

LOVE OF SNAKE CHARMER LEADS YOUTH TO SLAY; INSISTS WOMAN IS GUILTY



Mrs. Ruth McCormick and Clarence McCormick.

Clarence McCormick, twenty-year-old son of a Lancaster (Pa.) farmer, and Mrs. Ruth McCormick, with whom he is associated in a small law, are awaiting trial in Ottawa, Ill., for the murder of Irving W. Mollett, a wealthy Hendrick (Ia.) farmer. According to McCormick's confession, he killed Mollett while he and his companion were riding in Mollett's automobile. He says the woman is guilty. They expected to find considerable money on the victim, but he had only \$23 at the time of the murder.

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE.

WOMEN COOPERATE TO LESSEN DOMESTIC DRUDGERY.

They Live in a Small Town and Know How to Get the Best Out of Life.

"O, I am so tired of this drudgery of housework. Besides, it is the same old story—work never done," said Mrs. Brown, as she sank into the nearest chair, having dropped in to see a friend.

"Well, you must join our 'housework brigade,'" said the other. "We need another member, anyway."

"What is that?" said Mrs. Brooks, involuntarily brightening up. She was ready to join anything just at that moment.

Her friend then explained to her the plan, which no longer was an experiment, but which had been quietly put to the test by herself and two other women during the last few weeks.

"We all do our own housecleaning, paperhanging, and general renovating together. When one of us is ready to clean, sew, or wash, we invite the others to assist. One or two days each week are selected and we all go to work with a vim. When we cook, we cook all three. Our dressmaking is done on the same co-operative plan. We have a dressmaker come for several days to one of the houses. She cuts and does the expert work and we sew as fast as she can plan for us. And in a few weeks the sewing of our combined households is out of the way. At the same time we visit more or less together and have had many a good time. It is not half the burden that it is when working alone."

"Whatever in the world made you think of such a scheme as that?" asked Mrs. Brown.

"It started by my asking Mrs. Jones to help me prepare for a children's party which I wanted to get ready for at short notice. Then a little later she had occasion to call on me for help at an evening function at her house. We also are a relief committee in ourselves, as we always call on each other in case of sickness. We are going to give batch parties and picnics next summer. Don't you want to join us?"

"Indeed, I do," said Mrs. Brown, reluctantly; "that sounds good to me."

These women live in a small town and all have pretty homes, good husbands, nice children, and comfortable incomes. They have a large circle of friends, and by following this plan are able to keep up with their social duties without overtaxing themselves.

Spearmint for Aids.

To keep the little peps out of the refrigerator, place in a small place or spearmint gum or even the wrap of spearmint gum and when the wrap will have the desired effect.

The use of camphor tends to coarsen the lips.

DOG TAKES

GIRL HOME

Scotch Collie With Remarkable Intelligence Is Protector of Her Young Mistress.

DOG IS ALMOST HUMAN

She Recognizes Her Mistress' Voice Over the Telephone.

Minneapolis, Minn.—This is a story of Lassie, a handsome pedigree Scotch collie, the pet and protector of Miss Margaret Simmons, a schoolgirl.

Lassie, according to the recent issue of *The Telephone Review*, comes as near "talking" over the telephone as any animal endowed with an intelligence not human ever got. Her sense of hearing and understanding is developed so keenly that hearing the voice of the mistress over the telephone brings forth loud barks as assent and recognition.

Miss Margaret is only 13 years old. Her chum—that is, the other chum for Lassie must be two—Is like herself, a schoolgirl. The two girls have been friends for a long time. Several years ago, Miss Margaret formed the habit of going to the home of her friend four blocks away from her own, so that the two might study their lessons together.

The trip going was all right, but Miss Margaret and her parents soon conceived a dislike of the return trip alone. And that is where Lassie comes into the story.

Now when Miss Margaret goes to study with her friend, she makes it a point to call up her home on the telephone at exactly 9 o'clock every evening. When the telephone bell rings at that time Lassie makes a leap for the telephone and, with her forepaws on the table and her mouth near the mouthpiece, waits eagerly for someone to take down the receiver and place it to her ear. If someone does not do this quickly Lassie barks loudly to attract attention.

When the receiver is placed to her ear Lassie backs into the mouthpiece and then she hears her mistress say: "Lassie, I'm ready to come home."

The dog barks assent and then hurries to the door. If by any chance the door is shut she again barks to have it opened. In a few minutes Miss Margaret and Lassie come home together, the schoolgirl having been escorted safely through the streets by the dog. Each time this occurs Lassie seems to realize that she has done something out of the ordinary and is correspondingly proud of her achievement.

Washing Brush.

A small fiber brush, such as may be purchased at any store for five cents, will be found invaluable in the laundry. Place all badly soiled articles flat upon the washboard, soap well and rub with the brush until the soap is dissolved. If it is necessary to move the article up and down the board, the dog will be removed, more quickly than the bristles of the brush catch the meshes of the cloth. The clothes will wear longer and the work will not be as hard on the hands.

Diffusion of Heat.

Where hot air is used for heating, especially where a floor register is used, it is better to use a long pipe. The heat is swirled up with difficulty. This can be remedied by using a square of sheet metal the size of the register opening and fastened to the pipe, four inches long. When this is set over the register the heat will stream out on all sides and not shoot up to the ceiling.

When you take up carpets be careful in removing the tacks that the carpet are not torn; then roll up carpets with upper part inside and carry them away to be beaten. As soon as carpets are removed, throw a tea on the floor (one tea to each carpet), sweep it out, then wash boards with a wet flannel, but be careful not to throw too much water about, as it is liable to damage the ceiling of the room below. If you have a carpet beater, with a long smooth stick or carpet beater, after carpet is beaten, have one. After carpet is beaten, brush on both sides with a stiff broom. If faded or greasy spots, apply a small amount of gall mixed with a pint of cold water, or a little paintful of cold water, and cold water mixed, then wiped dry with soft cloths; will make them look clean and bright.

CAKESHAKE. One cup sweet milk, yolk of one egg, beat together; place in a baking dish and cover with a crust made of one cup flour, one-eighth teaspoon salt, one tablespoon shortening, and half cup milk. If your dish is large, double the biscuit recipe. Cut galette in the crust. Bake about fifteen minutes.

CAKESHAKE. One cup sweet milk, yolk of one egg, beat together; place in a baking dish and cover with a crust made of one cup flour, two tablespoons vinegar, two tablespoons sugar, one tablespoon made mustard (mustard ready for use), a little salt, and a little nutmeg. With the first, then add one cup beaten cream. Use a fine slicer for cabbage. This recipe is enough for a small cabbage and will serve six or seven persons.

HASH TRANSFORMED. Cut meat fine, add a little onion and any other seasoning desired. Have rather rich biscuit dough, roll it out and put meat into it. Bake. Use soup stock or gravy to make a rich sauce. Pour sauce over meat just before serving. The hash will be transformed into a delicious remainder into two-inch squares. dinner dish.

THE TABLE.

Three Beef Dinners.—It is difficult to plan beef dinners for a small family at a moderate cost. Buy a slice clear across the round, about an inch thick. Ask your butcher to cut the third part of the round and some prefer its flavor to that of porterhouse. From the top part cut a piece large enough for a steak for today's dinner. Next day cut the flesh transformed into a delicious remainder into two-inch squares. dinner dish.

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