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When a Girl Is an Old Maid. old maid until really an

20 Generosity by Proxy

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Seventy-year-old Mrs. Gerald Travers certainly had no expansive reputation for liberality, but when Tom Travers, her long-departed husband's nephew, found himself at the end of his meager resources the autumn of his last winter in law school, he did not let any lack of favorable reputation in this regard stand in his way. She had no end of money-this his old sister had told him-and after all he was not going to ask charity.

So he had put false pride in his pocket and had gone to call on his aunt by marriage-though, of course, he never dreamed of calling her anything but "Mrs. Travers." He wanted to arrange to live in the garret or somewhere in the old house so as to help pay expenses that last season in law school. In return he would promise never to make himself more apparent than she wished, and would be glad to take on any household taskstending furnace, shoveling snow, even scrubbing kitchen floors, if she wished. Mrs. Travers had not been unkind,

but she proudly said that no Travers need stoop to menial labor. "You come here at once, and occupy one of the small rooms on the fourth floor," she had ordered. "You'll have meals here, too, though not with me. You can have them when you like in the breakfast room I never use. I'll find enough for you to do to square our score-'

"But I don't want to accept charty-" Tom protested, and then old Mrs. Travers had laughed, not altogether pleasantly, as Tom recalled later.

"You'll earn your board and keep, never fear," she said. "I'm not in the habit of being imposed on."

Tom soon found that it was true that he really was earning his way. Every evening he reported to his relative for orders and the tasks she assigned him were always well planned out before his coming. They did not take so much time-but they would have taxed the resources of any one less persistent than Tom Travers.

One day she wanted to invest \$10,-000 that had just come to her in a matured bond. Tom was given orders to look up the best possible way for her to reinvest that money. The next day her pet dog needed to visit the veterinary surgeon's; would Tom take him in the morning and see that he was well treated? Another day a friend landed from Europe, might have a little difficulty with the customs: Tom was to do the meeting and the smoothing. Then once, when the dressmaker was coming, there were countless samples of ribbons and sliks to be matched-but Tom didn't even balk at that, nor on that other occasion when Mrs. Travers asked him to go to the milliner's with her "to see that the fool saleswoman didn't try to give her anything unbecomingly youthful."

So Tom paid his way. One day toward spring Mrs. Trav ers handed him \$500 in bank notes. "There's a fair for the Day Nursery this afternoon. I detest such things, I'd send the amount in a check only I don't want to give any one of the women managing the affair the satisfaction of bringing in all that money at once. But I would like to help the good cause along a little. Now your job today will be to go to that fair and spend this money-a little here and a little there-without letting any one know I'm responsible." At first this did not seem like such a herculean task-at least not so bad as the trip to the milliner's or some other of his recent errands. But Tom Travers had never attended a fair before. He had the money changed into five and ten-dollar bills and carried a fat wallet in an inside pocket to his afternoon lectures so that he could stop at the fair in mid-afternoon. First he went the rounds systematically. He bought a five-dollar doll at the doll table and left twenty dollars without taking any change. Then he passed on to the fancy table, where he acquired something all covered with embroidery and lace, the purpose of which he did not know, and left twenty dollars for that, though it was priced but ten. At the candy table he left five dollars for a pound of adamantine fudge, left twenty dollars for a single rose at the flower table and had little difficulty in getting the young girl at the grab bag to accept a ten-dollar bill instead of ten cents for his chance. But Tom so far had spent only \$75. He had \$425 still to dispose of and he found that he had already attracted considerable attention. He took a seat in the teg room, hoping here to derive inspiration for the rapid spending of the rest of his money. Tom was interrupted in his reverie by the appearance of a very pretty young woman clad in what was intended to represent the costume of a Dutch peasant. It wasn't at all suthentic, but it was very becoming. The girl was Susan Dodge-of the old, aristocratic, immensely rich Dodge family.

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> Susan smiled her sweetest when she took his order and Tom drank the tea and wafers she brought as if they had been nectar, because of the sec and even sweeter smile with which they were served.

When she returned with the check, en which was written twenty-five cents, Tom cautiously took his wallet from his pocket, glanced at it as he held it under his coat and then counted out \$250.

"I don't want any change," he said with considerable embarrassment. "And please don't say anything. You

Susan had sat down beside Tom, because from her sheer surprise she really felt unable to stand. Then she noticed that his suit really was shabby, and that there were mended places on his shoes. Perhaps he was unbalanced-yet as she looked into his clear, straight-browed eyes she knew this conjecture was wrong.

So Susan took the money with a little gasp of surprise and promised to say nothing about the amount until after he had left.

"I still want to spend \$175," Tom said. "What shall I do with it?"

"Oh, there's a crazy quilt that poor Mrs. Hawkins made over at the domestic table. Nobody in the world will buy it, and she'll be disappointed.

It's marked \$50, I think." Tom handed Susan the balance of his roll of bills.

"While I sit here, would you go and get that quilt and leave this money for it? But don't say anything."

Susan kept her promise-she did not advertise Tom's generosity until after his departure. Then she told somebody, who told somebody else, and then was noised abroad the fame of the fairy prince. By those who had seen him it was agreed that he was one of the best looking of men, that his manners were perfect and that it was perfectly obvious that he was a man of great fortune.

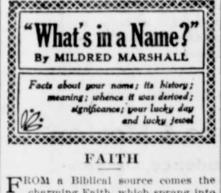
Gradually thereafter Tom found himself a much-sought-after young man. Dowagers who recognized him as the mysterious young philanthropist bowed to him as they passed and on two or three occasions he was hailed and invited to take a place in the limousine of one of those dowagers, who expressed her surprise at seeing him on foot. It was Mrs. Fellows-Mrs. Daniel Fellows-of well-known social prestige-who beamed upon Tom and asked him to call and the call led to a dinner invitation. Tom did not wish to explain his own poverty because he was bound by his word not to let it be known that his aunt had really been so liberal to the Day Nursery. Besides, he rather enjoyed playing the role of a young and eccentric millionaire, and all an occasional fling in society would cost would be the running expenses of his evening clothes-which he had already

acquired when he played in the college glee club. Then this was an opportunity of seeing Susan, for Mrs. Fellows explained that she would be one of her dinner guests. By way of giving a meager explanation of himself Tom said he was studying law. Yes, he belonged to the same family same time spreading to other sections as Mrs. Gerald Travers. He did not of the country. It is one of the few the hen eggs. The fresher the eggs explain that he belonged to an en- feminine appellatives which cannot be are when incubated, the better. tirely imped nious branch of the family, and that with his aunt's fortune already bequeathed to women's colleges in the Orient, and with some twenty cousins and some ten or a dozen aunts and uncles to be considered first, in case the will were broken, he was quite without prospects. Tom knew he should at least have made his position clear to Susan, but he didn't. And this made it aw ward a month or so later when Susan, confident in her own radiant beauty and the admiration that was very apparent in Tom's eyes, told him in a roundabout way that the reason why she had decided never to marry was because a certain young law student of her acquaintance didn't seem to want to make her his wife. Tom said nothing. There was nothing he possibly could say. Not for five years would he be in any position to support an er. ordinary wife, and heaven knew when he could support a girl like Susan. That night when Tom arrived at other. his aunt's house after one o'clock the old woman was sitting up for him. She ordered him to sit down beside

Charles de Roche 



screen star who is idolized by many, and better known as Charles de Roche, was born in 1893, at Port Vendres, near the Spanish border of southern ished by the birds. France. He was educated in the schools of France and graduated from Hoche college at Versailles. He weighs 178 pounds, is slightly over six feet tall, has chestnut-brown hair and gray eyes. He is not married, and makes his home in Hollywood. He is an head of the poultry department of the athlete of varied attainments; also a talented interpretative dancer. -0-



charming Faith, which sprang into popular usage during the vogue of Puritanical names. The prevalence of appellatives which denote abstract virtues marked the beginning of Puritanism in England and many such names came under the ban from other classes because of the widespread dislike of the "Round-Heads."

But the simple beauty of Faith, as vell as the divine virtue for which the name was symbol, kept her popularity undimmed. For was she not one of the trio whom St. Paul commends to the Corinthians, saying: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

The Puritans brought Faith to New England when they migrated from their native land and the name has been universally popular there, at the



## Egg Waste for Foultry

Is Recommended by Ohio Egg waste from incubators is rich in protein and, after boiling and grinding, can be profitably fed to poultry by mixing it with a dry mash to form a slightly moistened, crumbly mixture.

In tests at the Ohlo experiment station, infertile and dead-germ eggs were bolled for an hour, passed through a sausage mill, dried, reground and mixed in the dry mash as a fattening ration for young cockerels. The average gains from this mixture were 9 per cent greater for the egg product than for skim milk, supplying the same amount of protein.

For feeding market brollers in crates the following mixture proved excellent: Ground corn 40 parts, standard wheat middlings 20, and moist egg product 40, with enough water added to make a batter that could be easily poured.

Like all moist mashes this mixture should be fed with great care to avoid overfeeding, as the egg material is a concentrated feed and is greatly rel-

Cholera Is Contagious

Among Chicken Flocks Fowl cholera is germ disease which is very fatal, says Harry Emblem, Oklahoma college. A fowl showing no symptoms of the trouble may be found dead under the rosst the next morning. All affected birds do not go in this way. Some may linger a few days, showing a great thirst, due to fever, also a loss of appetite. The bowels will appear very loose, the bowel discharge being of a greenish-yellow color.

This trouble is contagious and can be carried on the feet of fowls and man. If this trouble is apparent a thorough cleaning up of the premises should be made, and the house thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The ground around the house should be plowed and cultivated. All affected birds should be killed and burned.

### Development of Chicks Comes From Attention

Best development of young comes from close attention brood coops, cleanliness, pro. and water, shade and free range. Dop a good mash before them. Watch for lice and mites. They multiply rapidly during warm weather. Clean and spray houses and coops,



The eggs of ducks retain their hatchability for a shorter time than

Ever since the world began men have tried to invent something that she begins to dream of a cute kitchen women would refuse to wear. Thus instead of a handsome knight .- San far they have not succeeded .- Out- Francisco Chronicle. look.

Boston Transcript.

A Hopeless Job.

Picayune.

A tropical fish, whose fins become Placing studios on the roof of New bright blue in moments of excitement, York warehouses may be taken as evi- and whose young hang from aquatic dence that industry is elevating art .-- plants by hooks on top of their heads, is now exhibited in the London zoo.

An interesting device-that motor It is not only difficult to say the truck which "walks like a man." Now right thing in the right place, but, far for a pedestrian who can run like a more difficult still, to leave unsaid motor truck. - New Orleans Times- the wrong thing at the tempting moment .--- Anonymous.

# GATHERED FROM ONE BIG TREE

#### Innumerable Products Derived From Wood Pulp, Through the Inventive Genlus of Man.

Geerge D. Ogden of Pittsburgh, was were once trees of the forest. talking to some lumbermen.

Boards, shingles, planks, lath and joists were once the only output of a log, he said, but now behold what a forest tree does for you.

delphia Enquirer.

nuisance and a dead loss.

above are partially made of this by poles.

product that was once given over to fire in order to get rid of it.

Of course, all the wrapping paper and paper boxes you see, as well as My wideawake railroad friend, the page upon which this is printed,

#### Earth's Climatic Condition-.

Coal is pretty evenly distributed over the world. Neither the equatorial nor the polar regions are unduly Your cravat was very likely a Ca- favored. This means that for most of nadian spruce or a birch, and so were the time the differences between the your wife's slik stockings and under- torrid and the frigid zones have been garments, writes "Girard" in the Phila- slight. At first sight this appears stranger, because we are accustomed We see carpets, rugs, tapestries, to the passing of seasons and changes dishes, phonograph records moving of temperature with latitude. We find picture films, paints, soaps, rope, it difficult to picture in our minds antwine, disinfectants, dyes and celluloid other state of affairs. Nevertheless, all built upon wood pulp. When Penn- it seems that our time is the unusual sylvania was still the leader of lum- one, with its extremes of climate. ber states, sawdust at the mills was a Fully three-quarters of the time that the earth has stood, mild weather has Many of the articles mentioned prevailed from the equator to the

Shanghai Plant Owners Reduce Cotton Output

duction schedule for a period of sixty in Shanghal ran to 100,000 bales. days, that will cut their output by 50 per cent.

Owners' association, and was caused by lobster season in Nova Scotia. But a weak and falling market for yarn at instead of the dark shell common to for raw cotton.

Shanghai.-The 'cotton" mills of ' It was estimated that stocks of yarn Shanghal have agreed to a reduced pro- in the hands of mills and merchants

#### This Lobster a Freak.

This was brought about under an An ordinary sized lobster was agreement approved by the Cotton Mill taken in one of the traps during the a time when high prices were ruling lobsters when alive it had a blue shell.

She had come to ask for Tom's order. "Smile your sweetest," some one had whispered, "and maybe he'll millionaire in disguise."

had answered. "The most aristocratic new.

her and rated him soundly for his Inte hours. And then she said: "Tom, you have surprised me.

thought you were an ordinary, selfeffacing young man like the rest of your tribe, "willing to grub along with your law books, permitting poverty to cramp you and keep you back. But I have noticed that you have been go-

ing out much of late, and through a private detective I have found out apparently been taken up socially by mally worth-while people. You are clever enough to do a little social climbing. I like that in you." Then she dismissed Tom and told him not to keep her up any longer. But as he was leaving the room she called him back and with much embarrassment told him that she had decided

to make him her sole heir. "I like you. I admire you. Marry a rich wife if you like, but don't feel that you have to. And you needn't walt until I'm dead, either," she laughed mirthlessly. "I've planned to give you \$200,000 now. We'll make arrangements in the morning."

And arrangements were made, and very soon afterward other arrangements to Tom more important. For leave you a ten-dollar bill. He's he hurried to the home of Susan and shabby enough, but seems to be a offered his heart and hand, and was accepted even before he had had time "I don't think he's shabby," Susan to discard the old patched shoes for

contradicted.

It is a fitting symbol of purity, for its easier to handle birds that trust the wearer who will, possess enviable charm and affability and have many friends. Wednesday is her lucky day and 5 her lucky number.

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#### Well Answered.

Sam, the new butcher boy, was smart and energetic in every detail and was giving his master great satisfaction.

One day he stood by the butcher's block intently watching his master cutfing up a bullock's head. After a while the butcher cut out the tongue, and turning to the lad, he remarked : "There, my boy. That's a tongue

that never told a lie." "Ay, sir," answered the boy,

"Can you beat it?" asked the butch-

"Ay, sir," said the boy again, "In what way, sonny?" asked the

"Well, sir," said the boy, pointing to his own mouth, "this tongue has often told the truth. The bullock's never has."



"Yuh know, my wife gets my goat. She must think I'm nobody or something. She wants to boss everything, me included, on every little thing. I just naturally can't-'

"Stop worrying, old man. She's only a woman-yuh gotta pity 'er. Just let where you have been going. You have fact that she's got it, and she'll quit 'er have her own way and ignore the soon's she finds out she's not makin' yuh lose sleep. Meantime, what'll yuh have an' how many cards d'yuh want?" -Richmond Times Dispatch.



If your turkeys are wild, make The pearl is Faith's talismanic gem. friends with them. It is cheaper and caretaker,

> Experimental work by the bureau of animal industry, United States Department of Agriculture, shows that good egg yields and economical results can be secured with a wheatless ration for chickens.

. . . Lice, overfeeding and filth kill twothirds of all turkeys that die. The other third die from too close confinement, accident or inherited weakness. . . .

Let turkeys roost in the open air. but in a high, dry place. If turkeys roost near a swamp there is almost sure to be trouble from roup. . . .

Young ducklings and goslings must be kept from the dampness the same as chicks. They grow fastest if kept on soft mash feeds and only allowed enough water to drink.

Reflection on Great Cities.

If you suppress the exorbitant love of pleasure and money, idle curiosity. iniquitous purpose, and wanton mirth, what a stillness would there be in the greatest cities .- Bruyere.

Concerns the Trades People.

John Selden-Of all the actions of a man's life his marriage doth least concern other people; yet of all actions of our life it is most meddled with by other people .- Boston Transcript.

#### Swiftest River.

The Amazon can lay claim to being the largest river in the world, but the swiftest flowing is the Sutlej, in India, which rises 15,200 feet above the sea and falls 12,000 feet in 180 miles.

The best way to get along with some people is to ask for more than you expect and then compromise on what youwant

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