

HER PINK WRAPPER

By STELLA BELDING

Belle. He would call on Miss Ernestine very early to-morrow morning; and then, perhaps—

"Is it eight o'clock yet?" yawned Ernestine, turning over in bed and presenting a white rampart of back to her sister's sleepy face.

"Yes," came the muffled answer.

Ernestine rose, yawned again, pressed her hands to her forehead and stretched herself luxuriously, blinking hard to open her eyes. She sent out one small foot to feel about on the floor for the badly down-trodden slippers that lay hidden under the pile of ruffled bedclothes that had slipped to the floor during the night.

Ernestine groaned audibly, the room was so intolerably deplorably untidy.

"Oh, dear!" she sighed Ernestine, sitting up, she started suddenly as a rather sick looking wrapper came down over her head and shut off utterance. "Do get up, Anne, everything is in such a nasty mess."

She kicked a roll of soiled towels into a corner, and threw a bunch of withered roses into the brimming soap basin. When the shutters were flung open she stepped for a moment before the mirror. In it she saw a most dowdy little figure. She nearly laughed out loud. Her beautiful hair was tumbled about her shoulders and standing absurdly at angles and angles. Traces of yesterday morning's chocolate adorned her wrapper front.

"I certainly am a little—fright!" she laughed.

The thought languidly of the transformation that would take place when she donned the fresh pink wrapper now lying across the back of a chair in the next room, and of the effect of a knot of young rosebuds at the belt.

The beat of footsteps sounded in the hall. The girls stopped short, and their eyes met. They came upstairly near, then ceased. The sisters still stood transfixed looking at each other.

An inquiring, long, brown nose was softly protruded within the crack of the door.

"Loduskus!" screamed Ernestine, running to him and beginning to pat his head vigorously.

"Col Bell!" ejaculated her sister.

Ernestine had long since raised quick countenance to the level of a smile.

Very shortly she emerged distractedly, pretty, captivated, immaculate as the morning, and in time to gather a few blossoms for her throat as she tripped down the gravel walk to meet the unregenerate colonel. She was as fresh and sweet as one of her own favorite blush roses that bloomed at her feet, as she faced the colonel in that most delectable of pink morning wrappers. She looked up at him, archly, coyly, from out the shadow of her great garden hat.

"Good morning," he said, abruptly.

"Miss Ernestine, pray pardon such an early morning call, but—"

She put out her soft, white hand quickly and laid it on his, pressing it gently.

"Dear colonel," she said, "I find the early, early morning the most beautiful part of the day. Why apologize?"

She let her hand drop. His own still tingled, he felt her little fingertips resting in his palm. The colonel's face was overspread with a not conventional beauty, for had she not stood the supreme test, and come out with not only a firm, but scrupulously clean, colors. He twined his arm about her, drawing her into the shadow of a tree near by, and whispered a few hurried words in her ear. Loduskus lay on the gravel and stared at them with an unfathomable look in his eyes.

It was very quiet, not a leaf stirred in the murmuring green valley.—National Magazine.

Contagion.

Mr. Scrubbs—I went over to see Miss Jane yesterday, and she tells me that she's dyin' of ennu!

Mr. Gubbins—Lor, Marthal what's that? Nothing catchin', I hope.—Daily Sloop.

THROWN AWAY.

The colonel glanced up at the trim, mullin curtained, gingerbread windows that looked out of the wall like three staring eyes slightly askew.

"But why didn't you take the shutters off to paint them, Miss Ernestine?" exclaimed the colonel, inspirationally.

Ernestine extended her pretty hands in a tender little movement of appeal to the colonel. She pressed her glowing morning face down among the cool leaves and blossoms of the chrysantheums.

"Oh, don't tell me, at this late day, dear colonel, that shutters come off!"

She was very tempting as she sat there in her trim little garden, her bright head catching and holding the sunlight like a jewel. She herself was like a rare gem, on which one discovered new and beautiful facets at every turn. Her charms were very penetrating, very many, very appealing.

The colonel took counsel with himself. He intended to tell a falsehood, he also intended giving it away with the great white light of truth.

"No, Miss Ernestine," he said, "I think you were quite right. It has always been my theory that shutters look better afterward when painted on the house. I do not know why; but that has always been my experience."

She looked up at him gratefully, and he felt repaid.

Presently the colonel left, followed by his Irish setter Loduskus. For quite a few minutes after on the homeward walk he could see nothing very distinctly but sweet Ernestine's graceful figure, the peculiar poise of her head, the charming gestures of her hands, the dreamy, Germanic sweetness of her face. And this delightful picture was framed in a border of dancing light and shadow, chrysantheums, dwarf roses, and delicate, inspiring cleanliness and order.

The colonel had attained a certain age. He often seen his sisters in the matutinal hours display themselves in, well, perhaps picturesque disarray one might call it, if it were disposed to be lenient. The colonel wished to commit himself not swiftly. He desired his future wife to be his most dainty, his most beautiful, plaything and idol. There was, perhaps a dash of Bagnard and the far east in the make-up of Col.

SHOW TASTE IN BOOKS.

Several of Shakespeare's Works Have Been Translated by Prof. Yuzo Tsubouchi.

It is but 40 years since an English book was practically unknown in Japan, the only foreign literature studied was the Chinese, and the first foreign language to be taught in the schools was the Dutch. Now, while the English is the most common among the people and is studied by all high class pupils, German and French are favored generally by scholars and physicians. There is a foreign language school in Tokio, where almost all languages are taught, and, curiously enough, Russian is the favorite. The study of English literature in Japan is represented by Prof. Yuzo Tsubouchi, who has translated into Japanese some of Shakespeare's plays—"Othello," "Macbeth," and "The Merchant of Venice." The most widely known English writer in Japan is Carlyle. All students of English literature in Japan read his works. Next to Carlyle comes Macaulay and the new Hanyaku, or translation style, was practically created by borrowing his language by the Minyushamen, a literary band in Tokio. Emerson is greatly admired and his writings have influenced many notable Japanese journalists of today. Mill and Herbert Spencer have also influenced the thought of modern Japan.

Tennyson, Longfellow, Wordsworth, Byron and Milton are the most popular poets, and in fiction Irving, Thackeray and Dickens are best known. Bellamy's "Looking Backward" has been recently translated into Japanese.

OLDEST ARMY TUNE STIRS

"The White Cockade" Played in April, 1775, Puta Life Into Feet of Marchers.

It is the old music, after all, that puts the life into marching feet, for it carries the traditions of marching in its melody. This "White Cockade" is a historical melody to Americans, though many Americans may not be aware of the fact, says Boston Transcript. It was the tune to which the farmers who fired the shot heard round the world marched when they determined to force the passage of the bridge at Concord. Possibly it was the only tune which the drummer and fife of Capt. Isaac Davis' company knew, but the fact that it was played is historical. The popularity of the tune is proof that a melody made for one party is recognized as good by all if it has the quality of being singable.

"The White Cockade" was originally a sea-borne tune, but it made a good march for the descendants of the English Puritans. In April, 1775, when Capt. Davis made his musicians strike up. As they were the first American force that ever advanced to battle as Americans "The White Cockade" is the oldest melody of the American army.

JOIN FORCES TO AID CUPID

Editor and Parson Agree to Divide Fees and Boom Business—Old Folks Not Barred.

As an incentive to matrimony the pastor of the church of the village of Dallas, Pa., and Editor Capwell, publisher of the town weekly, the Dallas Post, have entered into an agreement by which marriages among the young people will be encouraged. The following appears in a recent week's issue of the Post:

"Here is a chance that will help you to get the Post a year from now. A good brother duly authorized" say the words that will unite for life, or until the divorce court sets the bonds, says he will divy up with us the fees he receives from all couples we send to him to marry. Now we will give a year's subscription to each couple who will get him to tie the knot, and also give a nice write-up of the wedding besides."

Editor Capwell says the offer is not confined exclusively to young folks.

GOATS AND NATION'S FATE

Bewildered Thibetan Animal Is Strayed Over Line of Demarcation and the War Follows.

The frontier between British India and Thibet traverses districts where there are mountain pastures, and the main grievance was that certain Thibetan goats which were ignorant of the line of demarcation were in the habit of straying into British territory. What particular harm the goats did by browsing occasionally on British grass is not very clear. In any case, the damage could not have been considerable. In 1739 England went to war with Spain on account of the ear of a certain Jenkins, which had been cut off by some Spanish officials, although it was contended that the ear was still attached to Jenkins' head. It has, however, been reserved to this century for England to engage in a war that promises to be extensive, on account, professedly, of a few wandering goats.

Drawn Out Honeymoon Desirable.

That New England couple that took their wedding trip on a freight train may have wanted to have the honeymoon as long drawn out as possible, says the Chicago Daily News.

Figures Obsolete Now.

The population of the world, according to the latest estimate, is 1,567,419,233. But these figures were published before Col. Alexis Romanoff, the new czar, was born.

Tortoise 350 Years Old.

The oldest tortoise in the London zoo has been 250 summers. He has to be fed by hand with cabbages.

YOU ALL KNOW HIM.

He's quite a well-intentioned man—but oh, it is a sin.

The way that he's addicted to the vice of butting in.

He makes himself more trouble and pleases other folk as well.

The way he's brought him into it would never do to tell.

He never minds his business, has no time to attend.

To that and other people's, and he wouldn't slight a friend.

He's proud against a snubbing, it's no earthly use to try.

To make him keep his finger from the other fellow's pie.

He's trying to be helpful, you are confident of that.

He thinks that his suggestions are invariably good.

He'll show you how to do things in the way they should be done.

He'll give you his opinions on all things beneath the sun.

Wherever people gather for discussion, though it be.

Of strictly private matters, you can never complain of a snub.

By voice or tone or manner any earthly reason why.

He shouldn't have a finger in their confidential pie.

And innocent about it! That's the trouble, don't you know?

Your hints are always wasted, so one hasn't any show.

I've mentioned that he never can quite comprehend a snub.

A kick would be too brutal and one cannot use a club.

And so we wear his poking and his prying as we can.

Because we know there really is no harm about the man.

But oh, he is a trial! And we're all constrained to shun.

When he comes near us eager for a finger in the pie.

—Chicago Daily News.

SWEET LIPS CHANGE HANDS

Gun That Turned the Tide of Revolution Becomes Property of Pension Commissioner Wars.

"Sweet Lips," the gun that is said to have averted the tide of the American revolution and led to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, has recently become the possession of Mr. Wars, the commissioner of pensions. It was the property of Darling Jones, a southerner, who as a 16-year-old boy, enlisted in the continental service and fought for nine months at Fort Mifflin, the British regiment from North Carolina, and afterward in Col. John Sevier's regiment from eastern Tennessee. Jones carried the gun at the battle of King's Mountain on October 7, 1780, and the story says, fired the bullet that killed Ferguson, the major who led the British forces. The death of the commander of the expedition was the turning point of the battle, and that battle, with its score of 300 British killed and wounded, and 810 captives, was the turning point of Gen. Cornwallis' career. The expedition of Cornwallis was immediately checked, and his capture subsequently effected.

The gun is a long-barreled flintlock, a clumsy and unsightly weapon, but it was effective at short range in those days. Jones, who lived at Jonesboro, Tenn., died in 1848. He gave the gun to his son-in-law, William Duncan, who, in turn, presented it to Frank Montcastle, in whose family it remained for many years.

DANGERS OF BASKET BALL

Woman Physical Director at Wellesley Urges Campaign Against So-Called Abuse.

A letter from Miss Ludelle Eaton Hill, director of physical culture at Wellesley college, urges a campaign against that which she terms "this dreadful abuse of uncontrolled basket ball in girls secondary schools."

Good Housekeeping. How strongly and deeply this good friend of girls feels, who is an avowed enthusiast with regard to athletics for women, is evident from the specific charges brought in the letter against this game as it is oftentimes played. Moral injury, as well as physical. Miss Hill finds in uncontrolled basket ball traceable largely to the development of the competitive spirit. This competition has been known to descend to the level of "slugging." So long as athletics make a girl stronger and more womanly, as they undeniably can do, there is no need to quarrel with them or take offense. "Uncontrolled basket ball," in the experience of Miss Hill—and she knows, if anybody—has passed out of this useful sphere.

"Woman is not undeveloped man, but diverse." The boys and men who stoop to folly in their sports should be object lesson enough to women exposed to the same temptation and subject to consequences more pitiable.

Believed.

"What I am," he said, "my wife has made me."

"By George," said his old bachelor brother, "you've removed a weight from my mind. I was afraid it might be inherited from our side of the family."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Her Retort.

"My ancestor came over in the Mayflower," said the young woman who boasts.

"Yes," answered Mrs. Packinham of Chicago; "I understand that travel was very cheap on that boat."—Washington Star.

A Woman's Privilege.

"It's all nonsense about a man's being able to make a name for himself. Only a woman can do that!"

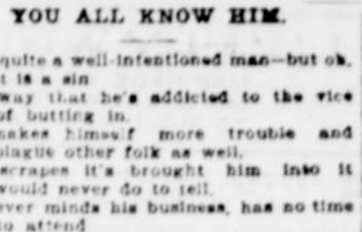
"How do you make that out?"

"She can select for a husband a man whose name she fancies."—Town Topics.

Plain English.

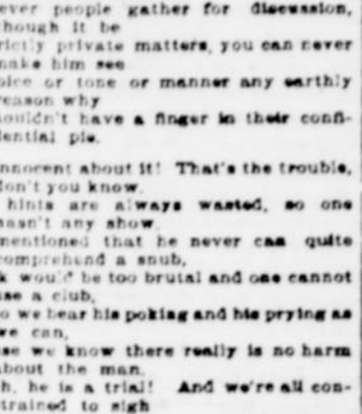
"When you say that a thing is 'well enough as it is,' what do you mean, father?"

"That you think it ought to be improved at once, but that you're too lazy to fix it."—Brooklyn Life.



KEEPING WATER PURE. Simple Little Poultry Device Which Keeps the Drinking Vessel from Being Fouled.

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A TALK ABOUT EGGS. Very Little Difference in Nutritive Value of the Product of Various Kinds of Fowls.

The Maine experiment station has been examining into the composition and physical characteristics of different kinds of eggs and finds that duck eggs have apparently the smallest proportion of shell, the shell in this case being about 10.5 per cent. of the whole weight of the egg. The average of 34 samples of hens' eggs in this respect, having an average of 11.4 per cent. of the whole weight. The shells of the goose eggs averaged 12.8 per cent. of all. Guinea fowl eggs should be unusually strong as their shells form 14.4 per cent. of their weight. The whites of the eggs in proportion to their total weight ran, goose, 52.6; duck, 53.6; guinea, 53.6; turkey, 56.5. The proportion of yolk to the whole egg ran, guinea fowl, 32; duck, 33; goose, 34.6, and turkey, 30.1.

About 70 per cent. of the edible portion of eggs is pure water. The protein content is about 14 per cent., and the fat about the same. This makes eggs a very valuable food. Most of the protein is in the whites of the eggs, and most of the fat in the yolks. Taking the egg as a whole, including the shell, the fat content ranges from about nine per cent. in turkeys' hens' and guinea fowls' eggs, to over 13 per cent. in the eggs of ducks and geese. The protein content runs from 11 to 13 per cent. in eggs of all varieties of fowls named. There is really little difference in the nutritive value of the different kinds of eggs.

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Strength of an Egg Shell. Most people are aware of the power of egg shells to resist external pressure on the ends, but not many would credit the result of tests recently made, which appear to be genuine, as recorded in the Scientific American. Eight ordinary hen's eggs were submitted to pressure applied externally all over the surface of the shell, and the breaking pressure varied between 400 pounds and 675 pounds per square inch. With the stress applied internally to 12 eggs, these gave way at pressures varying between 32 and 65 pounds per square inch. The pressure required to crush the eggs varied between 40 pounds and 75 pounds. The average thickness of the shells was .013 of an inch.

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