

LEAP YEAR BRIDE

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
Cherry Dixon, 19 and pretty, falls in love with Dan Phillips, newspaper reporter whom her wealthy aristocratic parents have forbidden her to see.

CHAPTER XXI
Dan opened the door quietly and entered. He had been gone nearly an hour. "Hello," he said to Cherry.

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mass of dark hair. The night through the window behind her was dark, too. Cherry had been staring at that starless sky.
"Hello."
Phillips put down his hat and crossed the room. "I'm sorry," he began abruptly. "It didn't mean the things I said tonight. I—well, I want you to know I'm sorry about it."

He stopped her. "No, it was mine. I lost my head and there was no excuse for it. I know you get tired of this life. Cooking and washing dishes and working all day in this hole. It's my fault that you have to do it because I don't make enough to hire a maid. That's why you have to do this drudgery. You shouldn't have married me, Cherry! It was a mistake! I'll never be able to give you the things you should have—servants and money and pretty clothes. I'm just a poor police reporter and that's all I'll ever be. I'm—oh, what's the use? What's the use?"

He looked at her. "Do you really mean that?" Dan asked slowly. "Do you?"
"You know that I do."
"Meaning that if you know it was going to be such hard work with bills piling up and never any good times—do you mean you'd want to marry me if it was to do over again?"
"Yes, Dan."

He scarcely heard her. It was the answer in Cherry's star-bright eyes that made him catch her close. He held her in both arms pressed tightly to his heart. His lips eager and demanding found the girl's. "You darling!" he whispered huskily. "Oh, you darling!"
Later as Cherry, with her negligence pulled tight about her, was putting the empty milk bottles in the hall Dan called to her.
"Tell you what we'll do tomorrow, honey. We're going to step out."

le spin? It's too fine a night to stay in doors."
Dan and Cherry agreed enthusiastically. They walked to the parking station where Pearson had left his car and all three crowded into the single seat. The roadster was not to be compared with the smart little motor car that had been Cherry's at home but the engine was trustworthy. Soon they reached a highway along which buildings became farther and farther apart. Small stores, oil stations and low dwellings gave way for houses set in wide lawns. It was a neighborhood given to truck gardening.

Cherry's head was tilted back. The breeze against her cheeks was caressing—more like a June night than one in March. Well, June was not far ahead. The moon, a silvery half-shell, suddenly appeared from behind clouds. From a ploughed field there came the rich, warm odor of fresh earth.
"It is a wonderful night!" Cherry said. "And wonderful to get away from the city, too!"
"You miss that rooster of yours, don't you?" Dan asked.
"Not when Max is so generous."

Daily Cross-Word Puzzle
Solution of Saturday's Puzzle
ACROSS
1. Pacific vehicle
4. Lock
9. Texas mission
14. Liquid
15. Crescent-shaped figure
18. Hanger
19. Denoting the central part
20. Violent
21. Dwells
22. Troublesome garden growth
24. Mistletoe
25. Denis
27. Comfort
28. Lullaby
32. Little war
33. Division of a poem
37. Medieval Irish social units
39. Tense humming-bird
40. Otherwise
41. Individual performance
42. Continual
43. Upon prefix
45. East Indian
49. Years
50. Usher
52. Niche
53. Consider
54. Leeward
55. Jewel
56. Egyptian river
62. Noblemen
64. Diminished
65. Set free
69. Literary fragments
10. Label
11. Vigilant
12. Makes trim or
14. Prancing
15. Kind of fabric
16. Ringlet
17. Off-then-French
DOWN
1. Small grassy plain among hills
2. Proof of being elsewhere
3. Deck out with cheap sherry
4. Twist around
5. Physical struggle
6. Difference between two consecutive numbers
7. Compass
8. Amount abbr
9. Barchart
10. Small
11. Knack
12. Unit of wire measure
13. Palm leaf
14. Places in position again
15. Small depression
16. Sarcasms
17. Malicious burning of orosity
18. Wandering oar
19. Number
20. Day's march
21. Of contest
22. Stage coach to the audience
23. Dried coconut
24. Poetical name for Jerusalem
25. Of style
26. Those defeated
27. Fisherman
28. Fish from which glove shapes are cut
29. Expert
30. Depart
31. Barkers
32. Solemn air-formation
33. Game fish
34. Knack
35. Old measure of length
36. Rumanian coin
37. 100 square meters
38. Syllable of hesitation

eyes meet Pearson's in one of those compelling exchanges that could be so disturbing.
Something of this must have come to Dan's notice. He asked, when he and Cherry were alone in the apartment, "Say, don't you like Max? I thought you two were going to be friends."
"Why, we are!"
"You didn't seem very friendly tonight. I'm sure Max noticed it."

Three days followed in which the household routine went smoothly. The meals Cherry cooked were appreciated and Dan praised them, separated by the appreciation of this apartment became a model of
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The Question Is Whether Fish Were Ducked or Hungry
CHICAGO, Sept. 7 (AP)—The interest Cliff Hasted had in fishing had just about waned until Dr. A. J. Connor came along.
"I can come here tomorrow and drag up a fish on every line, and I'll bet you even money that I can," said Dr. Connor. Hasted took the wager. For 15 minutes the doctor fished. He had ten lines and on each of them he pulled in a fish. Then he reached for the 16th.
"It's all in the bait," he said. "I caught some minnows and painted them with red medicine. They make a lovely display and fooled bigger fish into thinking they were goldfish."

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS Oscar's Idea!
WHATCHA HANGIN' AROUND AN' DISTURBIN' FRECKLES FOR?
WELL, GEE WHITKERS!! YOU'D THINK HED COME OUT, TH' WAY IVE BEEN CALLIN' HIM!!

WHY DON'T BE A DUMBELL... THAT MEANS SHE'S DOUBLE-CROSSIN' YOU!!
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(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)
"NOW that we're past the break of dawn and our fine block-head house is gone, let's form into a fine parade," said Duncy with a grin.
"I think that is a happy hunch and I will lead the blockhead hunch. Then, if you Tintles want to march, you, too, can fall right in."
Wee Windy said, "I'm lazy, son, but go ahead and have your fun. I'll flop beneath a great, big tree and watch you strut along. If right in step you all can keep, the stomping will not let me sleep. Thus I will watch and, if you're good, I'll clap both loud and long."
The blockheads had been trained before and they knew just what was in store. As Duncy shouted, "Form in line, they did as they were told.
"Now, please keep step," snapped Duncy. "You must do the best that you can do. We'll all pretend that we are little soldiers, brave and bold."
One blockhead then seemed full of fright. It shouted, "I don't want to fight. I want to be a blockhead, not a soldier. Count me out!"
Before the little thing could run, brave Duncy cried, "Aw, it's just fun. We're going to march for exercise and you'll like that, no doubt."
At last two lines were formed, a real straight, and Duncy didn't hesitate. He shouted, "Forward march," and then he stepped out, very proud.
The blockheads kept in perfect step as Windy shouted, "He! He! He!" The marching, in a half an hour, made quite a peppy crowd.
One of the blockheads said, "Let's quit. We all are surely feeling it." And then it added, "We blockheads will form a funny stairs."
"You Tintles then can run up high until you're standing in the sky. And then a new adventure's bound to catch you, unawares." (Copyright, 1932, NEA Service, Inc.)
(The Tintles had a strange thing at the end of the stairway.)

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