#### A TIMELY GIFT.

By EVELYN LEE. Constantina de la constantina del constantina de la constantina del constantina de la constantina de l

"Now, then, David, tomorrow is your birthday, and I have a present for you that I may as well give you now." "Not neckties, or a sport shirt, or a stickpin?" Inquired David Woolson

suspiciously. "Not likely, seeing that you make knowed strings of the ties in a week, never would wear anything but callco shirts and lost the pin I gave you the second day. No. David, I'm going

to give you a watch." "Why! you gave me one once." "I did, on the anniversary of our silver wedding, and you let it drop on

the floor and put it out of commission," "No use burdening a man with Jewairy who is too busy with farming to pay attention to fal-lais!" pronounced

"Well, a watch is something that every man should carry.

"I declare! It makes a fellow feel sort of dressed up to carry a watch, eh, Martha? And you're a dear, wholesouled woman to think that much of a hard-headed, clumsy old fellow like myself!"

David delivered a resounding smack squarely on Martha's lips, and she fluctered and flushed like some schoolgirl. She had to scold mildly and instruct in detail to get the watch placed ir, the right pocket and the chain bar in the correct button-hole.

Martha smiled an extra welcome when, on the stroke of six, David came into the house from the field, rather boyishly compared his watch with the kitchen clock, and announced:

"You've had a good time-keeper made of the old wreck of a watch, Martha. It's right to the minute."

Arthur Moore called that evening. He was keeping company with the eldest daughter, Hazel, and was a general favorite with the family. The smaller children had considerable fun repeatedly asking father what time it was, while Hazel declared the watch must be fast when her father observed that it was ten o'clock, which was the usual hour of departure of her lover.

It was two days later when David walked over to Brownsville on some business. The distance was only five miles, and he did not care about sparing a horse from harvest work. It was at Brownsville that young Moore lived with his stepfather, Hugh Griscom. Those two had not been very congenial, and Arthur had told Hazel that the sooner they were married, the better pleased he would be, as Griscom had grown into a gruff, unsociable companion. It seemed that the latter was a second husband of Arthur's mother, who had left quite an estate. The from the property, but after his death It was to revert to Arthur.

It was about three miles from Brownsville that David paused on the path lining the river, to gaze in astonishment at two persons conversing animatedly under some trees. One was a handsome young woman David had never seen before. The other was Ar-

thur Moore. The woman seemed under a strain of intense emotion. Her gestures were animated and her familiar manner with Arthur aroused a deep suspicion in David's mind. As she clung plendingly to his arm David's face darkened. Why was this prospective son-In-law meeting a woman claudestinely? She acted as though she was pleading with Arthur as only a woman stirred by love or some kindred emotion was likely to do.

For over half an hour David watched the pair. He resolved to seek an ex- the navy department. The navy minplanation of the apparently recreant love. Finally the twain parted. The Li Ting-hsing as commissioner for the woman went away weeping. Arthur came up the river path, his face serious and troubled. He acted startled as David sternly confronted him.

"I have been here some time," spoke David. "What does this mean, your meeting a woman secretly?"

"If I tell you in confidence will you regard it as a pledged secret?" inquired Arthur. "Yes."

"Very well; I came to meet that woman, the deserted wife of a close friend, to see if I cannot bring about a reconciliation.

"Oh! by the way, what is the time?" half jocularly inquired Arthur as he turned where their paths parted.

"Half-past four," reported David. "Coming over tonight?" "Oh, surely!"

Arthur Moore did not go to the Woolson home that night. Before dusk n telephone message announced to the startled David that Arthur had been arrested, charged with the murder of his stepfather at three o'clock that afternoon-the motive the possession

of his mother's estate. At the hour stated a servant had heard a shot. She rushed to the ITving room of the house, to find Hugh Griscom lying dead on the floor, shot through the heart. She observed a scurrying figure in the garden resembling in build the stepson.

Back to Brownsville sped David. It took only a few moments to convince the marshal that his evidence would absolutely clear Arthur Moore. An empty, rifled drawer in a cabinet where Griscom kept his money ind;cated that some common burglar had

committed the crime. So Martha's birthday present had gided an innocent man; at least hat saved him from serious trials and trib-

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A boy does not always realize this: school life becomes humdrum to the lad bubbling over with fun and energy, and for him to sit on a bench with a book in his hands, studying what seems to be uninteresting facts, impresses him as a real hardship when he longs to be out in the world taking a place among comrades who have proved themselves independent.

This is the place where the guiding hand of the parent is necessary. The boy must be made to understand that the training he is receiving now is sharpening him for future opportunities. He is likely to be reasonable If his parents have retained his confidence, and if they can show him that in dollars and cents he will be the gainer by continuing in school.-Emma Gary Wallace, in Christian Herald.

Coastal Defense of China,

The government of Peking, it is said, has a complete coastal defense plan for China, according to which the whole Chinese coast will be divided into four sections, i. e., the Gulf of Chihili, the coast of Klang-su and Chekiang, the coast of Fuklen and the coast of Kwantung. A coast defense commissioner will be appointed for each section, and he will be held responsible for the maintenance of peace and order in his own section. He will also control all ships entering his sec-

tion The first, the second and the train-Ing squadrons will retain their present status, under the direct control of istry contemplates appointing Admiral Gulf of Chihili, Admiral Lan Chien-shu for the Klang-su and Che-klang section and Admiral Liu Kuan-bsing for Fuklen. As to Kwang-tung, the commissioner will be appointed after the north and south have been reunified,-

East and West News.

#### Business Men There Are Gradually Laying Aside Steel Pen and Using

Without a typewriter an American office would not be an office, but a relic of a past age. But Europe has been writing with pen and ink, and is just waking up to the typewriter, remarks the Golden Age. In France the courts are working on the problem whether a document such as a deed or a mortgage is legal if written on a typewriter.

Modern Methods.

The world war taught Europe many things, among others to value the typewriter. Prior to the conflict the proportion of the American writing machine output that was exported was 35 per cent to 40 per cent; now it is 50 per cent. The machines would be going over the water much faster if Europe could get the credits necessary to correct the unfavorable couditions of exchange. When the great loans that are expected have been made, the situation will be improved and a much greater volume of typewriter exports

Is looked for as a result of the credits. Europe needs among other things modern office methods. She will be helped in effecting this improvement, because the prices of writing machines have not increased nearly as much as those of other products, partly perhaps because the prices were unduly high before the war. Improvement is the order of the day, and the tendency will become ever more marked as the golden nge comes on.

Birds Clever Nutcrackers.

There are certain kinds of birds that can crack nuts. The nuthatches have a clever manner of cracking nuts. They first wedge the nuts in the crevices of the bark of a tree and then pick at them with their bills until the nuts are opened. Woodpeckers use their tails for support as they climb the trunk of a tree, but the nuthatches usually climb with their tall pointed to the zenith.

When the nut-hatches call it sounds as if they were saying, "Yank, yank, yank," and this strange noise is heard from both the white-breasted and the red-breasted birds, says the American Porestry association of Washington.

Naturally.

"I suppose accidents vary much on this ley hill, do they not?" "Yes, there is no fixed number. They are on a sliding scale."

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Wm. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge, A20-3wk A13-3wk

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The State of Nebraska, ss: Credittors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is July 29th,1920, and for settlement of said estate is March 25th, 1921, that I will sit at the county court room in said county on April 29th, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m. and on July 29th, 1920, at 10 o'clock a.m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly

W. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate No. 1737 of George W.

Trembly, Deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is July 30, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is March 26, 1921; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on April 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock A. M. and on July 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock A. M., to receive, examine,

hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed. WM. H. C. WOODHURST, M30-4 County Judge.

NOTICE OF PETITION.

Estate No. 1750 of Mary Norris, Deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate: Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased and the appointment of William Norris as executor of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on April 30th,

1920, at 9 o'clock a. m. Dated April 2, 1920. WM. H. C. WOODHURST,

County Judge. NOTICE OF PETITION. Estate of Henry B. Plant, Deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln Coun-

ty, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate: Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of the last will and testament of said deceased and appointment of V. H. Halligan as administrator with the will annexed, of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on April 30, 1920 at 9

o'clock a. m. Dated April 5, 1920. WM. H. C. WOODHURST,

a6-3 County Judge. NOTICE OF PETITION. Estate No. 1751 of David Jones, Deeased, in the County Court of Lincoln

County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate: Take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Henrietta Jones as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on April 30th, 1920, at 9 o'clock

Dated April 5, 1920, WM. H. C. WOODHURST. a6-3

County Judge. NOTICE.

To Elsie S. Hoy, Harry A. Hoy, Doris Hoy, his wife; Ruberta E. Von Goetz and Victor Von Goetz, her husb-Goetz and Victor Von Goetz, her hushand; Alta B. Eastman and Charles H. Eastman her husband; William A. Hoy; and Loreta I. Hoy a minor and Elsie S Hoy, mother and natural guardian of Loreta I. Hoy, a minor and all other persons interested in the

Omaha, Nebraska. notified that there was filed on March 26th, 1920, in the district Court in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, by A. E. Jared, executor of the estate of Frank P. Hoy, deceased, a certain petition, the object and prayer of which are that an order be issued by the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, authorizing A. E. Jared, as executor of the estate of Frank P. No. 2, 116 East B Street, Phone 496. Hoy, deceased, to execute his certain No. 3, 621 East Fourth, Phone 971. good and sufficient deed of conveyance No. 4, 824 West Third, Phone No. 75. conveying to one Lester H. Joy the fee simple title to the east half (E1/2) of the North west quarter (NW14) and the east half (E1/2) of the South west quarter (SW14) of section 19, and the east half (E14) of the south west quarter (SW1/4) and lots 3 and 4 all in section 18, all in Township 16 North of Range 26 West of the 6th P. M., Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon the payment to him by the said Lester H. Joy, of the sum of \$2860.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent from March 1st, 1920 being the balance due in accordance with the provisions and terms of a certain contract of sale executed by the said Frank P. Ho,y during his life time and in accordance with the prayer of said petition, said matter has been set for hearing by order of the District Court, of Lincoln County, Nebraska for May 14, 1920, at the office of H. M. Grimes, Judge of the District Court. of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the interested in said Estate take notice Court house in the city of North Platte Lincoln County, Nebraska, at which and show cause why the prayer of said

> A. E. JARED. Executor of the estate of Frank

His Attorneys.

estate of Frank P. Hoy, deceased. You and each of you, are hereby

Hoy, deceased. By Beeler, Crosby & Baskins.

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