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WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL LAST MONDAY

The country people of Prince William who have any occasion to come to Manassas, and this includes nearly all, will be pleased to learn of the order passed by the town council on Monday evening whereby two horse racks, accommodating in all twenty-four teams, will be erected at once. While it is regrettable that provision will be made for only twenty-four teams, still, the town council is to be greatly commended for this progressive action. For many years the country people have experienced so much trouble in finding places to tie their horses that a trip to Manassas has often been marred by this lack of suitable tying places. Now this will be done away with in a very large measure, if not altogether.

Three items of interest to citizens of Manassas, which were acted upon at the last council meeting, are: 1. The appointing of a committee of the council to confer with a committee of the property owners along the branch running from the town's disposal plant to ascertain just what grievances these complainants have to set forth. 2. The change in the curfew law. 3. The order forbidding the cutting down of any more shade trees belonging to the Corporation of Manassas, without first gaining the consent of the town council in regular session.

For sometime property owners along the branch running from the town's disposal plant have been complaining of alleged contamination of the stream. Just what evidence they have to show that this contamination arises from the disposal plant itself, and not from sources above the plant, has not been made clear. It is presumed that the conference of their committee with the special committee of the town council will clear up the matter somewhat.

The new ordinance in regard to the curfew regulation, it is our belief, means little or nothing. Without expressing an opinion one way or the other as to the justice of the old ordinance, we do not hesitate to say that the new ordinance assures practically the abolition of curfew regulations for Manassas. In a few cases the amended law may prove of service but the design of the old ordinance has been so completely done away with that the old and the new show little in the way of relationship.

When the council ordered that no more shade trees, the property of the corporation, be cut down without the council's permission, the body made a wise move. As one of the members argued, these trees it has taken years to grow, they have been considered the pride of the town and they should not be cut down without the permission of the city fathers. Many of our trees were badly cut up when the electric lighting system was installed. It was argued at the time that quite a bit of this wholesale mutilation was not at all necessary. Be that as it may, the trees of Manassas can rightly be considered one of the town's greatest assets. They ought to be and are the direct property of the corporation and their destruction should rest solely with the town authorities, backed by the demand of the general public and not just a few property owners.

LENT BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, March 8th, is the beginning of Lent. Two great divisions of the Christian Church, the Catholic and Episcopalian, observe this period of forty days as a preparatory season to the anniversary of Christ's death upon the Cross and his resurrection from the dead three days thereafter. The season is intended to be one of sober reflection and fasting. Gaities, it is supposed, are to be set aside until after Easter and self-sacrifice, both for the purpose of contributing to Christ's cause and, of more importance, for the teaching of Christ's spirit, is expected of all Catholics and Episcopalians. Those who observe the season in spirit as well as in letter recognize it to be one of the most beautiful of the Christian year. Members of those faiths which advocate an observance of Lent must realize sooner or later that at no time during the year is the test of true Christian manhood and womanhood more in evidence than during the period of the forty days preceding Easter.

ADVERTISING AND STAPLE COMMODITIES

There are many small town and country merchants who believe in advertising on special occasions—when they have special goods to offer or when they have inducements in the way of special values. They do not think it worth while to tell people regularly of the everyday necessities of life. These things are too commonplace and people take for granted that staple commodities are carried at regular prices anyhow, it is argued. But right there the big mistake is made.

Many people in every community are greatly interested in the luxuries of life, but there are more, especially in small towns and country districts, who have first of all to consider the necessities. Where the bulk of the money spent by the families of a community goes for staple commodities does it not appear that the advertising of such commodities should prove profitable, provided the advertising is carefully planned and appears weekly in a worthy home newspaper?

Staple commodities in small town and country stores constitute the bulk of investment. Few retail businesses outside of the large cities can afford to neglect giving attention to the necessities of life. Indeed, after all is said and done, to a very large extent, necessities come first with the people of small towns and country districts. Any merchant who wishes to build up his trade and has a desire to take care of his customers will not fail to see that the staple articles of his line are kept in stock at all times. It is not nearly so prejudicial to one's business to be unable to fill an order for a \$50 cloak as it is to be short on five-cent handkerchiefs.

Now, if it is so important that business houses look out for the everyday needs of their customers, it is also very important, to the merchants' ultimate success, that the public be kept informed as to the manner in which their ordinary wants can be supplied and what financial outlay will have to be made. There are many staple articles needed in the homes of every community which are forgotten day after day. If every home could keep an accurate memorandum of what was needed there would not be the urgent demand for good advertising that exists today. Every home, no matter how humble, is interested in the necessities of life. To keep these homes informed as to where and at what prices these necessities can be had, there is no better means than regular advertising in a worthy home newspaper.

A BOY'S ADVICE TO BOYS

Boys of Manassas and Prince William will do well to ponder over the letter from one of their number on the subject, "Boys and Tobacco," which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Oftentimes boys and girls get it into their heads that the advice of adults, while given in the right spirit, need not be heeded strictly, because adults were brought up in times much different from the present. Here is an instance, however, where a boy, a live, active, athletic fellow, as we know him to be, expresses his earnest belief in regard to the evils of drink and tobacco. And his advice is given from the viewpoint of youth, not of mature men and women.

We agree with "A Boy of the Manassas Graded School" that the world would be better off without whiskey and tobacco. But since these things are here boys must learn to avoid them if they are to attain unto the full stature of true manhood. Both liquor and tobacco are entirely unnecessary and the boy who starts using either or both does something that we will never be able to offer a good excuse for.

Our youthful contributor closes with an appeal for a law against the selling of tobacco to boys under a certain age. At present there is such a law upon the statute books of Manassas. Just how this law reads we do not recall, but there is a law. That it is repeatedly violated by dealers and go-betweens is argued by many. Even the smallest boy who desires to get tobacco seems to have little difficulty in so doing. Certainly, this law should be strictly enforced in an effort to protect boys who lack sufficient discretion to protect themselves.

Boys, heed the advice given by one of your own number, who was at one time a user of tobacco, but who has shown his backbone by quitting the habit. Tobacco, it is claimed, is injurious to men of maturity. No one who knows will express the least doubt about the harmful effects of smoking and chewing upon the growing body. If you do not heed what this boy of Manassas and Prince William tells you it is almost certain that you will regret it in later years.

While it's out of Virginia, we believe that the Maryland "drys" are right in contending that no separate vote on prohibition should be given Baltimore. Where are many of the state's country boys going each year? That's the important consideration.

"Be he rich or poor, give each his equal due."—Washington.

Without prejudice, plain justice at the bank gives equal favors, equal fairness, equal privileges to high or low.

At this Bank, all are treated with equal consideration.

Interest Allowed on Savings Accounts

Safe Deposit Boxes

United States Depository for Postal Savings

The National Bank of Manassas

—THE BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE—

INSURANCE IS A PROFESSION

Select your agent and companies as you would your Banker, Lawyer or Doctor, since your financial existence may depend on this and the best costs no more than the poorest. :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

Established in 1878

FIRE TESTED TIME TRIED REPRESENTING MILLIONS

Home people adjust your fires—no New York sharpers. It will pay you to talk it over and get our rates :: ::

Lipscomb's Fire Insurance Agency

Pillsbury's Best Flour

Everyone who has ever used Pillsbury's Flour knows what fine bread it makes. We have just received a big shipment of this flour and can handle your order. We also have a good stock of Feed on hand.

Fresh Meats and Groceries

A fine line of Fresh Meats—Beef, Lamb, Veal, Pork and Sausage. Staple and Fancy Groceries in great variety. Cash paid for all kinds of Country Produce. Live Stock wanted

Conner's Market

CONNER BUILDING

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. E. L. Hornbaker continues quite ill of blood trouble at his home near town.

—Delivery has been made to Mr. W. Hill Brown of a 6-cylinder Buick touring car.

—Mrs. R. E. Wine and children will move to Washington about the middle of this month.

—Services at St. Anne's Memorial Chapel, Nokesville, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—The Board of Supervisors of Prince William will meet in regular session next Thursday.

—Mrs. C. W. Dalton and little son, Cyril Wade, Jr., moved to Philadelphia the first of the week, where Mr. Dalton has a good position.

—Service at Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School meets promptly every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

—An additional teacher for the Manassas Graded School in the person of Miss Mary Parker, of Montreat, N. C., entered upon her duties a few days ago.

—Mr. Norvell Larkin, who now lives in the Camper residence on West street, will move into the Wine residence on Grant avenue as soon as Mrs. Wine moves to Washington.

—The Junior Auction Bridge Club was entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Stuart Bevans. The guest of honor was Mrs. Bevans' sister, Miss Laura Tavener, of Catonsville, Md.

—The Ladies Aid Society of Grace M. E. Church, South, will meet at the home of Mrs. W. R. Myers next Thursday, March 9th, at 3 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

SECRETARY.

—At Eastern College, Saturday, March 11th, at 8:15 p. m., will be given "The Dressing Gown," a one-act farce, and "Mr. Bob," a two-act comedy. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

—Lenten Services at Trinity Church, Ash Wednesday morning, March 8, at 11 o'clock, and Friday afternoon, March 10th, at 4 o'clock. Adults and children are invited to the Friday afternoon service.

—Miss Katharine Lewis is to entertain Monday evening in honor of the young women of the Junior Auction Bridge Club. A "leap" feature is the invitation extended to the male escort of each member.

—Mr. L. B. Dutrow, a civil engineer of Memphis, Tenn., and Miss M. W. Canter, of Washington, D. C., were married Wednesday evening at the Southern Methodist parsonage, Rev. E. A. Roads officiating.

—Mr. E. I. Carruthers, bursar of the University of Virginia, son-in-law of Mr. C. E. Jordan, of Haymarket, was elected vice-president of the Virginia Sunday School Association, which was in session at Newport News last week.

—Word was received last Friday morning by Mrs. B. T. H. Hodge of the death of her aunt in Montreal, Canada. Mrs. Hodge left immediately to be in attendance upon the funeral. It is expected that Mrs. Hodge will return tomorrow.

—Since February 22nd, a fund of \$1,800 had been received for the proposed Masonic temple to be erected in Alexandria. The Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Virginia have each contributed \$500 towards the temple.

—By an exceedingly narrow margin a serious accident to D. J. Arrington's delivery man and wagon was averted at the Battle street crossing yesterday morning, when a freight train was stopped after having struck the wagon and tilted it. The only damage done was the injuring of one of the wagon wheels.

—The sole contributor to the relief fund for European war sufferers during the past week was Mrs. H. C. Cushing, \$1.45. The total contributed to date is \$23.83.

—Mr. R. S. Smith was taken ill the first of the week. Mrs. Smith, who has been at the bedside of her brother in Washington, who still remains critically ill, has come home to nurse her husband, who is suffering considerably from rheumatism.

—Mrs. W. Wright, wife of a former Manassas barber, died in Maryland on Friday of last week after undergoing an operation. Mrs. Wright had been in poor health for more than a year. Funeral services were held on Sunday and interment was in Maryland.

—The County School Board will meet next Thursday, March 9th, at 10 o'clock at the courthouse. At 12:30 o'clock this board and the county supervisors will partake of the annual dinner tendered them by the domestic science class of the Manassas High School.

—The completion of extensive improvements to St. Paul M. E. Church, South, Washington, was celebrated Sunday at special services. Rev. D. L. Blakemore, pastor of this thriving church, was several years ago pastor of Grace M. E. Church, South, Manassas.

—Mr. O. W. Garrison, of Golden, Colo., father of Mr. F. E. Garrison, of Manassas, died at his home in Colorado last Saturday following a stroke of paralysis. The deceased was 81 years of age. Mr. F. E. Garrison left Saturday night to attend the funeral services.

—Gov. Stuart has appointed the following as members of the Board of Visitors to the University of Virginia: Judge J. K. M. Norton, of Alexandria; Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick county; George R. B. Michie, of Charlottesville, and R. T. Irvine, of Big Stone Gap.

—Burr Button, son of Prof. H. F. Button, of Farmingdale, Long Island, this week entered the senior class of the Manassas High School. Young Button, whose father was the first director of agriculture in the local high school, plans to enter Cornell the coming session.

—Central Garage reports the following sales of Ford automobiles for future delivery: Touring cars to R. M. Weir, J. H. Rexrode, A. Conner, A. W. Sinclair, E. B. Giddings, E. H. Hibbs, Judge J. B. T. Thornton; runabouts to W. M. Rice, C. H. Harrell and a used runabout to Wm. V. S. Spitzer, of Nokesville.

—Mr. Edward Maphis, member of the Warrenton High School basketball team, who played in several games at Manassas during the past season, has returned to his home in Warrenton after spending several days in the hospital at Charlottesville, where he underwent treatment for an injury sustained in a recent basketball game. He is much improved in health.

—The services at Manassas Presbyterian church, Rev. Alford Kelley, pastor, for the coming week, will be as follows: Sunday—Sunday School at 10 a. m., subject: "Death of Stephen." Preaching at 11 a. m., subject: "Evangelism." Preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject: Evangelists. The pastor will attend the "Sunday Evangelistic Campaign," in Baltimore, during the latter part of this week and both sermons will contain references to the meetings. At the night service he will present a study of Mr. Sunday's secret of success. Wednesday—Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m., subject: "Christians as Forerunners of Christ." Visitors are cordially invited to all meetings.

—Mrs. S. E. Dorrell, of Washington, mother of Mr. James R. Dorrell, of Manassas, died Monday morning, after a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were held Wednesday and the remains were taken to Hamilton where interment was made. The deceased, who was 76 years of age, is survived by two sons, James R., of Manassas, and T. C., of Washington, and two daughters, Mrs. Towne Beans, of Hillsboro, Va., and Mrs. Walter Lodge, of Washington.

—Mr. L. H. Fisher, secretary of the Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, gave the examination last Saturday to fifteen applicants for the position of clerk in the Manassas post office, made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. B. Frank May. It will be thirty days or more before the results of the examination will be known. While in Manassas Mr. Fisher organized a local civil service board, members of which are Messrs. A. W. Sinclair, E. H. Nash and Raymond J. Davis.

—The following changes in places of residence has occurred this week: Mrs. Mills, who has been living in the Smith property on South Grant avenue, has moved in with Mr. and Mrs. Nutt on Center street. Mr. Frank Cannon, who has been occupying the Hibbs and Giddings property on Grant avenue, has moved into the Smith property and Mr. W. B. Bullock, who has resided at the Francis property on Battle street, is now located at the Hibbs and Giddings property.

—Rev. Alford Kelley and sister, Miss Isabel, left yesterday morning for Baltimore to attend several of the "Billy" Sunday meetings now being held in that city. Invitations were sent to ministers within 150 miles of Baltimore to assemble there yesterday, each member being granted the privilege of carrying three laymen with him. The idea of Rev. Sunday is to arouse the ministers to greater activity and to that end a special conference was held with all who attended yesterday. At the regular tabernacle services special reserved seats were set aside for the visiting ministers.

—Greater and greater interest is being shown every day in the Carlin penmanship contest in the white public schools of Prince William. The total number of entries made is 1,062 and every school in the county, with the exception of one, is entered. Mr. George G. Tyler, superintendent of schools, has at intervals sent circular letters to the schools and has set April 1st as the date when all of the second sets of specimens must be turned in. The specimens will be judged in time for the awarding of the prizes at the county fair, which will take place Friday, April 28th. The teacher of the successful penmanship class will receive \$50.00 in gold, while each of the three winning pupils will be awarded \$10.00 in gold.

—At the assembly of Manassas High School yesterday morning Miss Rhea Scott, assistant state demonstrator of girls' canning clubs, Miss Emily Johnson, county demonstration agent, and Mr. George G. Tyler, county superintendent of schools, each spoke on the work and importance of the girls' canning clubs of the state. Medals given by the Farm Canning Machine Company, of Meridian, Miss., for the completion of three years' work in canning, were bestowed by Superintendent Tyler upon Misses Marion Lewis, Mildred Lawler and Dorothy Merrill. These three young ladies were complimented by Miss Scott, who said that it was something unusual, even in the state at large, to find girls who have completed three years' work in canning.

—Mr. Myers, of the firm Dabbs and Myers, contractors who installed the town's sewer system, is in town today.

ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW

Mr. Michael Early, of Nokesville, was a Manassas visitor Wednesday.

Mr. John W. Wood, of Linden, Warren county, recent purchaser of "Compton" farm, was in town yesterday.

Carl Williams, of Washington, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bryant the first of the week.

Mr. Aylett Holtzman, of Washington, spent the week-end with his brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark.

Mrs. Victor Emerson and children, of Alexandria, are visiting Mrs. Emerson's mother, Mrs. P. H. Lynch, on Fairview avenue.

Miss S. V. Downs, who has been on a visit to relatives at Danville, has returned to Manassas and will again be with Mrs. R. J. Adamson.

Misses Fannie and Mary Nicol and brother, Aylett, of Alexandria, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ransdell the first of the week.

Miss Blanche Ransdell attended a dance in Alexandria last Friday night. The dance was given by several young ladies in compliment to the Alexandria German Club.

Mr. Roy E. Baker, of Floweree, Mont., a former resident of the Bristow neighborhood, is in Manassas visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Baker is a brother of Mr. W. B. Baker, of Greenville, N. C., whom he recently visited, and is related to Mr. Geo. B. Baker.


Mr. Howell P. French, former editor of THE JOURNAL, now assistant to sales manager of the Minneapolis, Minn., zone of the Willys-Overland Co., of Toledo, Ohio, was in Manassas a few hours Saturday evening. Mr. French, who has just been transferred from the Detroit office of the Willys-Overland Company, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. French, in Washington, the past week-end before leaving for his new post.

Your Wife Should

have a bank account and pay her bills by check. It's the modern, business-like, economical way. It tends toward careful management, gives a better idea of the relation of income to outgo, provides a receipt for each payment, as well as a record of date, amount, etc. And it often leads to the creation of a substantial reserve fund with which to realize a fond ambition or meet an emergency. The lady of the house is invited to call and learn how easily she may open an account in this strong bank, and the conveniences which we place at her command absolutely without charge.

Our slogan is, "It is a pleasure to serve."

The Peoples National Bank
OF MANASSAS, VA.



AT THE DIXIE THEATRE

Tonight—"The Woman," with an All-Star Cast, including Mabel Van Buren and Theo. Roberts. Paramount picture in five parts.

Saturday—Mutual program of five reels; a feature and three singles. Matinee at 3:15.

Monday—Florence La Badie in a five-part Mutual Masterpicture, "Monsieur Lecoq." This is a great detective play.

Tuesday—"The Diamond From the Sky," Chapter XXI.

Wednesday—Mary Pickford in "Fanchon, The Cricket." A five-part Paramount picture.

Thursday—Blanche Forsythe in a five-part Mutual Masterpicture, "The Strife Eternal." Over three thousand players appear in this magnificent production.

Friday—Blanche Sweet in "The Captive." A five-part Paramount picture.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces, excluding the poison from the blood and healing the diseased tissue.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

PUBLIC SALE
AT MANASSAS, VA.
Saturday, March 11, 1916

Beginning at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

I will offer for sale at public auction, at my residence on Grant avenue, on the above-named date, the following personal property:

Perry Pneumatic Pump Outfit, Acetylene Light Plant, 2-H. P. Gasoline engine, horse, buggy and harness. A good opportunity for farmers to secure satisfactory water and lighting system—something needed on every farm.

Household Articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS:—Some of \$10.00 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser executing interest bearing, negotiable note, with approved security.


MRS. R. E. WINE,
J. P. KERLIN, Auctioneer. 3-3-2t*

A KODAK

The gift that keeps the picture story of every youthful interest—school days and sports, the winter and summer outings, the city boy's trip to the country and the country boy's trip to the city. In all these there is fun in the picture taking and afterwards both fun and satisfaction in possession.

Our Christmas stock of Kodaks and Brownies is particularly complete. Let us show you

DOWELL'S PHARMACY
"THE REXALL STORE"



Name It!
Lehigh's the Answer

Name any form of construction that you contemplate building and we will give you the answer—Lehigh Portland Cement Concrete.

It is unequalled for homes, sidewalks, fence posts, gates, porches, barns, silos, feeding troughs, garden furniture and a hundred other forms of building.

But the big Lehigh fact is—it will increase in strength as it grows older. Each year a Lehigh structure has greater power to withstand the wear and tear of the elements. It is a guarantee against depreciation and upkeep.

We have Lehigh on hand. We have a lot of suggestions for concrete building you ought to know. Ask us today. For the next thing you build—use Lehigh.

We have a full line of Terra Cotta Pipe, Patent Plaster, Lime, Brick, Sand, Stone, Lumber, Mill Work, Galvanized Roofing

BROWN & HOOFF

PIDGIN ISLAND

By HAROLD MacGRATH

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CHAPTER IX. Snead at Work.

CRANFORD took an envelope from his pocket. "If anything should happen to me—that is, if I shouldn't turn up some morning—wire to the address on this envelope. Nothing more will be necessary. It's my man's address, and he's the chap who'll pull me out of any trouble. Thanks. I'm not a coward. But these men will come in the dark. They never come out in the light."

Their hands touched as she took the slip of paper. Hers were icy cold. He waited patiently for her to speak. By and by she looked at her closely. She was watching the flashlight of the light out at Pidgin.

"You don't think any the less of me for getting this off my conscience?"

"Why should I?"

Ah, how her heart ached, ached! Yet she spoke smoothly. "Some one capable must do this work, and nobody works for nothing these days, not even for patriotism. You are a good deal of a boy. Perhaps you ought not to have told me. The fact that you do not like the work gives me to infer that you still retain some of your ideals, and I consider that remarkable in a man who is thirty-five."

To patter along like that, she thought, without a break in her voice!

"That Uncle Billy!" he laughed. "Thirty-five makes me feel like an old man. But I don't know—I never feel more than twenty up in this country."

"Is there really danger?"

"I don't know. But never mind that. Don't go to Pidgin tomorrow," he urged impulsively. "Don't go out there any more. It is honestly and truly dangerous. This is the time of year for the sudden north gales. They pop out of nowhere almost before you can turn head on to them. You can always ride a sou'wester down the river, no matter how hard it blows, but no more about ahead can weather the savagery of these northerners—white capped, short, choppy, smashing and spinning a mile a minute. I know; I was caught in one once. I think I told you about it."

After all, she was an actress, consummate.

"I am not afraid. I can take care of myself. I love the danger—the game of chance. Didn't I tell you that I was born at sea?"

"You might be the bravest woman living, but that would not be of use to you if you were caught out there."

"Very well, after this week, then, I promise not to go out to Pidgin. Will that do?"

"I suppose it will have to do. Ah, Diana?"

"No, Mr. Cranford."

She stood up quickly, and of necessity he rose also. "Just good friends, I know. The moonshine, the beauty of the night. It gets into one's head, just friends, always. Another September I shall come up, mayhap, and we'll not see each other again. Please do not let a boy, don't spoil it. What do you know about me? Nothing. And I am not in the mood to make confidences. Please, just good friends."

"I should like if I told you I did not love you."

"I am sorry. If you cannot accept my friendship upon the basis I offer it there mustn't be any more about dinners."

"No hope?"

"None."

"It is simply impossible not to ask why."

"I cannot marry any man, Mr. Cranford, if that will comfort you."

With dread foreboding he said, "You are already married?"

She did not answer.

"I cannot let you go out of my life like this!"

"I don't want to go out of it. Friends, I am very unhappy, very lonely. Friends."

"Friends, if you will have it so. But it's a joke. This is a funny old world. Ten days ago I didn't know you existed; now I'm asking you to marry me, and you belong to some one else."

"But you are going to be brave about it. You're going to be the out of door friend, and some day you're going to be glad that I couldn't marry you."

He wrung her hand and held it as he helped her up to the road.

She stood in the shadow of a pine and watched him go along the road, his head bent, the spring gone from his step. Watched him with unwavering dry eyes till he vanished from view around the turn in the road.

Heavy footed, she traced the path to the house, entered stealthily, and went up to her room.

She did not light the candle, but sat down by the window and stared again at the winking lights far down the west, and breathed hard, and muttered lowly, and shut her hands.

Pidgin Island. Day by day, hoping, waiting, watching. That he should have made such a confession to her. Like a boy who had done something he was ashamed of and was sorry for it. Reprimand? No. They should not harm one hair of his head.

It was a long, long way back to the hotel that night. Never the road seemed so weary. Once, going before him over the white, dusty road, a deep purple shadow fell



"I cannot marry any man, Mr. Cranford."

ed. A cloud. An hour ago there had been nothing in the heavens but the brilliant moon and the faded stars.

Where was this man Wynne? Why wasn't he up here with her where he belonged? Money probably; a business transaction on the man's part; something to hang clothes and jewels on when he went to the opera or gave a dinner.

Wynne! He would find all about him if it were possible.

Uncle Billy called her Miss Wynne, but that signified nothing, for Uncle Billy would have called Queen Victoria Miss Guelph. He believed all women unmarried unless they introduced their husbands.

Cranford knocked his pipe on his heel and opened his mail, found some forgotten club dues, an invitation to a wedding, another to a house party in the Adirondacks, and an affectionate letter from his grandmother (mother's side), thanking him for the birthday check, and a bundle of newspaper clippings from the watchful Warren.

Odd bits of news here—"The Princess Xenia had gone into bankruptcy in Paris, and the famous emerald necklace had been found to be spurious. She had tried to sell it to steady her waning fortunes."

Quite a yarn about it. The spurious stones had been at her banker's for nearly two years; they had been real and precious enough once upon a time. She had evidently known nothing about the substitution.

"Bankrupt! In other words, fit for jail; she had fallen in love with some accident who had adroitly fleeced her."

Cranford laid aside the clippings, answered his letters and wrote the following to me:

My vocabulary isn't up to it, my boy. I can only say that she is just splendid, Artemis reincarnated. And her name, Diana Wynne. Will you do me a great favor? Will you hunt up all the Wynnes and send me a little biography of each? Don't bother about the middle class. Not that I'm snobbish, but she comes from the best of stock. You can tell that of a woman who is learned without being pedantic; traveled. What do you think of a girl who quotes from "Dipsy-Dance" one moment and then skips back to old Malesherbes? Knows her Horace, too, and can tell you how many lemon wood tables Seneca had in his garden. You know I've always been waiting to find a woman who knew how to laugh, dash it, she's married! Isn't that rough luck?

I looked up the Wynnes, but couldn't find any husband for her. But it will be seen that I didn't look carefully enough.

A dozen big freighters hugged the breakwater, and the early boat from Kingston had to come by way of the foot of Long Island, and even then she had her work cut out for her.

Only two passengers came down her plank.

"What's your plan?"

"We'll go straight to Watertown and rent an automobile. Into the train with you!" said Donald to his crook friend Fagin, whom he had sought to aid him against Cranford.

"All right, Donny! Aren't we due for some fishing as a side issue?"

"I'll see to that, Fagin. The idea is to come in from Watertown. Nobody has noticed us. We'll engage a guide and play no bluff. Coming from Watertown we'll keep an eye open for a deserted farmhouse. It won't be hard to find. We'll rent it tomorrow and take out supplies. Then when everything is ready our friend from the secret service will be the disappearing act. Nothing rough, though, mind you; just a temporary sequestration."

"I understand."

The man called Fagin tickled the ends of his wiry fingers against his bristly black mustache. "I suppose I'll have to act as his guardian angel."

"That's the ticket."

"I'll play the Uncle Tom game—black face. I'd hate to cut this mustache again. I'll be able to shine my boots with it one of these fine days. And Pidgin Island?"

"I'll look out for that."

The old man made a foolish move coming up.

"He'll keep to his room."

Fagin let an admiring glance stray over the strong, handsome young face.

Here was a lad! The real boss, the chap who had the imagination, even if Snead took all the credit. Never hammed and hawed, but struck out on

first thoughts and generally hit the bullseye.

Queer old cock, though. Moody when everything was running smoothly, and whistling gay when his back was to the wall.

"Donny, the Princess Xenia has gone broke."

"She has? Well, what of it?"

"May I ask you a question?"

"Not if it has anything to do with her. Fagin, put this in your pipe—my private affairs are my own. I know exactly what's on your mind, but it's none of your business. Read your paper. Here comes the conductor for the tickets. Don't bother me again for awhile. I've got a lot of thinking to do. I want to map out everything."

"Mum it is."

Fagin opened his newspaper and searched for the news of the sporting world, but once he found it the usual intelligence blocked and columned before his eyes failed utterly to hold his interest.

His thoughts percolated in roving to the boy at his side. Who was he? Where did he come from? Wasn't a day over thirty. Lucky too.

Fagin had known the boy but three eventful years. The Princess Xenia! The paper sank slowly upon Fagin's knees, and his gaze roved to the river, sparkling in the distance. It was none of his business, but nevertheless curiosity was very strong within him.

At the villa on the way between Paris and Versailles he had seen the tantalizing will of the wisp on her knees before this boy. He had heard her passionate sobs. He had seen the cigarette smoke curl from the boy's smiling lips, seen the shrug of the graceful shoulders—she who had flouted dukes and princes and rajahs and weaved her spider web for the ruin of many an honest man!

He knew—he, Fagin. Half a million in emeralds had slipped through the boy's fingers. He remembered the flush days of last winter. He had seen those emeralds flow over the green tables. A beautiful golden rain of louis had gone up the spout instead of down!

At identically the same time the ordinary and the exceptional rogue arrived at Watertown there stepped down from another train a slender woman dressed in black and heavily veiled. Guided by one of the station porters, she proceeded directly to the nearby hotel and was assigned to a room.

The two men asked to be directed to the best garage. There, after some dickering, they rented a comfortable car. They expected to use the car for a week at least. The terms were \$10 the day and \$500 deposited against accidents to the car.

"You are total strangers to me, sir," said the proprietor of the garage. "I must protect myself."

"That's reasonable enough," agreed the exceptional rogue.

He counted out five \$100 bills and laid them on the desk. "Now, supposing you make out a check dated one week hence. Then we'll go over to your bank and leave it with the cashier. When the car is returned I'll go to the bank and get my money."

"That's easy," replied the proprietor. Fagin's expression was one of pleasantment.

The affair was accomplished in short order, and the two set out for the river.

"Donny, what new kind of flimflam is this going to be?"

"Fagin, you can't even think honestly, can you? This is as straight as the road. That was real money—Snead's. I mapped out most of this last night. No piking this trip. When we get out into the country I'm going to show you another little trick. Nothing like being thorough."

Half an hour later he turned the car into a deserted lane and stopped.

From out of his suit case he took two new license numbers, state of Pennsylvania. These he substituted for the ones in use, and out into the main highway they sped.

"You're a wonder," admitted Fagin, grinning. "But what a chance to do some fancy business in your wagon! My, my, or hold up a bank messenger!"

"Our business is to give this fellow Cranford a vacation. He'll be wide awake and wondering. Smoke up and let me see what speed I can get out of this junk."

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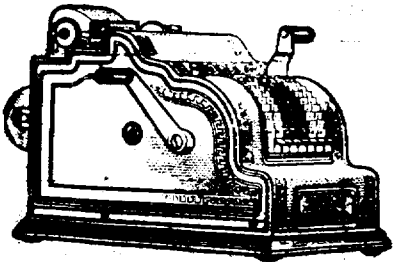
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Do you know what you are eating when you eat an apple? You are eating malic acid, one of the most necessary elements in the human economy. You are eating sugar in the most easily assimilated form, combined carbon, hydrogen and oxygen caught and imprisoned from the sunshine. You are eating a gum allied to the fragrant medicinal gums of Araby. You are eating phosphorus in the only form in which it is available as the source of all brain and nerve energy. In addition to all these you are drinking the purest of water and getting the most healthful and desirable fiber for the required "roughness" in food elements.

FRIAR'S OMELET.

1 pint apple pulp, 3 egg yolks, 1 cupful of sugar, juice of 1/4 lemon, 3 egg whites, 1 cupful of breadcrumbs, 1 tablespoonful of butter.

Steam tart apples, mash and drain quite dry. Take one pint of pulp and mix with egg yolks, well beaten, sugar and lemon juice. Then add the beaten whites. Brown one cupful of fine breadcrumbs in one tablespoonful of butter in omelet pan. Better a plain mold thickly with cold butter and sprinkle over the bottom and sides as many of the browned crumbs as will adhere. Fill with the prepared cover with buttered crumbs and bake twenty minutes. When cold, turn out on a platter and serve with cream. It may be baked in a pudding dish and eaten hot.

APPLE PUDDING A LA ZOU-AVE.

Pare four good sized apples and grate them into a pint of milk. Add one-fourth pound of almonds, blanched and chopped, one-fourth of a grated nutmeg and the yolks of three eggs beaten with one-half cupful of sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved and bake in a mild oven until the custard is set. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth. Add three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Beat again until fine and dry. Spread this over the top of the pudding, dust thickly with powdered sugar and put in oven a few minutes to brown. Serve cold.

(Complete copy of 209 apple recipes can be obtained free by applying to the secretary of the Virginia State Horticultural society, Winchester, Va.)

APPLE DUMPLING—BAKED.

3 cupfuls of flour, 2 tablespoonfuls of lard, 2 tablespoonfuls of butter, 1/2 teaspoonful of baking powder, 1 teaspoonful of salt, 1/4 cupful of sugar, 1/4 cupful of water, cinnamon and nutmeg, 3 apples, cored. Sift flour, baking powder and salt; work in lard and butter. When well mixed add water. Grease other paste in eight rounds, place apple in center of each round, fill cavity with sugar and flavoring. Draw paste up around apple, place in baking pan rough side down. Bake forty-five minutes. Serve with lemon or molasses sauce.

APPLE RICE.

3 apples, 1/2 glass of crab apple jelly, 1/2 cupful of seeded raisins, 1 tablespoonful of butter, 1 cupful of hot-cooked rice, 2 cupfuls of milk, 1 egg yolk, 1 tablespoonful of lemon juice.

Pare and core the apples. Arrange in baking dish, fill with jelly and surround with rice mixed with hot milk, egg yolks, butter, raisins and flavoring. Cook in oven until apples are tender. Remove from oven and cover with a meringue. Serve hot or cold.

APPLE RAMEQUIN.

Half all desired number of ramekins with apple sauce. Fill remaining space with whipped cream. Cover with a short pie crust and bake in a quick oven.

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APPLE DUMPLING.

4 cupfuls of sliced apple, 1/2 cupful of water, 2 cupfuls of flour, 1/2 teaspoonful of baking powder, 1/2 teaspoonful of salt, 1/4 cupful of sugar, 1 cupful of milk, few grains of lemon rind.

Mix and sift dry ingredients except sugar. Add milk. Fill a hot saucepan with water, add 1/2 cup sugar, water, lemon rind; cover with sour mixture and steam 1 1/2 hours. Serve with lemon sauce.

APPLE-POPP PUDDING.

1/2 pound of flour, salt, 1 pint of milk, 3 eggs, 2 pound of apples, cut in slices.

Mix flour and salt and add milk gradually. When quite smooth add eggs, butter a pie dish, pour in mixture and add apples. Place bits of butter over top. Bake forty-five minutes. When done sprinkle sugar over top and serve hot.

TO MAKE GRAPE JELLY FIRM.

To make grape jelly firm and solid like that made from berries, add one cupful of grape fruit, add one cupful of apple juice to every two cupfuls of grape juice. This mixture will retain all the flavor of the grapes and will hold its shape well.

TURNED THE LAUGH.

Tom Marshall's Ready Wit Saved Him When He Was Cornered.

Tom Marshall of Kentucky, who flourished as an orator and wit in the last century, was a gallant gentleman, who, opportunity offering, distributed his oscillatory activities without regard to age, race or previous condition of servitude.

One Christmas eve the gallant Tom met in the hall the pretty octoroon slave maid of Miss Breckinridge, a society leader and belle. Tom promptly kissed the maid and then expressed his appreciation by giving her for a Christmas present what he supposed was a twenty dollar gold piece. In fact, it was a gold medal that had been presented to him by the citizens of Frankfort, Ky., for some services rendered in that burg.

The girl tried to change the gold piece, when the storekeeper, supposing it to be stolen, impounded it and gave it to her mistress. The girl, being called to account, admitted that it was a Christmas gift from Mr. Marshall, and confessed that the hall was dark and that Tom kissed her before she could help it.

Miss Breckinridge determined to give Mr. Marshall a lesson in good manners so that evening at a brilliant social function she assembled half a dozen Louisiana belles about her and, calling Tom to the group, handed him the medal and said: "Mr. Marshall, here is something you parted with in the dark. It is restored to you in the light." Tom replied promptly: "It was dark sure enough; but, believe me, Miss Breckinridge, if I had known it was you I wouldn't have given you a cent."—Los Angeles Times.

Conscience.

In the commission of evil another is but one witness against thee; thou art a thousand against thyself. Another thou mayest avoid—thyself thou canst not.—Quarles.

Cheering Him Up.

Two men, one very tall and stout, the other short and slim, are inseparable, and friends say that they take advantage of their close companionship to make one another the butts of vari-



"I'M ABOUT HALF SICK."

our jokes. Sometimes it is the little fellow that suffers, but oftener the laugh is at the expense of the giant.

The big man is not always as healthy as his size might indicate. In fact he often complains of the way he is feeling, and his small companion takes him to task for doing so. This occurred the other day within hearing of a crowd on a street corner.

They met there, and the little fellow asked:

"Well, how are you feeling today?"

"I'm about half sick," was the reply.

"Go on, man," cried the little fellow, who could see nothing wrong with his friend. "Even if you're half sick there's more of you well than there is of me."—Exchange.

The Law of the Sea.

There was a very bad first night in a New York theater—that is to say, the night was a good night as nights go in New York during the theatrical season, but the play that had been offered was bad.

At the end of the second act the long suffering audience was about ready to quit. A few got up to go, and others followed until the aisles became congested.

Charles Hanson Towne arose in his place well down in front.

"Wait!" he called out in a clear, loud tone. "Women and children first!"

—Saturday Evening Post.

A Lincoln Comment.

In "The Life and Letters of John Hay" is this diary entry which gives a typical glimpse of Lincoln:

"I said to the president today that I thought Butler was the only man in the army in whom power would be dangerous. McClellan was too timid and vacillating to usurp; Grant was too sound and cool headed and unselfish; Banks also; Fremont would be dangerous if he had more ability and energy."

"Yet," says the president, "he is like Jim Felt's brother, Jim used to say that his brother was the damndest second lieutenant that ever lived, but in the light of the merry of Providence he was also the damndest fool."

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Messrs. Carroll and Morris Hyman, of Washington, were week-end guests of their aunt, Miss Mary Jane Foley, at "La Grange." Miss Margaret Shirley has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Round Hill.

Mr. Frank Chambers, purchaser of E. L. Cockerill's dairy farm surrounding Featherstone Station, formerly Negley Station, is making great improvements on the farm. He is building new houses and remodeling the old ones.

FORESTBURG NEWS

Mr. J. E. Tapscott is very ill at his home near Forestburg. Mr. Calvin Duhn and Mr. C. Clayton Dunn have been very ill with the grip.

Mr. William Upton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Sunday. Mr. M. Vansicles, of Neabeco, spent Sunday last with friends at Accotink.

CLIFTON DOINGS

Thursday, February 24th, Miss Emily Johnson, casing club supervisor of Prince William county, addressed the girls and teachers of the Clifton school.

MINNIEVILLE ECHOES

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