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MELISSA FEARS A TOO DURABLE MATE.

Mrs. Merriwid came into the room where her maternal maiden aunt Jane was unwinding a skein of bright blue Berlin from the back of a chair. There was a good deal of color in Mrs. Merriwid's cheeks and a mischievous light in her eyes, which the elder lady noted and which caused her to sigh quite pathetically.

"What have you been doing now, Melissa?" she asked, with a decided accent on the penultimate word.

Mrs. Merriwid made the dimple appear in her cheek. "Did you hear a sort of humming noise, dearie?" she inquired, in turn.

"Why, no," Aunt Jane answered, wondering; "only the street door closing. Has Mr. Wellalong gone?"

"I put the rollers under him, auntie," replied Mrs. Merriwid. "He has went, and I had the half-breath escape of my life, too. You came awfully near having a new nephew-in-law, with an ash colored toupee and gold mounted teeth, dearie. Not exactly new, perhaps, but in perfect repair and warranted to last."

"You're the worst!" said Aunt Jane, with an air of displeasure.

Mrs. Merriwid giggled. "I am a case, am I not?" she asserted. "But whenever I see a well preserved man, I always seem to suspect benzene of it."

POINTED WAY TO SALVATION

Preacher's Advice Was All Right but His Friend Also Had Something Wise to Say.

Senator Samuel A. Eitelson, speaking recently at a banquet, told the following:

"A colored preacher stood up on a Sunday and said, 'My text this morning, brothers and sisters, am 'What shall I do to be saved?' To me there seems only one way to be saved, and that am to quit this here extravagant living. Back to the simple life, say I. There am going to be no chance for you to be saved so long as you keep up this high living. If there is any thing that is going to kill our race it is these here luxuries. Better go hungry and cold like the wolf. Go out and face the rains and fight the storms. Go wade like the crane. You will grow rugged and you will grow tough, but you'll walk like a man. Yes, sir, that am de way to salvation, that am de way to get saved.'

"Just then a tall colored man, rising from his pew in the rear of the church, interrupted the preacher, shouting: 'This am no way to be saved. You just jump right through that back window and run just as fast as your legs will carry you, for the county sheriff am here with a warrant for your arrest for stealing them chickens from Massa Martin's coop last Friday night.'—Chicago Tribune.

Father's Admiration.

Mrs. Shortley was discussing the latest fashions with a young lady caller.

"Did you say your husband was fond of those clinging gowns, Mac?"

"Yes, he likes one to cling to me for about three years."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Not to Be Caught.

Farmer (on one side of the hedge to boy on the other side)—Now, then, my lad, didn't I tell you not to let me catch you here again?

Boy (preparing to run)—All right, don't make a fuss. You ain't caught me yet!—Wacky Telegraph.

Gives Him a Chance to Pursue.

"The best way for a girl to catch a man is by running away from him."

"That's right, there's no danger of her beating him out in a hobble skirt."

To man the most fascinating woman in the world is the one he almost, but not quite, won.

Hope is a pneumatic tire that is frequently punctured.

NEVER TIRES

Of the Food That Restored Her to Health.

"Something was making me ill and I didn't know the cause," writes a Colo. young lady: "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism."

"I had tried different kinds of diet, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better."

"Finally, Mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once."

"To-day I am well and am gaining weight and strength all the time. I've gained 10 lbs. in the last five weeks and do not suffer any more from indigestion, and the rheumatism is all gone."

"I know it is Grape-Nuts alone that I owe my restored health. I still eat the food twice a day and never tire of it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The flavour of Grape-Nuts is peculiar to itself. It is neutral, not too sweet and has an agreeable, healthful quality that never grows tiresome.

One of the sources of rheumatism is from overloading the system with acid material, the result of imperfect digestion and assimilation.

As soon as improper food is abandoned and Grape-Nuts is taken regularly, digestion is made strong, the organs do their work of building up good red blood cells and of carrying away the excess of disease-making material from the system.

The result is a certain and steady return to normal health and mental activity.

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use tobacco or alcohol in any form, and I should make my wife's happiness my study. I am inclined to think that it would be entirely her own fault if she were not happy."

"That was where I hesitated, auntie! I had to admit that it wasn't every woman had an option on a refined and non-alcoholic husband, with a good income, a substantial settlement and the assurance of as much freedom as would be good for her. I certainly hesitated. Perhaps in another moment I might have been lost, but right at that point he queered himself."

"As I said, I am not in the first flush of youth," he repeated. "But opposed to that, you would have nothing to fear from my indulgence in youthful follies, and I have always taken particularly good care of myself and, as a consequence, enjoy remarkably good health. Furthermore, I come of a long-lived family. My father lived to the age of ninety-four, and with the exception of a slight deafness was in full possession of all his faculties. My grandfather was actually a centenarian."

"Well, what then?" asked Aunt Jane, as her niece paused.

"It was then that I got out the skis, adjusted the rollers carefully and let him go," replied Mrs. Merriwid. "It was a good proposition as far as it went, but it seemed likely to

WASHINGTON—Corrugated battleships will be the subject of tests this winter by Naval Constructor David W. Taylor, on duty in the bureau of construction and repair, in the naval testing tank at the Washington yard.

Four vessels for the merchant service have been built in England on this plan. Two outward curved, 23 inches deep, run the length of the ships between the load line and the bilge. Between the convex curves is a concave surface of equal depth. This partial application of the tube principle greatly increases the strength of the hull. So much strength is added that the stringer plates may be dispensed with. This increases the space available for bulk cargo. In addition, however, it is said that the corrugated hull saves fuel and lessens the effect of waves on the steadiness of the ship.

English reports indicate that a corrugated hull will save 16 per cent. in fuel over the case of driving a smooth hull of equal displacement. Two models, of equal weight and dimensions, each about twenty feet long, will be

constructed here, one with a corrugated and the other with a plain hull. Each will be attached to the traveling crane which spans the experimental tank at the Washington navy yard, and the resistance of the models to the water when pulled at a given rate of speed will be accurately registered on the delicate gauges attached to the crane. If the corrugated hull presents less resistance to the water the fact will be instantly indicated on the gauges. No vessel of this type has yet been constructed in this country. The first corrugated vessel was built in England in 1909.

Capt. G. S. MacIwaine of the British navy, recently asked the admiralty to make a test of corrugated ships. He spent a month on the Baltic in a ship in which the ordinary stiff bilge keel is replaced by a keel bearing deep horizontal corrugations. His observations convinced him that the corrugated ship is vastly superior to the ordinary type in strength, stability, speed and carrying capacity. Captain MacIwaine claimed that the idea of the corrugated ship was worked out by Arthur H. Haver, a naval architect. The seventh vessel of the kind to come into existence is now being built for Norway. The British officer says that a corrugated vessel is carried about twenty per cent. further with the same amount of coal than a plain ship of similar dimensions. This in a warship means either increase in effective range or increase of armor, armament, etc.

Postal Deposit Savings Show Average of \$86

POSTMASTER General Frank H. Hitchcock made public the other day the latest available figures showing that the deposits in postal savings depositories have now reached the sum of \$28,000,000. The system was inaugurated January 3, 1911, but most of the deposits have been made within the last year.

The deposits represent 290,000 individuals, making an average of \$86 per depositor. The system is now operated in 12,773 postoffices, in every one of the forty-eight states, including 644 branch postoffices.

According to the figures compiled by the controller of the currency the total amount of the deposits in the savings banks of the country in 1911 was \$4,212,583,598. This amount was deposited in 1,884 banks by 9,794,647 individual depositors, and the average savings bank account for each depositor was \$430.09. Comparison of these statistics shows that the average amount held by each savings bank depositor was about five times the average amount held by each postal savings bank depositor.

According to the report of the controller of the currency, the postal sav-

ings bank of the United Kingdom in 1910 held \$12,068,556, out of a grand total of \$1,076,265,509 in private and postal savings banks. In round numbers the postal savings deposits in the United States are about one-half of one per cent. of the combined deposits in postal depositories and savings banks, while in the United Kingdom the postal savings constitute about 1 1/2 per cent. of the combined deposits in private and postal savings banks.

In France, according to the latest available figures, the postal savings in 1909 aggregated \$316,456,866, or an average of about \$57 for each depositor.

Postmaster General Hitchcock's figures show that 7,357 banks have qualified to receive postal savings funds.

Army Officers on Detached Duty to Be Removed

It requires that any officer responsible for a failure to obey it to the full shall forfeit his pay and allowances. Consequently every officer who has not served at least two of the last six years in command of troops will have to return to his regiment before December 31. It has been found by the law officers of the war department that about a third more of the officers on detached service will have to be removed within six months. A large number of officers on detached duty in Washington are caught pretty severely by this order.

It is said that there are officers who have not been with their commands for years, as they have had pull enough to keep them in easy jobs here in Washington, where they can do their stunts and not half try, and fill in the rest of the time doing society acts.

Washington society without its army and navy officers is mighty slow. There has always been some influence to keep plenty of the young men on detached duty in Washington. Of course, this order of congress is obligatory.

Spanish Minister Rejoices in Fifty Suits, Etc.

IT was stated in an authentic quarter the other day that the Spanish minister, Senor Don Juan Riano, has 50 suits of clothes and a corresponding large number of accessories. Spacious and perfectly equipped quarters are required to accommodate this wardrobe, and in selecting the new legation special attention was paid to this feature.

The present legation, in New Hampshire avenue, has commodious dressing rooms and closets for each suite, but such an outfit as Senor Riano's in order to be easily handled and accessible has to have a room to itself, and, if possible, one built for the purpose.

The garments are classified, and that they may be easily found an inventory is fastened on the door. According to the most advanced authorities "wet" and "dry" rooms are necessary for the complete wardrobe. The "wet" room removes the creases and takes the place of sponging; the "dry" room hardens the costume in the lines it has taken.

Whether Senor Riano's new home is



"I want the Gentle Ministrations of a Woman in My Home."

soda and glucose. Mr. Wellalong was very sweet, though, and he certainly made an impression on me. If he only hadn't made that last injudicious statement."

"I wish you would stop talking nonsense and tell me what he did say," said Aunt Jane.

Mrs. Merriwid curled herself in an armed chair and consulted the ceiling.

"Let me see," she said. "What was it he did say? Well, he said that a widower's life was a lonely one and that with the advance of years he realized more and more keenly the lack of female companionship. I recommended a Chautauqua camp meeting. Or if you care to identify yourself with the woman suffrage movement, you'd get lots of it, I suggested."

"It isn't that kind of companionship I mean, Mrs. Merriwid," he said, drawing his chair up closer. "It's an association of a more intimate and domestic character that I feel the need of. I want the gentle ministrations of a woman in my home."

"And help is so awfully hard to get," I murmured sympathetically. "I couldn't begin to tell you the trouble I've had since Hilda left me. Have you tried the intelligence offices?"

"I'm not speaking of servants," he said. "I can get all the servants I want, but it ain't so easy to get a wife—a lady of refinement, intelligence and beauty, with an affectionate nature, an amiable disposition and domestic tastes. That's what I want, Mrs. Merriwid. Am I presumptuous in hoping that I may be fortunate enough to secure such an inestimable blessing?" He hitched his chair a little closer and looked at me with four magnitudes of soulfulness through his double glasses.

"I said, if you ask me, Mr. Wellalong, I should say that it was some presumptuousness. There's no law against hoping, but a lady of that description is a pretty large order. Still, I have read of them being like that in books."

"You are too modest, Mrs. Merriwid," he said, meaningly. "I know a lady not a thousand miles away who is exactly what I describe, and I have permitted myself to hope that she will listen to my suit."

"I remarked that his suit didn't seem to be a very loud one. As a matter of fact, it was a very neat dark blue serge. He merely smiled patiently and waved the remark aside with a graceful gesture.

"I am not in the first flush of youth," he went on, swinging his eyes. "I am no longer a romantic boy and I shall make no impassioned plea. I prefer to state plainly my qualifications and circumstances. I have sufficient property to yield me a very good income and I should expect to behave liberally in the matter of a settlement and maintain a comfortable, if not luxurious, establishment. I believe in allowing a woman a reasonable amount of freedom while reserving to myself the right of final decision in all matters of mutual concern. I am tolerably good natured, and connected, my tastes are refined, I do not

go altogether too far. I don't say that an elderly husband isn't endurable, auntie, but believe me dearie, there ought to be a limit to his durability."

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English War Aeroplanes.

After long deliberation and much experimenting, England has finally acknowledged the necessity of the aeroplane in modern warfare, and has placed its seal of approval therein with an initial order for sixty machines. This number will be increased to one hundred just as soon as a sufficient number of sky pilots can be trained to navigate them. To fully appreciate the importance which this arm of the service has already attained, one must note the appropriations for the current year by the three great Continental powers. France will spend \$6,250,000, a sum sufficient to build a very fair warship; Germany, \$3,500,000, and Britain, \$1,500,000. The total for three countries is \$11,250,000, thus illustrating the increasing and high cost of military living.—Popular Mechanics.

On Manliness.

Fortitude comes next, which is necessary in temptation, since perfection of sanctity cannot be so uninterruptedly maintained in this life that its serenity will be disturbed by no temptations.

Happy is he who becomes valiant in his anger, now resisting, now fighting, now flying, so as to be found neither in firm through consenting, nor weak through despairing. Therefore, whoever is not found valiant in his anger cannot exist in his glory. If we have passed through fire and water, so that neither did the fire consume us, nor the water drown us, whose is the glory?—Aeled (1109-1166).

Left Wedding Party Hungry.

When a wedding party returned from Merstham church to Chaldron, near Redhill, Surrey, England, the other day, they were dismayed to find no wedding cake or other materials for the luncheon. It was found that the motor lorry in which a London firm of caterers had sent the goods had been completely burned down on the road, and the wedding party accordingly had to go without.

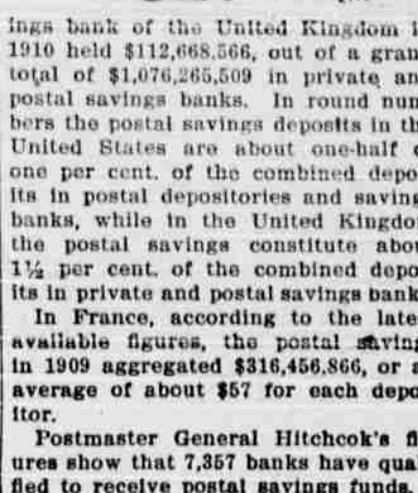
Clothes.

He—"Did you ever observe what a difference clothes make on one's mind? Now, when I am in my riding togs, I'm all horse; when I have on my business suit, my mind's full of business; when I get into my evening dress my mind takes a purely social turn." She—"And I suppose that when you take a bath your mind's a' utter blank?"—Stray Stories.

Order Not Wanted.

Church—They do say the atmosphere of London's subways is now made to resemble that of the seashore by blowing ozone into them.

Gotham—Now, just stop to think. Were you ever at the seashore when there was a dead whale on the beach?



Hubby Got It.

"My wife is always bringing home so much toothpowder," complained a man the other day to a friend. "It's a waste of money. As for me I just take the bathtub cleanser and scrub my teeth."

The pair were walking down Chestnut street and his companion stopped in amazement. "What! Doesn't it hurt your teeth and gums, too?" he exclaimed almost in horror.

"No," came back the surprising reply. "You see they're the kind you buy at the dentist's."

Good Job.

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"And now I want your assurance," he said, "that this money will not be used for any unworthy or unnecessary purpose."

The tramp drew back.

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Her Reason.

"Did you struggle when he tried to kiss you?"

"No, mamma."

"But why did you not?"

"Why, mamma, you ought to know from his appearance that he isn't very strong."

Remarkable, Indeed.

"How well Mr. and Mrs. Grasswid seem to get along together."

"Yes, it is quite remarkable, the more so because she wears a necklace that was presented to her by her first husband and he keeps a picture of his first wife in his watch case."

Telephones in Theaters.

On the back of each seat of a new London theater there will be coin in the slot telephones to enable persons with defective hearing to listen to what is being said on the stage.

Improved Incandescent Lamp.

Incandescent lamps in which the filaments are in the form of an inverted cone have been found to give one-fifth more light than those of the same size in which filaments form cylinders.

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