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**The Man in the Case**  
 Since a woman was created there has been an awful stir. About the part she plays on earth—all blame is laid on her. Let any wickedness be done, at any time or place. And saints and sinners do declare, "A woman in the case!"

Some fool to suicide inclined blows out his little brain. "Now mark my words—a woman!" every prophet will exclaim, Or if some fool another fool dispatches from this life, It's significantly mentioned, "He has a pretty wife."

If a man, a thief by nature, steals his employer blind, And goes alone to Canada, the girl was "left behind." Or if he's seen a talking with a woman on the way, "The woman in the case goes, too," the daily papers say.

Now this thing makes us women all so miserably feel, But for our dire existence, men would never kill nor steal; In fact, if Eve to Adam the Lore had never given, This earth had so continued a suburban sort of heaven.

It occurs to me, however, from another point of view, Had we ne'er been given Adam, we could have a heaven, too. If the world were only women, we could keep it from crime, For doesn't the "old Adam" work the mischief every time?

It was Eve who gave the apple that has brought us all our woe; But with no one there to take it, she could never have done so. Though men will kill and steal for us, because we are so dear, You should mind they fix our value by their own existence here.

When you come to think it over, one conclusion's very sure. Had they never been created we would ne'er have sought to lure Their good souls from paths of virtue; they from blame are not exempt— Do we lead them to temptation, they have tempted us to tempt.

With this new light on the subject, rather singular it seems; But instead it's plainly plural, in reality it means, When the blame for any action to its fountain head you trace, You will ever find a woman, and a man are in the case.

**THE ART OF BEING** polite is not one of the lost or neglected arts; it is one of the superficially studied arts. Politeness is the outward expression of an harmonious combination of deep-rooted principles. Among the principles which form the ground work of politeness are: truthfulness, sincerity, tenderness and charity. That persons laying claim to considerable proficiency in this art have overlooked the groundwork is sometimes painfully apparent. Unless decorated china has been properly fired it will not bear wear and washing. Until politeness gets into the blood it will prove but superficial, under the stress of discomfort or criticism. According to Emerson, the training of a child ought to begin with its grandmother. Blood tells in the making of a gentleman; a lady. It is usually assumed that those rare and unique personalities belong to the aristocracy of a nation. They may, but there is much to prevent their coming of such a rank. The art of being polite does not lie with those living within imaginary social lines. Wherever conditions are favorable to honesty, sincerity, tenderness, charity, and like virtues, the mastery

of the art of being polite may follow. A woodsman may have as favorable an opportunity to advance in politeness as a banker, and the housewife on \$20 per week as her neighbor with ten times that income. "Saint-Gaudens was extremely modest and he was given to under-rating his powers in other directions, from childhood he confidently expected to be a great artist."

A youth may view with uncertainty his capacity to rise to distinction among men of affairs, but he may be confident that it lies within him to master the art of being polite. For he may possess himself of the groundwork on which to build, and by diligent toil he may with his own hands raise the superstructure. At home the children and young people have some degree of training in politeness. Are they duly made aware of the aim of politeness? That it is not a mask for reception days or formal functions; but a system of training for the harmonious unfolding of deep-rooted principles. To become an authority on correct social usages were the study of a lifetime and only persons born and bred to a career may aspire to such distinction. On the other hand, the humblest as well as the greatest among us may master the art of treating with unflinching charity, tenderness, sincerity and truthfulness our fellow men.

Undoubtedly the most important social function on the Bay the past week was the reception tendered Thursday afternoon by Mrs. F. K. Gettins and Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede at their home in honor of Mrs. W. A. Reid of Alaska. Mrs. Reid is Mrs. Sehlbrede's daughter and a sister of Mrs. Gettins and with her husband, who is general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Alaska, is spending a month or so here. Scores of handsomely dressed ladies made the event a much talked of one. The house was darkened, candles and artificial lights producing a softer glow and more artistic effect than the bright daylight. Huckleberries were used effectively in the decorations. The guests were received by Mrs. Sehlbrede, Mrs. Gettins and Mrs. Reid. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. Dorsey Kretzer, Miss Mamie Mahoney, Miss Evelyn Anderson, Miss Agnes Hutcheson, and Mrs. R. T. Street.

Among the invited guests were: Mrs. Wm. Lawlor, Mrs. H. Sengstacken, Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Mrs. Wm. Grimes, Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr., Mrs. A. L. Houseworth, Mrs. J. W. Butler, Mrs. J. A. Matson, Mrs. G. A. Bennett, Mrs. Elizabeth Minot, Mrs. M. C. Horton, Mrs. H. H. McPherson, Mrs. B. E. Schoonmaker, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. D. W. Small, Mrs. J. S. Coke, Mrs. L. D. Kinney, Mrs. Geo. M. Everett, Mrs. Annie M. Kinney, Mrs. Wm. Merchant, Mrs. I. S. Kaufman, Mrs. Geo. E. Flanagan, Mrs. C. W. Tower, Mrs. L. M. Perry, Mrs. Harry Painter, Mrs. Farringer, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. J. M. Upton, Mrs. F. A. Golden, Mrs. E. A. Todd, Mrs. E. A. Seaman, Mrs. I. Lando, Mrs. Wm. Toye, Mrs. John Mitchel, Mrs. Lester Myrick, Mrs. Earnest McCray, Mrs. W. R. Haines, Mrs. Don McCrary, Mrs. Frank C. Burch, Mrs. L. D. Rood, Mrs. A. Matson, Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, Mrs. W. U. Douglas, Mrs. John Bear, Mrs. F. E. Allen, Mrs. H. R. Hyde, Mrs. Percy Levar, Mrs. G. W. Clevenger, Mrs. C. J. Mills, Mrs. I. Porter, Mrs. J. Coleman, Mrs. E. E. Straw, Mrs. Koontz, Mrs. F. C. Clark, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. E. A. Anderson, Mrs. Seiglund, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. F. S. Dow, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. H. H. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Blake, Mrs. G. W. Kaufman, Mrs. J. W. Ingram, Mrs. John Preuss, Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin, Mrs. Chas. Nicholson, Mrs. Arthur McKeown, Mrs. F. C. Thayer, Mrs. Eric Wold, Mrs. J. Sullivan, Mrs. R. T. Street, Mrs. E. S. Bargett, Mrs. D. M. Kretzer, Mrs. E. Mings, Miss O'Connell, Miss Letta Larson, Miss McCormac, Miss A. Hutcheson, Miss Anderson, Miss Mahoney, Miss Edna Larsen, Miss Bennett, Miss K. Bennett, Miss Mills, Miss A.

**PERSONAL** notices of visitors in the city, or of Coos Bay people who visit in other cities, together with notices of social affairs, are gladly received in the social department. Telephone 1331. Notices of club meetings will be published and secretaries are kindly requested to furnish same.

Fisher, Miss Tower, Miss S. Eickworth, Miss Platt, Miss Traver, and Miss Bradley.

Miss Alda Cannon entertained about thirty friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Pettyjohn, Friday, October 30. The hostess and her assistants, dressed as ghosts, received the guests. The house was prettily decorated with autumn leaves. Japanese lanterns and evergreens. Pumpkins and red apples were also much in evidence making the scene typical of Halloween. The invited guests were dressed to represent pumpkins, each according to his or her own idea, and there were several very original costumes. The porch was converted into a "witches den," containing a magic spring presided over by the "Witch" who told fortunes, etc. There was of course the "magic mirror." The evening was spent in games and a twelve-o'clock luncheon was served, a prominent feature of which was pumpkin pie. After luncheon, the entire party engaged in a pumpkin seed chase. Those carrying off prizes were: Messrs. Tom Harvey, Milo Sumner, Sam Marsden, Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Simeral. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Simeral, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner, Elizabeth Cox, Mrs. O'Mara, Nellie Bernitt, Minnie Harkensee, Jennie Eickworth, Nettie Savage, May Stauff, Roy Bean, Sam Marsden, Walter Butler, Chester Wolcott, Geo. McCutcheon, Jas. Gray, Earl Savage, Geo. Dindinger and Ray Olivant.

The first monthly dance of the "Swastika Club" was held in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Wednesday evening, November 4. Over fifty couples were present. Sixteen numbers, including three extras, were danced. A feature of the evening was the banquet served by the lady members of the club. The banquet being held in the I. O. O. F. banquet hall. The hall had been decorated for the occasion with vine maple and cut flowers, which made a very pleasing effect. And the banquet was perfection itself. All of the dainties being prepared by the lady members of the club. Misses Ada and Della Chapman, Hilda Stenholm, Mrs. Tom Harvey and Mrs. Geo. N. Farrin were untiring in their efforts to make it a success. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Farrin, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Pettyjohn, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rummell; Mesdames C. H. Howard, Hattie Nichol and Maude Lynch; Misses Ada and Della Chapman, Minnie Harkensee, Eunice Nichols, Pearl Riggs, Hattie Ferrey, Annie Devers, Nellie and Martha Burnitt, Jennie Eickworth, Annie Johansen, Mae Magee, Nellie McIntosh, Edith and Selma Holm, Ellen Johnson, Lillian and Willa Hall, Ethel Reynolds, Lizzie Cox, Bessie Flye, Mildred Coke, Violet Knuppenburg, Melissa Bonebrake, Emma Erickson, Hilda and Hannah Larsen, Mae Swanson, Marjorie Cowan, Alda Cannon. Messrs. James Cowan, Robt Dillard, Geo. and Albert Seelig, H. I. McIntosh, Wm. Sleep, Wm. Lynch, Thayer Grimes, Russel Trembley, Geo. Denning, Wm. Kolam, Geo. Goodrum, Hal McIntosh, V. E. Boyet, Earl Murnahan, Chas. Magnuson, William Ekblad, J. E. Clarey, J. C. Savage, Earl Savage, S. W. Burnett, Will Carey, Frank Dillon, Wm. Conrad, S. C. Doyle, J. Gray, B. G. Keith, Fred Painter, R. E. Pinegar, E. Ronos, and C. W. Walcott. The next regular dance of the club will be held Wednesday, November 18.

The Beautiful America Club of North Bend this week awarded the contract for furnishing the signs with  
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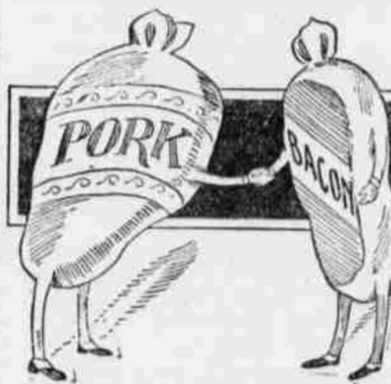
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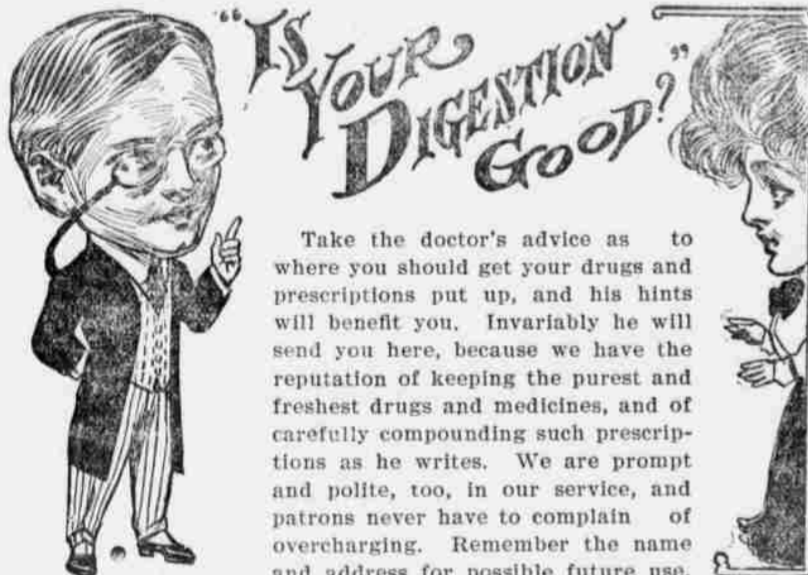
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