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A LEAP YEAR SUGGESTION.

IF THE story of Madame Maeterlinck's strenuous wooing of the Belgian mystic is acted upon to any extent, eligible bachelors of all classes will have to secure some special legislation...

"I came across a book of Maurice Maeterlinck and I was enraptured. I read and re-read it and then I declared, 'He is mine; he is mine; my husband, my love; the only one I have ever known. I shall meet him. I shall love him, and he must love me.'"

"My man, my man, you are mine," I said, and I took his hand. He was awed, overcome with my audacity as he thought it to be.

It would be interesting to discover what an eligible bachelor who is not a literary man or a symbolist would do if an attractive lady rushed up to him and tagged him in this emphatic fashion. There is no doubt that he would be considerably more awed than was Maurice Maeterlinck.

The most strenuous of male wooers has never been quite as aggressive as this. Supposing that an ardent swain should meet an authoress at a party for the first time and rush up to her exclaiming, "My lady, my lady, you are mine," and then take her hand. If she happened to be athletic, the lady would probably box the ardent gentleman's ears.

But alas for the lone and unprotected bachelor should the ladies decide upon adopting the plan of winning a mate by a frontal attack instead of by devious ways and means. There will be retribution in plenty for the cave days, when the males of the species are said to have dragged their mates to their dwellings by the hair.

HOW A CLEVER LIBRARIAN BECAME A FARMER

I was wearing my life out and working toward nothing. Nerves beginning to jangle sounded a warning note. What preparation was I making for the time when I could work no longer, what plans for a home when I should sorely need one?

HUS Mary Cranston, a gifted literary and successful librarian, queried. And back to the land was her answer.

She had only \$600 capital, but she bought 14 acres of good land four miles from New Brunswick, N. J., and less than half a mile from the station on the Pennsylvania's main line. There were 32 apple trees, cherries and pears in bearing, a tiny house and barn, both dilapidated, and an excellent market in the town that is reached by a fine pike.

At first she planned to pay the mortgage and accumulate at least \$350 as working capital for the first year. But she decided to build a new house and barn and to have \$1000 as capital. The house would cost \$1500; she would make a first

payment of \$500, availing herself of a building and loan association to finance the others, and she would reserve the remaining moiety of her capital to pay farming expenses until crops were raised and sold.

It took the gritty, gumption girl only a little more than two years to pay the mortgage and earn the \$1000 extra. On May 29, 1909, she became a horny-handed daughter of the soil. She had drawn the plan for her two-story house of five rooms, cellar and bath, and it was built for \$1535. She set out strawberries, raspberries and currants and 40 fruit trees—apples, Bartlett pears, cherries, peaches and plums. Pruning and fertilizing the original orchard have made it bear better fruit, larger crops and more money each year.

Miss Cranston does not attempt plowing, harrowing or cultivating with the horse, but she does much of the work and her strength grows up to each additional exertion. It cost two summers of experimenting to find what to specialize on. She has made her place a hay, fruit and chicken farm. From the first its products have paid for all living expenses. In 1910 the credit balance was \$327. In 1911 the fruit netted \$102 and half of the winter apples are held for the higher prices of this spring. But poultry pays better in proportion to its cost than anything else.

It is a remarkably helpful experience that Miss Cranston has narrated. Small farming demands brains, capital, persistence and pluck, but grit and gumption will enable other women to win the Cranston benefits. Many men might also learn from this farming Diotima.

COURT WILL DECIDE IF EATING IS LABOR

Indicted Railway Officials Claim Trainmen Are Off Duty When at Meals.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 13.—"Is a man under orders, of the train crew, but away from the train eating lunch, on or off duty?" This was one of the chief questions under consideration in the case of officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway, who are charged with violations of the 16-hour law. The road pleaded guilty to 18 of the 33 counts contained in the indictments.

Attorneys for the railroad maintained that men eating meals while their trains were standing still and the men were away from them, were not on duty. Attorneys for the government argued that the men were on duty under those conditions and could not take a rest. He explained that the purpose of the law is to protect life and property by keeping the men in full possession of their senses and not incapacitated by lack of sleep.

Federal Judge Frank Rudkin took the case under advisement, the jury having been waived.

WHO OWNS EGGS LAID BY HEN IN U. S. MALES?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Treasury Department having decided that a hen is not a bird—bird's eggs being admitted free of duty and hen's eggs having to pay five cents a dozen—it is now up to the Postoffice Department to settle a momentous question arising from the ownership of eggs laid in the mails.

The National Association of Poultry Breeders, anticipating the passage of the Parcel Post bill, recently inquired of Postmaster General Hitchcock if poultry might be sent through the mail. In an unofficial statement the department answered that, should the parcel post measure be enacted, there would probably be no objection to shipping the fowls, stamped. The Postmaster General, however, was of the opinion that some one would have to be delegated to look out for the well being of the "perishable mail" and then some one raised the question of the ownership of the eggs laid by the hens while in Uncle Sam's care.

Would they belong to the sender of the hens; to the receiver of the hens; or to the government? There is no legislation already enacted upon the subject, the Postmaster General delegated Jesse Suter, chief of the bureau of partition, to look into the matter. Jesse, after several days spent in a vain search through dusty tomes on postal laws and regulations, has about decided to give up the job, for he says there are no precedents. Therefore, it will be up to the courts to decide the ownership of any offspring of the fowls.

Like the freight agent in Ellis Butler's "Pigs Is Pigs," Sutter thinks the eggs ought either to be given to the mail clerks or be confiscated by the government as an aid in further decreasing the deficit which is the bugbear of the department.

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FASHION NOW FAVORS THE SLENDER FELLOW

No Padded Shoulders, Tight Fits and Misery for Fat Man.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Fashion's decree governing men's dress during 1912 offers small comfort to the fat man. The dictum of the Custom Cutters' Association of America, now in session here, is as follows:

"The slender man is to be the model for 1912. To be considered well dressed and well groomed, a man must give the impression of slenderness. If he is not naturally slender, his tailor must adopt measures to make him appear so. The effects must all tend to produce slenderness."

Conservatism will be the watchword, according to Chairman M. P. Walker.

KILLED NEAR DAM

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14.—People arriving from the south report the killing by the train of an old man by the name of C. McElhany, a resident of Ogden, Utah, near Drain. He was until recently an employe of the Utah Construction Company. People who witnessed the accident say that McElhany noticed the approaching train, but refused to heed the warning of the engineer. It is the theory of some that the man purposely stepped in front of the locomotive. The Coroner of Douglas County will hold an inquest.

Falls Into Bay—Chris Grabs fell overboard from the launch Marshfield at the Southern Pacific dock this afternoon and was rescued by a number of fellows who threw a line to him and pulled him out. He was bruised somewhat and badly frightened, but continued his journey as intended.

ACCIDENT TO DREDGE

Oregon's Work Impeded by Casting Cracking—Change Plans.

The dredge Oregon has been out of service today as a result of a casting on the main pump cracking. It is now being temporarily repaired and a new one has been ordered from Portland.

Engineer Lee stated that the accident would necessitate the Oregon pumping only a short distance until the new casting arrives. In consequence of the bulkhead on North Front street not being built, the Oregon will probably go to North Bend tomorrow to work there until the new casting arrives.

NO TIME TO WASTE

Life is short—I've much to do—so I can't sit round with you putting up a line of walling, talking of some fellow's failings, thrashing o'er the situation that is threatening our nation! Life is short and I am busy writing verses, dull and ditty, that the frau may have a bonnet with a large stuffed rooster on it, and I haven't time for fusing o'er the government or cussing misfit laws which knock the people higher than the village steeple! Life is short, its thread is slender, and I'm busting a suspender, fairly tearing up the trackage to accumulate a package, so that when I'm old and honny I can live in pomp and glory. So that when at last I'm planted by fat ghost will not be haunted by a hungry widow's sighing—so I haven't time for crying o'er the nation's chaotic troubles, o'er the "people's busted bubbles. Life is short and men are fooling time away in empty drolling, over things that don't concern them, dodging fires that ne'er will burn them. —Walt Mason.

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