

Home Department.

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tour?" I asked with all the ferocity I could muster.

"No, only I don't want to go south, and we've both been in the east—in fact were almost raised there—and it is too late in the year to go north. So I thought it would be best to go west; to the Pacific coast. That would be a delightful trip."

"O, would it?" I asked, sarcastically. "Then I suppose I need only go down and ascertain which road is the best and cheapest and purchase our tickets."

"Well, you needn't waste any time looking for the best route. All you need to do is to purchase the tickets and secure the berths in the sleeper. We start from the Union Pacific depot at 11:30 on the night of September 12, and we'll go to Denver. After spending a day or two there we'll go to Salt Lake and spend a day or two. From there we'll go to Portland and spend a few days, and from there to San Francisco by steamer. After two or three days in San Francisco we'll—"

"Say, I thought you said the route was the only thing that you had not arranged," I remarked, throwing into my voice all the sarcasm I could. "But it appears that you've—"

"Now, don't get angry, dear," said Dorothy. "Of course we'll go just where you say, but I did so have my mind set on going to the Pacific coast. But if you want to go somewhere else I'll—"

Of course that settled the matter of a route. You don't suppose for a minute that I would have caused my beloved a single pang of sorrow right on the eve of our wedding journey, do you?

"Why, of course we'll go to the Pacific coast," I exclaimed. "That's just the route I thought of when you first mentioned the subject."

Dorothy smiled upon me and even went to the trouble of walking around the table to give me a hearty kiss.

"Now, don't you worry a bit, dear," she said. "I've arranged the whole thing."

And she had. On the evening of our fifth anniversary our little cottage was a perfect bower of roses and potted plants—all sent in by Dorothy's friends. By 7 o'clock the little parlors were full of friends, and at 8 o'clock Dorothy and I stood beneath a wedding bell fashioned from smilax, with a huge white rose for a clapper, and the minister of our church married us. Dorothy insisted upon having a minister this time. When we were for-sure married a justice of the peace officiated. We didn't take time to locate a minister then, owing to a fear that the delay would permit a parental postponement of the ceremony.

Then we sat down to a wedding supper and feasted for a couple of hours. It was just like a real wedding, only I don't believe any man was ever so happy on his wedding day as I was that night as I looked into the smiling face of my bride—of five years' standing—and saw the look of happiness in her dancing eyes. When the carriage drove up to the door Dorothy was arrayed in her traveling costume and I had shucked off my dress suit and donned a gray sack suit that cost me \$14, ready-made. As we hurried to the carriage the young folks pelted us with rice and howled with delight. At the depot a laughing crowd of young folks—and old folks who should have known better—crowded around us and acted just like we were newly married. Honestly, I felt like it, too. And when we started to board the train enough rice was thrown at us to keep a whole Chinese province from starving in the midst of a total failure of crops. When the train started from the station our friends shouted and waved their hands, and we thrust our heads from the car window and shouted and waved back. The pas-

sengers who had not already retired looked at us and then smiled significantly. We knew just what they were thinking, but precious little did we care. We were too happy, and I blessed the ingenious little woman whose brain had devised the great scheme.

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The Best Room.

Let us have no room, call it parlor or what not, too nice for daily use. Any part of your house good enough for you will please your callers whoever they are. One can suffer no more chilling or inhospitable treatment than to be shown into the best room of many a house. You feel yourself in a strange place, cold, lonely, uninhabited. Even if the room is perfect in its decoration and appointments, the effect of its non-use is frigidity. There is, of course, no impropriety in making certain rooms finer than others, but all your rooms should be for you and your family. The habit of crowding the whole family life into the kitchen is vulgarizing in the extreme. —E. Benjamin Andrews.

What Girls Should Learn.

Someone has suggested fifteen things that every girl can learn before she is fifteen. Not everyone can learn to play or sing or paint well enough to give pleasure to her friends, but the following accomplishments are within everybody's reach: "Shut the door and shut it softly. Keep your own room in tasteful order. Have an hour for rising and rise. Learn to make bread as well as cake. Never let a button stay off twenty-four hours. Always know where your things are. Never let a day pass without doing something to make somebody comfortable. Never come to breakfast without a collar. Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned. Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand. Never fidget or hum so as to disturb others. Never fuss, fret or fidget." —Denver Field and Farm.

Manifold Uses of Hot Water.

Hot water tipplers are convinced that they have found a cure-all for the average ills. When tired, drink it as a tonic. When hot and thirsty, drink it as a cooler, for it never disappoints, and dear me, how cheap it is, and how good when one has formed the habit.

Headache almost always yields to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and the back of the head.

A towel folded, dipped in hot water, quickly wrung out and applied quickly over the seat of pain will in most cases promptly relieve toothache and neuralgia.

A strip of flannel or a towel folded several times lengthwise and dipped in hot water, then slightly wrung out and applied about the neck of a child suffering with an attack of group will usually relieve the sufferer in the course of ten minutes if the flannel is kept hot.

Hot water, if taken freely a half-hour before bedtime, is one of the best possible cathartics in severe cases of constipation, while it has a soothing effect upon the stomach and bowels.

There is no domestic remedy that so promptly cuts short congestion of the lungs, sore throat or rheumatism as will hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly.—Sunny South.

Young Promisemuch (whose salary is \$3,000)—"Don't you think if a girl really loved she'd be willing to marry without expecting every luxury?"

Romantic Maiden—"I'd rather marry a man with an income of \$10,000 a year than a millionaire I didn't love." —Harper's Bazar.

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