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COARSE LUMP TO REFINED DOUBLE X

By HUGHES MEARNS

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N THE calm, restful library Mr. and Mrs. Williams were obviously agitated. "I will speak to Virginia myself, directly she comes down. Mr. Williams persisted firmly: "These carryings-on have gone too

Mrs. Williams tried to calm him. "But I am not sure, James. I could not see very well in the dark; and I was not trying to eavesdrop. Please don't say anything just now, not when she is going out to the fraternity dance." "Kissing boys good by !" he fumed.

"What is this generation coming to?" Eventually Mrs. Williams succeeded in exacting a promise that he would wait. Customs were different, she argued. "But decency has not changed, I hope !" he broke in.

"Of course, if they were engaged," the mother tried.

"How could she be engaged to a half-dozen college boys?" he came back indignantly; "there's at least that many dogging about after her, taking her here and there and heaven knows where! And this lad who is inviting her to the dance tonight, what do we know about him? Girls nowadays don't seem-"

A ring at the door stopped his speech. Tom Seybert's voice was heard in the hall. They brightened up at the sound. Tom was a town boy, out of school several years, a steady

business sort. ""Why couldn't she settle down with some good, solld man like Tom Seybert?" the father asked in lowered tones,

Tom had dropped in to talk over the plans of an in-town garage which a group of the suburban men were thinking of managing co-operatively. Oh, no; he was not going to the frateralty dance.

"My dancing days are over," he said. They joined in his laugh; he was only twenty-four; but they beamed on him in open admiration. "Tom," Mr. Williams asked abruptly. "What do you think of girls kiss-

ing boys good-by?" "Father !" admonished Mrs. Wil-

"That's all right, mother," he waved a hand at her. "I'm not mentioning cases."

Tom smiled; enough had been said to tell him exactly what the case was, What do I think of it?" he asked. "It

depends on who's doing it." "Now, see here, Tom," said Mr. Williams, "all fooling aside, you know you yourself wouldn't-"

"Oh, wouldn't I!" Tom laughed, A three-cornered debate, warm and full of interruptions, finally disclosed o the astonished elders that Tom, the dependable Tom, had no adverse criticism to make on the custom that was so shocking to the older generation.

In the midst of it Vieginia danced down the steps. She listened in de-

hugging her mother to her. "It's noth-

"But if you were engaged or mar-

"Oh," Virginia drawled it out dell-

lously, "then you'd keep all the sugar

The roll of a car and a ring an-

nounced the arrival of Virginia's part-

per to the dance. In a moment he was

in the library, a strikingly handsome

"Isn't he beautiful, people?" Vir-

ginia stroked his slick hair admiringly.

All us girls are just crazy about him.

All the girls have lost their e-

She stepped into his arms and

danced delightfully within the space

of a square yard, while she took up

All the girls have gone quite im-Be-cillum' over hub, hub, hub, him!

Then she klased him, a deft little

All the town's upset and flus-Tered-liftim over uh, ub, ub, us!

out his arms to Virginia and sang:

Unabashed the handsome youth held

ried-" the mother began helplessly.

for home consumption !"

mose.

Tommy ?"

outh.

the verse:

"Let me tell you two people something," Tom stood up and went at his argument. They looked at him in open pride. He was the sort they liked: he was their kind of young man-sensible, businesslike, mature; he didn't wear wasplike clothes and sing and dance around instead of talking like a human being.

And all the while he was drawing a picture of the "bad girl" of the day. "Why," he said, "you two wouldn't know one of these real nasty ones by sight. They've changed their colors

completely since you were youngsters, But there isn't a line of bad in Virginia. Virginia? She's as near a saint as they make 'em; and you two had better find out the difference and be-Heve it. Kissing the boys good-by? Of sion here Friday. course she did! What's the harm in

that?" He did not leave them until they faith in their own, not a difficult task usually, until they had begun to be ashamed that they had ever questioned Virginia. Nevertheless, they stayed up for

her. Mrs. Williams took a nap on the sofa in the far alcove, but Mr. Williams sat before the grate in the llbrary and thought. And then he, too, dozed.

He recognized Virginia's bubbling low laugh. The stillness of the night made

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him know it was quite late, probably after one o'clock. Virginia and her young man, he thought apprehensivewhispered. More quiet, intimate laughter. Anger seized him. What did was 69 years old, these young fools mean, prowling around his fine young girl at all hours

of the morning; kissing, probably, and have stepped right out there and sent that young man about his business. He knew he didn't dare do that himself, and fumed over the fact. Virginia tripped suddenly into the

library, "Father !" she whispered. "Are you awake?" She raised her left hand and dis-

played a shining ring. "Like it?" she asked mysteriously. "My God !" he ejaculated. The remark brought mother into the scene.

Virginia ran to the porch and called : an early season, reached 165 cars. "Father says it's all right. He's awake, Come in and help me break the news." Father stared at the figures in the

doorway, "Tom!" he cried. "You don't mean it's Tom !" "Sure, it's Tom," said Virginia,

"Who else?" A light came to her face. "You don't mean to say," she gasped incredulously, "you haven't known it for years and years?"

They hadn't even had the glimmer f a guess f "Oh, but we're so glad it's Tom,"

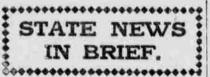
the mother cried. "Just listen at the dear old pokies !" said Virginia to Tom. Then she kissed

him, a careful and deliberate kiss. "Refined, double X," remarked Tom trict. judicially.

Monkeys in Demand

swers.

In these days the great majority of



Astoria, - Damage estimated at \$9500 was done by a fire which started in the repair shop of the Kaleva Auto company at Seventeenth and Commercial streets at about P. M. Friday.

Salem .- A new tariff containing reduced rates on logs shipped from points on the Valley Siletz railroad to Newberg and Winona was filed in the offices of the public service commis-

Salem .-- The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company of Baker has filed were comforted. He filled them with application with the state engineer here covering the appropriation of water from Powder river for the development of power.

Harrisburg.-The four Baumgartner brothers, Tommy, George, Cal and Millard Wooley, returned from a week-end hunt in the Lake creek country with a bag of seven deer. They Volces on the porch awakened him, are residents of the Busey dis vict.

Portland.-George G. Bingham, circuit judge from Marion and Linn counties, who has been holding court in Portland for several months, died at "I don't like that fellow," he the Portland Medical hospital Friday after an attack of heart disease. He

Salem .- A total of 68,033 non-resident motor vehicles have registered in heaven knows what! His father would Oregon since January 1, according to a statement prepared here by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state. Of these registrations \$401 were recorded during the month of September.

> Hood River .- A record for September shipments of fruits was made here this year. Up to October 1, 329 carloads of pears and apples had rolled from market. . The shipments for the same period a year ago, which was

> St. Helens .- When the registration books closed Saturday night J. W. Hunt, county clerk, estimated that close to 5000 voters had registered. This is an increase of about 800 over the previous registration and indicates the interest in the coming election.

Medford .- Jackson county now has 45,900 acres under irrigation, which added to the 15,000 acres at Grants Pass, makes more than 60,000 acres under irrigation in the Rogue river valley, according to Olen Arnspiger, engineer for the Talent irrigation dis

Salem. - Approximately 30 settlers on lands within the north unit irriga tion district appeared before the state in English Cities Irrigation securities commission Sat Quite a considerable trade is done urday and protested against the proin monkeys in Liverpool and round posal to certify more than \$\$,000,000 the London docks, says London An- of the bonds for the development of the project.

closed here Saturday when the Lamm

Lumber company of Klamath Falls

purchased 2000 acres of nine timber

the creatures arrive in salling vessels. Salem. - The average annual conof which there are still quite a num- sumption of gasoline for each auto-

tary of state.



after every meal

Peanuts Popular in Africa.

Peanuts, unknown in Senegal a few years ago, now form more than 50 per cent of the total exports from that part of Africa.

Germ Cell.

The typical germ ccll is a microcopic globular body consisting of cell substance, called cytoplasm, in the midst of which is imbedded a mass called the nucleus.

Accidents Cause Big Loss.

The monetary losses due to accidents and contagious diseases in the coal mining industry of the single state of Utah average close to \$1,000,-000 a year.

Wood Waste.

One hundred and fifty million tons of wood waste is produced annually, most of which, it is asserted, finds no useful application.



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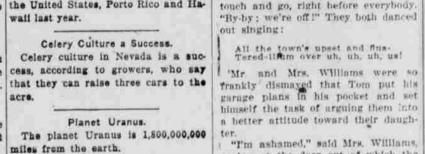
Till after the first quarter of the Nineteenth century, lard was only scriptions were filled by druggists in used for culinary purposes and as the the United States, Porto Rico and Habase in various cintments.

Fascinated.

When a dog howls at music you can't tell whether it is because he cess, according to growers, who say likes it or not, but he deesn't go away. that they can raise three cars to the

Women Get Odd Posts.

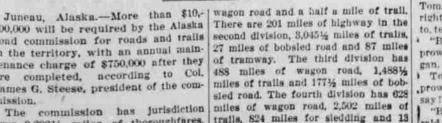
Miss Belle Devlin and Miss Olive Bruggeman have been appointed street commissioners in St. Louis.



Need \$750,000 Annually for Alaskan Highways

000,000 will be required by the Alaska There are 201 miles of highway in the road commission for roads and trails second division, 8,0451/2 miles of trails, in the territory, with an annual main- 27 miles of bobsled road and 87 miles tenance charge of \$750,000 after they of tramway. The third division has are completed, according to Col. 488 miles of wagon road, 1,488% James G. Steese, president of the com- miles of trails and 177½ miles of bobmission.

over 9,62814 miles of thoroughfares. trails, 824 miles for sledding and 13 The first division includes 80 miles of miles of tramway.



himself the task of arguing them into a better attitude toward their daughter. "I'm ashamed," said Mrs. Williams, gazing at the door out of which the two gay scalawags had just gone in such high glee.

"Well, you have no right to be." Tom grew firm. "Virginia is a fine, right sort of girl. I oughtn't to have

to tell this to you." "But she has a pack of young cubs prowling around after her," father be-

Tom laughed. "Why shouldn't they prowl? She's worth prowling for, I'll

"But it's the way she treats them," said mother. 1923.

ber, because the big liners are usually mobile in Oregon during the year light while she daintily powdered her too busy to take notice of such arti- 1923 was 439.27 gallons, as agains, an cles of commerce. "The nice old pokies!" she laughed,

The length of the passage, too, has often the advantage of acclimating issued here by Sam A. Kozer, secreing more than shaking hands," she the little creatures before they arrive. rooned, rocking her mother back and On a vessel reaching the docks, the forth. "And it depends a lot on what animals are sold to Italian or Jewish brand you use. There are all sorts of dealers at prices varying from 15 grades, like sugar; aren't they, shillings to £5 (\$3.75 to \$25). The Pendleton, according to figures of the variations in the prices are due to the "All the way from 'coarse lump' to refined double X,'" he nodded. different states of health in which the monkeys arrive.

the month was 93, on September 6, While in the hands of middlemen or and the coolest weather was 23 de brokers the little animals do not, on grees, on September 27. the whole, have a bad time of it. They are carefully fed and kept very Salem .- There were three fatalities

warm, and usually have plenty of in Oregon due to industrial accidents room and romp about, or fight, which they do continually. The broker has during the week ending October 2, ac numerous "assistants," chiefly among cording to a report prepared here by the Italian ice-cream or organ-grinder the state industrial accident commission. The victims were C. L. Smith, fraternity.

When he has found his customer the Bend, boom operator; C. M. Pearson, broker often has to receive payment Astoria, rigger, and Thomas Auderby installments, and of course makes son, Toledo, chaser, a correspondingly high profit, charging for a small "jacko" at least 15 Klamath Falls. - A timber deal

shillings. Very often the poor little which involved nearly \$100,000 was beasts die from consumption, their great enemy in these northern latitudes, before the payments are complete; and it is not uncommon for an organ grinder to be paying for a dead from the Oregon Land corporation. and a living animal at the same time. The timber is located on the new On the whole, the "pugs," as they Southern Pacific Eugene-Klamath cutare known in the trade, are well treat- off in the vicinity of Corral Springs. ed, and if it were not for the change-

Blasted Hopes

able climate they would live a decid-

edly happy life.

A Brockton (Mass.) man who has a summer home at Plymouth decided opened here last Thursday. The live to try the experiment of raising his stock department was much larger own blueberries. He bought half-a- than last year. Every available stall dozen plants, at a cost of \$3 each, set was taken and outside stalls were them out, and awaited results with exbullt. pectations that were not to be wholly

fulfilled, says the Boston Globe. Only Eugene .- Marl Liles, 12, son of Mr. two of the six shrubs matured and and Mrs. L. H. Liles of Goshen, is one turned out to be a gooseherry helieved to hold a record for prizebush, the other a maple tree. winning at recent fairs, according to E. J. Moore, Lane county school super-

Algerian Tobacco intendent. At the state fair he won Tobacco is becoming an increasingly important money crop in Algeria, says \$135 in cash premiums on a bull, cow a report to the Department of Com- and heifer he had on exhibition in merce from Commercial Attache L. L. open competition, and \$15 on his club Jones, Paris. Acreage planted to this work. Besides these prizes he won crop has increased more than 100 per first premium at the recent Lane councent in the last decade and produc-ty fair for the best sewing among the school children of the county, winning rises. Portland, Ore, Isaac M. cent in the last decade and produc- ty fair for the best sewing among the tons in 1913 to 17,280 metric tons in over a large number of girls. 1.41

To Irrigate Arid Land.

The Ceylon government has adopted an irrigation scheme which it is claimed will convert 10,000 acres of arid sands into valuable sugar case. land.

Only Few Elk Left.

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