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Man's Restricted Vision.
 Man's point of view is too restricted, his judgment too uncertain, to enable him to pronounce wisely upon the bearing and value of providential events. He should bow to superior wisdom rather than rebel.

Time's Changes.
 Some of the earliest of the fresh vegetables that reach snowbound American markets come from the Isle of Pines, which was once notorious as a rendezvous for Caribbean pirates.

Oysters Are Changeable.
 It is known that each individual oyster changes its sex at different periods, but the authorities do not yet agree as to the sex with which the oyster starts its life.

Cost to Feed Mongrels.
 It does not cost any more to feed pure breeds than it does the mongrel or mixed type. In the case of the mongrels there is no uniformity in size, shape or color of the eggs and they will never bring a premium for hatching purposes, as do the eggs of pure breeds.

Mash for Young Ducks.
 Young ducks should be fed a mash without the grain ration until they are well matured. An important part of the ration is a good grit.

Not Cleanest Man.
 If you go into a man's cow stable and find everything in a filthy condition you are safe to make the guess that the fellow himself is not the cleanest man in the world.

Planning Dairy Barn.
 Forget that you need exercise when planning the dairy farm. Cut out every step you can.

Tractor and Work.
 Take care of the tractor and the tractor will take care of the work.

Drowns in Goldfish Bowl.
 Lodi, Cal.—Stemms Hoffer, one-year-old son of Jacob Hoffer, wealthy vineyardist of this city, drowned in a goldfish bowl in his home here. The child's mother found him head first in the bowl, which contained about four inches of water.

Winning the Widow

By EVELYN B. WHITMORE
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"For twenty years the Widow Jones, attenuated of body but determined of mind, had lived next door to the colonel. In fact, only a good-sized yard separated the two places, and after all this time she had come to the conclusion that the dapper little bachelor needed someone to look after his material wants besides "that man Jed," who glowered like a thundercloud whenever she looked in his direction. Furthermore, she decided to annex him if he were annexable.

That settled, the widow proceeded to supplement her usual neighborly kindnesses with further expressions of good will. These consisted of appetizing dainties that she knew wouldn't fail to attract the eye and tempt the palate of any normal male human. Everything in the line of edibles, from soup to pie, found the trail to the colonel's door.

When the "hand outs," as Jed called them, appeared more and more frequently, the colonel experienced a vague uneasiness.

The climax came one winter morning as he was leaving the house. There in the snow, almost under his windows, was the gushing announcement, "Oh, the dear colonel! How I love the dear colonel!"

"Scheming individual," muttered the angry little man. "What's she after now?" striding wrathfully up the road. That some young torment might be the offender never occurred to him even when, from the tail of his eye, he noted a duplicate inscription scrambled across the snowy expanse of Widow Jones' front yard. As his resentment abated, a sensation of fear came in its stead. The widow was tall enough to look clear over the top of his head, and who knew what these designing females, especially widows, might do? Pictures of bodily kidnaping flashed through his brain, and he kept close inside his own domicile for the next few weeks.

The widow's reception of the wrath-provoking words was equally explosive, and the colonel's subsequent ducking for cover produced a snort of derision.

"So the old reprobate thought he was acting smart, eh?" Her expression and tone registered contempt. "Well, I'll let the little 'traid cat severely alone and see what will happen. Maybe 'twill start something and maybe 'twon't."

She promptly transferred her attentions and culinary donations to Gramp Simpkins, who lived down next to the parson. For a while this arrangement worked, then the colonel began to show alarm. The parson was a widower and might be on the lookout for a wife for all anybody knew. Consequently, whenever he saw his neighbor leave the house with a suspicious-looking parcel, he got out his field glasses and watched her. Sure enough, she turned into the parson's driveway every time.

"And Biny's (her name was Arabelle) the best cook in this burg," he wailed, jealously. "Twas mighty nice of her to fetch Jed and me those tasty messes."

Now that it was too late, he wanted what he couldn't have. (Such is the perverse nature of the male of the species). And he not only wanted more of "those tasty messes," but also, as that astute lady had wisely surmised, the way to his heart lay through his stomach.

When he could stand the strain no longer, he invented numerous errands that would take him over to her house. His clock was forever gaining time, or losing time, or stopping entirely.

Jed, the colonel's man of all work, frowned disapprovingly on these mysterious proceedings. "What's he larruping over there fourteen times a day for? And there he was yesterday," disgustedly, "climbing that swiggling ladder to fix the water spout. S'posin' that angular widow had given the ladder a flip, where'd he landed? Right ker-plunk in her blasted old rain barrel!" Jed could be what he called "dinged profane" when the occasion demanded a display of verbal fireworks, and just now he felt like airing all that he had ever acquired.

Later developments caused him to scratch his head in perplexity. And likewise to voice his disapproval of the whole business. "Just see what he's done now!" he growled. "Gorge and bought that Edgerator (what the thing was for Jed didn't know; moreover, he didn't care—not overmuch, anyway), and the new-fangled bureau contraction they call a shiverette (at least that is the way it sounded) and a plush square art."

He couldn't understand why the colonel should waste good money on foolish "concerns," when the house was full of stuff plenty stylish enough for angular widows, or any other kind. However, the widow simply smiled serenely. She was cordial enough, but appeared to take no especial interest in his various comings and goings, and still carried "hand outs" down the parson's way.

Things went from bad to worse, according to the pessimistic Jed, until the season came when "a young man's fancy (and an old man's, too, apparently), lightly turns to thoughts of love." By this time, the colonel had mapped out his plan of action.

Early one Monday morning, dressed in his Sunday best, he left the house,

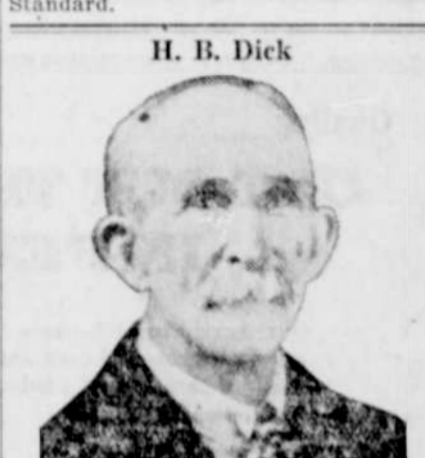
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The English Language.
 The English language is spoken by more people than any other. The number exceeds 150,000,000. Next comes German, spoken by 120,000,000; then Russia, by 90,000,000 and then French by 60,000,000.

Stray Bits of Wisdom.
 Life is like a sleep. Old men are those who have slept the longest time; when they wake up they find it is time to die.—La Bruyere.

Commands Respect.
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