

CAUGHT IN HER OWN TRAP.

How Mrs. Pringle Tried to Spy on Her Husband.

Mrs. Pringle had been married just six months and would have been happy, but she was one of those women who never can let well enough alone, says the Detroit Free Press. She was inclined to be jealous of Mr. Pringle and was filled with surmises that had no actual foundation. But she decided to set a trap for him and it never occurred to her that she might possibly fall into it herself.

One day when Mr. Pringle went home to dinner his wife handed him a note, which she said had been left for him that morning. He opened it and, after scanning it hastily, thrust it indifferently into his pocket.

"Anything important?" asked his wife, in a tone trembling with excitement.

"No-o. A business matter, that is all."

"You seemed pleased over it," suggested Mrs. Pringle.

Mr. Pringle laughed. He also blushed. His wife detected evidences of conscious guilt in the fact that he did not offer to show her the letter. Yes, she thought she had him safely trapped and the knowledge made her utterly wretched.

Mr. Pringle read the note over again on his way to the office.

"Dear Sir: I have often seen and admired you from a distance and would be greatly pleased to make your acquaintance. Meet me this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the approach to Belle Isle bridge. I will wear a blue dress and carry a bunch of pink roses."

"ADMIRER."

At the hour specified the woman in the blue dress was there. A man—who was not Mr. Pringle—walked up to her.

"I have your note," he began, but she turned on him like a fury. "How dare you speak to me? I am here to meet my husband by appointment."

"I guess not. You are here to meet Mr. Pringle, who sent me to see what you—"

"Wretch! If you address another word to me I'll call for help."

"Excuse me, but if Mr. Pringle had expected to meet his wife I am sure he would have come."

Mrs. Pringle took a passing car and went home. She had changed her dress and butter wouldn't have melted in her mouth when Mr. Pringle came in. She thinks she has proved her husband to be a model of rectitude, but she doesn't know that he spotted "Admirer" at the first glimpse of her disguised handwriting.

Labourers on Taxation

Henry Labouchere is always interesting if not original. Here is his idea of a sound system of taxation:

Every one ought to be allowed to accumulate during his lifetime what he pleases, but when he dies there ought to be a maximum that he may leave to relations or friends, all in excess of this maximum going to the state. Take, for instance, Mr. Astor. It is said that he possesses about fifty million pounds sterling. Evidently he cannot spend the interest of that amount. In a given number of years—Did the play go last therefore, if this money from generation to generation remains in the hands of one single individual, it becomes 500 million pounds.

Neither the individual nor the family will benefit by this. The money would meet it by handing into the treasury most of Mr. Astor's million pounds sterling on his death. How would this harm him? He would have ceased to exist. If the state took 99 per cent of his money on his death he would still have one-half million pounds sterling to dispose of and on this sum his heirs or heir might rub on very comfortably.

Eating Slowly.

The opinion that hurry in eating is a prolific cause of dyspepsia is founded on common observation. The ill results of bolting food have been attributed to the lack of thorough mastication and to the incomplete action of the saliva upon the food. Two-thirds of the food which we eat is starch, and starch cannot be utilized in the system as food until it has been converted into sugar, and this change is principally effected by the saliva. But there is a third reason why rapidity of eating interferes with digestion. The presence of the salivary secretion in the stomach acts as a stimulant to the secretion of the gastric juice. Irrespective of the mechanical function of the teeth, food which goes into the stomach incompletely mingled with saliva passes slowly and imperfectly through the process of stomach digestion. Therefore, as a sanitary maxim of no mean value, teach the children to eat slowly, and in giving this instruction by example the teacher, as well as the pupil, may receive benefit.—Troy Times.

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FASHION'S FANCIES.

Hats may be worn to suit the wearer, either tilted over the face or set well back.

Braiding and embroidery will be used quite extensively this fall and winter, both on coats and skirts.

Sleeves are not so full nor so high on the shoulders, but are yet far from the tight sleeves which were promised.

Sacque coats are to be the dressy wraps for the autumn, and they are made either of velvet or of the rich peau de soie.

All the latest frocks have medium-sized, if not actually narrow sleeves, the arm being covered with a tight-fitting smooth or wrinkled sleeve, with a very short puff or drapery arranged at the top.

Corsets are in great favor, and the bolera jacket seems to have taken a new lease of popularity, and, combined with the new corset or high-draped belt, will be much worn this autumn.

Nearly all the street costumes are made with a jacket, either real or simulated, for where a tight-fitting waist is preferred, haques are frequently sewed on to the bodice, the joining being covered with the belt.

Sprays of green oats and bunches of green wheat are showing themselves among the trimmings of the fall millinery, in opposition to the bright red cherries and currants that have been introduced for the decoration of fall hats.

Covert coatings and fine-faced cloths, unless for dress occasions, are used mostly in fall wraps, and they come in many shades of tan and dark shades of green and blue. One of the most useful and fashionable garments for the fall is a long coat or ulster.

Bonnets for elaborate occasions are airy, indeed, being made almost entirely of gathered tulle or lace and jet, and trimmed with dark velvet, sprays of flowers, or feathers, while some of the tiny affairs have a full osprey perched upright at the back.

The fichu has finally shown itself on children's frocks, having heretofore been strictly confined to the gowns for those of a large growth; but now there is a neck garniture which is a sort of sailor's collar and fichu combined, which is extremely dainty and pretty, and which will undoubtedly find great favor.

"SCRAPS."

No receptacle has ever been made strong enough to resist the power of freezing water.

The gold fields in Paulding county, Georgia, are being developed, and have proved quite productive.

Burnham, the scout who shot the chief instigator of the Matabele war, is home in Pasadena, Cal.

According to the statistics of the Department of Agriculture, wheat land in Kansas rents at \$2.10 per acre.

A report has been circulated in London that as soon as Dr. Jameson is liberated he will marry a beautiful girl.

—Did the play go last night?—Well, hardly; but you know the audience.—New York Herald.

—You're keeping at home?—No, I'm sorry to say I'm not.

—The prominent citizens of the city of S. D. is Oscar Silver. He owns a copper mine and manufactures iron. He is a gold man.

The Bluefield Institute for the Higher Education of Negroes has been turned over to the state of West Virginia. It cost \$3,000.

The new woman has invaded another occupation. A church of Boston has just appointed a woman sexton, probably the only one in New England.

The average yield of wheat per acre in the United States and Victoria is about the same, that of the former being 12.4 bushels, and that of the latter 12.5.

Fur-bearing animals are becoming so scarce that the feasibility of breeding them is being discussed. It is conceded that Siberia would be the most desirable place for the establishment of farms for this purpose.

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SAUNDERS & MACFARLAND.

Attorneys, 1406 Farnam Street.

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Lot six (6) and seven (7) in block six (6) of J. J. Rodick's Sub-Division, an addition to the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, all being situated in the county of Douglas and state of Nebraska.

Said property to be sold to satisfy the plaintiff, J. Ralston Grant, in the sum of ten thousand eight hundred one and 40-100 dollars (\$10,801.40), with interest thereon at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum.

To satisfy the sum of sixty-eight and 18-100 dollars (\$68.18), costs herein, together with accruing costs, according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its May term, A. D. 1895, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein J. Ralston Grant is plaintiff, and Charles E. Squires, Ella J. Squires and the City of South Omaha, Nebraska, are defendants.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 16th, A. D. 1896.

GEORGE G. WALLACE, Special Master Commissioner.

SAUNDERS & MACFARLAND, Attorneys for plaintiff.

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The southwest quarter of section six (6), town four (4) north, range thirteen (13), east of the Sixth Principal Meridian, containing in all ten (10) acres, according to the government survey, together with all improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging, all situated in the county of Douglas and state of Nebraska.

Said property to be sold to satisfy Albion W. Flye is plaintiff, and John F. Plack Company, a corporation, organized under the laws of Nebraska, John F. Plack and David M. Ure are defendants.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and in pursuance of the decree of said court in an action thereon filed at Execution Docket No. W. page 27, wherein Fred H. Kent is plaintiff and Albe J. Read, et al., are defendants, I will, at ten o'clock A. M. on the 24th day of November, 1896, at the EAST front door of Douglas county court house, at Omaha, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows: Lot one (1) in block five (5) in Missouri Avenue Park, an addition to the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, all in Douglas county, state of Nebraska.

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