

Longed for Home, Sweet Home

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Anne had not been home for four years. The fact was, the more she had thought about it, the longer she had procrastinated. She had been a sort of misfit at home. Her father, all her aunts and uncles, the townspeople themselves had shaken their heads and prophesied a bad end for her.

Why?

Anne had gone away to get a job in the "movies" after a temperamental career in the old home town. And nobody knew that Madge Beauty, the famous film actress, was really Anne. You see, Anne looked quite different on the screen.

They had been four bright, hectic years—and yet there had been times when Anne would have swapped them all for a home, a nice, quiet home in the quiet country. With whom? Oh, Ronnie, she supposed.

Ronnie and Anne had been sweethearts from the day when Ronnie knocked down the pitcher for pulling Anne's curls. Ronnie and she had kissed each other in Lover's lane. Ronnie had given her a ring. Then Anne and he had quarreled, and she had gone away.

However, they had written often, and Ronnie had been to see her twice in the city. Impossible man that he was, Ronnie would never take "no" for an answer. And he was such a hurt look when she refused him. Poor Ronnie!

"If Ronnie only knew just when and how to take me, he might—perhaps," reflected Anne. He had a determined jaw.

The car rolled through the street. The postmaster recognized Anne. He waved his hand lightly—as to an inferior thing. Anne flushed. But that was nothing to the grin on the ice-cream man's face, nor the greeting at home.

That evening was like a dream—a dream after ice cream, jellied consommé, and frozen fairy. Next morning the invitation began.

"Well, you're turned up again," sighed Anne's father. "I suppose you'll be trying to get back that job in Bill Hicks' grocery store?"

Aunt Emma, looking extremely virtuous, said:

"I dunno as you can do any good for yourself here, Anne. You see, folks know that you've been tramping up and down the country following the films."

"Following the films?" What did the good lady think the films were—barnstormers? It was too ridiculous. Cousin Kate was vicious. "I'd put on quieter clothes if I was you, Anne," she said. "Folks around these parts don't think too much of dressed-up popinjays."

Anne laughed so hard that Cousin Kate was whisked out of the room, as it were, by the breath of clear wrath. There were family consultations all day long. What was to be done with the girl? When Anne went into the village, eyes followed her curiously from shop to street, and from street to shop.

"Wal, I reckon you're glad to be home again, after seeing life," said Hen Boggs, the grocer. Two men on the cracker barrel tittered.

The worst of all, however, was Uncle Eb. Uncle Eb had a seventy-acre farm just outside the village. He came puffing up the hill, vast with importance.

"My pore gal, my pore gal," he began, "you've tasted the wine of life and found it bitter-sweet and salty, ain't you? There's loving hearts that don't take no account of lapses of repentant sinners—"

He broke off, even wincing under Anne's gaze.

"What did you want to say to me, Uncle Eb?" asked Anne.

"My gals and me was talking about getting a domestic help. We'd treat you like the family, Anne."

"If I was treated like your family, Uncle Eb, I'd take an ax to you," said Anne.

She strode haughtily down the road, alternately crying and laughing. How preposterous it all was! Must it be taken for granted that a girl who went on the films had gone to the dogs?

A tall figure was coming toward her. Anne tried to flee—too late; tried to brace herself to meet the shock. Then Ronnie was standing before her, holding her hands.

"Anne, darling, what is it—what is it?" pleaded Ronnie.

"Oh, this place is so hateful, Ronnie. Every one thinks I'm bad because I'm on the films, and they—they don't know I could buy half of them up."

"Be my wife, sweetheart," ventured Ronnie.

Anne looked at him and saw that he had a determined jaw—worse than ever. She freed herself hysterically.

"Oh, no, no, no, Ronnie," she cried. "I'm going back to the films."

The Unexpected Happens.

I frequently smiled while the children of my friends mortified them and usually mentioned the irreproachable behavior of my own angel.

One day in a library I was waiting in a line and noticed an extremely plain person who seemed to be in a white rage.

Amused at her odd facial contortions, I surveyed her calmly when she addressed me furiously: "Will you have the good kicking me?"

With haughty manner I said: "You didn't kick her, dear, did you?" and waited composedly for her hurt denial.

"Yes, I did! She looks so awful green. Mummy, care if I do it again?"—Exchange.

Jazz Records.

Fond Mother—"Jack writes home and says that he has broken seven of the college records—one of them the discus record." Poor Dad—"More expense! I suppose I'll have to send him a check to cover the damage."

AW, WHAT'S THE USE



SAWFISH LOST TO AQUARIUM

Miami Beach Officials Had a Prize, but the Nine Specimens Died in Short Order.

The officials of the aquarium at Miami Beach a short time ago endeavored to secure in a big net a porpoise to see if it could be kept alive in an outdoor tank, and when hauling it in were surprised to find that a sawfish had become entangled. A successful effort was made to bring this specimen alive, and it was placed in the 36-foot tank inside of the aquarium.

It was tempted with different varieties of its natural food, but it would not eat or move around in the tank, excepting perhaps once in 24 hours it would move a few feet but always along the bottom. Four days after it was placed in the tank it gave birth to nine young, each about one foot long, six inches of which was saw, and nature had provided that each little saw was inclosed in a glutinous veil, thus protecting the mother and the other offspring from the saw.

At the end of three weeks the mother died, either from starvation or a broken heart, but the little fellows, knowing nothing else, began to eat what was offered, little shreds of spiny lobster and cut up mullets, thriving and growing very nicely, not being interfered with by the other fish, and taking a good deal of exercise swimming the length of the tank, generally near the floor. After three months, during which time they had grown to a little more than two feet in length, they were attacked by some sort of parasite and one by one died.

ATTAIN AGE OF PATRIARCHS

Residents of Belgian Village Round Out Century of Life as a Matter of Course.

That which Ponce de Leon vainly sought seems to exist at Horchies, in Hainaut, four miles from Mons, in the midst of the coal and metallurgical region of Belgium. It is a village of 8,000 inhabitants, where almost everybody reaches the age of the patriarchs.

They have just been celebrating, one after another, two diamond weddings (sixty, sometimes seventy-five, years of married life); five golden weddings (fifty years of married life), and the one hundred and first anniversary of a man, Francois Collin. But even this centenarian does not constitute a phenomenon in this privileged community, for there was born, in the last year of the Eighteenth century, a woman who saw the end of the Nineteenth century and died only at the end of the first lustrium of the Twentieth century.

It is noteworthy that the Methuselahs of Horchies are all former workmen and workingwomen, who knew neither the benefits of the eight-hour day nor those of the anti-liquor laws. Will Horchies, under the new regime of the least effort and of the uttermost abstinance, remain the paradise of long life? In some fifteen or twenty lustriums we shall know if they are right.—Exchange.

Land of Caves.

The Shenandoah valley is achieving a reputation for its caves. It has a large collection of great ones and innumerable smaller ones. Those of Luray, in Page county, have been known for some time, and have been visited by thousands of persons from all over the world, but in recent years other caves have been discovered and opened which are just as notable and interesting. They are Weyer's cave, in northern Augusta county; Endless cavern, in Shenandoah county, and the Shenandoah caverns, which were the last to open. Some persons claim that the latter are the most wonderful of the group. The reason for the presence of these caves is that there is a great deal of soft limestone in this vicinity, and the water has gradually washed it away and left these great holes.

Remarkable Golf Stroke.

Driving against odds of 100 to 1, Capt. E. C. Carter teed off perfectly and put a golf ball over a castle wall and won a remarkable wager.

Captain Carter won the Welsh open championship and immediately afterward a fashionable lady golfer offered to wager 100 pounds to 1 that he couldn't put the ball to Harleek castle, a historic structure of the Thirteenth century standing on a huge rock overlooking the royal St. David's course. It is 200 yards from the nearest point on the links to the battlements which are 200 feet above the level of the course. Captain Carter's first attempt failed, but he scored the second time.—London Mail.

Human Hair From China.

Human hair, obtained from the heads of thousands of Chinese coolies, recently arrived in a southern port in a 50,000-pound shipment on the steamship Hattie Lucenback. It is the first consignment of a total shipment of about 800,000 pounds of human hair now en route to this port from China. It is stated that the hair is to be used in the manufacture of press cloth and will take the place of camel's hair for this purpose.

BORAH CALLS FOR ECONOMIC MEET

Washington, D. C.—A move to instruct President Harding to call a world economic conference in addition to the proposed world disarmament conference was made by Senator Borah when he introduced an amendment to the naval appropriations bill, now before the senate.

The Borah amendment would take the place of the house provision encouraging the president to call a disarmament meeting to take up things left undone by the conference of November, 1921.

The president would be encouraged to call on "such governments as he deems necessary to send representatives to a conference which would be charged with the duty of considering the economic problems of the world, with a view to restoration of trade, and the establishment of sound financial and business conditions." Borah's amendment stated.

No mention is made of what countries should be invited or where the conference might be held.

The Borah amendment also embodies the provision of the appropriation bill which specifies that the executive should call a new arms limitation conference to take up the matters of land, sea and aircraft armament "with a view to reaching understanding relative to limiting future construction."

Arbuckle Pardon Arouses Protests.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Protests against the reinstatement of Roscoe Arbuckle continue to accumulate here. Official disapproval of the recent order of Will H. Hayes, titular head of the motion-picture industry, restoring to the plump comedian his right to work in the pictures, was expressed by Mayor Cryer in a telegram to Mr. Hayes, asking him to reconsider his decision.

"Truth in Fabric" Bill Meets Favor.

Washington, D. C.—Favorable report was ordered by the senate interstate commerce committee of the "truth in fabric" bill to require manufacturers of woolen cloth or garments to mark the percentage of wool and other materials contained in their product.

\$16,198,000 Is Postal Deficit.

Chicago, Ill.—General Charles G. Dawes, former director of the national budget, made public what he termed the "submerged" balance sheet of the postoffice department. It showed a deficit of \$16,198,000 for the first three months' operation of the postal service this year.

Inebriety on Increase in New York.

New York.—Arrests for intoxication during the third quarter of 1922 in this city showed an increase of 50 per cent over the corresponding period of 1921.

Nation's Meat Consumption Big.

Washington, D. C.—The department of commerce in a statement estimated that the per capita consumption of meat in the United States will exceed 150 pounds this year.

Her First Love Affair.

When I was six years old I thought I was in love with a boy the same age. We both attended private kindergarten. While he was out of the room I fixed his chair and when he came back to sit down I pulled it under him. He cried and had to be taken home, and that ended my "first love" affair.—Exchange.

Black Bass Goes Hunting and Catches a Blackbird

Lake Wales, Fla.—Black bass in the vicinity of Lake Wales have become exceedingly voracious, says Milton Henry, farmer, living near here. Henry avers all women with feathers on their hats to keep away from a large lake that constitutes a part of his farm. He declares this story to be true.

While plowing out sweet potatoes a few days ago her husband the cries of a bird and considerable splashing in the water near shore. His quick attention was attracted by a black bass had leaped from the water and grabbed a blackbird sitting on a red bent just over the lake's surface. The bird had been dragged into the water and was struck at by the fish several times before Henry waded to its rescue. The bird later died to the farmer exhibited it to his friends to substantiate the story.

PENSION LINE THINNER

Commissioner's Report Shows Civil War Men Are Fading.

4,900,000 Less Paid to Veterans in 1921—73 Soldiers Drawing Pensions for Service in Mexican War.

Washington.—The American pension system cost the public \$236,201,002 during the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report of the commissioner of pensions. Of this amount \$234,907,583 was paid out for pensions, the cost of maintenance of the system being \$1,293,419.

That the number of pensioners is rapidly diminishing is shown in the statement that \$4,900,259 less was paid in pensions during the last fiscal year than during the previous year; that 25,082 Civil war veterans died, as against 24,776 for the previous year, and that 21,250 widows died, as compared to 19,451 the year previous.

The number of pensioners on the rolls June 30, 1922, was 547,016, compared with 566,008 on June 30 the previous year. Of these 193,881 were Civil war veterans; 45,995 veterans of the Spanish-American war, and 3,198 widows of Spanish-American war veterans. There were 73 soldiers drawing pensions for service in the war with Mexico and 49 widows of soldiers of the war of 1812.

Several important modifications of the practice of the pension bureau were brought about during the year by departmental decisions. One decision held that a person who enlisted in the regular army subsequent to April 22, 1898, and was discharged on or before April 11, 1899, or who enlisted in the navy or marine corps after May 4, 1898, and was discharged prior to April 11, 1899, could be considered "a volunteer."

This holding favorably affected hundreds of claims filed by widows and minors of soldiers of the Spanish-American war.

In the last fiscal year, 130,736 pension claims were disposed of and 2,269,707 checks prepared and sent out. At the close of the year 82,615 claims under various pension laws were pending.

SOAP KING MADE AN EARL

Lord Leverhulme, who was recently elevated to an earldom, is another example of a member of Britain's nobility rising from humble circumstances. He made his enormous fortune in the production of soap, working his way up from the "bottom of the ladder."

He has established community houses and homes for workmen in his manufacturing cities which rent for \$2 a month, the workmen also participating in the prosperity of his enterprises by profit sharing schemes and industrial copartnerships.

Pekingese Dogs Sacred.

In China Pekingese dogs were regarded as sacred or semi-sacred. No person outside the emperor's palace or the temple was permitted even to see them. Anyone who ventured to remove one of these dogs from the sacred precincts invariably met with a lingering death.

Flat noses and prominent eyes are today the chief "beauty" of the Pekingese, and it is said that to achieve these characteristics the Pekingese of a thousand years ago were made to jump for a piece of hard meat which would be nailed to a board. In doing so they hit their noses and their eyes started out of their heads.

In ancient China the dogs were bred in colors to match the robes of their owners—cinnamon-yellow being the favorite.

Ocean Reclaiming Island.

Rockfall, a small island 250 miles north of Ireland, has sunk three feet in the last 33 years.

LOOK MAM—WASSIE PITCHER I SEEN IN THE PAPER A' RUNNIN' FOR ALDERMAN

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The great flock settled on the Scythia's decks when the steamer was about 400 miles from the American shore, and transformed it into a floating aviary. Wild canaries, robins, linnets, thrushes, snipe and juncos fluttered around the decks, perched on the rigging, and even penetrated the lounges and engine room. The passengers and crew cared for them, giving them warmth, food and shelter, but, even so, many of the smaller birds died from exhaustion. Three owls and a score of pigeons were easily captured.

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WIRE CAGE FOR \$5,000 TREE

New Jersey Farmer Sold Freak Branch Which Bore New Variety of Fruit.

Owner Was Paid \$1,000 and Will Get Two Cents for Each Bud That Is Developed—Will Be Subjected to Exhaustive Tests.

Ferrell, N. J.—A wire cage has been constructed around the "55,000 apple tree" in the orchard of Lewis Mood, a farmer living at Ferrell, in South Harrison township, Gloucester county. Mood recently sold a branch from this peculiar tree, producing an entirely new variety of apple, to one of the big nursery firms of the country for what is said to be a record-breaking price for his fruit.

The public will have to wait two years or more before it can learn very much about the Mood apple, as it is being guarded with the greatest secrecy, indicated by the erection of the stout wire cage entirely around the tree. All that is known so far is that it is a red apple of exceptional size and sweetness. There is no other apple just like it in this country, so far as horticultural experts have been able to determine.

To Be Tested.

This new variety will be subjected to the most exhaustive tests under various climatic and soil conditions throughout the United States, before the nursery firm which has bought it is willing to place it upon the market. Orchard science as applied through budding will make it possible to produce the new fruit in quantities large enough for experimental purposes within a year or two.

The new apple is purely an accident of nature, being a freak from one of the ordinary orchard varieties. Mood noticed several years ago that one of the branches of a particular tree in his orchard was bearing an apple that was different, both in color and flavor from the fruit from other limbs on the same tree. He watched this apple carefully for season after season. He took off some buds and started other trees. The big red Mood apples were in demand among his customers that last season he sold \$75 worth of apple from the original tree alone.

Nursery Men Interested.

A representative of a nursery company learned that the Jersey farmer had an apple that was attracting attention and he called to see Mood. "I had thought of trying to put out this new apple myself," said Mood in talking of his "find." "I put a \$-ice on the applicant I thought would keep those fellows from pestering me about selling. They got the head of the company here to look over the apple and to see the tree and we came to terms."

Just what these terms are are set forth in a bill of sale and a surveyor's record of the exact location of the tree, which have been filed in the Gloucester county clerk's office at Woodbury. Even the particular branch of the tree is designated in this unusual record.

According to the agreement on file which is corroborated by Mood in personal conversation, he has received \$1,000 in cash and is to get \$4,000 in "royalties" at the rate of two cents for each bud that is taken from the original branch or any trees developed from it. These buds will be grafted upon stock to produce trees of the new variety.

"Five thousand dollars seems like a big price for an apple," remarked one well-informed nurseryman regarding Mood's sale, "but in these days a new apple of exceptional quality, color and size is worth a small fortune to any one who has the courage and organization to introduce it to the nation."

Many Children in Sixteen Years.

Popular Bluff, Mo.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winder, who live just south of Popular Bluff, were married 16 years ago. The other day their fourteenth child was born. The children all arrived singly, and seven of the fourteen are living.

Testing Wooden Crates.

The forest products laboratory of the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture, was recently called upon to test wooden crates that would be satisfactory for carrying army aircraft bombs. Seven types of crates were tried in the experiment and one type was evolved that would not only carry 300-pound bombs, but also 1,300-pound bombs.

His Grouch.

"As the song has it, we are only poor weak mortals, after all." "Admitted," said Mr. Grumpton. "What I object to is the large number of persons with no other visible means of support who draw fat salaries for telling us how weak we are."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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Principles of Flying Set Out by Louis Pierre Mouillard Have Been Proved Correct.

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