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ROMANCE BECOMES REALITY

In Salt Lake City a clever youth has perfected a wireless device that will send enough electricity hurtling through the air to explode nitro-glycerine placed at a distance and that will work like destructive wonders without danger to the operator.

Years ago, when the wireless first astonished the world, authors with their imaginations working at white heat put into books just such destructive machines as that which has landed the Salt Lake young man in jail. Heroes safe on shore would destroy whole fleets of hostile battleships; cranks would terrorize millions of persons; men would have powers of annihilation hitherto credited only to the Almighty.

Jules Verne imagined the submarine and now we have whole fleets of them. He and the author of the Frank Reade thrillers suggested self-propelling houses, iron horses and mechanical elephants—and behold we have automobile that do stunts even more remarkable than the imagined feats of a few years ago.

The cerebral imaginings of the authors of thrillers are having their good results. They are setting a pace for the inventors as well as furnishing them with ideas. Romancing is leading to accomplishment and the farther the authors romance, the faster the practical world progresses, it seems.

TRACING THE COCAINE

Users of cocaine in this country are said to number between 100,000 and

250,000. The drug has been sold, especially in the larger cities, with little regard for the use to which it was to be put and as a consequence the habit of taking it has grown rapidly.

Now, seven years after the federal food and drug law was passed, the government is to take action under it. From the moment when the drug is received by the importers until it is dispensed to the ultimate consumer all who handle it will be required to swear that it is intended for a legitimate purpose.

The part which cocaine has played in the making of criminals probably is little known outside of police circles. The authorities are well aware, however, of the manner in which it incites to crime and of the superficial cunning which it gives those intent on doing wrong.

An illicit trade in cocaine has grown up with the increasing demand for the drug until today it is estimated that ten times as much as is called for by the medical profession for legitimate use is sold.

EVELYN NESBIT AGAIN.

The great White Way is figuratively holding its breath, awaiting the public's verdict on the vaudeville attempt of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of Harry Kendall Thaw, who figured so sensationally in her husband's trials for the murder of Stanford White in 1905.

The Thaw case is an old one, that might be regarded as completely threshed out, and it is a problem as to whether it is still enough in the minds of westerners to carry Mrs. Thaw over the various vaudeville circuits outside New York.

Mrs. Thaw returned to the stage in London recently doing her dance with Clifford at the Hippodrome in a review called "Hullo Ragtime".

run. She is completing her first week here now, and the public has not yet made up its mind whether she has "come back" permanently or not.

Queen Mary does not want the women of her court to ride astride. They must keep up the bluff a while longer that they have only one leg.

The mud bath is becoming a fad in Italy. They are taken voluntarily and not given by passing automobiles.

The dangers attending the piloting of the new flying boat indicate that the man who invented it didn't want to die a natural death.

Every minister and every judge has a new idea about eliminating the divorce evil, but so far none of them has worked out any better than Ben Franklin's attempt to jug lightning.

A horse was led out of a Chicago restaurant. Some of the horses they serve in Chicago restaurants do not have to be led out.

You may slash, you may butcher, the skirt as you will, but the glance of the passer returns to it still.

Washington doesn't seem to understand how inseparably attached the secretary of state and the chautauqua are to each other.

A Game of Bluff

By MILLARD MALTBE

I had tired of living in a bachelor apartment house and rented a flat in the west end of London, in which I proposed to keep house, having a servant to prepare my meals and do the housekeeping for me.

"Dear me," she said. "I supposed you had got moved out by this time."

"Moved out?"

"Yes; I was told I could have the flat this afternoon."

"Why, my dear lady, I have just moved in."

"Then I shall have to trouble you to just move out again."

"I have a written lease of these premises. Here it is"—taking the document out of my pocket—"fourth floor, east side."

"And I have a written lease"—drawing one from her reticule and opening it—"fourth floor, east side."

"There has been a mistake at the office," I said. "We will telephone the agent to know to whom he intended to lease the flat."

"So if you like."

I went to the telephone, and the agent told me that, of course, the flat had been rented to me. He could not understand how there could have been two leases issued.

"I don't care what the agent says," I rented this flat and I'm going to occupy it."

"I have rented it and I am going to occupy it," I rejoined.

"I thought I had the advantage of her, and for a moment she looked a bit abashed, but, recovering, she said:

"We will see about that. Since your furniture is here there will not be time to get it out and come in today, so I shall be obliged to use yours. Tomorrow we will make the change."

"You are quite welcome, I assure you. There are several rooms, and, if you don't mind being my guest without a chaperon, I don't."

"I do mind and shall occupy my flat by myself. You must leave at 10 o'clock."

"As my guest I must give you a dinner, and, my cook not having arrived, I shall be obliged to take you out to a restaurant."

This staggered her, but not for long. "No," she said; "to accept your invitation would be to admit that you are host here. I see that you have the tableware and kitchen utensils. If I had the provisions I could provide a meal myself."

"I ordered all that is necessary for a good dinner, but my cook disappointed me. The articles are here."

"In that case I invite you to dine with me."

She lighted up the range and went to work at once. I did my share by setting the table, not leaving off more than half I should have put on and opening a bottle of port. My guest or host, as she would have it, got up a delicious dinner and without any of the fuss and irritation usual to a lady cook. When dinner was ready we took our places at the table opposite each other.

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La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

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