

The Wife's Money

"What is it dear?" asked Mrs. Prentiss as her little daughter came crying into the kitchen where she was washing dishes.

"My foot hurts," sobbed the child.

"That old shoe!"

"Let mother see!"

Oh, a stone has worked into that hole. The card-board mother put in has worn through. I cut another piece. Then no stone can work in for a while. She said as she untied the shoe.

"Won't you ask Daddy to get me a new pair?" asked the child.

"Yes, dear. Much good will it do," she added to her self as the child ran from the room.

There comes the grocer's man. I am afraid to meet him. He surely will tell me I can order nothing more until something is paid on account, but if I keep my boarders, I must feed them, that is certain, and she answered the knock at the door and gave her order.

In just such a tension as this Mrs. Prentiss had lived for two years. Her husband, earned a good salary, but Saturday evening he came home late with most of his money gone. He had made it a habit to hide the little bit that remained before he went to work Monday morning. That was easier than meeting the reproachful eyes of his wife when he handed her a sum pitifully inadequate to meet the household needs.

After the order clerk had left, she placed the roast in the oven and set about a thorough search for the money. She had looked in the corners of the bureau drawers, in the medicine cabinet, and the tray of her trunk and had found nothing. She began working her bed, wondering where to look next. While she was leaning up the pillow something fluttered to the floor. She picked up a roll of money that had evidently been tucked in the pillow case. Unrolling it she found there were four dollar bills. She opened her pocket book and placed them with the \$8 she had received from her two boarders that morning, making \$12 in all.

Taking a pencil she jotted down these items: Rent \$20, grocer \$25, coal \$8, shoes \$2.35. "What can I do with \$12?" she asked herself aloud, then bowed her head on her arm and the hot tears yet hanging from her eyes fell on her handkerchief and resolutely wiped them away.

From a drawer in her writing desk she took out a leather case and opened it. A diamond sprinkled on its satin bed. It was her engagement ring. She wondered if she could be the happy girl to whom the ring had been given, she whose life stretched in one dead level of monotonous work and desperate struggle to meet her bills. She slipped the case back in the drawer and returned to the kitchen.

After the dinner work was cleared away she dressed herself and little feet and placing the leather box in her handbag she left the house.

"She had a friend," who was a jeweler. He would give her what the ring was worth, she thought. "Do you wish to sell it or borrow on it?" asked the jeweler, noticing the name and date engraved on the inside.

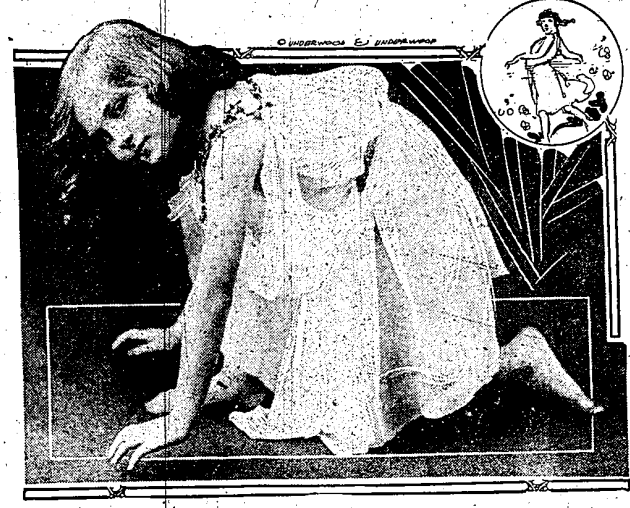
"Sell it," she answered, while the hot blood surged to her face.

"A good judge of diamonds selected that," said her friend, as he counted out the money. "That is a fine stone."

"Now I can pay all the debts," she breathed as she left the store.

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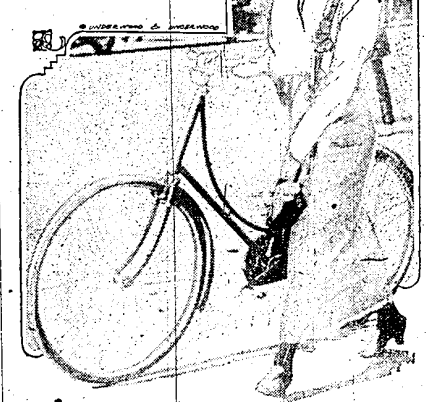
LITTLE NORTH CAROLINA MAID WHO HAS ENTERTAINED ROYALTY WILL DANCE IN PHILADELPHIA TO SWELL THE WAR RELIEF FUND



Lillian Emerson, the pretty little dancing sprite of North Carolina, who has entertained royalty, will appear before a big gathering in Philadelphia soon and dance to swell the relief fund for war sufferers. Little Lillian has charmed the most critical people of Europe and America with her dancing. She is six years old.

MARTIAL LAW IN SOUTH AFRICA; WOMEN TURN IN THEIR HUSBANDS' FIREARMS

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SPRING STYLES WILL SEE THE PASSING OF THE SLENDER SKIRT; MANY REPINE.



The National Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' association recently assembled at Toledo decided to do away with the tight skirts that have had such favor in the past and to replace them with pleated skirts of greater width. The nether proportions of the frail acts will no longer be as clearly displayed as heretofore. It is thought that this will move many to exasperation.

A REFINED FARMER.

Got a Year in the 'Workhouse' For Having Two Wives.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—He said in an advertisement in a newspaper that he was a refined farmer and that he wanted to get acquainted with a young woman of good family. I wrote to him for a few weeks, then I met him, and a few days later we were married. That was last June. I didn't know that he had another wife whom he had married six months before.

Such was the tearful statement of wife Number 2 of G. B. Craig, a young farmer of Guelph, who was sentenced to one year in the workhouse by Judge L. L. Davis in criminal court on a charge of bigamy.

Both wives are young and pretty, and both stood side by side before Judge Davis as he questioned them, and Craig regarding the charge. Wife No. 1 said she had married Craig in January of this year, and that he corresponded with wife No. 2, Miss Rose Higgs, of Bradock, for some time before she found it out.

Little testimony was offered before the court, but Attorney Armin H. Friedman, who appeared for Mrs. Craig No. 1, said that his client became ill after marrying Craig and that later she attempted to commit suicide and was confined in the Allegheny hospital for some time.

When Judge Davis asked Craig if he would do the same thing over again, if he was let off, Craig replied: "No, two wives is plenty."

"No, two is too many," replied the court: "one year to the workhouse."

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WHY WE LAUGH.

Caused By Muscles Responding To Impression On Sensory Nerve.

Laughter is an involuntary response of certain muscles to a communication from nerves controlling their action. We laugh because we receive an impression through our sensory nerves that causes a demonstration from the muscles which express mirth. The vigor or heartiness of laughter depends upon the susceptibility of the brain to what is received through the sensory nerves.

They get the impression in three ways—from something we see, feel or hear—and send it along to the nerve centre. From there it is sent along other nerves connected with certain muscles or glands and excites them to activity.

The nerves are like so many electric wires, and the sensory nerves act as a battery, by means of which the electric currents of life are transmitted. The muscles have the power to express the state of gladness, indicated by laughter, according to the positiveness of the impressions passed along the nerves which operate them. You laugh less heartily the second time you hear a funny story because the impression is less positive.

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Household Hints

ROSE BEADS.

The Genuine Ones Do Retain Their Perfume.

"A woman sighing herself," "Mark it," spoke recently of rose beads being a fraud. She said they lose their fragrance. I should like to say that I have a lovely string of rose beads made of nothing but rose petals. They have been worn over three years and I wear them often, and they remain just as sweet as when they were made. I have made over 700 beads myself, so I know that pure rose petals were used. Some who make a good many tell me that half of them are mixed with flour and rose water. Those I should think would not keep their perfume long. I hope this will prove to your readers that the real rose petals are not a fraud.

GLOVE NOVELTIES.

Among nice things in gloves there is a good-looking pair which is effective without being conspicuous. Made from the finest white glove kid, it is piped in black and has long cuffs inset with puffings of black silk and edged with fine white Chantilly lace. The backs are richly embroidered with the gloves at the wrist. A finger of the fine glove kid gloves has been applied cuffs of contrasting colored kid in a pointed effect, the backs finely embroidered in raised silk dots.

CLEANING SILVER.

A simple and efficacious way of cleaning silver is this: Make a solution of baking soda and salt, allowing a teaspoonful of each to a quart of water. Put this solution in an aluminum pan or kettle and when it boils drop the silver in for an instant only. Have another pan of hot water handy, for rinsing purposes. On taking the silver from the soda mixture drop it in the rinsing water, remove and wipe dry. No further polishing will be necessary and all tarnish and stains will have disappeared.

BEADS OF ALLSPICE.

My grandfather taught me to make allspice beads that are pretty. I would like to tell you about them. Soak the allspice in warm water until they are soft enough to put a pin into them. Then make a hole through each with a needle. After they are hardened string them alternately with gilt beads.

The head craze knows no abatement. The allspice neckties in pretty if the splices are selected carefully, uniform in size, and lightly oiled, then dried, turning often to have them evenly glazed.

POINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

Don't let the butcher weigh the paper with your meat.

Don't let the butcher touch the scales or remove the package until the indicator has come to a stop.

Don't forget that the weight of bread must be plainly marked on the list or wrapper.

Don't be afraid of the tradesman, and don't be ashamed to carry a bundle.

Don't mistake cheapness for economy.

TO TINT LACE.

When wanting to tint lace of beautiful creamy color, use 5 cents worth of yellow ochre and pinch flour (a tablespoonful perhaps). Try a little at a time till you have the tint desired, by shaking in a paper bag. When you have the right color put your lace in and shake thoroughly and you will be surprised to see what a beautiful tint you have.

FOR CRAMP IN THE LEG.

When the cramp comes on take a long string—a long garden hose will do it—round the leg over the place which is affected, and take the end in each hand and give it a sharp pull—one that will cause a little pain. Instantly the cramp will depart, and the sufferer can return to bed assured it will not come on again that night.

USEFUL WASH-DAY HINTS.

Soda should be thoroughly dissolved in the washing water before the clothes are put in. Never allow it to lie about on the clothes, as this sometimes causes hemorrhoids. Soda should never be used on water in which woollens are being washed, as it causes them to shrink.

TO KEEP FISH.

Fish may be preserved for a couple of days in a very simple yet safe way. Boil together three quarts of water and a pint of vinegar. When just on the boil put in the fish and scald it, but not for more than two minutes. Hang the fish in a cool place, and it will keep fresh even in the hottest weather.

SULPHUR AND MOLASSES.

The old-fashioned way of preparing sulphur and molasses is one pint of molasses, three tablespoonfuls of sulphur. Mix thoroughly. Dose, a dessert spoonful every morning. It is harmless. Children may go to the dish and eat it whenever they please.

Paint the Range.

If one has trouble keeping the kitchen range bright, the expedient adopted by one housewife might prove helpful. After cleaning the stove well, she gave the entire front a coating of aluminum paint. This lasts for several months. The stove covered with this paint will not rust.

CLEANING WITH GASOLINE.

In cleaning clothes with gasoline a ring is sometimes left on the fabric. The ring can be removed by steaming over a tea kettle.

For gathering dust from walls a woman has "invented" a bag to be placed over a broom and be held in place by suspenders like straps.