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### AN EXPERIMENT

By FANNY GRAY.

After two weeks of blissful honeymoon in his modest new home, Harry Carr firmly believed that all newspaper jokes about newlyweds, including wife's biscuits, cranky cook stoves, burned steak and the like, were just newspaper jokes and nothing more.

Of course, there was a maid in the kitchen, but Harry never doubted for a moment that it was his bride, Molly, who really made it possible for these wonders to be evolved.

Now, Molly had about as much confidence in her own ability in the kitchen as Harry had, although she had never been put severely to the test, where everything depended upon her alone. So, when Bridget's first day out arrived, she and Harry both looked forward to it as a sort of lark. As they were drinking their coffee that morning, the following conversation took place:

"Now don't go and try to get up a regular dinner tonight, honey. I'm eating too much, anyway. And I won't have you getting all hot and tired working over a stove!"

"That's very sweet of you, Harry, but don't imagine that we can't have dinner just because Bridget is out. I shall enjoy getting it. And I don't think much of wives who set out cold bites because they're lazy. You'll see!"

"All right, get suit yourself, but be ready on time, and if the dinner is very good, I might have something in my pocket. It might be tickets for the Hippodrome!"

"Oh, how lovely! Of course I'll be on time. Don't miss the early train!" In the middle of the afternoon, Molly descended to the kitchen, clad in a neat blue linen dress, and tackled the dinner.

About half-past five, Mrs. Webster, a near neighbor, who had made friends at once with Molly, rang the bell of the Carrs' house. Molly answered, sat down with her caller, and apologized for her dress. But she was so evidently nervous and left the room so many times on one excuse or another that her experienced friend began to realize that something must be wrong with the kitchen arrangements.

At last the truth came out and Molly explained her predicament, between tears and laughter.

"Why, Mrs. Webster," she cried, "it never occurred to me I couldn't get a whole dinner alone! I've done lots of cooking!"

"Come on out and let's see how bad it is," suggested Mrs. Webster. On the tables lay a fierce-looking collection of cooking utensils and dishes, all soiled. Mrs. Webster peered into everything, while Molly explained. Mock bisque soup being Harry's favorite, she had decided upon that, and had made it early to have it out of the way. There it stood on the back of the stove, a fine curdled mess, "keeping hot."

The roast beef she had put on good and early in the new double roaster, laboring under the delusion that the invention absolved one from giving any further attention to the meat. A glance at it, just before her neighbor's arrival, had revealed a little, dried-up, hard piece of beef, utterly unfit to serve.

Molly and Mrs. Webster looked at each other a moment and then cleared the atmosphere by laughing immoderately. When Molly could get her breath, she said:

"What shall I do? Of course, my pride is hurt, and I hate to tell Harry but I suppose I must."

"Why tell him that you tried to get a dinner at all? He has suggested the theater, you say. It would be most natural for you to have a light supper to save trouble, as you may be going out."

"But I told him this morning I didn't mind the trouble, and that I was going to get dinner."

"Never mind. People sometimes change their minds. I don't want to corrupt your morals, but I advise you to do as I say. If you will, I can help you out."

Molly nodded assent.

"Good! Now, what salad have you got?"

"Lettuce and tomato."

"Couldn't be better. Any canned soup in the house?"

"Only ready-made tomato."

"The very thing! Haven't you learned the secret of putting hot milk and a bit of butter to that just before serving? Very likely it will be mistaken for your own brand of bisque."

"Great! You're a wonder, Mrs. Webster."

"No, just an old housekeeper. Now, I've got cold ham and a cream cheese I can spare, and I'm going to send them over. If by any chance you have your dessert, don't you see that with a pot of coffee you'll have a delicious and hearty supper, after all?"

At 6:30 Harry was met at the door by a smiling bride. He held up an envelope, teasingly, high above her head.

"Do I get some food, or do we stay at home tonight? No nice dinner, no Hippodrome, you know."

"I guess I can get dressed in time," said Molly demurely, and, hand in hand, like two children, they went into the dining room.

As Harry took the last swallow of the delicious, piping-hot coffee, he remarked:

"Bully supper, Molly. Took my advice, after all, didn't you? I'm glad you didn't spend the afternoon fussing over a hot dinner."

Molly smiled at him across the table. (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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### TALK ABOUT PAVING BUSINESS STREETS

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The cost of paving intersections may be paid by assessment on the paving district in general or by the city corporation. The payment for the paving shall be made by the issuing of district paving bonds, payable in not over ten years or at the option of the city at any interest paying rate. The total amount of the cost must be levied at once. One-tenth to be delinquent in fifty days and one-tenth annually thereafter. Each installment to draw six per cent interest, installments delinquent to draw three-fourths of one per cent per month. To pay the cost of improvements in paving on intersections, the city may issue bonds called "paving bonds" to run not over twenty years. This is the procedure in the event that the cost of intersection paving is not charged to the property in the district. The issuing of "paving bonds" by the city will be assented to a majority of the voters after being submitted to the electors. Street improvements including pavement shall be done by a contract with the lowest responsible bidder as determined by the council. Secretary Bushnell has been instructed to interview all resident property owners that might be affected by the pavement to determine the sentiment regarding this improvement.

Other Matters Taken up  
The proposition of having automobiles parked in the center of the

street was also talked of. This plan is followed in many towns and cities, some larger and some smaller than Alliance. The fact that at times the mud is so bad that such a plan would not prove satisfactory was also discussed, but the opinion seemed to be that the idea was carried out at other points where there was no paving and it could be carried out here.

### TWO BOY HOBOES ARE ARRESTED ON MONDAY

Two boys, Everett Bookstove and Walter Smith, age about 18 years, were arrested Monday morning on the charge of having stolen \$4 in cash, a knife, a razor, and a bottle of whiskey from a man who roomed at the same place they put up. They gave the local police a chase but were apprehended. After being locked up one of the lads endeavored to pick the lock at the jail in order to secure his liberty. He used a button hook, but without success. The lads were fined \$10 and costs with the fines suspended if they got out of town by noon. They made themselves scarce.

### FINDS GOODS THAT WERE STOLEN FROM CARS

John Bullman, a laborer, who lives in a little cottage near the viaduct was scouting around Saturday evening looking for an old shovel to clean out his stove, when he stumbled on to a quantity of merchandise hidden in a pile of tile which were piled on the land owned by the city, this side of the viaduct. He immediately notified the police. The Burlington's special agent was notified and an investigation showed that the merchandise was a part of what had been stolen from Burlington cars on November 19. There were four union suits for men, one box of six ladies' hose supporters, fourteen pairs of men's hose supporters, one bath robe, and one work shirt in the lot.

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