

A HAPPY REUNION

By MINNIE DEARBORNE.

Jack Harding had two hours to wait before his train was due to leave. He was sauntering along with the crowd, when he felt a heavy hand on his shoulder, and turning around, he was exceedingly surprised to greet his old friend and college chum, Dick Harrington. After the usual exclamations and hearty hand-shakes, they proceeded to talk of their college days and business interests. "Excuse me, I had quite forgotten to inquire about Mrs. Jack Harding," Jack blew a puff of smoke into the air, and turning to his friend, said: "Dick, I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jack Harding." Dick looked at Jack with a quizzical smile, and a merry twinkle in his dark eyes. "After I heard that Jean and you were engaged, I expected every day to receive an invitation to the wedding, and for some time I scanned the dailies to see where Jack Harding had succumbed to the charms of the beautiful Miss Jean Wetherbee, only daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Douglas Grant Wetherbee." Dick suddenly closed his recital, as Jack moved uneasily, and tossing his cigar away, exclaimed with apparent surprise: "Dick, Jean and I were very happy until her mother decided to take Jean on a European trip for several months. After an absence of four months, which had seemed a lifetime to me, I received word that they were about to return, to which I was looking forward to a happy meeting with Jean, and vowed nothing would separate us again.

"Father called me into his office one morning and told me I must pack at once and sail for England. It was of the utmost importance. The business had to be attended to at once. Father was not able to make the trip. I was to remain away at least three weeks, and then go to Paris for several weeks. I tried in vain to persuade father to send Proctor, who had been for years in his employ. There was nothing left for me to do but pack and leave on the next boat for Liverpool.

"I had just time to attend to these details and write a hurried note of regret to Jean's home to be delivered to her on her arrival. I was not so busy but I found time to write every day to Jean, but all my letters were returned to me unopened. This made me feel very down-hearted, as I had explained everything, if Jean had only been reasonable and read my letters. It was just five months to a day when I returned to the States.

"It did not take me long to spin in the direction of Jean's home, only to find she had left the day before on a western trip. I could find out very little from the servants, until one of them came with a package that Jean had left to be delivered to me. It contained, with other presents, the engagement ring. That was five years ago. I have never seen her or heard from her since."

Jack paused and hastily looking at his watch, exclaimed: "Well, Dick, it has got to be good-by. I have just time to make my train." Dick grasped Jack's arm and with a firm but kindly voice, exclaimed: "Do you suppose I have found you to lose you so soon? You are not going on that train. You are going home with me. I want you to see Elsie again. You know Jean and Elsie used to be the dearest of friends. I want you to see my new home and how happy we are. I know Elsie will be delighted to meet an old friend," said Dick hurriedly, as he saw Jack was about to decline.

After a few more urgent appeals Jack was convinced. Dick telephoned from his office to Elsie he was to bring home an old friend to dinner.

Dick stopped his car at what Jack thought the most beautiful house on the street. Jack was made to feel right at home by the delightful greeting of Elsie, who came out to meet them, looking up so dainty and fair. Jack thought how fortune always seemed to smile on his dear old friend, Dick, while he—his thoughts were cut short, as he was being ushered into a large charmingly arranged living room. But who was the woman at the piano in white, a vision of loveliness? Hearing the approaching footsteps and animated voices, the lady turned. Their eyes met. Their voices rang out simultaneously.

Mrs. Elsie made a hurried excuse to return to the culinary department, closely followed by Dick.

In less than six months there was added another beautiful suburban home presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harding, who are just as happy as the "Harringtons."

One morning a year later Dick meeting Jack on the street, stopped to inquire "How is Mrs. Jack Harding?" Jack, his handsome face wreathed with smiles, joyfully exclaimed: "She is very well and so is Jack, Jr."

Hall Caine's Title.

Sir Hall Caine has written to a Manx paper which had familiarly addressed him as "Sir Thomas," "thereby going back to the name by which I was known among my ain folk when I was a boy."

He wishes to hallmark his name, which stands for forty years of friendship, success which have been sweet, and perhaps for some failures that have left no sting.

So he adds: "Please let it be Hall Caine, with or without the prefix."—London Chronicle.

WILL AGAIN HONOR MAGELLAN

Centennial of His Famous Voyage Likely to Be Appropriately Observed in 1921.

March, 1921, will be a good time to visit the Philippines, for it will then be an even 400 years since Fernando de Magellan, as he was named in his native Portuguese, although better known, as English usage afterward changed it, by the name of Ferdinand Magellan, first visited the islands, discovering and taking possession of them for the crown of Spain. And plans are now under consideration to celebrate that anniversary in a way to outdo any celebration ever held in the Orient. One will hear, no doubt, a great deal about Magellan in the next 12 months, and the first navigator of the Pacific will reappear in newspaper columns and magazine articles; nor is it unlikely that his counterfeit presentation will rediscover the Philippines in a proper pageant. The celebration, indeed, comes at an appropriate time, for the Pacific ocean is only just assuming reality in the thoughts of the great majority of Americans, and it provides historic background against which the modern islands can display their products, their development, and their opportunities for the investment of American capital. Like Columbus, Magellan was not seeking new lands for Spain. He set out to find a passage from the Atlantic to the ocean that Balboa had seen some years earlier on the other side of the continent, and having passed through the straits of Magellan, he believed that he was steering for the Moluccas, or Spice Islands. And so, incidentally, he found the Philippines.

COMES OF ANCIENT FAMILY

Danish Minister to Iceland Traces Origin to First White Man Born in America.

Information has been received from Copenhagen that the Danish consul-general in London, J. E. Boegglid, has been appointed Danish minister to Iceland. Mr. Boegglid is widely known in America, having been Danish consul in San Francisco and Chicago, consul-general in New York and commercial adviser to the Danish legation in Washington.

Mr. Boegglid seems especially fitted for this post, as he has Icelandic blood in his veins. On the maternal side he is descended from the Tullinus family of Iceland, which traces its origin back to Thorfinn Karlsefni, one of the famous Norsemen who discovered America nearly one thousand years ago.

Karlsefni, of whom a statue was recently erected in Philadelphia, was the first white man to settle in America, spending two years in "Wineland," where his wife, Gudrid, gave birth to a boy, who was called Snorri. From Snorri descended a numerous and distinguished lineage, among whom is numbered the Tullinus family, and the new minister to Iceland can thus lay claim of being descended from the first white man born in America.—Detroit News.

Cook With Oil on Warship.

The Hood, the monster mystery battleship, launched from the Clyde the other day, is fitted out with a large oil-fuel cooking galley. For several years past the use of oil fuel has been common in the British navy for propulsion purposes, but its employment for cooking is quite an innovation. The galley referred to is capable of cooking for 1,200 men. The heat is obtained by means of special burners, which consume the oil under pressure, compressed air being used to atomize the fuel. The result is a white flame of extraordinary heat and cleanliness, which leaves no residue whatever and is easily controlled. There is an entire absence of smell—a usual disadvantage in cooking by means of oil—and there is no chance of the food being contaminated.

The Earth's Crust.

The most important scientific investigation of the past year in any country has probably been the attempt to measure the earth's crust. We know very little about the shell on which we live. Scientists have been studying the problem in Hawaii, Tuscany and Salvador, where the opportunities for investigation are especially favorable. Many data new to science have been collected concerning the shell, its composition and probable age. Still other tests have been made in New South Wales, where a great reservoir concentrates an immense weight of water on a limited area, and instruments have been devised to measure the movement of the earth's crust under this weight. New light has thus been thrown on the action of volcanoes.

Hardest Tool-Steel Yet Discovered.

When a tool becomes dull, time is required to sharpen it, and time in a machine shop is expensive. A tool that will cut hard materials and still keep its edge saves both time and money. Eleven years ago Professor J. O. Arnold, of Sheffield, England, invented the alloy of steel in which the metal vanadium was introduced to provide a cutting power greater than that of other steels. As a result very rapid production became possible. He has now produced a steel of even greater cutting power in which the alloy molybdenum replaces the tungsten present in all vanadium-alloy steels, forming six per cent of the steel instead of the eighteen per cent of tungsten. It surpasses the cutting power of all its rivals.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

TURBAN TRIMMED WITH TULLE

Headgear of Gray Hemp Embellished With Jet Band Forming Veil-like Trimming.

Lewis, of Paris, notes a fashion writer, makes a fascinating little turban, from which tulle floats. It is of gray hemp trimmed with a jet embroidered band of black tulle, forming a veil-like trimming across the front and sides and continuing across the back where it is tied in a wide Alsatian bow.

Another close-fitting hat is of shiny white straw, with a brim turned up in the back and front and extending into Continental points at either side. Just above the points are bright pink roses. Over the crown of the hat is draped a large square veil of black net with an applique of lace. The drape is gathered to the left side to be swathed about the neck and chin of the wearer.

Not all of the lace trimmed hats are small. One model, which is very large and turned up sharply in the front, has a flowing veil held to the crown with a narrow ribbon.

Tulle Is Popular.

Much tulle is the order of the minute and this is headed and embroidered in the most intricate fashion, even though the heaviness of the handwork is applied to almost invisible fabric.

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