

COULD STAND PLAYFUL DOG

Young Man Considerably Relieved When He Learned the Animal Was Not in Earnest.

"Have you seen papa's new dog, Carlo?" she asked as they sat in the parlor. "Yes," he replied, uneasily. "I have had the pleasure of meeting the dog."

GOT LEFT IN THE RUSH.



"Ruth is engaged to be married the coming winter."

"The mischief she is! I intended to propose to that girl myself when I got time."

Shopping Instinct. A rural postmaster tells this story of one of the patrons of his office, a boy of thirty, not to say penurious, stock.

FREE BOX OF BISCUITS. Every reader of this paper can secure absolutely free a box of assorted biscuits by simply cutting out the coupon from their ad appearing in another part of this paper and mailing it to Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., Omaha, Neb.

His Childish Wish. Here is an excerpt from Paul West's "Just Boy" letters, which read like a clipping from the "Little Johnny" papers by Ambrose Bierce in the early volumes of the Argonaut.

Neat Differentiation. Senator Lodge, at a dinner in the Back Bay district of Boston indicated very neatly the difference between a statesman and a politician.

She Knows. "You never thank a man for giving you a seat in a street car?" "Not any more," replied Miss Cayenne.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Don't gripe. Adv.

It keeps wives as busy providing for the inner man as it does husbands providing things for the outer woman.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind, colic, etc. A bottle, 25c.

It's easy for a man to resist temptation if he has something better in sight.

Be thrifty on little things like bluing. Don't accept water for bluing. Ask for Red Cross Ball Blue, the extra good value blue. Adv.

A girl may toss her hand even if she can't throw a stone.

"Isn't it funny"

the difference it makes in your general health and happiness when the Stomach is right, Liver active and Bowels regular? If you have any trouble with these organs

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters

will overcome it quickly. Try a bottle today. It is for Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Indigestion, Costiveness, Colds, Grippe, Malaria, Fever and Ague.

NEEDED A WOMAN

When She Came Business Picked Up and He Decided She Should Remain.

BY MILDRED CAROLINE GOODRICH.

"Business is bad, very bad," said John Moore to a passing townsman, and struck a still more dejected attitude in the doorway of his little store.

"I would go to a real live, wide-awake town," he ruminated, "and here I am—trade dull, stock dead, and I don't seem to make many friends."

Starting to pull up the awning, the storekeeper's foot touched a moving human object crouched back in the hallway side entrance to the building.

"Here, wake up!" called out John, with a frown. "What you doing there, anyway?"

"I'm not asleep," responded the faint, quivering voice; "and I'm here because I'm too sick and weak to go any further."

The speaker got to his feet with a painful effort. As he came more fully into view John regarded him closely.

"Oh, I see," he said, rather distastefully; "you are the man who was here a month ago, and got in trouble with a riotous crowd down at the tavern."

"That was me," assented the tramp, for such he seemed. "I was arrested. I hoped it was forgotten, for I came back here this morning to find work."

"What do you want?" "I found out that people do remember. No one would employ me. Heartsick and footsore, I crept in here to rest—maybe to die. I don't know, for I feel pretty bad."

"A temperance pledge, eh?" remarked John, almost contemptuously. "And your name is Lemuel Price?"

"Yes, sir. I'm through with it for over a week. I've done it because I'd got too tough to beg hard earned wages from my motherless daughter."

"If stopping short is going to kill me, all right—at least I'll die sober." The man was shivering as he spoke.

"See here," he said; "if it's a bed and something to eat, come with me." When John had closed the store he led his pensioner to the neat suite of rooms he occupied behind the store.

It was as a new man that the latter entered on the next day. John had fed him on nutritious soup and gruels, he had given him a comfortable bed. Out of his stock he selected a neat, unsalable suit of clothes, and the tramp went out on the street, clean-shaven and encouraged, to again look for work.

Early Friday morning a sign appeared above the bell reading: "Every twentieth purchase free—announced by this bell."

Just at noon the bell rang. The excited customer, a farmer, was informed that his purchase would be handed to him free of charge. As he left the store John came rushing back to Price.

"Say," he exclaimed, "you'll ruin me! Why, that was a twelve-dollar overcoat!" "Never mind," replied Price confidently. "The average will come out right."

This proved to be true. Curious people came in, making only small purchases. The news got around town. The crowd kept up till midnight.

Tired out, but elated, John reckoned up the gains of the day. Counting in the presents given, he was over fifty dollars to the good.

The next week Price had a new scheme, the distribution of a free paper cap to children, advertising the store. The rush kept up.

"Mr. Moore," said Price one evening, "the night business is better than the day. That is because you don't get the trade of the ladies. I've a new suggestion to make. You need a woman behind that dry goods counter. Let me send for my daughter, Martha. We can use the two empty rooms upstairs, and you needn't pay either of us a cent of salary unless we earn it."

So this came about. The result was magical. Martha Price, bright, modest, obliging, brought in the female customers in groups. The pleased old bachelor began to humanize himself with pleasant words instead of frowns.

Fortune smiled upon him. In turn he smiled upon Martha. "It's no use denying it, Price," he said to her father one day, "you two have managed to transform a crusty, self-opinionated, behind-the-time, crusty old bachelor into a real human being. As to you, I'm proud of you."

"Some good in the world after all, am I?" responded Price. "I'm so glad, and Martha is happy as the day is long."

John Moore did some deep thinking the rest of that day. In the early evening, when Price was eating his supper, he went over to the counter where his daughter stood.

"Martha," he said, "I'm going to tell you something that I never told any other woman. Having had no experience, I must be rather plain and blunt."

"Yes," murmured Martha. Her color heightened. "I love you, and I want you to be my wife. Of course, a crusty old bachelor—"

"Don't call my father's best friend hard names," interrupted Martha sweetly. "I am only a poor girl, but if true love and devotion will satisfy you—"

Then it was his turn to interrupt—with a kiss. (Copyright, 1913, by W. G. Chapman.)

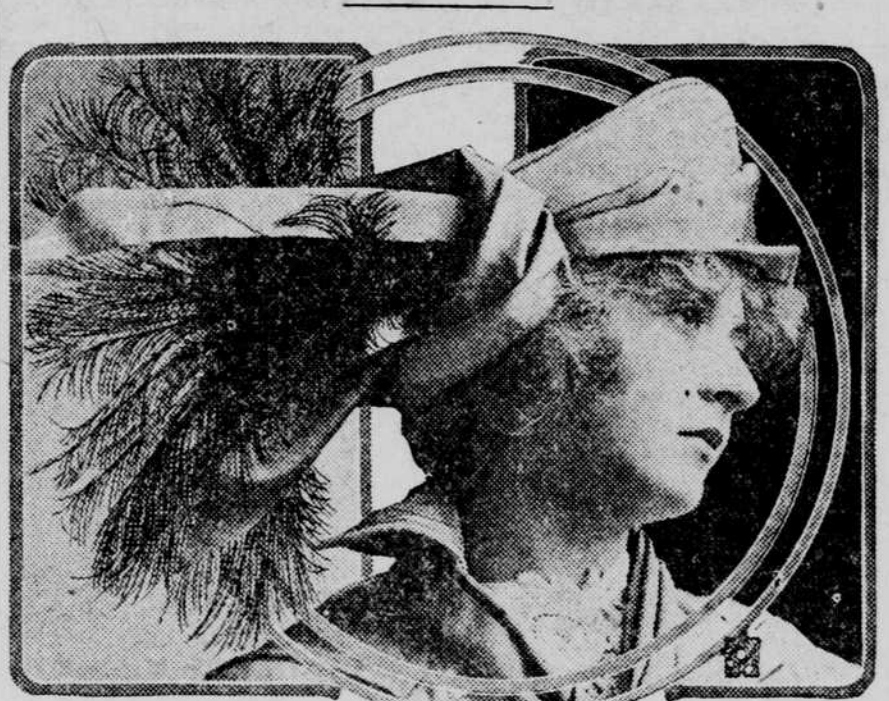
On Style. Idiosyncrasies of character tell even more than variety of subjects in their influence on style. No two persons are cast in the same mould.

Kissing Was the Style Then. Kissing is almost a lost art in England. Its universal prevalence in the seventeenth century was the wonder of the foreigner.

The Marching Song. No one knows the inspiration of a tramping song better than the soldier, and most regiments have their favorite airs, which they love to yell when on march.

Too Much of a Luxury. A friend of ours tells us that he went to consult a doctor last week. "I have some queer pains," said our friend.

Hat of Unique Design That Is Featured at Palm Beach



(Photo, by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y.) Small Worth form made of material that is both damp and water proof. The garniture consists of wide ribbon and aigrettes.

SOMETHING NEW IN CUSHIONS BUT ONE SCENT PERMITTED

Well Not to Pile Them Up in Too Much Profusion, but Some Are Indispensable.

The fad for having divans piled up with cushions of profuse hues is fortunately out of vogue, but an occasional cushion in the more formal drawing room, when it is really beautiful and artistic, is still a possession to be prized and is indeed a thing of beauty.

To buy them made up ready for use, is rather an impossibility for those of moderate means, but they are within the reach of almost every woman who is handy with her needle, and possesses the necessary patience.

There is a value in perfumes as a safeguard against contagion, but most women of refinement never overdo this use, but confine it to a delicate fragrance that never offends, as do gross common scents.

Fastidious Woman Knows Better Than to Overdo This Essential of the Toilet Table.

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If any change is made it includes everything on the dressing table, for good taste decrees that only one favored scent is permissible for each individual. While a little really fine essence is delightful, a thimbleful of coarse alcoholic mixtures is disgusting to all sensitive nostrils.

HATS CATCH POPULAR FANCY

The "Drake" and the "Queen Elizabeth" Have Won Much Favor Here and in England.

The woman who admires the picturesque in hats will admire the "Drake" and Queen Elizabeth hats.

"BRYDA"



Dainty Lunch Blouse in a Combination of Ivory and Yellow Chiffon and Lace Slip; Fine Lace Collar.

New Fashion.

A charming opera recently revived at the Paris opera consists in pinning a couple of flowers upon the bodice of the simply draped gowns in white or black charmeuse.

Waist for a Velvet Suit.

Another blouse designed to wear with a brown velvet skirt has in the front and back bib-like pieces of the velvet, which also forms the epaulettes.

Fashionable Poise.

It is curious how the dress of today reflects the fashionable poise of the moment. The fashionable poise for the feminine figure is that which used to be called the Roman bend.

Pegtop Coat.

One of the most graceful forms taken by the fur coat of the moment is that in which the garment is made seven or eight inches too long.

Waist Pattern Help.

A waist pattern should be fitted right; side out—as it is to be worn. Almost everyone has some variation in the two sides of the figure.

Evening Shoes.

Among the accessories of dress on which time and money are being lavishly expended this winter are evening shoes and buckles.

Taupe Trying Color to Many Women.

Taupe, or mole color, literally translated, being much in vogue, causes many women whom it does not suit to commit the error of adopting it.

Worldly—and True. Apropos of Miss Lois Campbell's "billion-dollar debut" in St. Louis, Claude H. Wetmore, the author, said: "The marvelous growth and prosperity of our city is a phenomenon that holds the eye of all America. Before such wealth as ours one thinks involuntarily of the worldly cynicism: "There are other things in the world besides money—and money will buy them all."

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