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binding them together in a dainty little booklet—all by hand, as Elbert Hubbard would say.

This special magazine contained two continued stories—both by well-known writers—and also a history in monthly installments. When one of the stories was completed she took the numbers it appeared in and removed the pages of the story by bending up the wires at the back and slipping off the leaves. The story was then all placed together and bound by a wire run through the holes already in the leaves (in place of wire, an invisible hairpin will do quite as well).

Of course, many pages of the story were printed on sheets on the other side of which was material not wanted in the book. But the pages not belonging to the story were easily covered by illustrations—pictures which had been used as frontispieces or at the beginning of chapters. If there should not be enough of these pictures for the space to be covered, other magazine pictures, not originally intended for the illustration of the story but yet appropriate, might be found; or, failing that, some short poem which has appealed to the bookmaker. In pasting leaves together, fastening in a few places will be sufficient and more artistic, for if the leaves are pasted all over they will be sure to wrinkle somewhere and have a generally mussy look. All this pasting should be done, of course, before the parts are bound together.

Then comes the cover, where one may display much or little artistic skill. Gray, brown or other colored cardboard with the title letters in a contrasting color is effective, and the cardboard covers can be fastened on the back of the book by passe-partout binding; or, if the book is small, by a silk cord passed through the hole. Anyone who can paint a little will, of course, see other ways to decorate such a cover. Bindings still prettier and easier to fasten on are made from brown linen or from chamois, the chamois lettered in gilt or painted and the linen painted or embroidered. But the ways of covering such books are endless, and will readily suggest themselves.

Next Christmas almost anyone would be glad to receive one of the new novels, daintily bound, or perhaps a collection of short stories, or a history really valuable to the student.

It is unnecessary to speak of the beautiful pictures, colored and otherwise, which may be taken from magazines and mounted on cardboard and passe-partout. They are often as stunning as posters, which we pay a dollar for at Christmas time. Magazines which contain pictures of actors and actresses can be put to good use in this work of bookmaking, for souvenir books of stage artists are in great demand now, and one made at home is quite as interesting and much prettier than those sold in the theatres or book stores.

### SMITH'S DOG.

(Being documents found on the person of the late John Smith).

#### I.

Bought of Barke & Bight, dog fanciers—One bull terrier pup.....\$75  
Received payment. B. & B.

#### II.

Mr. John Smith—Dear Sir: Please call at my office and settle for two Angora cats, the property of my wife prior to their destruction. Thomas Jones.

#### III.

Mr. John Smith—Dear Sir: I can not afford to feed that bull pup on Plymouth Rock chickens. You will confer a favor on me by sending me your check for \$7.50.  
Henry Johnson.

#### IV.

Mr. John Smith—My Dear Mr. Smith:

I assure you, sir, that your bulldog has buried nothing in my yard, and I wish you would endeavor to dissuade him from digging. It up every day in search of certain bones which he seems to believe he has concealed under my tulip beds. I am sorry to have to do it, but I am obliged to enclose a bill just sent me by my gardener. Sincerely yours,  
Henrietta Brown.

Digge & Grubb, landscape gardeners, in account with Mrs. Henrietta Brown—Replanting tulip bed and sodding eight square yards of lawn.....\$ 8

#### V.

I. Slaughter, butcher, in account with John Smith—To dog meat.....\$15

#### VI.

L. Hassenrod Emerson, veterinary surgeon, in account with John Smith—To curing one bull pup of distemper.....\$25  
To curing one bull pup of mange.... 25

Total.....\$50

#### VII.

Mr. John Smith—Dear Sir: As that belligerent animal you keep around your place will not allow the carrier to approach your premises, I hereby notify you that you must hereafter get your mail at the postoffice. Yours truly,  
Henry Thompson, P. M.

#### VIII.

John Smith, Esq.—My Dear Smith: I know that a warm friendship has always existed between us, but I can not conceive how any man in his right mind can allow such a villainous whelp as that of yours to remain around his house, and I must insist that you pay me the full amount of my fine bird dog, which is now lying at the point of death as the result of an encounter with your cur the last time he followed me to your house. He came home three days after I lost him, and if he ever does recover he is ruined forevermore. I don't want to quarrel with you, Smith, but this is a serious matter, and, while no money can replace my fine old Brutus, I feel that it will be only justice for you to pay me \$250, which is the price I paid for the dog two years ago.  
Charles Kanine.

#### IX.

John Smith—Sir: Complaint comes to this office that you are violating city ordinance 41,143, which makes it a misdemeanor to allow a vicious dog to run at large. I shall be obliged to send a policeman to your neighborhood to investigate this matter if you do not immediately take steps to abate this nuisance. The maximum fine in your case is \$100, or fifty days' imprisonment.

Respectfully,

Robert Fall, Chief of Police.

#### X.

Mr. John Smith—My Dear Mr. Smith: The widow Brown is mourning the loss of her four-year old child, which, while playing near your house yesterday, was seized—

(Mr. Smith evidently destroyed the remainder of this letter, as the foregoing was all of it that could be found on his person.

#### XI.

Hard & Ware, firearms, sold to John Smith—One Smith & Wesson revolver, 48 cal.....\$12

(Extract from morning paper.)

John Smith, a well known resident of the city, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the head. Mr. Smith was a man of means, of happy domestic surroundings, and the motive of his rash act is shrouded in mystery.—Portland Oregonian.

Cholly—Why so quiet, Miss Grace?  
Grace (lightly)—Oh, I was building castles in the air.

Cholly—What did you use for a corner stone?

Grace—A solitaire.—Town Topics.