

BERRY SHRUB

By FRANCES LINSKY.

It was a typical summer hotel veranda. At least so thought a perspiring and very much disgusted young man who looked up at it from the bottom of the somewhat steep and very dusty hill.

"An Adamless Eden, I'll warrant," he muttered.

Brown as a young Indian from weeks of outdoor camp life, and covered with dust and perspiration, certainly no one would have recognized in this very bedraggled young man Max Harding, whose aristocratic mother was a guest at the hotel on the hill.

Scowling fiercely, he dragged his heavy suitcase up the path, only to be met at the veranda steps by a pompous-looking individual who effectually barred his further progress.

"Can't come up the front way, fellow," said the pompous one.

"What the devil—" and then as the full significance of the servant's remark struck him, Max Harding burst into a laugh.

"Maybe I can sneak in through the kitchen and get washed up before I greet the mater," he thought. "If she ever catches me looking like this—Hello, when—ew—ew," and he whistled softly, for a remarkably pretty girl sat directly in front of the kitchen door, shelling peas—thus once more blocking his progress.

"Have you a moment to spare," he asked, removing his hat, and speaking in his most engaging manner.

"I am sorry, but I haven't," said the young woman, very promptly, scarcely glancing up from her work.

"Oh, ho," thought he, "not much enthusiasm here. May I show you some of my wares?" with an expressive glance in the direction of the suitcase.

"You may not," said the young woman, just as promptly as before.

"Well, do you mind if I sit down on the lawn a minute?" he hazarded for his third venture.

"I do not," again responded the "fair lady of the peas," taking him in with one all-appraising glance.

So Max sat down on the little plot of grass in front of the house, and leaned his head back against the building, and closed his eyes.

"Poor fellow," thought the girl, her sympathy aroused at last, "he must be pretty tired. I'm afraid I was rather sharp with him. Well, he looks dark enough for one of those Syrian or Armenian peddlers, but he certainly doesn't talk like one. I'll just run in and get him a glass of raspberry shrub. It'll cool him off before he goes."

She was back in a moment with a glass of delicious looking liquid, and, tapping the young man on the shoulder, she offered it to him.

"Here, drink this," she said. "I'm sorry I couldn't stop to look at your wares. Have you made many sales today?"

"No, not one," answered Max, quite truthfully, and he swallowed the refreshing drink with genuine apprecia-

tion. Then, with many thanks, he beat a hasty retreat around to the front of the house once more.

This time his mother was seated on the veranda, and she greeted him enthusiastically, but he managed to make her understand that a bath and some clean linen were the two most essential things in his life at that particular moment, and so he escaped to his room.

He descended about an hour later, looking very different in his white flannels, and his mother's pride shone in her eyes as she greeted him.

"And, Max," she said, "there's the loveliest girl here. I want you to meet her. Her name is Anna Cabot."

"Now, mother," he remonstrated.

"But, Max, dear, this one is different! But wait—she's promised to sit at our table tonight, and you'll see for yourself."

"Well, no sign of your divinity yet, mother," said Max, some minutes later, when they had started their dinner; perhaps—hopefully—"she's changed her mind."

"No, here she comes," said Mrs. Harding, and straight to their table came the lady of his afternoon's adventure.

Lifting her eyes to acknowledge the introduction, the color flooded into the girl's face, and her eyes asked innumerable questions as she recognized him.

"Do you know that Katie the cook left this afternoon?" asked the girl of Mrs. Harding some moments later, when she was herself again.

"Good gracious," gasped that lady. "Who took her place?"

"I did," said the girl, quietly, measuring glances with the young man opposite her.

"Why, my dear, aren't you clever!" exclaimed his mother, looking at her son with an "I-told-you-so" expression.

Just then the waitress entered the dining room with liquid refreshments clinking in a silver pitcher.

"By-the-way, Miss Cabot," said Max. "since I understand that you are 'up' in such matters—what drink would you recommend as the most cooling and refreshing for these hot days, as well as most economical?"

"Why," said the girl, delicately raising her glass as he raised his, "why—raspberry shrub."

And over their glasses their eyes met in a look of complete understanding.

Portable Distillery.

A French perfume-manufacturing company has constructed a portable distillery to obtain extracts from either wild or cultivated flowers in the regions in which they grow.

Tractor Vs. Mule.

Ten mules can haul about two tons of material and their work is limited to ten hours, but the tractor hauls 25 tons and covers a distance of 20 miles at the same time.

Uncle Pennywise Says.

It is difficult to do anything for a man who is so ignorant he doesn't know he's ignorant.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Progressing.

Widower—Before I married I couldn't save a dollar; now that I'm married and my wife is dead I save almost half my salary.

Practice Makes Perfect.

If you are a clerk, do you know anything about the goods you handle? If you are a teacher, do you subscribe to any pedagogical works? Do you attend lectures? Do you study child life? If you are a mother do you know anything about chemistry and dietetics and home nursing? If you are a writer do you know anything about the literary market, the fashions in stories? Are you familiar with the literature of the world? Do you know anything about life itself?

Good Way to Preserve Potatoes.

The natives of the Andes have a method of preserving potatoes, which consists of alternate freezing and thawing until all the moisture is removed. The resulting product is known as chunu, and it can be stored for months and even years, with fear of deterioration. Pressed into little bullet-shaped pieces, chunu is universally offered for sale in the market, and is one of the chief foods of the native population.

Oath Purposely Made Stringent.

The term "iron-clad oath" has no significance now. It was the name given to a very stringent oath of office prescribed by congress in 1862 and applied at the close of the Civil war for officeholders in the re-constructed states. It was intended to exclude from office all who had participated in the Civil war on the Confederate side, and really had that effect because they could not take the oath.

Georgian Doctor Human Benefactor.

Perhaps the greatest triumph of American medical science was the discovery of anaesthesia, which made modern surgery possible. A number of physicians claimed the priority in this great development, but in latter years the credit has usually been given to Dr. Crawford W. Long, a Georgia country doctor, who received his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania.

Fine Paint Made From Tar.

The Revue de Chimie Industrielle notes that a brilliant black paint which dries well and is far superior to mineral varnish may be made by mixing equal parts of coal tar with benzine or coal oil. Spread thinly with a hard brush, it penetrates the wood, which it preserves from decay, and it adheres well to metals, at the same time preventing them from rusting.

Often the Case.

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Director General McAdoo will announce soon his decision on recommendations of the railroad wage commission which were said in well informed quarters to propose an average 20 per cent advance in pay for all classes of railroad employees. If Mr. McAdoo follows the suggestion of the commission approximately \$260,000,000 will be added to the pay rolls of the nation's railroads.

Strong pressure is said to have been brought to bear on the director general to modify some of the commission's recommendations, especially affecting the four great brotherhoods. Mr. McAdoo is not bound to follow the advice of the commission and can increase or reduce their recommendations as he sees fit. The commission has followed its announced policy of giving the high east paid unions the lowest rate of advance, holding that relief is needed most by the men who have been barely making ends meet or perhaps going in debt on the wages they received.

Apparently none of the commission's recommendations has met the requests of the unions themselves, which ranged as high as 40, 50 and 60 per cent.

A majority of the commission is said to have felt that the eight hour day should not be made universal for railroad employees while the war is in progress, fearing to upset transportation and necessitate the expenditure of large sums in addition to the increases suggested.

It is said the commission has urged that after the war the eight hour day be extended and made the basis of employment of all classes of railroad workers.

Billions Bushel Wheat Crop.

Hopes for the billion bushel wheat crop, for which the government is striving this year, was strengthened by the Department of Agriculture's May crop report, forecasting a production of 572,539,000 bushels of winter wheat.

Secretary Houston, in a statement said there was every reason to anticipate increased farm yield this year over the record production of last year. He added, however, that the promise did not warrant relaxed efforts for greater production and for greater conservation, and called upon the people of towns and cities to realize that the farmer cannot work miracles, and lend him the assistance needed at harvest time.

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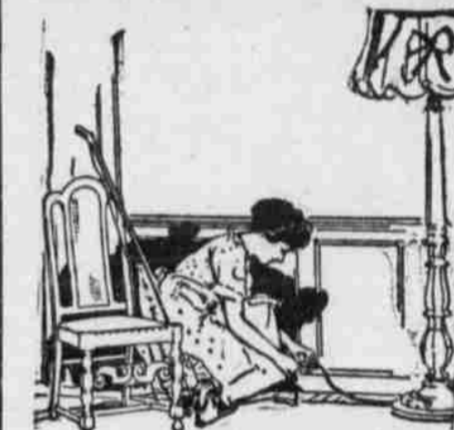
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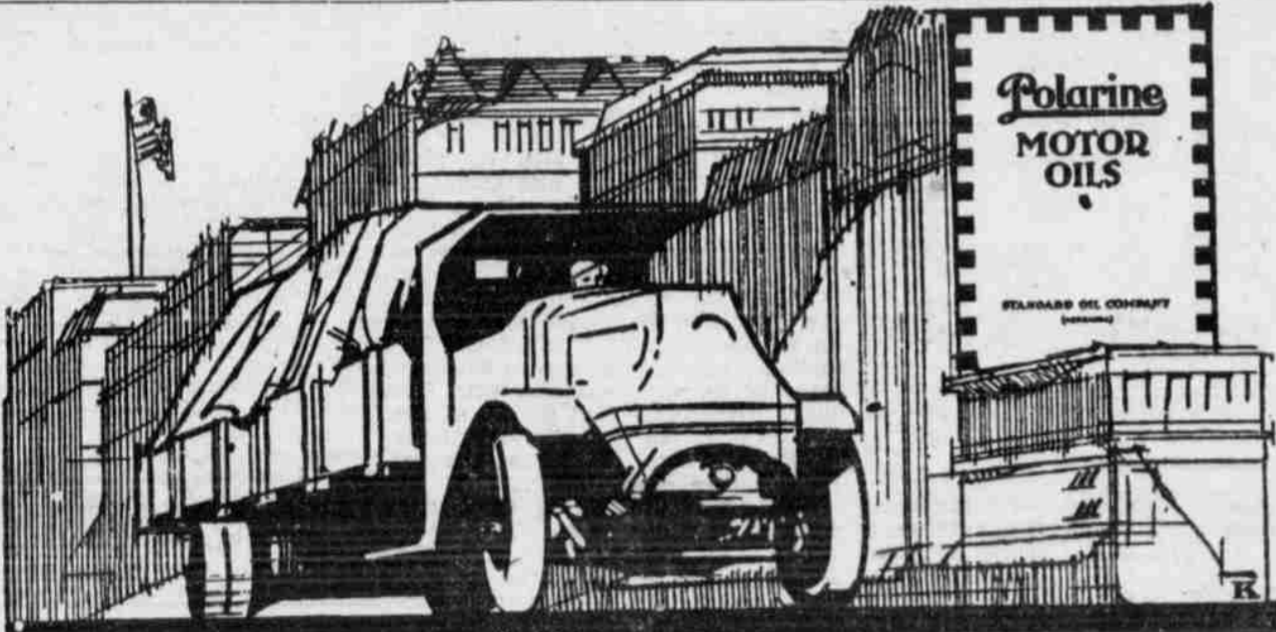
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