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Bills of Fare in Fashionable Restaurants.
The question has been mooted over and over again whether French and German dishes upon the bills of fare is or is not an improvement. Many pretend that before their introduction cooking was coarse. No bill of fare presents attractions to the dyspeptic, but even they can be cured by Hcatter's Stomach Bitters.

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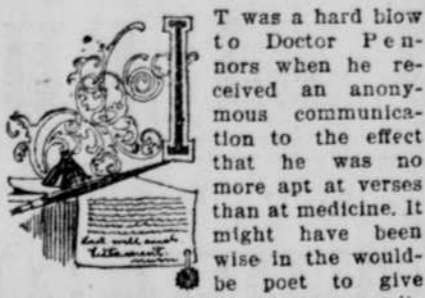
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HEART OF THE POET.



It was a hard blow to Doctor Pennors when he received an anonymous communication to the effect that he was no more apt at verses than at medicine. It might have been wise in the would-be poet to give

some consideration to this severe criticism from an unknown and to lay down the pen of a sorry rhymist. But by attacking the doctor in his profession the critic had defeated his own end.

He therefore decided in his own mind that this venomous epistle had been written by some fellow-practitioner who was jealous of his success, and instead of breaking his lyre he mounted Pegasus once more and rode on to the most sunny parts of the pure ether.

This weakness in the dear old man was overlooked by most of his friends, even though it sometimes bored them to listen to effusions which they evidently did not appreciate at the value given them by the writer.

Lucie Mahale alone took a lively interest in his compositions. She was an orphan living with her uncle and his two children—a son, who was a sailor and away from home a great part of the time, and a daughter, Madeleine, who dearly loved her cousin Lucie.

Very often when the doctor would bring a new piece of poetry for the inspection and appreciation of Lucie, and the latter would read and kindly criticisms, Madeleine would comment on her pertinence and sweetness.

"It is so little to do," Lucie would answer, "and gives him so much happiness."

But Madeleine had her own theory, which she did not dare submit to her innocent cousin, and she foresaw a time when some of the illusions of the poet would suffer a cruel shock.

Meanwhile Lucie pored over those sheets and tried to make sense of them. "Don't you think, doctor, we would better take the physician's instruments and amputate a foot here and there in these verses?" Useless to say he would cheerfully agree and cut off or change at her suggestion till little of the original remained, although he always lost sight of that point.

No one knew just when it began, but every one noticed a queer change over the doctor.

One day the poet walked in with a determined air, not even giving more than a bow to the captain, who had just arrived; he went straight to Lucie's uncle, set himself up in front of him and stared at him through his spectacles.

"Now, then, my dear comrade," said he with a voice trembling with the force of a sudden resolution, "I can no



MAKING SENSE OF THEM.

longer conceal from you that I have decided to renounce celibacy! Yes, I, Dr. Pennors, the humble poet, am thinking of marrying; and it is from you—and one other—that I expect my happiness."

General stupefaction! Was the doctor mad? He continued: "I know very well that I can be but a father and a protector to one so much younger than myself, but as I have no heirs I wish, before taking a seat in Charon's boat, to join my ancestors in the Elysian fields—I wish to give myself the satisfaction of having made at least one person happy in this world, one who will mourn for me when I am gone. Here is my will. You may read it at your leisure. Just now I ask you for the hand of Miss Lucie Mahale—whom I love—as a father—"

A deep emotion followed the inclination to laugh which had at first taken possession of every one present, for they all appreciated sincerely the generosity of the old man in taking this solemn step.

They felt, however, a kind of uneasiness, for a recent occurrence prevented the realization of his wishes in that direction. The head of the family did not hasten to answer, so embarrassed was he by this singular situation.

It was Lucie herself who came to the rescue. Leaving her seat near Adrien, she went to the doctor and softly took his hand. "Kind friend," she said, much moved, "believe I am deeply touched by this testimony of your affection. I am the more troubled by it because I fear to pain you by giving the reason which forces me to decline your offer. But if, as you say, you really love me as a father, I hope—" She blushed as she thus stammered and looked helplessly to her adoptive father. The latter, having recovered his composure, came forward.

"We would soon have told you, dear friend, my son Adrien and Lucie have just become engaged. They love each other and I heartily approve of an arrangement which assures happiness for my adopted daughter. I had not thought of your readiness, to be sure, old comrade."

Madeleine thought she had been the wisest of them all.

The doctor, as he shook the hand of his friend, looked not cast down, if not triumphant.

"You are a brave man! I see that you understand how to solve questions of interest in favor of those who need protection. It is rare in these times of selfishness. I esteem you the more for it. I must say I was a little grieved at first. But since it is your son and Lucie is happy—There, I am happy, too. Let us say no more about it. I will write some verses for the wedding day—doggerel verses—the mishap of the poet disappointed in his dream. And the will—I will take it back, but I shall not change a word in it."

Then, turning to his happy rival: "Good-by, my friend. You thought you were marrying a penniless orphan, and now, as in fairy tales, your wife is changed into a wealthy heiress."

WOMAN STATION AGENT.

Southern Girl Who Has Held Her Position for Years.

A young woman with a college diploma and the degree of A. B. is apt to look for a "higher" sphere of usefulness than that of station agent. But in the South there are not many positions open to woman. Those who are reduced in circumstances take the first opportunity which offers itself, and generally make a success of it. Miss Susee M. Lasley of Rowland, Ky., is one of this type. She belongs to a good southern family. She is an officially authorized station agent and she is only 22. What is more, she has held the position for two years. At 18 she graduated from South Kentucky college at Hopkinsville, and soon secured a position as assistant to her brother, who held the agency which the young woman herself now fills. Then, when the brother went off traveling in Central America and his successor suddenly died, Miss Lasley, who had meantime been keeping her eyes open and learning all that was to be known about a railroad station, was called to fill the position. "As to the ability of a woman to fill such a position," says Miss Lasley, "I quote the comment of the officials who said at the close of the year, 'Your service has been altogether satisfactory.' The requirements," she goes on to say, "are a good general education, with quickness and accuracy in mathematics. The characteristics demanded are a good memory, quick judgment and self-reliance, combined with good temper. My experience has proven that the place can be successfully filled by a woman. I believe that clerical railroad work, though as yet an untried field for women, is a most interesting and congenial occupation, and girls who are looking about for a means of livelihood would do well to take it into consideration."

A SHARP GUESS.

An American Girl Thought She Had Solved the Puzzle.

If you walk Chestnut street steadily a week or more you are fairly sure to see some one wearing above the elbow on the left sleeve of his spring overcoat a band of black cloth six inches wide. It is the latest form of mourning here, and although it is the invariable form in England and on the continent, especially in the northern part of Germany, it has begun just lately to grow popular in this country, says the Philadelphia Times. The custom brings up the experience of a young girl graduate who was traveling in Europe last summer with an all-too-quizzical father. They were in Hamburg and part of a letter written from there follows: "We saw them everywhere, from the time we left the Hamburger Hof until we reached the Circus Rentz in St. Paul's—everywhere these men with black bands on the left arm. For a long time I couldn't guess what they were, and after a while father told me they were doctors and that the German government—you know what a strictly paternal government Germany has—compelled all practitioners to wear these bands so that any one would know them instantly. 'It's for the convenience of the people hunting in a hurry for doctors, I suppose,' I said to father, and I could see he was struck by the quick way I saw the point. There was one curious thing about them, and that is that these doctors all looked sad. I said to father I supposed it was because there were so many of them that they didn't make very much, and this he also said was correct."

ANIMALS' TRADES.

Bees Are Geometricians and Caterpillars Silk Spinners.

Bees are geometricians. The cells are so constructed as with the least quantity of material to have the largest spaces and least possible loss of interest, says the Louisville Commercial. The mole is a meteorologist. The torpedo, the ray and the electric eel are electricians. The nautilus is a navigator; he raises and lowers his sails and casts and weighs anchor and performs other nautical acts. Whole trines of birds are musicians. Caterpillars are silk spinners. The squirrel is a ferryman; with a chip or piece of bark for a boat and his tail for a sail he crosses the stream. The beaver is an architect, builder and woodcutter; he cuts down trees and erects houses and dams. The marmot is a civil engineer; he not only builds hollies, but constructs aqueducts and drains to keep them dry. The white ants maintain a regular army of soldiers. One whale will furnish from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of bone. At San Francisco the bone is split, sorted as to color and tied in bundles. These split pieces are called slabs and are three to eight feet long and weigh from three to seven pounds.

TRIALS OF SALESWOMEN.

Mrs. Pinkham Says Standing Still is One of Woman's Most Trying Tasks.



Have you ever thought why it is that so many women or girls rather walk for an hour than stand still for ten minutes?

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