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Of every 200 persons that live to be 40 years of age 125 are married.

Emperor William and President Wilson have joined Lincoln and Gladstone as wielders of the ax. The president beheads postmasters, the emperor splits logs.

It pays better to try to be happy than to strive for wealth. Fortune lives in steelbound safety vaults, happiness in contentment, and money seldom succeeds in purchasing content.

We are a big country and therefore too great to have an American climate. All we can do is to have an infinite variety of simultaneous samples of weather. That is the east suffers from temperatures at or below zero while Sherman county has the sunshine, and California the floods.

Society's welfare in the last analysis largely hangs on the treatment of neighbor by neighbor. If neighbors enough are at outs, the house of society becomes divided against itself. If two neighbors are quarrelsome, the families of each suffer and an entire neighborhood becomes affected in larger or less degree.

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Foreign Butter

Within the last few months the dairy industry of the state has felt a new influence; Oregon butter has encountered a new competitor. Owing to the reduction of the import duty on foreign butter, New Zealand and Australian butter has been coming into our state in considerable quantities. Over 65,000 pounds, or 32½ tons were received during the last two months of the year.

Some of the butter received was of a very good grade, ranking with our best, while other shipments were of inferior grade. It is coming in larger quantities at this time because this is their summer season in Australia and New Zealand and their production is at the maximum.

During winter months (corresponding with our summer months) they do practically no dairying and it is not likely that this foreign butter will affect our markets except that it should prevent extremely high prices here in winter, a condition that will be greatly appreciated by the consumer. It will also have another beneficial effect, in that its competition with our product will stimulate Oregon dairymen and creamerymen to produce a superior product. The better the quality of the imported article the greater will be the stimulus.

The Moro school has the distinction of having formed the first corn club in Eastern Oregon. This club was formed three weeks ago by Supt. Nash from the boys of the grammar grades and contains twenty members. They have made all arrangements for selected seed corn with which to plant their ground and have also organized with a full quota of officers. Last week they called L. S. Smith of the O-W-R & N Co. to Moro and he spent a half day in the building instructing them on preparation of the soil. This club has now chosen Mr. D. E. Stevens of the local experiment station for their official advisor and hope to get much from working through him.

More than 14,000 prisms, to be a part of the illuminating scheme of the Panama-Pacific international exposition, have reached San Francisco from the Austrian manufacturers and more shipments are expected soon.

The Bible contains 3,568,480 letters, 733,748 words, 31,173 verses, 1189 chapters and 66 books. When did you last see the Book?

Kitchen Most Important Room in Home

The importance of having an economical home has been emphasized by the farm architect of the department of agriculture, who states that the mental and physical fitness of the laborers both within the house and in the fields are vitally affected by the building that affords the family shelter.

The most important building on a farm is the home. The health, comfort, and happiness of the family are dependent upon its construction and equipment, and unless these matters are looked after the sanitary dairy barn or the economically constructed buildings for stock are of little value. Happiness and contentment in the family are as essential to efficient service as approved tools and outbuildings.

Although the housewife spends, in many cases, a lifetime in her "workshop," the kitchen, and the family rooms, she is not as a rule capable of planning a house in the highest degree serviceable and comfortable without assistance.

One of the most important details regarding the average American house is that it must be inexpensive. The average annual net income of today, after deducting 5 per cent interest on investment, is less than \$400. This does not mean that the houses may not be attractive. They may, if intelligently planned and with the help of vines, shrubs, and trees, become the prettiest spots in the landscape, and more beautiful and inexpensive than crowded city houses.

The possible economy in household labor and the conservation of the strength of the housewife are two important factors to be considered in the construction of a home. Pleasant and comfortable homes tend to hold families together; but the cheerless, unlovely, and insanitary houses drive girls and boys away.

After economy in the construction of the building and in the housework has been attained, attention will be given to developing beauty. Simplicity in line and good proportions are meant by the use of this word beauty, and not so-called applied "ornaments." This simplicity is entirely in keeping with a general plan of economy.

Economy however, is not a synonym for cheapness. Double strength glass may be more economical than single strength, notwithstanding its greater first cost. A kitchen sink is a paying investment; screened-in porches, sleeping porches double or triple windows, and kitchen conveniences are fine economical features which even the smallest house plans may consider. Separate dining rooms for families that generally eat in the kitchen are less important, as are "parlors." These separate rooms may have complete systems of plumbing, heating, and lighting which involve additional expense. The kitchen is the most important room in the house.

Other features that should give way to a comfortable and convenient kitchen are narrow porches, filigree work, numerous angles in walls and roof, useless doors. There should be an intelligent purpose for every cubic foot of space and for every piece of material about the building, if possible.

For the convenience of all who may become candidates for nomination or election for any office at the ensuing primary and general elections during the current year and for the information of officials who have to do with the administration of the laws pertaining to nominations and elections, and for the guidance of all persons or organizations as may sponsor any measure proposed by the initiative, Ben W. Olcott secretary of state, has compiled a digest of the existing laws of the state relating to elections in Oregon. A copy has been received at the Observer office where any interested party can look it over.

Mrs. M. L. Robbins of the Extension department of the O. A. C. gave two addresses in the high school building here last Friday that were very instructive to the parents of Moro. Mrs. Robbins came under the auspices of the local Parent-Teachers association.

What Is Your Income

Only a few days left in which to file your income tax statement. Application for blanks can be made to any bank or county treasurer or to Milton A. Miller, collector internal revenue Portland, Oregon.

Penalty of \$20 to \$1000 for failure to file returns before the 1st of March.

Fine not exceeding \$2000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both at the discretion of the court for making a false or fraudulent return.

Every person having a net income of \$3000 or over for calendar year (\$2500 for year 1913) must make a return; a single person is allowed an exemption of \$3000 and a married person \$4000. (For year 1913, March 1 to December 31, the exemption allowed is \$2500 or \$3333.33.)

All payments due on your income may be remitted at once or you can have until June 30th in which to pay. Payment must be made by certified check, money order or draft. Personal checks can not be accepted.

Partnerships as such are not required to make income returns, but the members comprising the firm providing their individual incomes reach \$3000 (\$2500 for 1913) or over are to make returns. If in doubt regarding any part of the law or regulations write for information to M. A. Miller, collector, Portland, Oregon.

For year 1913, the law operates only from March 1st to December 31 so the incomes, deductions and exemptions are figured accordingly.

Husbands of Edith

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"Her mission in life, up to a certain stage, is to make the man appreciate the fact that he has, after all, been snapped up by a small but serving family," she said blithely. "It is also her duty to pour oil on troubled waters and strew flowers along the matrimonial highway, so long as her kind offices are not resented. By the way, Roxbury, I am now about to preserve you from bitter reproaches. You have forgotten to order coffee and rolls for your wife."

"Great Scott! So I have! It's 9 o'clock." He ordered the coffee and rolls to be sent in at once. "I hope she hasn't starved to death."

"My dear Roxbury," she said sternly, "I must take you under my wing. You have much to accomplish in the next twenty-four hours, not the least of your duties being the subjugation of Tootles and Raggies. Tootles is fifteen months old. It may interest you to know, we can't afford to have Tootles scream with terror every time she sees you, and it would be most unfortunate if Raggies should growl and snap at you as he does at all suspicious strangers. Once in awhile he bites, too. Do you like babies?"

"Yes, I—I think I do," he said doubtfully. "I dare say I could cultivate a taste for 'em; but, I say," with eager enthusiasm, "I love dogs!"

"It may be distinctly in your favor that Raggies loathes the real Roxbury. He growls every time that Roxby kisses Edith."

"Has he ever bitten Roxby for it?"

"No," dubiously, "but Roxby has had to kick him on several occasions."

"How very tiresome—to kick and kiss at the same time!"

"Raggies is very jealous, you understand."

"That's more than I can say for dear old Roxby. But I'll try to anticipate Raggies by compelling Edith to keep her distance," he said, scowling darkly. "Has it not occurred to you, that Tootles will be pretty—er—much of a nuisance when it comes to mountain climbing?" He felt his way carefully in saying this.

"Oh, dear me, Roxbury! Would you have left the poor little darling at home—in all that dreadful heat?"

"I'm sure I couldn't have been blamed for leaving her at home," he protested. "She didn't exist until half an hour ago. Heavens, how they do spring up!"

The remainder of Brock's day was spent in getting acquainted with his family, or, rather, his menage. There were habits and foibles, demands and restrictions that he had to adapt himself to with unvarying benignity. He made a friend of Raggies without half trying. Dogs always took to him, he admitted modestly. Tootles was less vulnerable. She howled constantly at each of his first half dozen advances. His courage began to wane with shocking rapidity. His next half hearted advances were in reality inglorious retreats. Spurred on by the sustaining Constance, he stood by his guns and at last was gratified to see faint signs of surrender. By midday he had conquered. Tootles permitted him to carry her up and down the station platform (she was too young to realize the risk she ran). Edith and Constance, with the beaming nurse and O'Brien, applauded warmly when he returned from his first promenade, bearing Tootles and proudly beelied by Raggies. Fond mothers in the crowd of hurrying travelers found time to look upon him and smile, as if to say, "What a nice man!" He could almost hear them saying it, which so doubt accounted for the intense ruddiness of his cheeks.

"Do you ever spank her?" he demanded once of Mrs. Medcroft after Tootles had brought tears to his eyes with a potent attack upon his nose. She caught the light of danger in his gray eyes and hastily snatched the offending Tootles from his arms.

Miss Fowler kept him constantly at work with his eyeglass and his English, neither of which he was managing well enough to please her critical estimate. In fact, he labored all day with the persistence, if not the sullenness, of a hard driven slave. He did not have time to become tired. There was always something new to be done or learned or unlearned; his day was full to overflowing. He was a man of family.

The wife of his bosom was tranquility itself. She was enjoying herself. When not amusing herself by watching Brock's misfortunes she was napping or reading or sending out for cool drinks. With all the selfishness of a dutiful wife she was content to shift responsibilities upon that ever convenient and useful creature—a detached sister.

Brock sent telegrams for her from cities along the way—Ulm, Munich, Salzburg and others—all meant for the real Roxbury in London, but sent to a fictitious being in Great Russell street, the same having been agreed upon by at least two of the conspirators. It mattered little that she reported herself monotonously in regard to the state of health of herself and Tootles. Roxbury would doubtless enjoy the protracted happiness brought on by these dispatches, even though they got him out of bed or missed him altogether until they reached him in a bunch the next day. He may also have been gratified to hear from Munich that Roxbury was perfectly lovely. She said in the course of her longest dispatch that she was so glad that the baby was getting to like her father more and more as the day wore on.

At one station Brock narrowly escaped missing the train. He swung himself aboard as the cars were rolling out of the sheds. As he sank, hot and exhausted, into the seat opposite his wife and her sister the former looked up from her book, yawning ever so faintly, and asked:

"Are you enjoying your honeymoon, Roxbury?"

"Immensely!" he exclaimed, but not until he had searched for and caught Connie's truant gaze. "Aren't we?" he asked of Miss Fowler, his eye dancing. She smiled encouragingly.

"I think you are such a nice man to have about," commented Mrs. Medcroft, this time yawning freely and stretching her fine young arms in the luxury of home contentment.

Brock went to bed early in Vienna that night, tired but happy, caring not what the morrow brought forth so long as it continued to provide him with a sister-in-law and a wife who was devoted to another man.

To be Continued Next Week.

MAIL PLAN TO AID CONSUMER.

Burlison to Give Him Direct Access to the Farmer.

Washington.—The recent decision of the house committee on agriculture to ask for \$104,000 instead of \$94,000 to maintain the new division of markets in the department of agriculture makes known the plan of Postmaster General Burlison to use the division of markets and the parcel post to bring farmers and consumers together, with a view to lowering the cost of living.

Circulars are to be distributed along rural free delivery routes telling the farmers of the trade opportunity offered by the postal service. These circulars will ask the farmers to record their names and addresses at convenient postoffices and then periodically file statements of the produce they wish to market and the price. The circulars will also contain information as to packing perishable products for shipment. This data will be classified and distributed among consumers in bulletin form.

The department of agriculture officials are at work on practical phases of this plan of distribution. The extra \$100,000 which the agricultural committee has agreed to give is to be used to teach the farmers how to get and build city trade.

TO END MENTAL TESTS.

Department Makes It Easier For Students to Enter West Point.

Washington.—An order which will make it possible for candidates to enter the United States Military academy at West Point without taking mental examinations was issued at the war department.

It provides that a candidate may be exempted from the mental examinations credited by the Military academy if in good standing in any institution accredited by the Military academy, if the entrance requirements for such institution include proficiency in algebra, geometry, English, as outlined by the college examination board, or if he can present a certificate of graduation and proficiency from institutions accepted as standards by the college examination board or if he can present a certificate showing he has passed examinations as prescribed by the college examination board.

It is expected that this order will encourage young men to enter West Point and result in decreasing the number of vacancies there.

Quite Accidental.

Small Boy—Mother, please give me another lump of sugar for my coffee. I've dropped the one you gave me. Mother—Where did you drop it? Small Boy—In the coffee.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOURNS FIDO

Faithful Attendant For Ten Years Gets Flower Decked Coffin.

Ashtabula, O.—Fido, the most faithful attendant at St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday school, was buried with honors in the front lawn of his home.

Fido was a little black dog of obscure ancestry owned by Ward Cross, twelve years old, son of Dr. W. C. Cross. For ten years he had attended the Sunday school regularly and always brought a cent. He would enter the church with solemn air, trot down the aisle to the infant class and remain throughout the service without a bark or whine. He carried the coin in his mouth and never missed a session in ten years.

Flowers covered his coffin, and children wept for their friend.

The Grain Growers Conveniences

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