



THE ENCHANTED MOUSE.

One day the wife of a poor man caught a mouse in a wire trap. She took it to a pail of water to drown it...

"Good madam," it said, "I am an enchanted mouse and have in days gone by been a prince. I hope some day to come into my own again. Give me life and you will never regret it."

"That I will," said the mouse, "and promise to keep the other mice away also."

"So the wife opened the trap and the mouse ran into a big hole in the wall."

"What are you doing?" asked her husband, who came in at that moment. When the wife told him what the mouse had said he was very angry.

"Very well," said the mouse; "close your eyes, turn around three times and then open your eyes and you will have the wish."

"The wife did as the mouse said, and when she opened her eyes there was her husband sitting in a large easy chair smoking a pipe."

"See," he said; "isn't this better than the poorly furnished but we lived in, and I have a full pipe, too?"

"Yes," replied the wife; "we should be content now, for we shall be warm in the winter in a house so well built."

"But one day later the husband said: 'Wife, go to the mouse and tell him if he is a prince in disguise he can just as well build us a handsome castle.'"

"But, husband," pleaded the wife, "we are comfortable here, what more do we need?"

"Do as I tell you," said the husband. So the wife went to the hole in the pantry wall and called—

"Mouse, mouse, pray come to me, I have a favor to ask of thee."

"What is it?" asked the mouse, putting his head out.

"My husband wishes a castle," she said; "he is tired of living in a small house."

"Close your eyes, turn around three times, and then open your eyes," said the mouse, "and you will have your wish."

"The wife did so, and when she opened her eyes she did not know where she was; everything was so beautiful, but her husband came and took her by the hand and led her through the large rooms."

rather live in the comfortable home you first gave us, but my husband is ambitious, and would rule."

MECHANIC CHOKES A HAMMER

You may tell a good deal about a mechanic's efforts and purposes by the way in which he handles his tools. You may size up a half-hearted artisan by the grip on his hammer handle.

TEACH POULTRY IN SCHOOLS

Younger Generation Kept Interested and More Efficient Poultrymen Are Brought Forth.

In every school district in Oklahoma there has been a poultry association organized through the efforts of the State Poultry Association.



Hen and Chicks.

The teacher gets information regularly from the central body, and poultry topics and poultry literature are furnished the school through the central organization. By this means the younger generation is kept interested and more efficient poultrymen brought forth each year.

WEED WATER PIPE MATERIAL

Large, Hollow, Straight Stalks of Common Cow Weed Used by Boy on West Virginia Farm.

A boy of fourteen, on a West Virginia farm, has piped water from a hillside spring to the house a hundred yards away and the total expense was less than 50 cents.

CROKINOLE IS SKILLFUL GAME

Soreness of Fingers May Be Entirely Overcome by Putting Propelling Digit Against Carom.

A great many persons do not thoroughly enjoy the skillful game of crokinole for the reason that their fingers become sore from shooting. To overcome this entirely put the propelling bent finger gently against the carom, or nearly so, and there will not only be no sting to the finger in sudden contact with the carom, but the direction of the shot may be far better controlled.

He Understood. "I don't see why horses are afraid of automobiles," said Dick.

Something Like It. Bobby was rehearsing the patriotic lines he was to speak at the Sunday school Fourth of July celebration.

Her Reference. Madam—Have you any references? The French Maid—Zee husband of zee lady where I last worked he give me an automobile.—Life.

MOSLEM "HOLY CITY"

MECCA ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD.

Remarkable Spot to Which Every Mohammedan Is Supposed to Make at Least One Pilgrimage During His Lifetime.

Not far from where Arabian lands now form a battleground for Turk and Briton stands the Mohammedan holy city of Mecca, toward which turn countless thousands of Moslems every day at the time for prayer, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Mecca, the native place of Mahomet, is the principal city of the Turkish vilayet of the Hejaz in Arabia and is located a few miles back from the coast of the Red sea, Jidda being its seaport and the landing place of nearly all its pilgrims who come by sea.

The more devout of Moslems usually transact no business either along the way or after arrival at Mecca, although the rules which prescribe conduct on this devout errand do not forbid such a thing. There are, however, many of the pilgrims who must combine religion with business, otherwise they could never find means to accomplish the journey.

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OCULT AIDS FOR SALESMEN

"Inspirational" System of Today May Be Well Said to Suggest Hindu Mysticism.

A vast amount of "inspirational" literature for business men is appearing nowadays. It takes the form of treatises and leaflets, series of articles in newspapers, publications of "schools" of supersalesmanship, and so on.

Specimens of the sort of mystic productions we mean have been appearing in a Philadelphia newspaper. They seek to convey, not advice, but stimulating messages. The goal is not merely moneymaking, but "man building."

We have no wish to decry these solemn views of business. Earnest and even fierce preaching of energy and determination may serve to stir up those qualities in some laggards. And it has always been true that exalted motives are a good thing for even lowly work.

But there is, clearly, a novel element in all this modern injunction to salesmen to lift themselves by their own moral bootstraps. It links itself with the vague ideas current about occult, psychic powers dormant in man.

Much amusement has been created by paragraphs and others over the use of the game of golf as a means of quieting insane patients. It is a fact, however, that excellent results are obtained in this fashion.

Swinging golf clubs against an innocent little rubber ball apparently takes care of the energy that might be expressed in violence that not only does serious damage to property but retards recovery on the part of patients.

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New Ways to Make Money. When it comes to thinking up new ways of making money you have got to hand it to the people of the East side. A woman over there has just been sent to jail for making fish with aged and chastened expressions look like fresh caught.

Mill Saw Reveals Honey. Escaping the notice of all the camp hands who fell and bucked the tree, a hollow white fir yielded more than fifty pounds of choice honey when cut into by the sawmill band saw.

Two Humorous Errors. The error of the newest Chambers biographical dictionary in which it is said that from 1898 to 1900 Roosevelt was "president of New York" reminds the Philadelphia Public Ledger of the fine old typographical error that crept into one of Horace Greeley's editorials.

When the Dean Remonstrated. The Manchester Guardian says this is a true story from the front: Two Tommies wandering on a part of the line with which they were not familiar found on many of the trenches neatly painted signs displaying the names with which their occupants had labeled them.

Women Now Belong. For the first time in its history the British Royal Astronomical society has admitted women to membership.

HER IDEAL AT LAST

MODERN MAIDEN'S SEARCH FOR "TRUE MAN" REWARDED.

Willing to Delight in Any Foolish Fad or Frenzied Fancy She Might Want to Pursue—Drew the Line at One Thing.

The modern young woman gazed critically at the modern young man. "You are sure," she said, "that you wish to marry me? Nothing could alter your decision?"

"Nothing." "In case I should accept you, would you be willing to fill in at any time at one of my dinner or bridge parties—I mean, of course, when I really need someone?"

"I should be delighted." "You will, I presume, permit me to go away in the summer time and spend as much money as I please at any place which my fancy dictates?"

"In case I should desire to roam over Europe alone, you would have no objections?" "None whatever."

"It is necessary for me, in order to maintain my position in metropolitan circles, to become hysterical over all the latest fads. This means that I will probably have literary freaks, bohemian impossibilities, suffragette caucuses and other highbrow functions in our house at any time. You would welcome all of these, would you?"

"With open arms, for your sake." "I shall, of course, have to indulge in the latest and smartest effects in clothes, no matter what the extremes may lead to. I trust that this would not disturb your serenity or make you express in any way any feeling of shame?"

"Impossible! You can go as far as you like." "Suppose that I should become eugenically inclined?" "It would be my great pleasure to praise your efforts."

The young woman moved a trifle nearer. "Just one more question," she said. "Will you go to the opera with me at the matinees every Saturday afternoon?"

Then the young man got up, folded his arms sternly and replied: "Never! I love you dearly, I am willing to make all kinds of a fool of myself and to do anything that any metropolitan husband is obliged to do in these halcyon days, but I'll be eternally frizzled if I lose my self-respect to the extent of attending the opera with any grown woman in daylight."

"Answered like a hero!" she exclaimed, clasping him fondly in her arms. "It is the one thing that I didn't want you to do. Oh, how grand it is to feel at least that I am marrying a true man."—New York Sun.

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MANY CASES OF STOMACH AND BOWEL DISORDERS

are traceable to delay Moral — — —

TRY HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

At the first sign of trouble

Recklessness. We ought to be contented. With conditions as they come. Fate can't be circumvented. And you've got to suffer some.

Every hope is a delusion. When it once is realized. Wealth that comes in great profusion. By the prudent is not prized.

When the Worm Turned. "Your honor," declared Officer McPherson, "I heard an awful yellin' back in the wagon yard, and when I got there this man was beating his wife."

Otherwise Engaged. "I used to think I'd like to make a name for myself," said Mr. Chuggins. "Then I got interested in an automobile."

Practice and Theory. "Who wrote that article on how to support a family of six on \$10 a week?" a friend asked Woggles, the editor of the Ladies Household Friend.

Matrimonial Ideas. "Why do you object to my marrying your daughter?" "Because you can't support her in the style to which she has been accustomed all her life."

The Lookout. "The ship of state is getting into troubled waters." "That's so. I only hope it won't have to be piloted by a tug of war."—Baltimore American.

Kelly Pool. "Here's your pill," said Mrs. John to her husband, who was suffering from grip.

"I DON'T SUFFER ANY MORE"

"Feel Like a New Person," says Mrs. Hamilton.

New Castle, Ind.—"From the time I was eleven years old until I was seventeen I suffered each month so I had to be in bed. I had headache, backache and such pains I would cramp double every month. I did not know what it was to be easy a minute. My health was all run down and the doctors did not do me any good.

A neighbor told my mother about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took it, and now I feel like a new person. I don't suffer any more and I am regular every month."—Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, 822 South 15th St.

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