

# The Bee's Home Magazine Page

## SILK HAT HARRY'S DIVORCE SUIT

## The Judge Takes a Hand in Questioning

## By Tad



## Our Neighboring Moon

By GARRETT P. SERVINS.

On January 4 the moon was nearer to the earth than it has been at any time since the discovery of America by Columbus, and about 17,360 miles nearer than its average distance of 23,840 miles.



The moon was full on that date, and since the earth happened at the same time to be very close to its nearest point to the sun, 230,000 miles nearer than it will be on July 1, the combined effects of the relative nearness of the moon and the increase in the intensity of the sunlight poured upon its surface made it the brightest full moon that man has gazed upon in 69 years.

Whether anybody who chanced to be out of doors on that night noticed the superior brilliancy of the moonlight is questionable; yet it might have been noticed, and certainly was measurable by scientific methods.

One of the things which have been regarded as the most surely determined with respect to the influence of the moon upon the earth is the varying effect which it produces upon the earth's magnetism. When it is near it exercises a greater effect of this kind than when it is further away, and on this occasion, when it was extraordinarily near, a perceptible increase of its magnetic effect, beyond any known to modern science, might have been expected to occur.

The statement that the earth is now, in mid-winter, about 3,000,000 miles nearer the sun than in mid-summer may appear surprising to some persons, but there is no fact better ascertained. The reason why we have winter when the earth is nearest the sun is because the position of the earth's axis of rotation is such that the northern hemisphere leans away from the sun during our winter months, and the solar rays fall at an low angle upon us, so that more heat is lost through that cause than is gained by the greater nearness of the sun.

In the southern hemisphere winter corresponds in time with the earth's greatest distance from the sun, which is one of the reasons offered for the greater quantity of ice about the south than about the north pole. The southern summer, of course, falls at the time of the greatest nearness to the sun, but compensation is found in the much vaster expanse of the southern oceans, the effect of the sea being to modify or equalize temperatures.

At the same time the pull of the moon upon the earth was proportionately increased, and being in opposition to the sun, which was also, as we have said, at its nearest point for the year, the tidal strain of the two bodies upon the earth was at a maximum, the greatest known in four centuries. If there had been, coincidentally, a storm at sea, driving the water heavily upon the coast, as sometimes happens, New York would probably have experienced a high tide of memorable proportions.

It has long been thought that earthquakes and other similar disturbances must be promoted by an increase in the tidal forces of the sun and moon when acting together, as they did on this occasion, and the fact that there was no notable seismic outbreak accompanying this extraordinary close approach of the moon, at a time when the sun itself was exerting its utmost force, indicates either that the theory of a connection between earthquakes and high tides is erroneous, or that just at the present moment, the rocks of the globe are in comparatively settled state.

They even react upon one another on account of their irregularities of shape, and just as the moon seizes upon the equatorial protuberance of the portly earth and swings its axis round in the great waltz called the "precession of the equinoxes" (the moon's influence is three times that of the sun in producing this motion), so the earth, by virtue of the same protuberance, reacts upon the moon, causing slight periodical changes in its position in the sky. All these things are subject to exact mathematical calculation.

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## I Gotcha, Steve!

## By Tad



## Make Home Ante-Room to Heaven

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.



Whatever you are doing, or wanting to do, in these early months of the new year, there are certain things you can do, no matter what your position may be. You can be agreeable and thoughtful and considerate in your treatment of the people with whom you are daily thrown.

It may be you are at home, with your kin. Some one has said that "our relatives are born to us, but thank God we can select our friends." The fact is quite universally acknowledged, that one's own relatives are oftentimes less considerate, less appreciative, less sympathetic than casual acquaintances.

And another fact is true beyond dispute, that the majority of people keep their best manners and their most agreeable qualities for any and every place except the home circle.

At this time of year it is a good thing to take stock of your own habits, and to find out just what you are doing toward making yourself an element of happiness or of discord in your home; a desirable or an undesirable individual to swell with under a roof tree and to meet in the family circle.

Are you appearing at the breakfast table with an irritable face, a fault-finding voice and a depressing atmosphere? Are you silent, distrustful, sullen or self-centered? Are you one whose going out causes others to sigh with relief, and whose coming in brings dread to the household?

Perhaps the other members of the family do not tell you how they feel in this matter, but rest assured they do feel alike when you go, and they do greet your return, if you are the type of person described above.

Are you forever complaining of your miserable health, and taking the meal hours for a description of your maladies? Home should be the anteroom to heaven. As nearly as mortals may pattern after immortals, they should seek to make the home a paradise.

In order to do this each member must come to the breakfast table with good words, bright looks and an affectionate

snuff. I cut it out almost before I had read it half thru. Then Pa took the clipping that Pa had handed to her, & she read what was on the clipping.

I see, sed Ma, I see, it is a clipping that tells about Mister Madison Peters, he says here that the only way to prevent quarrels in a family is for only one to get mad at a time. That is a fine system, sed Ma, only one shud get mad at a time.

That is what I was thinking, sed Pa, that is why I brought the clipping home to you. Only one mad at a time, what a sublime sentiment. Jest think how quiet that wud make a good old Irish family of ten, Pa sed.

You dont understand the reverent sentiment, sed Ma, this article means that only one of the parents shud get mad at a time, it has no reference to the children. It is a beautiful sentiment.

## Sherlocko the Monk

By GUS MAGER.

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### The Episode of the Masquerade Ball



## The Radiator Rag

By CHESTER FIRKINS.

The "Oceana Roll" may roll Across the ragtime land; From Peary's to the other pole Hears "Alexander's Band." Yet all gay tunes of jest or love seem but to pall or drag Beside the catchy music of The Radiator Rag.

The pianola there next door, The fiddle down below, The singer on the second floor, All make the music flow; But when all instruments go wrong And voices break or lag, Still sweet remains one matin song— The Radiator Rag.

## Under the Mistletoe

By JAMES RAVENCROFT.

Stand you here tonight, love, Look into my face; Lift your lips and smile—just so— As you did once years ago In this very place.

Sweetest pledge of all, love: Lift your lips—just so. Ah, my heart is young again And as light as it was then— That night, years ago.