

"Well, they say it is only a little "Well, they say it is only a little step from the sublime to the ridicu-lons." she remarked with dancing eyes, "and as I peyer in all my life saw any-thing half so ridiculous as that nose I suppose its wearer is at least approach-ing sublimity."

even if it's as big as Cyrano's," seeing even if it and big as Cyrano a seeing that the other girl and her escort sus-pected a pun and were preparing to smile, "ought to be allowed to enter into the consideration of such a ques-tion at all. I don't see just how it

of fine gray ashes. During the smolder-ing process the wood souds out a sweet and aromatic smoke.

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"Phyllis," said I when the music ind given me half a chance to speak without the girl in front hearing all I raid. "don't you think it's possible for the owner of a big nose to be anything but sidiculous ?" "Phyllis cast a mischlevons glance at me over her shoulder and before mak-" "Well, I don't believe I could bring without the girl in front hearing all 1 raid, "don't you think it's possible for the owner of a big nose to be anything but ridiculous?" Phylik cast a mischievous glance at ane over her shoulder and before mak-ing answer buried her face in the big punch of violets I had given her. "All things are possible." she then

punch of violets I had given her. "All things are possible," she then rether cruelly said, "but I should think it would be rather difficult for the owner of a big nose to be anything else." The him scene was beginning now, so I had a long act in which to recover so much of my equipimity as I might. When Roxane had delivered her pas-slongth exhertstion to Cyrano to protect her lower from all the danger which might threaten him at Arras, begin-ning with sword wounds and ending with cold, and when she begged her common to see that the wordless object could to see that the wordless object of her devotion wrote to ber frequently, Phyllis turned to me as the curtain fell.

and I could are there were tears in her ryes. She acted as though she would have said something, but did not. For rhee I was wise chough to hold my tongne and to leave all chance of assist-

ance for my cause to fate or providence and the girl in front of us. This girl had been crying openly, and her eyes were all red and moist still as she equirmed about in her seat in order to

(nce Phyllis. "Ob, Phyllis! Isn't it a pity such a perfectly grand character should have such an awful nose!" she exclaimed weepingly. Phyllis regarded her with an air of chilly contempt. "What under the ever blessed canopy

does the kind of nose he has matter? the inquired loftily. "With a character like Cyrano's features don't matter in the least. Who with any soul at all would dream of considering or even remembering his nose?" The girl in front of ns was properly quelched, and I was unwisely elated. "Who, indeed ?" I marmured acautescently. Phyllis stiffened immedi-

"I waan's talking to you, thank you," she remarked in a tone softly suggestive of icebergs and the Klondike and so on. I was so crushed by and intignant at her manner and speech that didn't oven come to her rescue when he lost her handkerchief during the surse of the fourth act and was in dire

distress for another wherewith to wipe way the tears consequent upon Roxf grane's wounding. And she in turn was strangely silent when we rose at the conclusion of the last act and made

ar way toward the street. "The crowd was great and we were bliged to stand a few moments in the eyer. Phylins turned to me suddenly

"I didn't mean what I said about— about big noses." she said softly, and icking shyly at my coat sleeve as she poke—"that is—not about all big noses. Cyrano"—recovering herself sumewhat as the onward movement of

it was elevated in a manner more de-cided than graceful just then-another fact from which I angured well. Nor did she snatch her hand away. as I had half expected her to do. "Phyllis," I murmured again as we

reached the street and stood waiting for the carriage, "do you think you could love a man in spite of his big nose, if he happened to have one ?"

Phyllis looked a trifle scared, but the good blood which made her soldier apcestors famous for their deeds of valor made her brave and a triffe daring. so she glanced up courageously to meet my eyes

"I-I think so," she whispered back. trembling a little, but not shrinking from my eager face in the least, and cnce more I was emboldened to further

risking of my fata. "Phyllis," I said, whispering myself now, "do you think you could love me?" There was a moment's silence be-tween us, and then I was helping Phyl-lis into the carriaga. But she had tim-idly murmured "Yes" in the interval. and that is the reason I am now firm in my belief that Mansfield, concerning whose histrionic genius I had been care-lessly doubtful heretofore, is the greatest actor America has ever seen or will see for many a day to come, and in this opinion Phyllis, who presented me with a framed photograph of Cyrano and who has not fewer than seven other photographs of the man who made him famous stuck about the main who made him famous stuck about the walls of her own sitting room, most heartily con-curs.—Chicago Post.

An Unlucky Postman,

A postman belonging to the imperial postoffice at Nanking was enddenly and summarily arrested the other day by one of the high mandarins in that by one of the high mandarins in and city and throwp into the district magis-trate's yamen to be bamboosd and cangued. Upon inquiry by the postal authorities as to the reason of such arbitrary conduct it appeared that this postman had been guilty of having delivered to his accuser's yamen in the course of his rounds an anonymous letter which contained whole pages of outting sarcasms accusing the receiver of the letter of avarice, extortion, etc. The the crowd recalled her to conventional- irate mandarin made the unlucky postthe crowd recalled her to conventional-ity and the recollection of where we were—"Cyrano was perfectly lovely in spite of his nose. He was so sweet and faithful to his lova," she finished more inturally as we came opposite a fine perfected Manafield which hung on the wall peer by. Her wraps were still on

ive at all."
'Well, I don't believe I could bring myself to love a man with a nose like Cyrano's," persisted the other girl, whose escort, soon to assume a pearer relationship, if common report was to be believed, boasted a nose modeled something after the snub pattern, and once more Phyllis sniffed.
''I could," her attitude seemed to say as her friend kept on chattering and langhing, and I took advantage of the moment to allp my hand over hera, as it hung at her side, the soft folds of her pretty dress in its grasp. Phyllis' own nose is a dainty little feature, bot it was elevated in a manner more de-cided than graceful just then another and the soft folds of the moment to allp my hand over hera, as it hung at her side, the soft folds of her pretty dress in its grasp. Phyllis' own nose is a dainty little feature, bot it was elevated in a manner more de-cided than graceful just then another the soft folds of the moment is a charp shore an they get thoroughly dry."-Washington Star.

A lecturer on ventilation points out, what everybody has known if he has thought of it, that air is more necessary than food. The body can exist longer without food than it can deprived of pure air. The new crusade, according to this speaker, is to be preached in favor of ventilation. In protecting one's favor of ventilation. In protecting one's self against a draft it was asserted that to have a window open at the top and bottom both made a draft much less un-likely than to have it open from one end only. Paper should not be used behind summer pieces in firoplaces. Let there be room for the air to percolate through the open ironwork, and the register open in summer, provided the cold air box is perfectly clean and the air supply comes from out of doors, assists by creating a current in the ventilation of a room.

Some Knowledge of Busin

Some young girls just out of school have this last season included in the week's round an hour at a bookkeeping weet's round an nour at a bookkeeping class. The course has been confined to the sort of accounts a mistress of a home would keep, including careful instruc-tion in writing up a checkbook. The opening of the many banks up town has had the effect of increasing the list of women depositors. Many fathers now women depositors. Many fathers now put their daughters on an allowance, starting a bank account for them, and letting them manage their money mat-ters as a preliminary to the care of the property which will some day be their own. It seems a pity that the scheme has been so long delayed. What a sav-ing it might have effected for the Amer-ican women now enrolled in the conti-gental peerage — New York Letter.

A Trayeling Lumber Saleswoman.

A New York lumberman says that in the course of his business experience he has known a number of women engaged in the same line of trade and doing well. One woman was a traveling saleswoman and another took her husband's position at the head of a yard at his death. Both were clever women, doing as well as men pould do in similar posi-tions. The Lumberman's Review now tions. The Lumberman's Review how states in its personal column that there is "the latest thing in Inmberdom" in Minnesota, a traveling saleswoman, Miss Fannie Shannon, The young wom-an makes her boadquarters at Minne-apolis and sale gutters for one firm and shingles for another. She has been on the seed there unother and is beind to be the road three months and is said to be I very successful

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And now the woman who does not wish to sit in the sun in the open car makes her sister passengers do some feats in climbing that would pass muster on the Matterhorn.

In the University of Derlin about 200 women, among them many Americans, were admitted to the lectures on law, medicine and philosophy during the last semester.

The woman who never once gives in to the temptation to go without gloves in this weather is indeed a martyr to good form.

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