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Merely a Suggestion.
The second hand dealer looked the car over carefully and then made his offer.
"I'll take the machinery of the motor," he said, "but I don't want the rest of it."
"But," said Wiggins, "what'll I do with my body?"
"Your body?" said the dealer, "why, I don't know. You ought to consult an undertaker about that."--Harper's Weekly.

Up to Date.
"They're very up to date."
"That so?"
"Yes. Her daughter is to be married soon, and she has sent out invitations that read this way: 'Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wattersby Brown request your presence at the first wedding of their daughter Jane.'"
--Detroit Free Press.

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HER GREAT FEAR

By GERALD DAVIS

Colonel Rogers of Virginia was a man of the world, a bachelor and an excellent fellow at heart, though he was only understood by his intimate friends. No one ever thought of Rogers as a husband or a father. As to living with man, woman or child or having his affairs mixed with those of any one else than himself, the idea was preposterous. He was very fond of women's society and was popular with them, but always in a general, never in a particular, way. He had reached the age of fifty without any entanglements, but was not disposed to consider himself "out of the woods" so long as he lived. His one aim was to so conduct himself that no woman could get an advantage of him, for, though he admired the sex, he held the theory that no man could stand against any one of them either in duplicity or to prevent the accomplishment of any purpose on which she might have set her mind.

Rogers was very fond of play--that is, among gentlemen. He never played at a gambling house. Indeed, he once spent a week at Monte Carlo without investing a franc. "I never play to make money," he said. "I play only a gentleman's game for the purpose of passing the time."
Rogers went to Paris and was introduced at an aristocratic club there. One night at a social game he won from a young man named Rutan some ten or twelve thousand francs. The amount expressed in the French coinage sounds large, but it was a little over \$2,000. Rutan was understood to be well off and did not seem to take his loss to heart, and, as for Rogers, there was nothing unusual in his winning or losing such an amount at any time. The settlement was made by Rutan's paying Rogers his winnings in new crisp bills of 1,000 francs denomination.

The next morning Rogers was sitting in the reading room of his hotel scanning a newspaper when a waiter announced to him that a lady desired to see him in a reception parlor.
"A lady to see me!" exclaimed the colonel. "Are you sure you have come to the right man?"
"She wishes to see Colonel Rogers of Virginia."

Being the only and original Rogers of Virginia, the colonel raised himself from his comfortable leather covered chair and followed the servant to the lady. He found a very attractive looking person about thirty years old, but with a worried expression on her face.
"Colonel Rogers, I believe," she began in tolerable English.
"At your service, madame."
"You won last night from my husband 12,000 francs?"
"I believe I did, madame, win some money from a Mr. Rutan."
"Would you mind taking from me in place of the notes he gave you other notes to a similar amount?"
"I would gladly do anything to oblige you, madame, but I would like to be enlightened as to the reason for the change."

"And I would not think of permitting you to do me a favor without giving you some inkling as to the cause. I have always heard that the chivalry of Americans toward our sex comes largely from you southerners. Every one knows what may be expected from Colonel Rogers of Virginia."
The colonel bowed.
"I will trust you with the secret on that account. I know it will remain with you. My husband's father is wealthy, and my husband has nothing, I have, fortunately, some money of my own. My husband is an inveterate gambler. He has lost all the money his father has given him and broken every promise to reform. Yesterday, on his promise not to gamble, Mr. Rutan, Sr., gave him 12,000 francs, marked some of the bills and set a detective to watch his son. I discovered through an accident that the bills were marked, and my husband told me that he had lost them to you. I desire to save him from a break with his father, which, if it occurs, will never be healed. By replacing these notes he has given you with others I can avert this calamity."

There was nothing for the colonel to do but make the exchange. Indeed, he was glad enough to do so, for he was terror stricken lest he be connected with a family scandal. Taking the notes from his pocketbook, he counted 12,000 francs and handed them to the lady, receiving in return those she took from her own portemonnaie. Then, with a profusion of thanks, she left him.

The next day a gendarme called at the hotel, and the colonel was charged with passing counterfeit money. Every note the lady had given him was spurious.

To Colonel Rogers his loss was nothing, nor was the position in which he was placed especially appalling, for he was above suspicion. It was the fact that after all his fears and all his caution he had been made the dupe of a woman. From that time forward he gave strict orders that no woman should ever be admitted to his presence, and he parried all efforts on the part of those who endeavored to have him come to them. He never quite recovered from the shock.

AN ARMED SITTING.

It Was a Critical Moment in the Career of Wellington.

Had Wellington not commanded the British at Waterloo would there have been any prisoner at St. Helena? Whether or not some one exists competent to answer this momentous question, a story told in Rachel Chalice's "Secret History of the Court of Spain" indicates that Napoleon once came nearer than he knew to being relieved of his enemy and future conqueror.

When the Anglo-Spanish army drove Joseph Bonaparte from Madrid attentions were showered upon the English commander, Lord Wellington, who, however, took little pains to be cordial. His coldness and his fancy to have his portrait painted by Goya nearly caused the future hero of Waterloo to lose his life.

For, be it known, the illustrious Spanish painter was irascible to a degree, the more so that he was completely deaf. When the great general made his appearance in the studio the painter's son interpreted the Englishman's wishes in deaf and dumb language to his father.

The artist worked assiduously and when he thought the portrait for enough advanced placed it before the general. Unfortunately the picture did not please the commander, who shrugged his shoulders contemptuously and said that he would not accept such a caricature as a gift.

The artist's son declined to translate this deprecatory remark, but the artist had noted the scornful gestures of the Englishman, and the son in alarm saw his father turn his eyes to the loaded pistols which always lay ready to hand on the table.

The young man's fear increased when Wellington rose from his seat and put on his hat preparatory to departure. Then Goya, enraged at the officer's contemptuous manner, seized the pistols, and the general clapped his hand to his sword.

The scene might have ended in a tragedy had not General Alava assured the irate Englishman that the artist was suffering from sudden mental aberration, and young Goya restrained his father by force from using the deadly weapons.

POVERTY DINNERS.

Cheap Meals That Are Served in Some Berlin Restaurants.

There are many interesting facts regarding cheap food in various portions of the earth. Berlin is said to lead the civilized world in the way of cheap restaurants. There are many places

where you may secure a meal of horse flesh, bread and coffee for 25 pfennig, which is about 6 cents. In the poorer parts of the city there are many little restaurants where you can buy a meal for 12 pfennig, which would be about 3 cents.

In some of these cheap restaurants there is a long table, and no chairs are to be seen, but there are long benches. Tin spoons are chained to the table, and the one who wants to eat a meal comes in and sits down in front of one of these plates and lays his 3 cents beside it. Usually a woman is in the kitchen, and in many of these places the kitchen is a part of the restaurant itself. As soon as you have laid your money on the table she trots forward with a steaming hot kettle of thick soup, although thin soup is sometimes served. She fills your soup plate with this hot soup and lays a thick slice of black bread beside the plate, and your dinner is complete.

This is certainly a cheap meal. There are many places in all our large cities where a dime will provide quite a generous dinner, sometimes pot roast and a thick slice of bread and butter and a cup of coffee.--Mary F. Rauscher, American Thresherman.

Dining in Luxembourg.

Though "town patriotism" exists all over the world, nowhere, perhaps, is it fiercer than in the little grand ducal city of Luxembourg. The tourist can turn it to excellent advantage. When he arrives at the inn of any little town he should get into conversation with the master or, better still, with the mistress of the house and mention that at the last town at which he stayed the best and cheapest meals he ever had in his life were served. Madame will depart to the kitchen determined to demonstrate to the tourist that he has never before really had a decently cooked meal. And by the time for coffee and cigars he will come near to believing it. The finest cooks in Europe are women of Luxembourg.
--Harper's Weekly.

Consideration.

"Do you think women have a sense of humor?"
"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I think they have become accustomed to restrain their laughter through a fear of hurting some man's feelings."
--Washington Star.

Pretty Near It.

Gibbs--One gets no diplomas in the school of experience. Dibbs--I don't know. The marriage certificate comes pretty near being one.--Boston Transcript.

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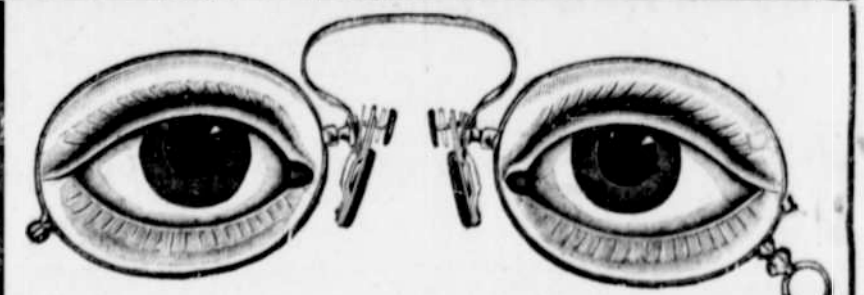
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