

SHORT STORIES OF TOWN AND COUNTRY

Mrs. E. Becken has been visiting friends in Woodburn.

The Misses Opal Hewett and Faye Johnson visited friends in Amity last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Holmes of Mt. Angel were Sunday guests at the B. F. Swope home.

Mrs. A. T. Huggins arrived Monday from Portland to be with her son, W. B. Huggins, who is ill at his home in North Independence.

The Monmouth high school will open Monday, September 26. Three new teachers will be included in the faculty, the personnel of which is L. L. Gooding of Harrisburg, principal; Miss Madeline Doughty, history; Miss Armilda Slotboom, graduate of the University of Oregon, 1921, English; Miss Sybil Smith, graduate of Willamette, 1921, science.

Gus Miller, of the City Market, has received a big lot of cattle from Brownsville, brought here by Moore & Wheeler of Lebanon. Mr. Miller is preparing for the rush and is putting on the market the very best stuff that can be purchased.

G. W. Thorington is doing some creditable work in the upholstering and also the silver plating lines. A foot rest, made of antique tapestry, was presented to The Post editor pro tem, and is a delightful combination of skill and art. His charges are reasonable and his work will be much in demand.

Card of Thanks

I wish to send my sincere thanks to every friend who gave so liberally for the purpose of purchasing my artificial limb. Every subscription was received with many thanks.

LILLIE CALKINS.

MOLLIE'S TRIAL

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

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"Now did you see that?" asked Mollie, dismayed, "there go the tops of my hollyhocks."

Her new neighbor's eldest boy could be seen from Mollie's window gleefully dismantling her tall plants of their flowers, while in the rear a grinning trio admired his boldness.

"Here you," cried Mollie, in as sharp a tone as it was possible for Mollie to use, "keep to your own side of the garden. You ought to be ashamed!"

Almost in tears, Mollie turned to her elder sister, Mrs. Manly. But now, the younger sister found not the championship she expected. Mrs. Manly instead, leaned out of the latticed window with a smile of sudden interest upon her face.

"Who?" she asked eagerly, "is that tall fine looking man? Tell me, Mollie." Her sister stared agrieved.

"Why that," she replied, "is the dotting father of those five irrepressible boys."

"The father!" exclaimed Mrs. Manly. "And you spoke of the boys as being motherless? What a pity, that there are five."

"I fail to see what his wifeless condition has to do with me," said Mollie crisply.

She had caught her sister's inference.

"The sour faced woman who keeps house for the man and his cherubs, told Chloe that the boys might have been better, if they had not been left motherless."

Mrs. Manly drew in her head, disappointed.

"And he has such a fine face—your new neighbor Mollie," she regretted. "If only he had happened along before he took unto himself a wife. Or at least if he did not now possess those five terrible boys—"

Half impatient, half laughing, Mollie turned to her sister.

"You poor match-making hopeful," she said, "will you never give up your fancies for me? Now, that I have that careless father here in his garden, I shall go down in my severest manner and call him to task. A splinter has some rights of her own, even hollyhock-flowers, and pet cats."

Indulgently smiling, Mary Manly watched her small graceful sister, ascend a small ladder upon her own side of the garden wall, and beckon her neighbor to conference. The neighbor came with alacrity. He appeared almost as joyous as young Danny had, in his guilty pursuit of hollyhock blossoms. The conference lasted sometime, ending peaceably with a floral offering from the opposite side of the fence. The neighbor had evidently given in exchange for Mollie's denuded plants, a rare and blooming one of his own, and as Mollie precariously descended with her burden it was necessary for the neighbor to hasten around to her side of the wall, and assist her.

"His name," Mollie calmly confided, "is John Ainsworthy. He has taken the place for the summer. The Lemon—it seems that the boys dub their crusty housekeeper 'The Lemon'—has no control over their actions; Mr. Ainsworthy will reprimand them." Mollie turned her face away.

"He reminded me of the fact," she said, "that they have no mother."

It was upon the following morning, that Mrs. Manly again saw her sister ascend the ladder to the garden wall. This time she bore a basket of Chloe's fresh baked cookies, and enjoyed tossing them to the freckled faced urchins, hastily congregated beneath. The boys caught the cookies with

triumphant shouts. Their manner of acceptance leaving much to be desired.

"Hit us another, Peachy," cried Danny, Mollie reddened in indignation. "If that is the way you are going to talk to me," she admonished, "not another cookie."

"Ah! say!" exclaimed Pete, the second boy, "Dan means all right, Peachy. That's what we call you when we're alone."

Mollie was shamefully pleased.

"Peachy!" they named her, these strange half-civilized young creatures. And when evening came, more often than not Mollie rode in the new neighbor's car—at the new neighbor's side, with the delighted boys crowded in behind. Mrs. Manly became seriously alarmed. From her sister's first open condemnation of John Ainsworthy and his family Mollie had relapsed into determined silence upon the subject. Mrs. Manly's cleverest efforts could bring from her no word. Mary Manly at last deliberately put her question. Mollie laughed happily.

"I do love John Ainsworthy," she admitted, "and I am—going to marry him."

"The boys," she added, "are some that were brought to John's notice as in need of assistance. They are orphans and recently convalescent. John conceived the idea of bringing them out here for the country air. John is a bachelor, you see, and heretofore had no one to think of save himself. From now on," added Mollie cheerfully, "he will have me." She sighed. "I will miss those boys," she said.

Declined the Honor.

"So you have named a new brand of cigars after me, have you?" said the celebrity.

"I have taken that liberty, sir," replied the manufacturer.

"Well, I wish you would call it something else. I have tried one."

GRAIN OF SUPERIOR QUALITY IN DEMAND

Frequent Use of Cleaning Equipment Is Profitable.

Financial Loss Caused by Presence of Impurities, Foreign Matter or High Moisture Content—Elevator Not at Fault.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

While equipment for cleaning and conditioning grain is expensive, country elevators will find that its use frequently improves the quality of the grain and increases its market value, say specialists of the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture. Sometimes grain comes to the elevator in poor condition, often being dirty, dusty, or with high moisture content, and unless the qual-

ity is improved by cleaning or drying the grain cannot be disposed of advantageously.

Moreover, grain containing impurities, foreign matter, or a high moisture content is quite likely to become hot in transit, which greatly reduces its value and frequently results in serious financial loss. If the elevator is not provided with suitable equipment for this process, such grain must be shipped in the condition in which it is received.

The farmer should not place all responsibility for cleaning grain on the elevator. It is believed. It should be remembered that elevator managers do not pay grain prices for the dirt and water found in a farmer's grain. The price should be established by taking into consideration the necessary expense of placing the grain in marketable condition. The farmer who delivers clean, dry, sound grain should receive a premium over the price paid to the more careless farmer who delivers grain of inferior quality, specialists say.

GUINEAS UTILIZE ALL WASTE

Fowls Pick Up Material That Escape Chickens and Turkeys—Are Prolific Egg Layers.

Guinea fowls utilize waste that would escape both hens and turkeys, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Taking a wider range than chickens,

and yet not so wide as turkeys, keeping largely to thickets and weed patches, and committing fewer depredations against field and garden than either chickens or turkeys, requiring little feed at any time, being prolific layers during their season of eggs, that are thought by many to have a richer and finer flavor even than hens' eggs, the guinea fowl is well worth considering on any farm where a serious effort is made to convert all waste into meat and eggs.

AIR CONSERVES BOARD FLOOR

Free Circulation Underneath Prolongs Life of Lumber—Close Openings During Winter.

Board floors usually are short-lived unless air is allowed to circulate under them. This may be provided for by means of openings in the foundation walls, which should be closed during the winter. A board floor covered with one-quarter inch of fine sand, with scratching material on this makes a good floor. The litter and sand can be removed readily when desired, and fresh materials provided. If the wooden floors are constructed within two or three inches of the ground it is essential that the foundation walls be constructed in such a way that rats cannot gain access beneath the floor.

FOWLS REQUIRE GREEN FEED

More Important During Summer Months Than in Winter—Give Them Clover and Weeds.

Remember that yarded fowls need greens and vegetable food during the summer months even more than in winter. If their yards are bare, add cut clover to the daily mash, and throw to the birds all the weeds that you pull in the garden as well as lawn clippings, etc.

WOMEN CAN'T HOLD OFFICE

Women are still without the right to hold constitutional office in Massachusetts. This was the ruling of Attorney General Allen. He held that the Nineteenth amendment to the federal Constitution served only to give women the right to vote and did not alter the state constitutional requirement that men only are eligible for constitutional offices. The ruling was made because several legislative seats are to be filled next fall and women were said to be contemplating becoming candidates in some places.—New York Times.

ON HIS TRAIL



Newrich—So you have succeeded in tracing my ancestry? How much do I owe you?
Mr. Wise—A thousand dollars to keep quiet about what I know.

HIDING AN EYESORE

To hide the unsightly appearance of a building under construction, a Los Angeles architect devised the unique idea of building an ornamental fence around the entire structure that was entirely out of the ordinary. The outline of the fence in place was built to resemble the roofs of California bungalows and the painter completed the bungalow with his brush, working in the windows, pillars, vines and trees and people in the windows. Parts of the fence were also used for advertising, with a lot of clever art work, the whole scheme being to make a beauty spot out of what otherwise would have been a neighborhood eyesore.

While crossing the strait between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia at night a woman's hair changed from black to white. She was in a small boat, and a terrible storm arose that terrified her.



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