smoke had hidden him when he was on the first rungs; when it had blown to one side it was too late to interfere.

He flung himself into the furnace, and with a groan the crowd saw him go to death. But he appeared again, did in his hand a sword, a mass of flame from head to foot. Down the ladder he took his way, bugging the blazing burden until his own clothes caught the flame. Once he swayed, and below they spread the fire, but he recovered and reached fall. But he kept on until a score of hands lifted the blazing man from his arms, and beat the fire from his own clothes. An ambulance was called to take them both to the hospital, but when it arrived the rescuer was gone. The story ended abruptly. The heroism, the vivid story of his falling had stirred the editor to more than usual crankiness. "It was 17," he cried. "Of course you found out his name, address and occupation? Hurry up!"

"He didn't say," faltered Bob. "He got away."

"Get away? Great heavens, man, did you expect that sort of fellow to hand out his card or offer himself for an interview? The story's no good without names. Get out! You'd have gone St. Pauling, anyway. All yours good to the pink and the news is a paper for men and by men."

Two or three reporters turned crankily; but it was time to go to press. The city editor went back to his desk. The rumble of the presses began. Bob did not move. "Get!" cried the editor sharply, without turning. Bob groaned. It was not customary for a cub reporter to groan when he was discharged and the city man whirled on him. Bob had slipped in his chair half to the floor. Before the men could get to him a "Times" reporter rushed in. "They say he wore a 'News' badge. But we know your news is the pink and the news is a paper for men and by men."

Bob had fainted, but a new view of the hands, the hair and clothes told its own story.

"And he worked a typewriter with those hands," groaned the editor. Then he yelled an order to stop the presses. A dashing word or two on Bob's pages gave the lacking name and address, and also added the information that the hero was a valued member of the "News" staff, information which became true as soon as Bob's arms and hands had time to heal—Leslie G. Cameron.

Whalling is still a profitable enterprise in some parts of the world, though a few years ago it was believed to be at the point of extinction.

The Kubak, believed to be a small Arctic stream, is now said to be a mighty river navigable for many hundred miles from its mouth.

"POISON NEEDLE" IS A FAKE

Scientists Declare No Drug Could Take Effect as Described in White Slave Stories.

New York.—The poison needle is a myth. At least that is what the physicians and scientists of the country aver, despite the repeated reports of cases in which women, declared they were pricked with a needle and from that moment lost consciousness for hours and in some cases days.

These stories have been common during the past few months. They have told of bands of white-slavers, who employed men with poisoned needles to invade crowded street cars, moving picture shows and theatres, to find victims for the drugs which all caused those under its spell to lose all sense of responsibility.

In the manner the villains recruited the women who they sold into slavery. The press, the pulpit and the playhouses of many large cities have depended largely on the alleged victims of an eviler man with a hypodermic needle for illustration of the white slaver and his nefarious work.

But the doctors declare such stories are false and impossible. They claim them with the many cases of hypnosis which were reported about the country following the publication of "Trilby" years ago, a story in which a hypnotist made women do things at his bidding.

Popular beliefs in scientific subjects run in waves, according to the scientists. Following the publication of "Trilby" newspapers were flooded with stories of girls and women who had suddenly been paralyzed by a hypodermic gas of some mysterious stranger and who had been compelled at his will to do acts they were powerless to prevent. This occurred despite the fact that the limitations of hypnosis were well defined and that no person can be hypnotized unknowingly or against his will.

Then followed similar cases in which the villain gained control of the girls and women by using a drug saturated with anesthetic, resulting in a period of insensibility and irresponsibility. Any one who knows the difficulty of procuring unconsciousness through the use of anesthetics in operating rooms, where every means is at hand, realizes those stories were fakes, says the doctors. They brand the poison-needle reports with the same mark. While they admit that it is impossible to say that no woman has ever without her knowledge been given a drug with a needle which produced unconsciousness, they do say that no drug is known by scientific men which will produce the effect described in the stories of white slave traffic.

Since the scientists insist on exposing the poison needle in its true light, the white slavers of New York, who have been using a hypodermic needle to induce unconsciousness, must seek a new method of enticing victims—a method which the credulous will believe is founded on fact.

EARTH SOLID; ALSO ELASTIC

University of Chicago Professors Find Planet is Perfectly Safe.

Chicago.—There need be no worry about the earth. The common belief that its inside is a boiling bowl where the planets are being melted is a myth, according to scientists who have been making a thorough investigation. They laugh at the old theory that its surface light one day crumple like the shell of a blown egg. The earth, they say, is solid to the core.

For six months scientists of the University of Chicago have been making experiments at Williams Bay, Wis. on Lake Geneva, where the Yerkes Observatory is located. The university first appropriated \$1,000 for the digging of an east and west ditch 500 feet long and six feet deep, in which was placed a six inch pipe, sealed with glass. Here were installed delicate instruments for measuring the tides. The measurements are an important part of the experiment to determine the earth's rigidity.

As an example of the care taken by scientists to achieve accurate results, it is related that for months Prof. H. G. Gale daily visited the pipe and made the measurements, the work calling for a walk of twenty-five miles a day. Later a device which registered variations in the water levels by photography, was installed. A second ditch, running in a north and south direction, was then built and the ditches were carefully sealed in order that the water might not freeze.

Results so far attained have convinced the professors that the earth, with all its elastic qualities, is more rigid than steel and yields to fifteen degrees of stress. They are ready to submit proof to the scientific world that the earth is solid and that because of its elasticity it cannot be distorted by the tremendous magnetic pulling powers of the sun, the moon and the stars.

DOG DRAGS BABE INTO KETTLE.

Child Fatally Scalded While Playing With Pet.

Comanche, Texas.—While playing with his pet dog, George Roderick, 3 years old, was dragged into a large pot of boiling water by the animal. The child was fatally scalded.

Eyelid Grafted on Boy.

Schwenkgraff, Pa.—Dr. P. N. K. Schwenkgraff, a flap of skin, taken from the temple, in a lower eyelid, an 8-year-old boy at a local hospital. The operation was declared to be a complete success. The boy had been suffering of retraction of the eyelid.

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