

CRIPPLED MOTHER OFF FOUR DESERED

Husband on Leaving Takes Family Funds—Wife's Sewing Is Only Income.

CHRISTMAS PANG FEARED

Associated Charities' Fund Will Attempt to Thwart "Sad Ending" That Seems Inevitable—Chance for All to Aid Here.

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Total	\$642.89

There is a woman who is a cripple, but that does not prevent her from working to the very limit of her ability.

She has to work, for she has four little daughters who must be clothed and fed and over whose heads a roof must be kept—and perhaps on Christmas eve there must be some semblance of a home celebration of Christmas provided.

That latter goes really without saying. One of her little girls is 12 years old and may perhaps be able to understand that Santa Claus does not call upon everybody alike. But then there is a girl 9 years old and one 4 years old and a wee little thing 4 years old. Who would care to brush away from them now the Christmas illusions, which it is the divine and inalienable right of every child to possess and to find in some degree realized?

Sewing Income Source.

Sewing is not a very remunerative occupation, especially when the jobs do not come in always with regularity. Still that is the sole source of the little crippled mother's income. On Christmas time she carried all the burden of breadwinning for the little family.

So, the children are not orphans. On one day, not long ago, the father apparently grew weary of the task of providing for his crippled wife and his four little girls, and he decided that funds had had at hand—and the woman found herself with the whole burden suddenly shifted to her own shoulders.

"Sad Ending" Must Go.

No arrangements are being made to do away with this "sad ending" not only to this story, but to scores of other little stories just like it that are being lived here in Portland today.

PEACE EFFORT IS FAILURE

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Insurance Premiums \$500.

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Divorce Threats Frequent.

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much she ought to get. She held the threat of applying for a divorce over me constantly."

Despite the feeling apparent between husband and wife, Dr. Coe displayed the sentiment of a young lover in his answer to one question he asked him by Attorney Joseph in cross-examination. The doctor had discussed a trip to Europe he and his wife made several years ago, on which, he remarked, he had spent a third of his money on jewels for her.

"You have spoken of your wife's diamonds," said Mr. Joseph. "You have diamonds, haven't you?" "I have one diamond, which I think a great deal of because my wife gave it to me," replied Dr. Coe. "She bought it for me herself."

"As usual, I suppose," interjected Attorney Clark cuttingly, "I suppose the husband furnished the money."

Gift Counts for All.

"Yes," said Dr. Coe, "but that makes no difference in the gift. I think just as much of it, because my wife gave it to me herself."

This diamond Dr. Coe wore in a ring on a finger of his left hand. As he sat in the witness chair he frequently clasped his hands together, sometimes pointing the two index fingers toward the floor. He was clad in a dark business suit, set off with a tie of dark red material with a small white stripe and simple pin. He evinced considerable eagerness in giving much of his testimony, but on cross-examination he withdrew and responded to questions only when he felt compelled to do so.

Fortune Lost by Mismanagement.

In his direct testimony Dr. Coe reviewed at great length his financial difficulties, in which, as he testified, he had been plunked by his wife's expenses in detail in his transactions in Eastern Oregon, which he said would have quickly made him a fortune if those who managed his affairs had treated him fairly, and then into his trip to the Orient for his health.

Germany Walks Into Trap.

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Wife Worries About Health.

He declared that his wife had got opinions of doctors as to his sanity for that purpose. On the start, yes, Mrs. Coe now has had inquiries of physicians about his symptoms because she was worried about his health.

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DREADNOUGHTS NO LONGER FIND FAVOR

Naval Experts Now Question Effectiveness of Great Fighting Vessels.

NEW THEORIES LAUNCHED

British Admiralty's Plan for Naval Holiday Sets Scafering Men of World to Thinking—Future Engines to Burn Oil.

LONDON, Dec. 11. (Special).—The rival great powers of Europe are waiting with certain natural anxiety the authentic details of the British admiralty's new plans. Sensational rumors have been afloat in the Chancelleries for some weeks as to possible startling and marked changes in the future policy of British naval shipbuilding, and there is no doubt that the whole theory of the value of dreadnoughts and super-dreadnoughts is now in the balance, and that many naval experts have begun to question whether, after all, these terrible monsters are worth their price.

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English Warships Criticized.

He also points out that those who look back on the history of warship building during the last half century discover a character of instability which, it is alleged, has given England warships ill adapted to its requirements almost over the whole period. Assuming that the dreadnought policy is right, it may be asked: Why did we build the great race of the royal sovereigns and the consecutive high naval defense act, and were so elated when we possessed them? This would, of course, be to lose the sense of historical perspective.

IRISH BACON IS SCARCE

Girls View Feeding Pigs as Beneath Notice, Explanation Offered.

DUBLIN, Dec. 11. (Special).—Pig rearing is no longer a popular occupation among the farming class in Ireland and this is the outlook for Irish bacon. Various causes have been advanced recently to account for this decrease in pig production in the Emerald Isle. Some experts attribute it to the disappearance of landlordism that certainly once had a most stimulating effect on the enterprise in the old days when the small farmer's pig was the bank upon which the landlord drew for

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GENERAL'S SON IN POVERTY

Pitiful Story Told to Police When Ring, Found, Is Restored.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A romance revealed itself in a Paris police station this week when a young man in tattered clothes and with his left arm in a sling, but possessing the appearance of a gentleman, presented himself to the Police Inspector and turned over a valuable pearl ring, which he said he had found in a gutter. The Inspector, and was greatly surprised when he discovered that the name of the wretched-looking youth was Vicomte de Bourgozine, son of the late General de Bourgozine, who held a high command in the French army 12 years ago. The young man said his father died, leaving 14 children to divide an extremely small fortune. He himself had been graduated from the cavalry school at Saumur and had held a commission in the army, but his career had been destroyed when a motoring accident left him with a paralyzed

arm. He fell into poverty, and, not wishing to appeal to the charity of his friends, was now living in destitution in a garret which he shared with three others in an obscure part of Paris.