



LOVE DIES.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says there comes a time in the course of married love when "the thrill goes out of the hand-clasp and the kiss at times, and it is then that husband and wife may be susceptible to other magnetic personalities." The reason for this condition of affairs is often the fault of the husband, but how often is it not due to the wife's nervousness and irritability due to some trouble with the organs peculiarly feminine—the wife under such circumstances feels languid and spiritless—she suffers perhaps from headache and sleeplessness.

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PILES OF TOY TRUMPETS.

The Great Variety Manufactured Now-a-days for the Holiday Trade.

"Among the many articles now produced in celluloid," said a toy dealer to a New York Sun man, "are children's toy trumpets."

"Toy trumpets of celluloid are made in a score or more of styles, including the familiar straight trumpets and trumpets fashioned like French horns."

"You didn't know there were so many styles of toy trumpets, all together? You thought a toy trumpet was just a toy trumpet?"

"Why, toy trumpets, including those of brass, and those of tin and taking into account the different sizes and shapes and manner of finish and of ornamentation, in which they are turned out, are made in 500 styles."

"You see a small boy walking along the street blowing a penny trumpet the day after Christmas and you think you've seen all there is to be seen in toy trumpets. But if you were to look through the stock of a big importer of toys you would find when you came to where the toy trumpet samples were displayed more toy trumpets than you had ever dreamed of, literally hundreds of them; and of all these toy trumpets no two are alike."

"You see, the toy trumpet is an article of universal sale. At a certain age in his life every child must have a toy trumpet, and so the number of them sold every year is enormous. The toy manufacturers try, of course, as hard to produce novelties and attractive goods in this line as in other lines, for the toy trumpet trade is something worth cultivating."

"And now, as you have seen, there has been added to the material of which this ancient toy is made the peculiarly modern material of celluloid, making the assortment in which these noise-makers are produced more varied now than ever. Oh, yes, there's something in toy trumpets."

Telephone Girls Become Bald.

A large proportion of telephone girls employed by the big companies in New York give up their places rather than incur the risk of becoming partly bald. This effect of the steel band or hood which telephone operators wear over their head is plainly noticeable in the case of those who have scanty hair. On boys who act as telephone operators it is even more noticeable than with girls.

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CANAL IS 2,500 YEARS OLD.

At Least the Corinthian Was Under Contemplation as Long Ago as That.

"Speaking of canals," said the engineer who had been talking about Panama, "a very interesting canal, and one not much heard of, is that connected with the gulf of Corinth and the gulf of Aegina in Greece."

"It's some older than any we have in the western hemisphere, also, for Periander, tyrant of Corinth, proposed to cut through the isthmus as long ago as 600 years before Christ. Superstition stopped him, however."

"Julius Caesar and Caligula took it up again when Rome had hold of Greece, but it was too much for them. Then came Nero, and he went at it with vigor, but the work stopped when he died."

"Others kept pounding away at it for the next several hundred years, but it was not until 1881 that real work of the Nero energy was put upon it. Then Gen. Turr, aide-de-camp to Victor Emmanuel of Italy, organized a company and worked on till the money gave out in 1890, the chief obstacle being some kind of flint which dynamite couldn't break."

"About \$10,000,000 was spent up to 1890, and then Mr. Syngros took hold, organized a new company, with \$965,000 working capital, and finished the job in 1893. It is only about four miles long but it is 69 feet wide at the bottom, about 80 feet wide at water line, 26 feet and three inches deep in water, and it is cut nearly all the way through solid rock, rising at some points for 269 feet above the canal."

"It is like a canyon, and ships do not take kindly to it, the entrance being bad, a strong wind blowing through it as through a great air shaft, and there is at times a strong reverse current."

"It is an interesting trip through the canal, and it saves 123 miles of very rough water and 20 hours of time; but so far skippers prefer to go through the peninsula rather than through the canal, though with some changes which will be made it is believed the canal will become of general use as soon as a few ships begin to use it and remove the prejudice now existing against it."

SCOURGE OF THE AMAZON.

Dread Mosquitoes Render People Along the Great River Miserable at All Times.

It is not a pleasure to live in the wild regions along the banks of the River Amazon. The Indians of that region all suffer martyrdom from the mosquitoes. Nobody in even the worst mosquito regions of the United States can imagine what the mosquitoes of the Amazon region are like. They actually drive the Indians, hardened as they are, from their villages at times. The people drag their women and children into woods and uplands on such occasions, fleeing in headlong terror, and they do not venture back to their homes until daylight.

Smudges and other similar means for fighting the pest are of no use in the Amazon country when the mosquitoes sail forth for a "night out." They appear then in such hordes that the masses force themselves through smoke and even fire.

Curious Justice.

Justice in the British possessions on the west coast of Africa is peculiar at times. A writer in a London publication tells the story of a couple of officials—Brown and Jones—who one night were cycling home from the club without lights and were pounced upon by a zealous policeman. Summoned before the district commissioner's court, they found themselves the only persons competent to try the case. So Brown sat upon Jones and fined him five shillings, adding a few remarks as to the danger of neglecting a salutary regulation. Then Jones ascended the bench, smarting, and, having addressed Brown in terms that would have fitted a murderer, said that he was determined to put a stop to such pernicious practices and imposed a fine of ten shillings.

Radium Has an "Organ."

Le Radium is the title of a new periodical which is to be issued in Paris ere long. It will contain monthly records of the progress made in the utilization of the costly new substance.

A NEGRO AND STEAMBOAT.

River Man's Reason for Believing Colored Man Good Roustabout—Superior to Whites.

"The suggestion came out of St. Louis the other day that white labor had replaced the negro on the wharf and that after long service the black roustabout was about to enter upon the decline of his sway," said an old river man, according to the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "All of which, I may add, I accept with a grain of salt, as the saying goes. Somehow I can never think of the successful and really valuable roustabout as anything but a black man."

"The negro seems to have been born to the calling. He is, as a rule, fond of the steamboat, and naturally takes to steamboat work. He has always hovered around the river. Of course, you will find negroes back in the hills and scattered around in the higher altitudes, but the vast majority of them you will find quartered in the lowlands of the country, and on the rivers, where he can hear the flutter of steamboat wheels. There is one other fact to be mentioned in connection with the negro's peculiar fitness for steamboating."

"Did you ever hear the steamboat mate talking to the 'rousters'—say, for instance, when the boat was a little late in pulling out and during the busy season? Hast not, eh? Well, there is something in store for you, something lurid and forceful, and something that will force you to run the gamut of the emotions. The point is that the negro is stimulated and urged on to quicker work by this kind of talk. Profanity is an essential in the mate's calling. The negro needs it. I was just wondering if the white man would ever get used to it. Maybe so, but I have my doubts about it."

Queen Mary's Harp.

The harp of Mary, Queen of Scots, has been bought by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for \$4,500.

TELEPHONES FOR PATIENTS.

Philadelphia Hospital Makes It Possible for Sick Ones to Visit with Distant Friends.

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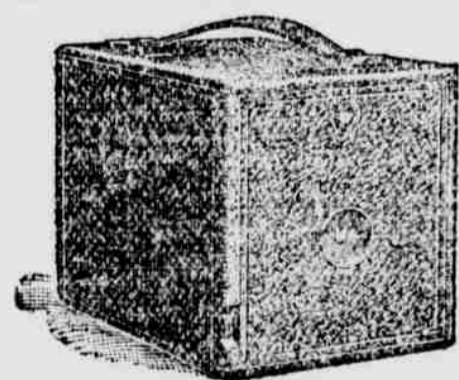
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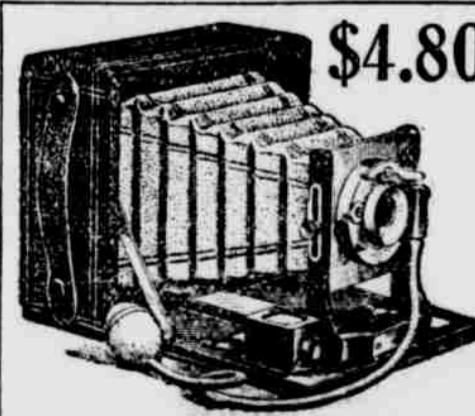
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