Catspaws

A Story For Leap Vear

By ESTHER SUMNER

discuss the propriety of their taking advantage of leap year in the matter of matrimonial proposals, came to the conclusion that, while to offer themselves to the man they would marry was perfectly legitimate, no modest woman would do so in a direct way. It was claimed that there was no immodesty, especially during leap year, especial favor with the young ladies present, and they were tiring of the discussion when Miss Clara Wetmore, who was considered one of the brightest. If not the brightest, of their num-

ber, made the following proposal: "Let us unite on an eligible parti and let those of us who would be willing to accept him for a husband each write a leap year proposal to him under an assumed name. I will not be among the number, keeping myself aloof that I may be a medium between you and him. I will forward your letters to him, telling him at the same time that I shall be happy to send him information about any or all of you that the case requires. It seems to me that this would be a perfectly modest method. It would arrest the gentleman's attention and put him in a position where if he is not very careful some one of you may catch him. What do you think of the plan?"

"Excellent! Delightful!" were the exclamations that greeted the proposi-

"There is one weak spot in it," said Miss Helen Mudge. "How are you going to unite us on a man? Tastes differ, you know."

"I will propose a name," replied Miss Wetmore, "and we shall discover if it is acceptable to a sufficient number of you to make the experiment I would



RAW MR. BRADFORD AND MISS WETMORE

suggest Mr. Horace Bradford. He is a rising young lawyer with an independent fortune, and you know him for a prominent member of our set. All who are willing to write a proposal to Mr. Bradford please say 'Aye.' "

There was a treble of feminine voices like the wind rushing through the strings of an aeolian harp. Not one of the young ladies but answered in the affirmative.

"I fear," said Miss Lucia Hackstaff, "that the profession to which Mr Bradford has been educated, the law, will enable him to steer clear of any traps that may be set for him. Lawyers set traps for others instead of others serving traps for lawyers."

"I was not aware." spoke up Miss Kate Towner, a black eyed beauty, ing result: "that even a lawyer was a match for a woman."

"Come, girls," said Miss Wetmore, "write your letters."

Half a dozen pens were soon running smoothly over paper, and, as many letters having been written, they were handed to the proposer of the plan.

"Girls," said Miss Ethel Payne, "I think we owe thanks to Clara for her unselfishness in leaving berself out of the raffle. Her action is just too lovely for anything."

"Rather call it a scramble," replied Miss Wetmore, laughing. "I'll have more fun out of it than any of you, since I hold the strings. Besides, I wouldn't have any chance with all you houris anyway."

The last assertion was received with expressions of incredulity, after which, there being no more plans suggested for snaring bachelors, the girls dis-

That same evening Miss Wetmore sent the notes tied together with a nar- Hay-Pauncefote treaty. rew pink ribbon to Mr. Bradford, writing at the same time that she vouched for the respectability of any and all the proposers and would be happy to afford such further information as might seem to be in order. She assured and belief any of them would make a otherwise good wife. She had every confidence that his gallantry to her sex would insure his taking the matter up, but if he found that none of the young ladies would suit him he would not be bound to accept any of the proposals.

It was not long before Mr. Bradford replied that he bad been overwhelmed with pleasure at coming to a knowl- sible." edge that he would be acceptable to the astonishing number of six young ladles for a husband. In this respect his amour propre had been more than period of 1,600 years.

atisfied. But he had received one slight that had dashed his happiness. The seventh lady, Miss Wetmore, had negatively indicated that to her he would be undesirable. Possibly he might be mistaken in this matter. If she would add a proposal from berself to the other six be would then take the matter up, and there was every reason to believe that he would accept one of the seven.

The morning after the receipt of this note Miss Wetmore received six telephone messages from the young lady proposers asking if she had received a reply. She told them all that she had received a very deferential communiabout it that led her to believe the city of Louisville. pin him down to something tangible.

trying to snare a lawyer, said, "I told you so." Miss Turner, who doubted that even a lawyer was a match for a woman, said that she would like to in any woman's offering herself to any have a back at him. These and other , dozen water wagons were scattered at man. The suggestion did not find comments came over the wire and intervals in the pageant. The wagwere duly noted by Miss Wetmore.

> swer, rubbed his hands and waited water boys carried draughts to partic-He had admired Miss Wetmore ever ipants and spectators. On account of since he had met her a few months be the intense heat many of the march fore, but nothing had occurred either ers on took advantage of the water to concentrate his wishes upon her or to Induce him to think that a suit of their foreheads. Even the precauhis would be successful. The turn affairs had taken was eminently satisfactory to him, since it enabled him to back handed proposal, or by what Federation convention. name it may be called, which might mean a great deal or nothing, but in fraternal organizations, 25 Catholic any event would result in his gaining organizations and 30 dioceses. some intimation as to her feelings to ward him. Surely for the present at least he had the whip hand of her.

necessary for some one to remain aloof to act as a medium and that she had volunteered to do so. Her position to ward Mr. Bradford was no want of compliment to him, since it was the same as all other women except the would take the matter up as it was intended by the proposers. To this note sition toward Miss Wetmore was as American Minister Weitze. ing included in the proposing six.

Wetmore cornered. While this and more correspondence ed large quantities of supplies and was in progress Miss Wetmore was in shows indications of having financial receipt of frequent inquiries from her backing. six proteges, every one of whom had that came over the telephone Muss confidence among the foreigners in Wetmore replied that a matter of such the city, the minister reports. delicacy could not be taken up over a phone, especially a party wire, with probably a dozen or more ears at receivers. To the inquiries she received by note she gave evasive answers. To those who came to see her or whom she met cosmally she attempted to give plausible excuses for the delay, taying it principally to the proposed victim's attempts to avoid being caught in the SHANGHAI, Aug. 19 .- A new revo

give battle, she had tailed

One evening a member of the proposai club saw at the opera, sitting side by side, Mr Bradford and Miss Wetmore There was a sudden falling of the scales from the observer's eyes were informed. That afternoon the Yuan alone is responsible for the exeyoung ladies met to discuss the situa-

"Any one who takes Clara Wetmore for a fool will be awfully mistaken."

"Do you think she'll get him?" "By the bye, I heard it reported yes-

terday that he was engaged." These and other comments were made, producing a babel which was interrupted by one of the party suggesting that some one call up Miss Wetmore by telephone and ask her how she was getting on with their proposals. The plan was adopted, with the follow-

"Hello, Clara, is that you?"

"Any news about-you know what?" "Yes. The plan is a failure. The gentleman is out of the market."

"We've heard he's engaged. Are you the lady?"

TAFT WANTS COURT TO DECIDE TOLLS

(Continued from page 1)

was confident the exemption of the coastwise vessels of the United States from tolls was not a violation of the

The message, after being read in the House, was referred to the interstate commerce committee on motion of Democratic Leader Underwood. That committee has adjourned for the session, and Chairman Adamson sought to have the bill left on the

In Line With His Policy.

There was a skinflint millionaire whose only charity was foreign mischoose foreign missions because I want to make my money to go as far as pos-

The Bible. The sixty six books of the Bible were written by about forty men during a

CATHOLIC PARADE HAS CLYDE GIVES \$10 TO 24 WATER WAGONS

Miss Hackstaff, who had objected to Two interesting personages in the pageant were Indian Chiefs Hollow Horn Bear and Joe Horn Claud, Shaw- gon G. A. R. nees, from Pine Ridge, S. D.

marchers were prostrated by the heat. ons were provided with distilld water Mr. Bradford, having filed his an and individual drinking cups in which tions did not prevent several heat prostrations among marchers and participants.

Three million American Catholics make her an indirect proposal, or a are represented by delegates to the

Representatives are here from 22

east he had the whip hand of her. Miss Wetmore wrote that it was necessary for some one to remain along. FIELD AT MANAGUA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.-Revoluski leap year proposers. She hoped he tion is spreading in Nicaragua. Health conditions about Managua, the capital, are distressing, according to Mr. Bradford replied that his own po- State Department reports today from

complicated as hers toward him. As No effort has been made to dispose the matter stood he would be guilty of of bodies of those killed in the boma want of gallantry toward her if he bardment of the city. The minister reconsented to proceed without her be ports 1000 bodies in the field. Chinandinga has been attacked by the rebels He chuckled as he read over this let- and an attack upon Corinto, the printer, for it was evident that instead of cipal seaport on the Pacific, is feared, being drawn into a trap be had Miss Managua and Corinto is interrupted. Telegraph communication between Mena, the rebel leader, has receiv-

The presence of bluejackets from a vague hope that she would be chosen the gunboat Annapolis, reinforced by by Mr. Bradford. To those queries marines from Panama, has restored

REPUBLIC OF CHINA A. R. Williams 10.00 N. E. Derby 30

lution, headed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Alice Dwiggins Hope deferred maketh the heart sick. the most popular man in China, today and gradually the proposers came to threatens the life of the new republic leok upon their leap year plan as a and the administration of President joke. Miss Wetmore gave them no sat. Yuan Shi Kai. Quietly, but without isfaction, averring that though she had any pretense of concealing their pur- Dr. Grimm used all her arts to induce Mr Brad | pose, agents of Dr. Sun here are mob | Dr. Mount ford to come out into the open and ilizing an army and it is expected that T. J. Maupin a fighting force of at least 300,000 men will be under arms within a

order for the execution of General H. M. Thomas 1.20 Chang Chen Wu, President Yuan to- H. W. Trembath 1.20 Pacific Highway Garage day issued statements intended to Frank Daley 1,70 M. Seller & Co. That night before retiring she reported fasten the blame on Vice President the fact by telephone to all her leap Li Yuan Hung. Dr. Sun immediately year sisters she could communicate came out with a contradictory state with, and the next morning the rest ment, openly charging that President

To carry out his plans for the overthrow of President Yuan, Dr. Sun today is enroute to Peking. Shanghai Republicans, who protested against the executions of the two generals, at-"It's the smartest thing I ever heard tempted to dissuade Dr. Sun from leaving, fearing his assassination, but he departed ,accompanied by a heavy

TIEN TSIN, China, Aug. 19.-Confident that emissaries of President Yuan Shi Kai will attempt the assassination of Dr. Sun Yat Sen when he arrives here en route to Peking, friends of Dr. Sun here today are arranging for his protection. They point out that heretofore when President Yuan wanted something done without appearing to do so, he caused an artificial mutiny to be created, and his troops accomplished the desired results during the rioting. It is feared that such methods will be adopted when Dr. Sun arrives here, and that he, together with his body guard and the anti-Yuan advisory council, will

be murdered. Feeling here against President Yuan "Happy wishes from all of us. Ta, is intense, and it is certain that Dr. Sun could put an army of 50,000 men into the field from this vicinity alone, Several thousand natives who fought in the revolution against the Manchu dynasty, organized today and will accompany Dr. Sun to Peking, where they believe an attempt on his life is certain to be made.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 19.-The MORNING ENTERPRISE, Aug. 19 eleventh annual convention of the (To the Editor.)-I see a call in the American Federation of Catholic So- Oregonian from B .F. Allen of Astoria cieties was formally opened her yes-terday by solemn Pontifical mass cel-ebrated by Archbishop Giovanni Bonzano, apostolic delegate to the Unit- Los Angeles September 9, 1912. ed States. Archbishop Benzano also Would say it would be a great adverbestowed the apostolic benediction, tisement for Oregon to furnish the authorized b ythe Pope, upon the cler- only all veteran drum corps and be Certain young ladies, met together to cation, but there was an indefiniteness gy, the Federation and the people and partment would contribute to the fund writer was meditating an evasion of Twenty-five thousand communicants to help pay their expenses. Allen of the subject matter. She would let and church officers braved an inten- fers \$10. I, as adjutant of Meade them know just as soon as she could sely hot and sultry afternon to march Post Department Oregon G. A. R. will for four hours in an imposing parade give \$10 and hope other G. A. R. Posts will assist. H. S. Clyde, Junior Vice-Commander Department Ore

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KIE CALLS ISMS SLANDERS

> Rev. Mr. Rodabaugh, pastor of the hibitors. any intentions of following up the de- favorable canal legislation. struction of the fences around the tavern. A resident said:

"We resent the notoriety that the Governor's visit has given Milwaukie for we are a quiet, law-abiding community. Outsiders consider this the worst community in Oregon, since West's recent visit, which did not improve conditions. More people go to the Milwaukie Tavern now than before the fence was torn down."

"George, I'm very much worried

to worry trying to do it?"-Raltimore | 1912. American

Not Posted.

Post-Is her father a country gentle seen his behavior in town -Satire.

CANAL TOLLS MAY BAR BRITAIN FROM FAIR

E, Or., Aug. 19,-At the LONDON, Aug. 19.-The United he Milwaukie Council, States embassy received today a re-Streib presiding, the re- ply from the British foreign office to been circulated that President Taft's invitation to the xisted in Milwaukia was British Government to participate in ayor Streib and mem- the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The Council stated that no been made to them of loreign office is disposed to accept the onditions, and declared invitation on principle, but its final ere ready and willing to decision will be influenced partly by take immediate action to repress dis- the possibility of arriving at a satisorder or lawlessness, if proof is pre-sented/ factory settlement with the exposition authorities in regard to the accommosented authorities in regard to the accommodations to be provided for British ex-

Evangelical Church. It is stated that No hint is given in the reply in re-Governor West has been asked to respect to other possible influences turn to Milwaukie and complete the which may affect the British decision job he started some time ago and put but it is evident that a loophole has the Milwaukie Tavern out of business been left for British refusal of the completely, but he has not signified invitation on account of possible un-

PLACED ON MARKET

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19, (Special.) There is a take modesty which is the Interior have ordered about one -The President and the Secretary of tanity, a false glory which is sevity, and one-half million acres of Indian a false grandeur which is meanness, a lands, in the former Shoshone (in false virtue which is hypocrisy and a Wyoming), Unitah (in Utah), and false wisdom which is prudery .- La Crow (in Montana), Indian Reservations, to be sold at public auction by James W. Witten, Superintendent of Opening and Sale of Indian Lands, at minimum prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$1.50 an acre. The sales will begin The landlord says he is going to raise at Lander, Wyoming, on September 19; at Prove, Utah, on October 8, and "Is be? Then why do you want me at Billings, Montana, on October 21,

Not more than six hundred and forty acres will be sold to any one pur-chaser on bids made in person or through agents, and no residence or man? Parker-1 can't say I've only cultivation will be required. Patents will be issued as soon as the purchase price is paid.

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