DEAKIN' ON HOSS-TRADIN'

Well, yes, you take it fust an' last, I
s'pose I've made it pay
A-tradin' hosses; anyhow, so all the
neighbers say;
They've kind o' got the notion that if I
jest git a look
At any sort o' hossflesh I c'n read it like
a book.
An' on the other hand they think that if
a hoss is mine,
No matter how played out he is, I make
him look that fine
His mother wouldn't know him; but,
right here 'twixt me an' you
The man don't live but what some hoss
c'n teach him somethin' new.

A hoss is that deceivin' that I don't pertend to know
His kinks till I've perused him fer at least a month er so;
He's got a thousand diff'rent ways, er so it seems to me,
Fer teachin' us we ain't so smart as what we think we be.
Before the trade you try him an' you test him wind and limb,
An' do your best, you can't make out a thing that's wrong with him,
But once the trade's completed, then—an' don't it make you hot!—
He jogs your mind with somethin' that you shouldn't have fergot.

They say in tradin' hosses that there ain't a man so high
An' pure an' true an' noblelike but what he'll tell a lie;
But when you speak o' liars, why, from what I c'n recall,
I take the hoss himself to be the biggest one o' all.
Fer don't he do his level best in every way he can
To supplement the wicked words o' some designin' man?
A human bein' ain't persumed to stick to what is true,
But when a hoss acts out a lie, say, what's a man to do!

Now what I'm gettin' at is this; a hoss, if he finds out
You think o' tradin' fer him, will let on he's fresh an' stout,
An' speedylike an' willin', an' so good from top to toe
He'll make you give a lot to boot before you'll let him go.
But when he's yours, oh, sufferin' saints! the way that hoss lets down,
Until he looks to be about the wust old nag in town!
He'll balk an' bite an' run away an' bring you sech distress
That could you cheat somebody, would you do it? Well, I guess!

At fust this attymobile—the new-fangled thing they've got
Fer doin' 'way with hosses—sort o' worried me a lot,
But since I'm gettin' on in years an' h'ain't got long to stay,
Now that the hoss is goin' I'll be glad to git away.
I've traded hosses all my life, an' 'twouldn't seem jest right
To jog about the highways an' not see a trade in sight.
But there's one thing I wouldn't do fer any mortal price—
That's trade the heaven-sent hoss fer this blamed fact'ry-made device!
—Nixon Waterman, in N. Y. Sun.

MY LADY'S CHOICE

By Lelia Roome Harris.

YOU beautiful patrician face! How handsome and still how haughty, those large, dark eyes can smile until a man loses his reason, or stare with a cold, disinterested glance that makes a woman murmur: "What do the men see in that vain, cynical woman?"

You are looking into me as I speak (I am only your mirror, my lady), and I have seen many faces, but I wonder if there ever was a more changeable one than yours. Oh, yes! You and I are alone, my dear girl, or I would hardly avail myself of this opportunity to analyze you quite so truthfully.

I, too, have often wondered what makes you so popular. Perhaps we can find out the secret to-night. We have quite a half hour before it is time to go to the charity ball. (What a pity the remarks that will be made there about the women's gowns will not be more charitable!)

But even the most exacting can hardly find fault with you to-night, my beauty, the bride of the season, in your Paris wedding gown!

Little attention, I am thinking, the bridegroom (a millionaire of 60-odd winters) will receive as you enter the room.

You stand before me, your long pier-glass, and I look you over carefully, from diamond tiara to dainty satin slipper (so ridiculously small)!

Will they be there to-night—the old friends? What good times you have had with them, to be sure; but those pleasant days are to be all in the past now; you have a husband to please, a very jealous, exacting one. But then, my dear, remember he is a millionaire! One cannot have everything in this world. The old friends were all very well to dance and flirt with, to pass away the time, but they were out of the question when it came to marriage.

One needs a carriage, an establishment and important gowns to be popular when they are married; then they can have the reputation of "giving the best dinners of anyone in our set," and of being "such a charming hostess."

You will meet them to-night for the first time since they waved good-by to you from the shore as you leaned over the steamer's rail, and one of the ushers (you might have known it was Jim) had the audacity to throw a paper bag full of rice, which broke as it fell on the deck at your feet, and everyone turned to look with an amused smile at the blushing bride and the dignified, gray-haired groom. Yes, you will see them all again to-night, but you need not look so pleased. You will be "Mrs. Stocton Gouvenler." No one (not even Jim (and you know he would dare a good deal in the old days), will call you "Miss Phyllis" to-night.

Do you remember the night of Mme. Dyaire's ball?

You stood by Jim in the crush of the supper-room, trying to say an ice—how he whispered: "Do you know why you remind me of the first game I ever shot? Because you are such a —dear!"

It was a very poor pun, but you laughed and dimpled, glancing up at him through your long, dark lashes, for you knew only too well you had added another heart to your already outrageously long number of devoted slaves, and you even smiled when you heard Miss Primly say, quite audibly (as you passed out of the room): "Outrageous flirt! Mr. North, how can you admire her?"

You will meet Jim to-night, and he will mutter: "Delighted to see you, Mrs. Gouvenier," and will cross to the opposite side of the room, where he will look at you longingly and bite his mustache savagely, thinking how selfish your husband is to forbid you to dance, because he is too old to find any pleasure in it himself.

They will all be there, the old friends. (It seems much longer than two months since you went abroad; have you missed them?)

Did I say "all?" No, not all, for I remember a pale face, with such earnest gray eyes.

He found more important things in life than pleasures and dances. There were so many poor to help, so many ill, so much suffering and unhappiness. He took life "too seriously," Jim had said. I do not see why your mouth should droop so at the corners. Don't do it, Phyllis, it spoils Cupid's bow. Is there still a pain in your heart when you think of that poor boy? Well, don't do it, then; forget him; there are so many you should be sorry for, and it is rather late to begin now.

There is a step on the stairs; how quickly your face changes as you recognize your husband's step. All the life has died out of it and it has grown cold and expressionless. You rise to meet him as he comes toward you.

My dear Phyllis, do be careful!

It would never do for him to see your face as it is now, such a look of longing has come into it as the thought: "it might have been so different if—" goes beating through your brain. But with a master stroke of self-restraint, you force a smile and lower the eyes that are filling with tears so fast you dare not trust them, and say with a half laugh and a voice that is perhaps a trifle unsteady: "Don't I look lovely? Is it time to go, dear?"

Just then you are interrupted by the sharp noise of a door being shut violently. Everything grows dim and confused. Your husband seems to grow dimmer and dimmer until he fades away into the darkness; you rub your eyes and look with astonishment at me. I also have changed, from a stately pier glass to a little oval mirror hanging over your desk. You look into me with eyes that can hardly believe the vision of yourself that I reflect, for instead of your Paris wedding gown you have on a dainty matinee jacket and your hair falls in pretty confusion over your shoulders. You stretch out your hand to a letter that lies before you on your desk and with a glance of wonder you read in your own penmanship these words:

"Washington, D. C., Jan. 15, 1900.—Dear Maj. Gouvenier: I have seriously considered the question you asked me last evening, and I feel much honored that you should wish me to become your wife. If I can add to your happiness by giving you the answer you so much desired—"

What is the matter?

Why should you crush the letter in your hand and then tear it up and throw it into the waste paper basket?

The confused look has left your face; you are beginning to realize that after writing that letter this morning you leaned back in that comfortable chair and thought of the great happiness that was in the future for you.

You imagined yourself as a wealthy woman, thinking of the many delightful things the "major's" money could do for you.

Gradually you grew drowsy, you leaned your head against the back of your chair, your eyes closed—the dream that followed did not picture the future at all as you had imagined it would be; you realized too late (it seemed too late in your dream) that money alone could not bring you happiness, and that it was not so easy as you had hoped it would be to forget a certain pair of gray eyes. I confess that all through that dream I did all I could to make you see the mistake you would make if you did so in reality.

What are you doing, Phyllis?

Surely, you are not so childish as to write to that poor, discouraged missionary on the western prairies? And you really intend to give him the answer he has longed for for the past three months?

Well, you are a queer girl to let a mere dream influence you so. What will society say?

The beautiful, proud Miss Phyllis Varian to be married to a missionary, to give up the gay life she has found so pleasant, to live in a wretched little log hut in the place of a church!

But you seem determined, and a smile hovers over your beautiful red lips as you seal your letter, and I cannot help but wonder if you were ever really as happy as you are now.

And you will go to the charity ball to-night, but not as "Mrs. Stocton Gouvenier," and you will tell Jim about the letter you wrote this morning and the love light will shine in those large, dark eyes as you add: "Yes, Jim, I have sent him his answer, and he is to teach me to take life 'seriously,' too."—Troy Times.

Light Colored Tailor Mades.

White or very light colored cloth tailor costumes have become general. They are worn with pretty blouses and open jackets or boleros. In fact many tailor costumes have both a bolero and jacket, to change when required. Next to white a pale grayish blue is considered the most chic. In all cases when the skirt is lined it is lined with the color of the cloth when colored.—Washington Star.

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Has Great Faith in Future of the Electric Railroad.

Believes That Electricity Must in the Years to Come Be the Motive Power of Passenger Trains.

Emperor William is interesting himself actively in the development of electric traction on ordinary railways. He has been watching during the past few months the excellent results achieved by heavy electric trains between Berlin and Zehlendorf, and as a result of his observations he has been discussing with Privy Councillor Rathenau, who is director of the Allgemeine Elektricitats Gesellschaft, the possibility of revolutionizing the present system of traction. His majesty is convinced that electricity must in the future be the motive power of passenger trains, especially express trains, between Berlin and the other German and European capitals. He thinks, however, that steam might for the present be retained for freight and local trains.

Herr Rathenau has issued a report by request of the emperor, in which he states that some of the leading industrial and financial firms, including Siemens & Halske and Krupp of Essen, have founded a studien gesellschaft under the chairmanship of Dr. Schulz, president of the Imperial railway bureau, to investigate the problem. This syndicate has appointed a technical committee, of which Herren Slaby and Rathenau are presidents, and a subcommittee to deal with the details of traffic, architecture and mechanics. These will examine data and confer.

It is expected that the result of their labors will be the establishment during 1901 of a so-called fighting service on the military line from Berlin to Zossen, which fact, von Gossler, minister of war, has placed at the syndicate's disposal for purposes of experiment. It is hoped to prove the feasibility of making 200 or 250 kilometers an hour. Each train will consist of a single car accommodating about 50 persons. The Allgemeine elektricitats gesellschaft and Siemens & Halske are each building an experimental car, which generally resembles the ordinary European sleeping car. If the experiments succeed on the Berlin-Zossen line, which is only about 30 kilometers long, it is intended to start a quarter or half hour service between Berlin and Hamburg. The distance will be covered in rather less than an hour. The emperor has ordered the state department to assist the studien gesellschaft as much as it possibly can.

URGES A FLOATING FAIR.

Novel Exposition Scheme Suggested by Chief of Statistics Bureau O. P. Austin.

O. P. Austin, chief of the treasury bureau of statistics, the other day delivered a short address before the national board of trade in advocacy of a project to outlined for an around-the-world floating exposition. He suggested that a half dozen vessels be loaded with properly selected and advantageously displayed samples of American merchandise and sent from port to port all over the world. By this Mr. Austin thought merchants of all parts of the world would be given a better acquaintance with American products and American business methods, while at the same time representatives of American interests accompanying the exhibits would acquire a beneficial knowledge of foreign trade wants and customs. The board voted to refer the subject to a special committee for consideration and future report.

SECURE OIL FIELDS CHEAP.

Washington State Miners File Placer Claims on Idle Petroleum Lands.

The petroleum district about Rosalia is offered by the filing of placer claims covering a large area of government land contiguous to farms on which the best petroleum and gas indications have been found. This land is known as "scrub" land, has been worthless and has laid idle for years, because nobody would pay the taxes. The problem has been solved by a score of Spokane miners, who took the fields up as placer claims, thereby securing control of a vast acreage, which is undoubtedly underlaid with petroleum. Miners propose to do only enough work to hold the title and will await developments on adjoining lands to determine the value of their holdings.

FIND GREAT COPPER VEIN.

A Discovery in Prussia May Cut Down the Importation from America.

Enormous copper deposits have been found near Allendorf, in Prussia. Experts estimate the size of the vein at about 21,000 square meters. An analysis has shown that the freshly discovered ore contains one per cent more pure copper than that mined from the Mansfeld mines in Saxony. The vein will not be exhausted for 25 years, according to present indications, and the shaft sinking will be far less costly than is usually the case.

It is believed on all sides that this discovery will seriously affect the American copper importations.

Horrible Thought.

A cat was thrown into a panic among the canals of the University of Chicago the other day. What would have happened, asks the Chicago Record, had it been a gander?

Income Tax in Prussia.

In Prussia an income tax is levied on all whose income exceeds $600 a year.

Pullman Ordinary Sleepers.

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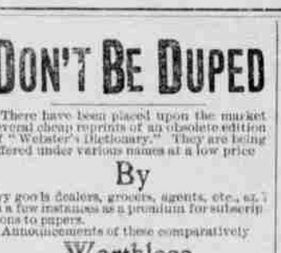

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