

CARING FOR PETER

By JESSIE A. PARSONS

MRS. HOLLANDER sprang quickly from her seat at the piano and tripped along the hall, firmly determined to dress immediately for her club, the Four O'Clock. But temptation, in the shape of Peter, barred the way. With Peter such a delicious mite, who could have refrained from playing with him, unmindful of the flying moments? When the tall clock uttered a throaty signal meaning quarter before four, Mrs. Hollander sped to her dressing table and said to the maid who then appeared: "Please brush this gown and find my gray shoes. I have to ask you today, because Nora has gone home. "I'm sorry to be late to my club," she rattled on in her nervousness. "Last week I couldn't go because Peter was ill. You won't mind looking after Peter today, will you, Amy?" Following a swift survey in the mirror, Mrs. Hollander left the house, swinging along with such radiant vitality that the young elm trees nodded their approval. Two short blocks brought her to the home of her hostess. Several figures clad in gowns of pastel shades, seated in a semicircle on the inclosed porch, gave the effect of a rainbow just fading from the sky. On the porch was a brass plate inscribed, "Samuel Brown, M. D." Mrs. Brown bore her tardy guest into the library for a confidential moment. "The mysterious Mrs. Lowell has come out of her hiding place at last. But she looks so sad and hasn't spoken a word. I'm delegating you to sit beside her and draw her out." "But, Frances, I've tried to call on her without success." The two women then stepped out on the porch, where Mrs. Hollander took the vacant chair next Mrs. Lowell. Some one then inquired after Peter. "He's getting along beautifully now, and he grows more intelligent every day." "Just how old is Peter?" questioned Mrs. Lowell. The faraway look in her eyes vanished and in her pale cheeks two exquisite dimples burst into flower. "Peter is three months old," replied Mrs. Hollander. At that moment her good intentions of following up this opening were smothered by a renewal of the musical program. In the confusion of adieux, Mrs. Lowell slipped unnoticed away. Said Mr. Hollander to his wife at dinner: "We've a new man at the office now. He's been here a month, but I hadn't happened to talk with him before. He comes from Cleveland—asked to be transferred on account of his wife. His name is Lowell." "Really? I saw Mrs. Lowell this afternoon." "They lost their little boy last winter and Mrs. Lowell was so beside herself with remorse that they had to leave their old surroundings. The child was killed by a truck." "How dreadful!" "You saw her today, didn't you?" "Yes; Frances invited her to attend our club meeting. We must try to make things pleasant for her. I think I'll ask her over tomorrow. I won't mention tea, however. That reminds me—we had the best punch this afternoon. There was pineapple in it, and ginger ale—and, yum-yum, lots of strawberries." "Ah, strawberries! This shortcake is a dream. Mary is a prize cook, even if she does have a villainous temper," said Mr. Hollander. "Yes, indeed," replied his wife, leading the way from the dining room to the wide porch. Instead of seating herself in the wicker swing, she then exclaimed: "I believe I'll run over to Mrs. Lowell's now and ask her to come here tomorrow." Although Mrs. Lowell accepted the invitation, she was late in arriving the next afternoon. Mrs. Hollander's other friends had come and gone. Peter had been brought in, admired and carried out again before Amy announced Mrs. Lowell. She apologized for her tardiness, saying that she had been looking through her trunks. On coming in she had furtively placed a basket near her chair. All the while Mrs. Hollander talked to her guest, Mrs. Lowell looked as if she were trying to catch some unheard sound, and longed to utter a question which she could not frame. Then, with a swishing rush, in burst Mary, scarlet-faced. "Not one minute more will I stay, ma'am. 'Tis bad enough to have an animal come into my kitchen at all, but that dirty beast of a Peter! Pom-perrainen or what not, he's eaten all my shad roses, bad luck to him!" Before Mrs. Hollander could speak, Mrs. Lowell had fallen from her chair. Just then came Mrs. Brown, unannounced. "Oh, Frances, you blessing! Tell me, dear, is Sam home?" "He surely is, Hilda." "Telephone, quick, Amy, to Doctor Brown. Never mind picking up those things until afterwards." From out of the basket had tumbled a Turkish towel bunny, a celluloid swan and a quaintly-carved rattle. "Oh, the poor, poor thing!" cried Mrs. Hollander. "You don't suppose—but no; she couldn't have thought that Peter was a baby!" Mrs. Elsie McBea of Cottage Grove underwent an operation in the Springfield hospital on Monday morning.

.. Personals ..

Henry Thompson of Pendleton received medical treatment in Springfield Tuesday. Miss Bessie Bench is up again after two days' illness. Mrs. Myron Peery was in from Wendling Tuesday on a shopping trip. Luke Morehouse was a business visitor in Springfield Tuesday from his home in Fall Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Aubrey of Thurston were in town shopping Tuesday. J. R. Fish of Motor route B is driving a new 4-door Ford sedan which he purchased in Springfield Monday. Charles Grant was in from Thurston Tuesday on business. George Platt of Thurston was here on business Tuesday. Mrs. Womb and son of Waltherville were in Springfield Tuesday. Clarence Belknap of Belknap Springs was in town on business Tuesday. Glenn Levee was in from Waltherville Tuesday. The Davis brothers were in from Camp Creek on business Monday. N. A. Chaffee of Dexter was in Springfield on a business trip on Tuesday. Mrs. Levi Neet is working in the Ketels drug store for a few days during the Christmas rush. George Kelly went through Springfield Monday on his way to the Western lumber company at Westfir. The Springfield Mill and Grain company received a carload of poultry feed and a carload of mill-run from Portland on Monday. Dr. W. H. Pollard went to Mable Saturday on business. Mrs. F. A. Winfrey was down from Marcola on a shopping trip Monday. Mrs. C. M. Fisher was operated on Sunday night at the Springfield hospital.

Herding and Cow Testing Taught Dairy herdsman's practice and cow testing experience will be afforded in the special course at O. A. C. beginning January 2 and running for five months. Each man will take a few cows from the college purebred herds, and feed, manage and milk them for the entire time. They will also weigh and test the milk as required both in cow testing association and official testing work. It has been hard for the dairy owner to find experienced men qualified to handle his herd to get high and economical production and at the same time maintain the health and vigor of the animals. If these trained herdsmen fail it will not be for lack of suitable experience.

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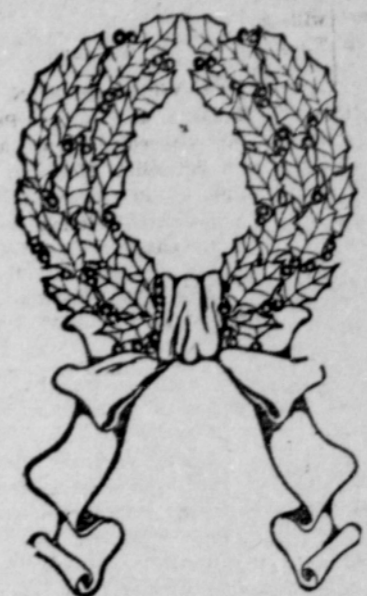
OREGON MEDICAL SCHOOL HIGH STANDARD REWARD

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 20.—(Special)—High standards at the University of Oregon school of medicine have won for the institution a chapter in Alpha Omega Alpha, honorary medical fraternity, according to word received here. Membership in Alpha Omega Alpha is based on scholarship in medical study. The society corresponds in medicine to Phi Beta Kappa in arts and sciences. Only medical schools with the highest standings are eligible for admission. The University of Oregon chapter was unanimously approved by the society's committee on extension and by the twenty-seven chapters of the organization. "Membership in Alpha Omega Alpha is looked up by the medical profession as the highest honor and reward that a medical student may gain," said Dr. Raymond E. Watkins, a member of the staff of the school of medicine. "Members are elected only toward the close of their four years of medical study. The three Greek letters of Alpha Omega Alpha mean 'To be worthy to serve the suffering.'" The requirements for membership are: scholarship, strength of character, individuality and originality, moral character in the broadest sense, including unselfishness, and respect for oneself and for others with high ideals. The following students of the school of medicine have been elected: Edw. E. Osgood, Otis B. Schreuder, Morris L. Bridgeman, Paul Holbrook, Warren C. Hunter, Miss Ruth E. Watkins and John LeCocq. Members of the faculty of the school of medicine elected are: Dean Richard B. Dillehunt, Dr. J. Earl Else, assistant professor of surgery; Dr. Robert L. Benson, professor of pathology; Dr. Harold Myers, professor of pharmacology; and Dr. Ralph C. Matson, assistant professor of medicine.

OREGON'S FRUIT OUTPUT CAN FEED MANY MILLIONS

How to Find Buyers of Surplus to Be Threshed Out in Conference at O. A. C. Oregon grows enough prunes annually to feed 28 million people. She produces six times the amount of apples needed by her own citizens, seven times the pears, eight times the small fruits, and 50 times the prunes, according to figures compiled by the college extension service. This large surplus of specialties contributes to but 20 per cent of the national food supply. How to develop production and marketing program for the important Oregon specialty fruit crops and encourage and guide expansion of the fruit and nut industry will be one of the big problems before the horticultural section of the agricultural economic conference at the college, January 21 to 26. Information on production and trend of the industry in competing districts regarding tree fruits, small fruits, nuts, and vegetables, is being compiled by members of the horticultural staff to present to the growers attending the conference. Commercial production of loganberries, walnuts, and filberts in the United States is limited to Oregon, Washington, and California. On the average, approximately 36 million pounds of walnuts and 19 million pounds of filberts are imported annually by this country. Parts of this state are considered especially well adapted to growing these two crops. Methods of finding a way to market

these surpluses or reduce their production and also a means of increasing production of the nuts to supply market demands, will be earnestly sought. Fined for Having Veilon county, arrested a few days ago on a charge of illegal possession of deer meat, pleaded guilty in Judge Wells' court Tuesday and was fined \$100 and costs. Stevens had no money to pay and is serving his fine in the county jail. Oregon produces only 52 per cent of her pork requirements. One of the questions to come before the livestock conference at the college January 21 to 26 will be determination of the ex-



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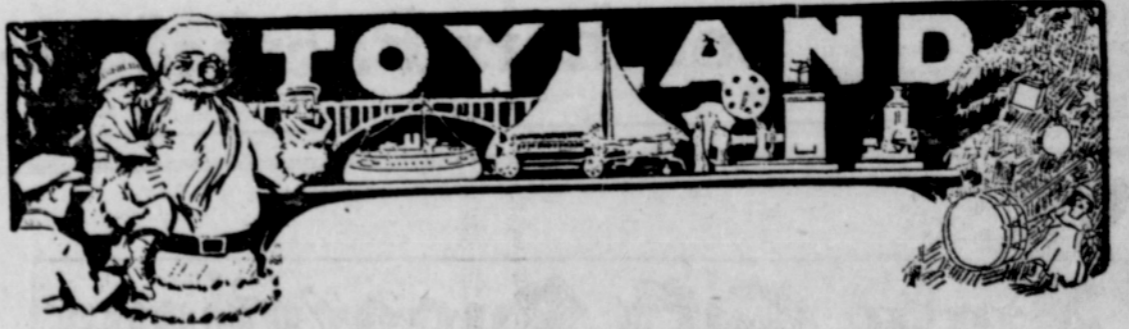
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