

NOBLEMAN AS 'PEASANT GIRL.'

Baroness Disguised as Domestic Man-ages to Win Wealthy Widow. A story which reads like a chapter from a romance of the middle ages is being published by the local press, a New York Times Moscow letter says. The wealthy and beautiful young Baroness Ursuloff, widow of a distinguished Russian government official, took up her residence in Moscow about eighteen months ago and lived an extremely secluded life. Her beauty, however, attracted attention wherever she was seen, whether in the streets or when sitting at the theater. All the young cavaliers of Moscow were hopelessly in love with her. The baroness, however, rejected all attempts to obtain an introduction to her, and continued to live in perfect seclusion, attended only by an elderly servant. Some months ago a young peasant girl began to visit the residence of the baroness, offering the servants articles for sale. Once she brought some old Russian porcelain, which she offered the baroness. Subsequently the baroness used to buy different articles from the peasant girl, who was intelligent, had good manners and considerable conversational talents. The baroness eventually asked the girl whether she would enter her service as a lady's maid. The peasant girl agreed and became the baroness' maid. She discharged her duties to perfection for a fortnight, and then revealed "herself" as a young Russian nobleman named Maximoff, who, taking advantage of his fair hair and complexion, had masqueraded as a domestic to sneak down the barriers with which the beautiful baroness had surrounded herself. Baroness Ursuloff was so much impressed by the extraordinary perseverance which the young nobleman had shown in coming months after months as a peasant girl, then working as a domestic to gain her favor, that she became engaged to him and the marriage took place a week or so ago. The story has just become known in society circles in Moscow.



THE FAMILY DOCTOR

The breath of a healthy person has a pleasant odor. This is equivalent to saying that no one whose breath has a habitual disagreeable odor is in absolute health. Somewhere there is trouble, the presence of which, although not always the location of it, is betrayed by the expired air.

A person with bad breath is not always aware of his misfortune, or perhaps one should say the misfortune of his friends, and it is a kindness and a duty on the part of his family to tell him. The trouble can almost always be bettered, if not entirely removed, and it is the duty of one so afflicted to place himself in the physician's hands for care.

The cause of a bad breath is often local, but sometimes a very careful examination, weighing and rejecting by one the different possibilities, is necessary before the seat of the trouble can be determined. Local troubles can be looked for and corrected. Care of the nasal passages, or of one or more of the cavities in the bones of the face communicating with the mouth, may cause a very foul breath; this can be relieved in many cases by using some antiseptic fluid—well diluted for the nasal mucous membrane—several times a day. The nasal ducts, so recommended, should be used only in the direction of a physician.

The mouth is often the place of origin of the odor. Decayed teeth, or decomposition of food particles allowed to remain between the teeth, or inflamed gums with suppuration round the edges of the teeth, may one or all of them be the cause of the breath unpleasantly. The use of the tooth-brush with an antiseptic mouth wash will usually remedy this. There may be an accumulation of "fur" at the back of the mouth, which gives an odor to the breath; this should be removed with a spoon or with one of the handles of a pair of forceps. The tonsils may have malodorous accumulations of secretion in their crypts.

Double in any part of the digestive tract is very likely to declare itself in breath. Constipation, especially, is betrayed. It is well known that foods, onions, for example, will give the breath, but it is not so generally appreciated that the eating of a large amount of meat will often give a disagreeable quality to the breath. The emotions may have their share, too, and the ill-tempered person who worries is thus an offense in ways than one.

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CHASES SHIP 16,000 MILES.

Hull's Long Pursuit of the U. S. Cruiser Milwaukee. A sack of mail which left here four months ago has just landed in Bremerton, Wash., says the New York Times. Since it left New York it has traveled over 16,000 miles in an effort to overtake the United States armored cruiser Milwaukee, for the officers and men of which it was intended. Before it finally caught up with the big cruiser this sack of mail had been to San Francisco, then to Honolulu, and back to San Francisco; next to Panama, then to Honduras, back to San Francisco again, and finally to Bremerton.

When a ship is at sea and the length of its stay in any one port is uncertain the navy department directs the relatives and friends of the officers and men of that ship to address all letters for the ship in care of the postmaster at New York. In the general run of things the Milwaukee's mail in the New York postoffice accumulated until there was a well-filled sack of letters and parcels waiting for shipment.

One day in last July this sack of mail was placed aboard a fast mail train and hurried to Chicago, where it was transhipped to one of the transcontinental express for San Francisco, where the Milwaukee was in port. But before the mail arrived Commander Rogers of the Milwaukee received a hurry-up order from Washington to sail for Honolulu.

On the day before the Milwaukee was due in Honolulu the sack of mail was started on the same journey in a fast mail steamer, but the Milwaukee was 1,000 miles out, bound for Panama, 5,000 miles away, when the mail steamer was sighted off Honolulu. Two days later the sack was on its way back to San Francisco, where it arrived in due time, and as the Milwaukee was still between 1,500 and 2,000 miles out of Panama then, the San Francisco postmaster hustled the bag on a Panama-bound steamer. The cruiser, however, reached Panama first, only to be ordered to Amapala, Honduras, a thousand miles to the north, and was well on her journey when the mail steamer arrived.

The Panama postmaster found that a vessel was leaving for Amapala within forty-eight hours, and he transhipped the sack of mail to that steamer, but the Milwaukee was steaming full speed back to San Francisco when the sack reached Amapala. The postmaster there forwarded it to San Francisco. Again the sack missed connection, as the Milwaukee had sailed for Bremerton, Wash. Arriving there, the cruiser was put in reserve, and the bag of mail again forwarded from San Francisco—this time by rail—finally reached the boat and was delivered to the men.

CLOTHES AND THE STAGE.

What an Actress Learns About the Art of Individuality in Dress. The actress soon learns to approach the subject of dress in a way that rarely occurs to the average woman upon whom its necessity is not enforced—though that necessity exists in ordinary life quite as much as on the stage, and overlooking it is the secret of much of the bad dressing we see, says Julia Marlowe in Women's Home Companion.

The actress is bound to wear clothes that will keep her in the picture, and such favorable attention as she attracts by her clothes is due to the design, material or style of the gown itself only so far as these all melt into the scene in which they are worn. How much the average woman could learn in this one particular from the hard school of stage experience! How few women know how to choose even a house gown that is in harmony with the surroundings of their own homes. Of course, dressing for the street is more difficult, but even there ordinary forethought would prevent many of the selections in dress which American women allow themselves. Dressing for the social function is the most difficult of all, on this very account, for there each woman is at the mercy of other women present, most of whom have dressed with no thought of the environment, while on the stage the actress knows that every other costume, like her own, has been calculated for the picture.

And this principle allows plenty of latitude for individual taste and judgment in dress. Even we stage women develop ideas of our own and have our favorite kinds of costumes. I don't know of a part in which I take more comfort than Parthenia in "Ingomar," and I believe in the artistic lines and graceful freedom possible in the loose, flowing style of dress in vogue before the days of stays and princess gowns.

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Snake Farming Unattractive But Thrives in Australia. Snake farming is not an attractive occupation, but it has more than one votary in the Australian commonwealth and in the neighborhood of Sydney the industry has been carried on for several years by an individual, who, while disclaiming all knowledge of the snake charming art, appears to have an extensive knowledge of the reptiles and their ways. In addition to the snakes, large numbers of frogs, and even toads, are carefully reared, partly as food for the reptiles and partly for scientific purposes.

A PECULIAR OCCUPATION.

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Terminology. Our woman suffragists insist They are not ready yet To cast aside the stately "giz," And substitute a "gette."

Confidence Game. Man With the Bulging Brow—What are you scowling about? Man With the Bulbous Nose—I'd like to punch your head for you. You told me I ought to read "Referees of a Bachelor." I got it at the public library and put in an hour or two trying to read it, and there ain't the first blamed word in the book, from first to last, about prize fighting!

Extensive beds of lobsters are to be planted soon in the waters of the British Columbia, and it is expected that in four or five years the lobster-taking industry will be established on a large scale.

Bad Breath 'For months I had great trouble with my stomach and used all kinds of medicines. My tongue has been actually as green as grass, my breath having a bad odor. Two weeks ago a friend recommended Cascarets and after using them I can willingly and cheerfully say that they have entirely cured me. I therefore let you know that I shall recommend them to any one suffering from such troubles.'—Chas. H. Halpern, 114 E. 7th St., New York, N. Y.

Wit of the Youngsters "You seem to be very fond of your dolly," remarked the visitor. "Yes," replied small Margie. "She's so different from most people. She never interrupts me when I'm talking."

One Sunday morning a minister's wife saw her son chasing the hens with a stick. She went to the door to investigate and heard him say: "I'll teach you to lay eggs in a minister's family on Sunday morning!"

One day at school small Lola was called upon to explain the difference between climate and weather. "Climate," answered the little miss, "is what we have with us all the time, but weather only lasts a few days."

Little Joe—Oh, mamma! Look at the poor little dog without a tail! The people who own him ought to attend to it. Mamma—But what could they do? Little Joe—Why, they could take him to a tailor and have a new tail made.

Master Walter, aged 5, had eaten the soft portions of his toast at breakfast and piled the crusts on his plate. "When I was a little boy," remarked his father, "I always ate the crusts of my toast." "Did you like them?" asked the little fellow, cheerfully. "Yes," replied the parent. "You may have these," replied Master Walter, pushing his plate across the table.

Little Wilbur was eating luncheon with his mother. Presently she noticed that he was eating his jelly with his spoon. "Wilbur, dear," she said to him, "you must not eat your jelly with your spoon." "I have to, mother," he replied. "No, dear, you don't have to. Put your jelly on your bread." "I did put it on my bread, mother," said Wilbur, "but it wouldn't stay there; it's too nervous."

A Glean of Hops. Golf is notably a long and difficult game. Moreover, golf experts are always suspicious of the ultimate proficiency of a new player. A writer in the Sketch recounts the following conversation between an old Scotch professional and a would-be golfer. The amateur had been asking what the other thought of his game.

"No, ye'll no mak a gwoffer," he said; "ye've begun over late. But it's just possible if ye pr-ractice hard, verra hard, for tw-r-three years, ye might—"

"Yes?" inquired the other, expectantly. "Ye might begin to hae a glimmer that ye'll never ken the r-rudiments o' the game."

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