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At twenty Letitla was a veteran houseworker, for she had begun working for the Dawsons when she was twelve, and had served a right apprenticeship under Mrs. Dawson for six years. Mrs. Dawson had died and, as Grandmother Dawson was by this time disposed to remain in her easy chair, the entire tasks of housekeeping had then fallen to Letitfa. This meant doing the cooking, cleaning, washing and mending for the indolent Grandmother Dawson, Mr. Dawson the widower, and

Mrs. Dawson had called Letitla her "hired girl." She had rescued the little girl from the county poor house after the death of her widowed mother, though it may have been a ruscue more in name than in fact. Since Mrs. Dawson's death Mr. Dawson paid Lefftla a meager wage, but one considerably greater than the pin money allowed by Mrs. Dawson.

It was as "Dawson's hired girl" that Letitia was generally known in the community. However, there was no special social line drawn between her the same lamp with them, reading or mending on winter evenings. She ate at the table with them, jumping up, of course, every few minutes to get fresh supplies from the kitchen.

It was one chilly evening in October. Grandma Dawson had retired and Letitla sat with her mending in her lap, while Father Dawson read the paper and Tom leaned abstractedly over the table where he was working out problems in his correspondence course in scientific farming. Several times Letitia had looked up, opened her mouth to speak and had then remained silent.

After three or four false starts she managed to say: "There is something I was wondering. I thought perhaps, if it was just the same to you, maybe now, since I'm getting to be older and all-that maybe you'd just as soon call me a housekeeper instead of bired girl. If you'd just drop it that I was the housekeeper then other folks would get the habit-

Letitia looked up and for a painful moment her eyes met those of Tom Dawson, eyes that were flashing with Indignation, Apparently embarrassed at meeting Letitia's glance, his eyes dropped and his tanned face red-

"I don't see why you should be so vexed with me, Tom, for asking," Letitia said, resuming her darning furiously.

"I wasn't vexed with you, Letty. Ibut it doesn't make any difference, I suppose.

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glasses at Letitià. don't see any difference between a the dark hours. hired girl and a housekeeper. No dis-

grace in either. What you been reading, Letty, to put such notions into your head?" "Nothing," snapped Letitia. "And you don't have to do it if you don't

want to. Only I want you to know that my folks were as good as any in the county. My father was a parson and my grandfather had as big a farm as this-and it would have been mine, too, if he hadn't sold it to buy bum oil stock, or something."

Letitia said she had not been reading anything to put new ideas into her head, but this was not quite true. Letitia had invested in a book on etiquette-an elaborate volume that opened up undreamed-of worlds of luxury and ceremonlous living to her. She read it eagerly, and now she knew by rote the duties of butler, footman, lady's maid, first gardener, second gardener and the rest. She dwelt with especial interest on the paragraphs dealing with housekeepers.

They were no aprons, were permitted to wear a silk dress in the afternoon, provided it was high-necked. They were addressed as Mrs. or Miss to distinguish them from regular servants, and they are their meals in their sitting room-brought up on a tray by one of the maids. They carried the keys to the supply closets, had the hiring of less important servants, paid off household bills, kept guests and, where that work was not done by the butler, took instructions for meals from their employers.

Letitia's ambition was to be a housekeeper. She thought with satisfaction of herself as a middle-aged person in a stiff black slik frock, eating in solltary grandeur in her private sitting room. But she rould not become so important a personage all in one day. She must work up to such heights. The rudiments of housekeeping she had learned from her service with the Dawsons. The flourishes she must learn by experience in more pretentious households.

to the city and apply at an employment agency for a position as a house. The turbine wheels, one of which keeper, in a less pretentious establishment than that described in the book to begin with. But she must be able by be 30 in number, and together will honestly to say that she had been a produce 200,000 horse power. housekeeper-not a fired girl,

Apparently she gained nothing by her petition to the Dawson men, difficult as it was to deliver. Mr. Dawson, Sr., simply hadn't taken her seriously. and Tom as usual answered in an in- from one oil field to another.

since he had been working on that correspondence course he had seemed preoccupied. Once several years ago he had taken her for occasional walks and had driven her to town, but apparently his ambition to become a scientific farmer left no thoughts for Letty, "the hired girl."

Letitia's darning needle flew back and forth as she sat by the reading lamp, and once a large tear splashed on one of Tom Dawson's heavy woolen socks that she was darning. She rose STRIVING FOR WINTER EGGS to retire when the clock struck halfpast eight, and on some pretext or other Tom followed her to the kitchen, where she went to get her little lamp to light her to bed.

"I want to talk to you, Letty," Tom said, barely looking at her. "Stay in ly designed several years ago by the your room until father has gone to bed, then come down quietly."

Letty went about lighting her lamp and said only after a long pause, "All right, Tom, I'll come back."

met in the living room and Tom led for every six hens, and enough roosts the way to the little side porch where, are supplied to give each hen a rethough the air was chilly, they could talk with no fear of being heard.

"It's about your wanting to be called blame you not wanting to be called 'hired girl,' but father doesn't really are long ago if it had been any use and part of the plan was to take this light comes in from all sides the hens and her employers. She sat beside, that money from mother last spring when I was twenty-one. I'm going to finish my correspondence course and next winter take time to take the shorter course in agricufture at the State college. Father has agreed. Then I'll come back and buy a farm of my own; and when I do that-Letty, if you were Mrs. Tom Dawson it wouldn't be so bad as being Dawson's hired girl, would it?"

There was a trying pause and Letty kept her head turned from Tom's.

"Letty, I love you," Tom said with more bravery than he knew he possessed. "I know you have ambition and didn't want to be called a hired girl, but I've had ambitions too, I don't want to be an old-fashioned, blundering farmer. That's why I've worked so hard on that correspondence course. I want to marry you." "But I'd have to love you-" Letty

"Don't you-a little?"

"I don't know. I'll have to think," sald Letitia under her breath. "When I have had time to think things over I'll tell you. Good night, Tom, and thank you for-for understanding."

With that Letitla went back into the house and upstairs to her little room. For an hour she sat in her single upright chair thinking. Then she took up a pencil and wrote on a piece of writing paper. "Dear Tom,

"I love you.

"LETITIA."

Then Letty unlocked a drawer of her bureau, took from it a book and started out of her room. She-slipped situation. He ended by laughing and the note under Tom's door and went looking amused over his reading down stairs. There she opened the stove that was closed for the night. "So you want to be called a house. She dropped the book on the coals keeper, do you? Well for myself I and left it to smolder theresthrough

# HAVE EYES ALL OVER BODY

Nature Particularly Liberal to Some of Her Creatures, the Dragon Fly Noticeably.

There is a most astonishing diversity among animals in respect to the number and location of their eyes. In mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes they are limited to two and are invariably placed in the head, but others of the animal kingdom may have anywhere up to 50,000, and they seem to have been placed anywhere they might be handy.

The dragon fly possesses eyes composed of an aggregration of about 10,-000. In spiders and scorpions there are usually eight or ten eyes in one or more clusters on the dorsal aspect of that part of the body which is formed movable for cleaning. At the rear of The starfish has an eye on the tip of each of his five rays, or arms, as has the sea urchin, which is homologically nothing but a starfish with the ends of at night to keep sitting hens from stayits rays drawn close together in a circle around which is considered the hinder part of his body. The scallop has numerous eyes on the edge of its latter make ideal breeding places for mantle, extending from one end of the mites. animal to the other, and forming a semi-circle. Some marine worms have eyes in clusters not only on the head but also along each side of the body, even in the tip of the tall, and they are connected individually with the median nerve cord.

In the lowest forms are found many infusoria which have neither eyes nor nerves, but are nevertheless sensitive to light, either seeking or avoiding it.

Largest Power Dam.

The Keokuk dam, which extends across the Mississippi river from Keokuk, Ia., to Hamilton, Ill., is the largest power dam in the world. From the 15 turbine generators propelled by the water which passes over it, electric power is transmitted to St. She had definitely decided to go Louis, 145 miles away, and to smaller cities in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri, weighs 65 tons, or four times as much as any ever before made, will eventual-

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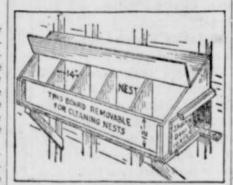
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### MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER Man Like This Ever Proposed to You?

Symptoms: First thing you see are his white socks in a flash a little above two feet! You can't get them out of your mind, even when you're holding his hand. He is a good dresser, but why always white socks? Does he belong to some order? Or ball team? You ask him one day in a flash of impatience and he tells you: "Because they are cleaner."

IN FACT Cleanliness is next to Stylishness, is his creed. Prescription to Bride: Cleaning powders and

soaps. Sock stretchers taken daily into the creases of his socks. Be careful that you know all the latest cleansers for yourself.

Absorb This: IF CLEANING BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, CLEAN ON!

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He is finicky.

# Something to Think About By F. A. WALKER

#### KEEPING IN TUNE

TO AVOID an occasion for unhappiness, for dull days and dreary nights, we should do our best to keep in tune with the "Music of the Spheres."

The tuneful people, the people with songs on their lips and smiles in their eyes are the people who manifest the keenest interest in things around them and take a dally part in doing the world's work.

The secret of their continued content is in employment, change of thought, the right sort of physical and mental activity, which make them oblivious to the jarring discords around

The still pool becomes stagnant. So does the dormant mind.

There is bewitching music and exof the crystal brook; there is never a where discontent holds sway and dismal forebodings darken the beams of other feminine names. the brightest day and dull the voice of greeting friends.

Though always occupied, they find with another word meaning maying: air their virtues, refuse to worry, carry originally to a shepherd who brought of faith and never run away from the beautiful marble for the building of

They accent honorable defeat as a form of victory, content with the glori- gelista became the term for preachers. ous, courageous virtue of faith, in which they find their greatest consolation when the discordant noises of the world beat all around them.

Ever seeking the brighter things, they discover in them their own happiness and the knack of imparting it to others, which, after all that is said and done, is the explanation of keeping the world attuned to Nature's grand diapason which gives to life its sweetest laughter, songs and blessings.

Keeping in tune is not difficult for those who keep the faith, for even in their darkest hours they seldom strike a wrong key or miss a measure of their joyous song.

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# Has Anyone Laughed At You Because -

YOU ARE A HIGHBROW? Let 'em laugh even though you sometimes feel that you are not highbrow. What of it if you do like a good play and not a poor one, if leg shows tire you and you like good books. You've been bothered, baven't you, because your friends say, "Oh, don't let's take him (or her) to the show; he'll hate it and spoil it for us." Maybe you will, but then, if you are a real person you can always get something out of anything, if you

SO Your Get-Away here is: To prove to your pals that the best is none too good and that when you go to a poor show you can explain what it is you don't like and maybe get them to appreciate good things too. (D by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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APPRAISAL. He: Darling, I lay my fortune and myself at your feet. That amounts to abou \$14.90 altogether, don't it?

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Mrs. Rex Ingram, better known as Alice Terry, the "movie" star, is regarded as one of the most beautiful women in pictures. She is rather above medium height; her skin is like no dark corners in this house. Since silken damask, tinted with rose pink. light comes in from all sides the hens Her face is of the sort that painters and sculptors are reputed to go mad | never piles up. about. . Her charming oval face, her mass of spun gold hair, eyes of ravishing blue, a nose of Grecian contour and a mouth that suggests nothing if not crushed cherries, is the description of the artist whose most recent picture is here shown.

## § What's in a Name? By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel

#### EVANGELINE

THE very essence of poetry is cap-tured and held imprisoned in the name Evangeline. The legend of that hflarating thrill in the bubbling waters | beautiful and unhappy maiden whose fateful wanderings were immortalized note of gladness in the idle mind, by Longfellow surrounds the name with romance and charm beyond all

Evangeline is derived from the Greek and signifies angel-like. It also Men and women who keep in tune has the translation "happy messenscatter their sunshine wherever they ger," since it comes from the Greek go, and perhaps without knowing it. word meaning well, happy, combined time to smile, to help the unfortunate the whole forming Evangelus, bearer and to console the ill. They decline to of good tidings. The term applied close to their hearts the priceless vial to Ephesus the tidings of a quarry of the temple that was the glory of the They contrive to love, respect and city and of Asia. Adorned with heroic co-ordinate, and thus they keep in honors as he was, the title must have harmony with their fellow kin by be- seemed to the Ephesian Christians to ing sympathetic, friendly and helpful. fit those spiritual shepherds who brought the best of tidings and Evan-

Evangelista was an old Italian name and Longfellow seemed to have borrowed it and invented his Evangeline purely for use in his poem. It is from his adoption that all the American Evangelines are derived, so it may perhaps be called the purest American feminine name which we have. Certainly Longfellow has described an ideal American girl:

"Fair was she to behold, that maiden of seventeen summers, Black were her eyes as the berry that

grows on the thorn by the wayside, Black, yet how softly they gleamed beneath the brown shade of her tresses. Sweet was her breath as the breath of the kine that feed in the meadows.
When in the harvest heat she bore to
the reapers at noon-tide,

Flagons of home-brewed ale. Ah, fair in sooth was the maiden. When she had passed it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music."

Evangeline's talismanic gem is the ruby, that warm pulsing stone which is said to be an elixir of great potency for the wearer. Its medicinal qualities were held in great esteem by the ancients and from it the potion known as "ruby elixir" is said to have arisen. To dream of a ruby signifies unexpected guests. The lily, denoting purity, is Evangeline's flower. Tuesday is her lucky day and three her tallsmanic number.

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### Reasonable.

Mistress-I am very well satisfied with you, Annie, and am going to let you off every Sunday afternoon instend of every other.

Maid-But, ma'am, then I'll have to ask you for more money to have a better time on. .0-

#### A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs. ......

A GLORIOUS THOUGHT HAVE a thought that takes A deal of bleak and stormy

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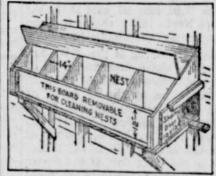
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