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ONE MAN'S SOMEWHAT GREW. SOME VIEW OF LIFE.

With What He Supposed Was Dose of Deadly Poison in His Pocket, the World Took On a Rosy Hue.

"Every man should have a hobby," said the fat man. "Now, mine's suicide."

The thin man nearly swallowed his cigarette.

"Suicide? You? Well, of all the freaks I ever heard of!"

"Certainly," continued the fat one, placidly, as he munched his chicken croquette. "That is what makes me so happy and take so cheerful a view of life. You have no idea what a comfort it is to me. I used to be thin, you know, like you, and could never eat chicken croquettes or sauerkraut and frankfurters—they gave me a fearful indigestion. That was because I was always worrying about something. Then all of a sudden, this idea occurred to me about suicide. I decided to commit it. I forget now whether it was a business trouble or a girl—I think it was a girl. I asked a medical student friend of mine what was the surest and neatest way to croak and he said 'cyanide of potassium.' I asked him would he give me a little hunk and he promised to steal it out of the laboratory first chance he got.

"Now, you may not believe it, but just as soon as I had that piece of white crystal in my pocket, I began to be a different man. Instead of taking it that night, as I had intended to, I just wrapped it up in a piece of tissue paper and put it in my pocket to use next day. I wrote a parting letter to the girl—yes, I'm sure now it was a girl—and decided to have one good night's rest, anyway. Well, the next morning it was a beautiful, sunshiny day and everything looked kind of different. My mood had changed and I decided to wait a little while and see if anything came of the letter. Nothing at all happened and then I found I'd forgotten to mail it, so I let it go. Things kind of straightened themselves out and I was real glad I hadn't wasted the cyanide.

"I hadn't carried the thing around with me more than two weeks before I began to get fat. You see, nothing bothered me. Whenever I felt real down and out all I had to do was make up my mind to swallow the crystal and I'd take it out of my pocket and have a look at it and put it back again till to-morrow. It was the open door to freedom—the escape. It made me independent of everything and everybody. It's really a marvel for chinking a fellow up."

The thin man laid down his knife and fork.

"Well, I'll be — Say! Have you got it with you now?"

"Sure! I may use it to-night if this deal with Skrubbs doesn't go through. Here it is." And he held out in his hand a nice little piece of washing soda. "My friend the medical student," he added hastily, replacing the crystal in his pocket, "told me to be awfully careful and not show it to any one."

"I don't wonder," said the thin man without a smile. "It might cost him his reputation as a chemist."

### Napoleon and the Canal.

The steadily increasing estimates as to the final cost of the Panama canal serves to keep that projected waterway very much in the public eye. But probably very few know that if an ambition which had been cherished by the late Emperor Napoleon III. had ever reached fruition, there probably would never have been any attempt to cut a canal across the Panama isthmus.

It was after Prussia had defeated France that Napoleon conceived the project of opening a canal through the Nicaraguan route. It seems that the idea first occurred to Napoleon while he was a prisoner in the fortress of Ham. At that period he filled his time with schemes for great undertakings, and to a friendly navy officer who visited him in his cell he revealed his plan for a Nicaragua canal. On reaching England after his release he printed his plans, calculations, and surveys, together with a map, which eventually came into the possession of a Mr. Haynes of Manchester street, Manchester square. Jerrold's "Life of Napoleon" makes brief reference to this ambition of Napoleon, and says that political events put a stop to the enterprise.

### At the Milliners.

An Atchison woman who has a sincere desire to be economical, says the Kansas City Journal, took a blue feather, some velvet, and a rose to a milliner, asking the milliner to furnish the shape and trim it. The woman was proud of the feather, the velvet, and the rose, as they were as good as new, but the milliner cast just one glance at them, and then the woman began to apologize. "Apologies are not necessary," said the milliner jolly. "You surely don't expect me to use anything like that!" And the woman didn't. Another woman said to her milliner, bravely: "I want a hat that doesn't cost a cent over five dollars." "W-h-a-t!" screamed the milliner. "I mean," stammered the woman, "that doesn't cost over \$15." "Oh, well, that's better," said the milliner.

### Louder Yet.

Murray Hill—You know, money talks.  
Cherry Hill—Yes, but poverty uses a phonograph.

## DESCRIBING THE IDEAL WIFE

Men Have Many Opinions, and Not a Few of Them May Rightly Be Considered Unjust.

A Philadelphia clergyman collected and read from the pulpit last Sunday a number of letters from husbands—presumably model husbands—bearing on the subject of the model wife.

One man wrote that the ideal wife should not spend \$25 a week when the income was but \$20. He probably meant that, in any event, \$25 was too much and only an extravagant housekeeper would lavish any such sum upon the home. It was a man of this sort who, when he got off the old and trite remark about the bread that mother used to make, was tartly told, "Well, you don't make the dough that father used to make." The hardest domestic experience for any woman is to have her husband ascribe to her lack of thrift the failure to lay by money against a rainy day, when the real reason is that his own earning capacity is inadequate to supply the elemental requisites. Women as a rule are the savers rather than the spenders, and when the penny is laid by on its way to the dollar mark the saving is generally due to her economy.

Another man holds that it is the part of the ideal wife to keep herself neat and tidy. It is; but too many men throw the whole burden of the household drudgery upon a woman's shoulders, without once reflecting that a maid-of-all-work cannot keep her coiffure, her complexion, and her attire as immaculate as the lady of leisure, who may loiter as long as she likes before the mirror and the toilet table in her boudoir. It is a source of unhappiness in many a home that the man makes disparaging comparisons between his careworn and pre-occupied wife and some airy fairy Lillian whose chief concern is whether her white shoes are spotless and her gloves quite clean.

Another man believes that the ideal wife is one who "does not harass the life and soul out of a man." Heckling or henpecking at home is beyond peradventure, the continual dropping that wears away a stone, but it is only fair that the man should ask himself a few searching questions before he blames his better half. Has he been kind or cross after the day's worrisome business? Has he been thoughtful or negligent about the minor items that in life's appraisal make up the major portion of the inventory? The man who finds fault with his wife will sometimes find that "on his own head, in his own hands, the sin and the saving lies."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Woman in America.

There is no doubt that the most interesting thing to the European who lands on the northern shores of the new world is the American woman—that happy, victorious heroine of modern feminism, who has discovered how to extract from the new condition of woman all the advantages with almost none of the inconveniences—that being who has known how to assume masculinity in all that regards independence and liberty of action, and remain feminine in grace, charm and altruism; that American beauty, that American genius whose wonders are seen and felt in all the American and European reviews, whose writers declare her to be engaged almost entirely in severe study, in masculine work, sport and similar occupations.

Europe, moreover, is right. The American woman is not only one of the most interesting phenomena of North America, but is also the phenomenon of the new world that might have the greatest and gravest effect on the old, shaking on their foundations the essential principles of our female instruction and training, overthrowing the society of the old continent or continents, with zest, to a greater extent than is realized, on the antique functions of woman in the family and in society.—Putnam's Magazine.

### Has Woman a Sense of Humor?

Not a wife-Eve but plays up from morning to night to Adam's idea of his own importance. She must assume always that he is absolute monarch of the little domestic kingdom, no matter how firmly entrenched she be as the power behind the throne, writes Inez Hayes Gilmore in Success Magazine. She must assume always that he is the hub of his business world, that it would fly to pieces were he to absent himself from it for a week—assume it even though she knows that it is his capable underclerk who keeps the wheels moving.

And last, "Women have no sense of humor," says—does the man live who has not said it? It is the oldest bromidion extant. Yet man has always before him the irrefutable evidence that, for countless generations, woman has lived with him. How could she have survived that ordeal minus the sense of humor?

### Too Dangerous for Him.

Country Silas—Why do they have those numbers on the backs of the automobiles?

City Fred—Oh, that's so the police can tell when they run over people.

Country Silas—Sakes! I'm goin' home! That last one had run over 123,456 people!

### Her Material.

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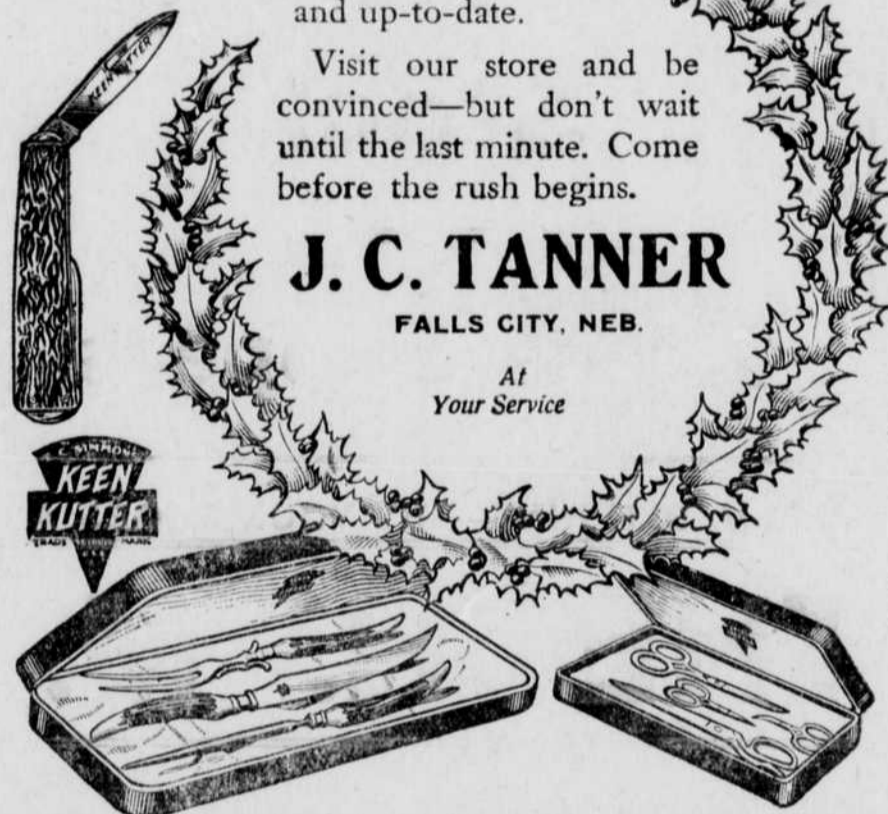
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