

THE "BACKWARD GLANCE."

Taking It Will Frequently Save You Intense Mortification.

Miss Heywood tapped at Hazel's bedroom door. "I presumed on being your godmother, and came right up," she called.

A minute later a tear-stained, girlish face peeped out, and Miss Heywood was drawn inside a room that looked as if a whirlwind had just passed through it.

"Horrible, isn't it?" Hazel agreed, as Miss Heywood glanced about. "You see, I was late to breakfast, without doing a thing to this room, and then I rushed off to school, and mother left it all just for a lesson for me. And, oh, Ned has had that nice Mr. Wilson up in his room, and Mr. Wilson knows this is my bedroom, and when I asked Ned why he couldn't have had the brotherliness to close my door, he said—oh, he said—he was so used—to seeing it like this—he never thought!" and a wet hollow in a pillow which had evidently been doing duty before received Hazel's unhappy face.

"Hazel," said Miss Heywood, presently, "if you'll take orders from me for sixty seconds I'll teach you something that will prevent your ever having this trouble again. I call it the 'backward glance.'"

Hazel was sitting up in surprise. "Go stand by the door," began Miss Heywood, taking out her watch. "We'll suppose you are starting down to breakfast, but as you reach the door you give one backward glance to make sure that your room looks as you'd like to have it if the person whose opinion you value most were to pass the door. "You see several things to do, don't you? But you have just one minute to do them in.

"Now, ready, begin! Pick up that nightdress from the floor and hang it on its hook. Take the slippers from the bed and those shoes from the middle of the room and put them in the closet. Good! Snatch that towel from the back of the chair and hang it on the rack. Lay those gloves and dangling ribbons and that collar inside the drawer, and close all the drawers. Quick, please! Take that tangled mass of bedclothing and turn it smoothly over the foot of the bed. Lay the pillows on that chair by the window and throw up the window. Good! Hazel Marston, you did all that in one minute!"

"You stretched it!" laughed Hazel, breathless with the race.

"Not one second," denied Miss Heywood, "and if my room looks tidier than yours to-day, it is simply because I never, from the hour it was taught me, have forgotten to give the backward glance as I reached my door. Tell me, now," and she took the girl's face in both her hands, "wouldn't it pay to get up just one minute earlier?" —Youth's Companion.

Animals and Rain.

Much as animals dislike rain, none of them save the squirrel build themselves shelters to keep it off. Monkeys set their backs against tree trunks as a protection from driving rain, but never make a protective room. It is a common sight to see a drenched herd of cattle huddled together on some exposed common in a downpour of rain when they have no choice or chance of shelter. But even the orang-outang, which builds a small sleeping platform in the trees, never seems to think of a roof, though the Dyaks say that when it is raining heavily it sometimes covers itself with the leaves of a large fern.

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How Their Use Impressed a Lady the First Time She Saw Them.

A lady who saw forks used for the first time at a dinner of Henry III. of France records her "impressions" of the occasion. Henry had in 1547 been tendered a magnificent reception in Venice. At this entertainment forks were used. The royal guest observed them with much interest and immediately introduced them to the French court.

It seems from the account of the lady, who had never used them before, that some others were in the same predicament. She writes:

"They never touched the meat with their fingers, but with forks, which they carried to their mouths, bending their necks and bodies over their plates.

"There were several salads. These they ate with forks, for it is not considered proper to touch the food with the fingers. However difficult it may be to manage it, it is thought better to put the little forked instrument in the mouth than the fingers.

"The artichokes, asparagus, peas and beans were brought. It was a pleasure to watch them try to eat these with their forks, for some, who were less adroit than the others, dropped as many on their plates and on the way to the mouth as they were able to get to their mouths.

"Afterward a great silver basin and pitcher of water were brought, and the guests washed their hands, though it seems as if there would not be much scent of meat and grease on them, for they had touched their food only with those forked instruments."

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