

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Claude Weingand left yesterday for Boulder, Col., where he is attending the university.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strong, of Terryhook, Ind., are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. I. Shaffer.
Minerva and Wallace McWilliams left yesterday for Denver where they will spend a week with relatives.

Mrs. Louis Peterson accompanied the Weingands to Denver and will return this evening.
Miss Vivian Lannin, of Billings, Montana, came to spend a few months with her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. Lannin.
Mrs. C. O. Weingand and sons left yesterday for Denver where they will meet Mr. Weingand and leave today for Los Angeles where they will make their future home.

The Pear Tree

By HELEN EVERS

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The tall good-looking man at the desk brushed his hair back from his studious forehead and glanced up impatiently.

"Well Dan," he asked, "what is it this time?"

"Beg pardon sir," Dan said apologetically, "I know you asked not to be interrupted Mr. Hammond, but this young lady—"

"Young lady?" the man at the desk exclaimed, his tone expressed exasperation. "I asked to be guarded from young ladies, especially."

"I know Mr. Hammond," Dan hastened to say, "and I have guarded you well, but it's your fame, I reckon, Mr. Hammond, that has got here before you, an' you bein' a bach, and all."

"Dan," cried the master of the house fiercely, "will you stop talking and leave me; I was at a most interesting point in my work."

"But this lady," Dan went on unmoved, "is different from the rest of 'em, she says she's got to see you if only for a minute, an' she's the one who moved into the little house next door."

Clark Hammond laughed with one of his sudden changes of humor. "The spinster person," he said, "I recollect now that Louisa told me a spinster had taken the house. Show her in, Dan, and let's get it over quickly."

The old serving man grinned as he shuffled out of the room while the "spinster person" entered in a sort of soft little rush and sat down in a big study chair. Professor Clark Hammond stared for a moment unblinkingly, the intruder was so different from what she expected. She held a huge basket upon her knees as she waited, almost trepidantly. The "spinster person" from next door had more the appearance of a small boy who had been caught robbing one's orchard, which was nearer the truth than the professor knew. She was, in fact, petite Nan Norris, lately of the city.

"Won't you," the professor asked pleasantly, "allow me to relieve you of that great basket."

The young woman looked more startled than ever; then as the rose color flooded her cheeks she spoke quickly.

"You are going to be dreadfully angry with me Professor Hammond," she said, "and I owe you an apology. You see, I did not know that it was your tree and I stripped it completely."

"I am afraid," the man said puzzled, "that I do not understand."

"It was," she answered steadily, "your prized pear tree that I robbed, the one with which you have been making experiments. I thought it was on our line, we have recently rented the house next door and I went out one evening with some of the school boys to help me, and we picked all your pears."

A light of pleasant reminiscence came to the blue eyes. "It was a glorious moonlight night," the girl added, "and the pears were small and sweet as sugar—"

"When old Mrs. Ryan told me next day—Mrs. Ryan is the woman who is going to live with me here—that the pear tree was on your property, I—I had given away most of the pears, sent them to the city I came from, to people there who do not often have pears or nice things to eat, and the rest I canned."

Clark Hammond leaned back in his chair, watching the various emotions flit across the girl's sweet face. His own first emotion of chagrin and disappointment gave way suddenly to sympathetic amusement.

"And now," he asked whimsically, "what are you going to do about it?"

"I cannot offer to pay for all those pears yet," the young woman answered as she removed the wrappings while the professor leaned forward incredulously to inspect the contents of neatly labeled jars.

"These are the spiced pears," the girl explained. "I hope—that you will accept them."

She regarded her offering ruefully.

"They are the very first that I ever did up in my life, and they turned out splendidly." Her eyes were pleading.

"Won't you?" she begged. "Just as a sort of peace offering?"

There was something strangely disconcerting in that blue-eyed repentant gaze; it was Clark Hammond's turn to flush, and he emerged from the procedure pleasantly perturbed.

"I'll tell you what," he agreed boyishly, "just bring some pears over whenever I happen to feel that I'd like them. Dan will let you know."

The girl laughed. "I am proud of my own experiment," she said, then asked hesitatingly, "But what of yours?"

"A small matter," he generously assured her.

And one late fall evening Nan, entering the professor's dining room with her dish of pears, found three places laid for two.

"I hope," Clark Hammond said with new diffidence, "that you will stay to spare me another lonely meal. I have always wondered," he went on, as she slipped into the opposite chair, "how it would seem to have you there, my wife—and this the home I have dreamed of. Nan, will you stay and make my dream come true?"

The girl smiled as he came toward her, but after a while she raised a tremendous laughing face.

"Home," agreed Nan, "beneath our own elm—and pear tree."

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CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

We are in receipt of a Christmas greeting card from M. V. Arnold, Y. M. C. A. worker who is stationed at present in Germany. The card was mailed November 7th. Mr. Arnold says 150,000 Russian prisoners are still in Germany and there are 45,000 in the area assigned to him.—Keith County News.

Monday morning the aerial mail plane flew very low on its west-bound trip on account of the fog. In passing the G. A. Staples place east of Hershey the noise scared the team hitched to a load of hay Mr. Staples was unloading and the team backed up and squeezed up Mr. Staples rather severely, as he happened to be between the rack and his barn at the time. Dr. Briggs was called and Mr. Staples is getting along nicely again.—Hershey Times.

The mothers, wives and sisters of the boys who served in the World War should meet in the near future and organize an auxiliary to the American Legion in Sutherland. The American Legion has a great work before them to carry out in the United States and it is going to require the combined efforts of the Legion and the auxiliaries to successfully meet the issues which the signs of the times indicate are bound to come. The Legion is ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICAN and it is teaching this principle all over these United States. In this great work, so essential at this time the mothers, wives and sisters of the boys can be a wonderful help. They can also aid in many other ways. The Courier would like to see an organization of this kind started in the near future and will do whatever it can to promote the auxiliary. Ladies, start the move at once.—Sutherland Courier.

Mr. Youngs and the County Agent spent last Friday at North Platte telling the farmers and business men what organization had accomplished in Dawson County. The object of the meeting was to organize and build a sales pavilion in North Platte in which to hold purebred sales. The men present soon found out in order to make the project a success that it would be necessary to have a farmers' organization which could co-operate with the Commercial Club. As a result the purebred breeders organized themselves into an organization who expect to build a sales pavilion something similar to the one at Lexington. They also became enthusiastic over the farm bureau organization, that the next day petitions were circulated over the county and enough signatures necessary for an organization of the same were secured. No doubt in the near future Lincoln County will have a Farm Bureau. The North Platte Chamber of Commerce are to be congratulated in the way they are urging and assisting the farmers of Lincoln County to organize as to be in a position to take care of their own business.—Gothenburg Independent.

Mrs. J. E. Peterman came down from Cheyenne Thursday evening and spent Christmas with her father, B. F. Robison, of the Tribune force.

Medical examination by Dr. Vaudiver is nearly completed for the entire school. As was the case last year several pupils with defective teeth were discovered. If the parents will respond to this call and have their children's defects cured at once, the medical examination will have fulfilled its purpose.—Brady Vindicator.

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Charles Hirsch and Raymond Ogier left yesterday for Kansas City to attend the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity convention.

Louis Martini went through yesterday in his big army supply truck from the aerial mail station at North Platte on his way to Roscoe, near which place one of the pilots had to land with his plane because of engine trouble. It will be necessary to make some extensive repairs on the plane's engine before it can continue on its journey.—Hershey Times.

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