DISEASE KNOWN AS LOVE

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THE three professors looked inquiringly at the younger member of the faculty as he entered the room. If pity had been known in the year 2215, it might have been said that pity was reflected upon their faces. As it was not, the look must have been merely curiosity.

The white-robed, sterilized nurse would have been called beautiful three centuries before. But her wealth of blond hair was hidden by the hideous hood that was the fashion, and in her loose garments she looked more like a mandarin.

young fellow who entered and took his station respectfully before the pro-

"No. A 69 W P 14," began the eldest professor, addressing him by the name he bore, "you are still decided to become the subject of this experiment?"

"Yes, sir," replied the young man. "You are making it in the interests of civilization. You have weighed the consequences? You know that it will mean persecution, ostracism, and. worst of all, the existence within your system of a diabolical germ, which has become so rare that it is necessary to demonstrate its existence by performing this inoculation?"

"I have considered all the conse quences, gentlemen," replied the young

The three professors addressed the

"No. B 27 F F 7," began the second professor, "you, too, have volunteered to sacrifice your happiness for the sake of science? You, too, are under going this martyrdom with a full knowledge of the consequences?"

The other two asked her almost the same question, though not in identical words. There was a faint smile upon the nurse's face as she replied:

"Yes, gentlemen, I am prepared to suffer this martyrdom," she answered. "Then you have both been warned.

as is required by law," said the eldest professor. "I shall now proceed to inoculate you both with the rare germ known as diplococcus amoris, found only in Patagonia and Fiji."

It was a weighty experiment. Dur ing the three centuries that had clapsed love had become rarer and rarer. Marriages were now and had long been regulated by the state. Spasmodic cases of love had been reported to the medical faculty, but except for these epidemics, now becoming rarer as the principles of hygiene were better understood, there had not been a case in years.

It was the desire of the physicians to observe a genuine case of love, in order to revise the textbooks of this disease, that had led the professors to cast about for two suitable subjects. As soon as the disease developed they were to be placed for a period of years upon a desert island, to avoid the spread of the malady. They would be supplied with food and a home and left there until the virulence of the disease was believed to have abated.

"It is a splendid thing to sacrifice ourselves for science," said A. 69 W P 14, enthusiastically.

"Yes, it is, indeed," answered B 27 F F 7 Nevertheless the same faint. almost inscrutable smile played about her features as she spoke. The young man wondered whether the nurse had fully realized the nature of the experiment, the suffering that it would en-However, he said nothing, but bared his arm for the inoculation with the rare microbe, a supply of which had come from the Fiji islands only a few days before.

The first professor, having steri lized his needle, drew up a minute quantity of gelatin out of a tube. In this substance were millions of the deadly diplococcus. He inserted the point of the hypodermic into the young man's arm. A 69 W P 14 did not flinch at the pain. Then, having withdrawn the needle, the professor performed the same operation on the young woman.

Everybody noticed that the same faint and inscrutible smile played about her features, but nobody com mented upon that fact. Even in 2215 it was the privilege of young women to smile.

The operations completed, the professors solemnly shook hands with the victims.

"In three hours," said the middle professor, "the symptoms should be gin to take effect. This is 115 o'clock. At 118, therefore, you will both be come a menace to society. At that hour the boat will be waiting to convey you to your island home."

The professors withdrew, leaving the young victims together in the laboratory of the science building. Situated on the seashore, in the curve of the wooded heights of Brooklyn, it was an ideal spot for experimentation. The hum of the great distant city came only faintly to their ears,

In three hours' time the vessel would anchor off the dock to carry them away to the South seas, there to remain for a term of years until the deadly virus had been eliminated.

The young man shuddered as he thought of the awful fate in store for Now that the act was irrevocable he began to think of the sac He remembered a hundred friendships, the college days when he had been the heart and soul of his All these memories he must

leave whind him, to go out to a savage isk nd with this nurse.

Yet, is he glanced at her, he began to fee! a novel interest in her that he had never felt before. Life wi h her would at least be companionab e. He was not so sure, now, that he had done a foolish thing.

"Do you regret the sacrifice, B 27 F F 7?" he inquired curiously.
"Not a bit," answered the young

"May I ask why you are smiling?"

She smiled more significantly, "That is my secret," the answered. "Some day I will tell you."

"When?" "When we are alone together."

"But we shall never be more alone

"I know. But you see, A 69 W P 14. the virus has not yet begun to take effect in you.' "I know it hasn't. I wonder how it will feel. They say that the first sign

is fever. I wish I had a shorter name The girl still smiled at him. He was was half piqued and half indignant.

"Don't you begin to feel the effects of the virus?" he inquired. "Not yet," she answered. "I don't

believe I ever shall." "Why not?" "That is part of the secret, too," she

He furned indignantly. He had meant to turn away. Instead of which. to his surprise, he found that he was standing nearer to her than he had ever stood before. And, as his arms went groping blindly for some mysterious purpose he found that they had

her the more tightly he held her. The girl made no attempt to es cape, but continued smiling. "What is it?" he whispered. And suddenly the realization came to him.

closed about her and were holding ber

fast. The harder he tried to escape

"It's the poison-the love virus!

he exclaimed. The girl nodded. She nodded so hard Studios. that her wealth of hair came tumbling down from under the hideous He caught a strand between his fingers and pressed it to his lips.

"What am I doing? Why am I doing this?" he cried. "Is it—is it the symptoms?"

She nodded again. "It begins that way," she answered,

"What a curious disease," said the young man thoughtfully. "Do you know, I don't believe I shall really mind being exiled with you on cur island. Of course, a woman's company is apt to prove tedious. One doesn't expect the same intellectual companionship that a man's company And then, I don't know that I shall have very much to say to you. But you will be useful for cooking my meals, and sometimes I will tell you things, and-"

The girl for the first time uttered a hearty laugh. The young man seemed in a daze. He passed his hand across

his forehead. the evenings we'll sit and chat by the fan. camp fire and compare notes and experiences-"

The silvery ripple of her mirth seemed to fill the room. Again the young man was struck silent.

"Why are you laughing at me?" he cried at length, "Don't you want my devotion? Don't you want me to wait on you, to learn from you, to slt at your feet as your slave? Is there somebody else you prefer? I can hardly wait for the boat to arrive.

"Yes, this is love," said the girl. "How do you know? Do you love Do you feel the virus?"

am sure now that I am immune against it. I didn't tell those oid professors, but all women are." "Why? Why? Why?" shouted the

young man. "Because, you see," she answered, "we have known all about it all the

Famous Trees That

Although many millions of trees people the forests of the United States, comparatively few have been 1... Of What is Air Composed? parts and to stand as individual rie- 3. morials to great events in the life of America. Some distinguished trees stand out by reason of their age, such as the General Sherman Sequota in the Sequola National park of Call-This tree's age is reckoned at 40 centuries. In Washington is the Treaty oak, under whose branches an versity of Rochester is the Shakespeare Memorial oak, grown from a young tree from Stratford-on-Avon, and in North Carolina is the Battleground oak, which viewed the battle of Guildford court house. The Liberty elm stands alone on the west bank of tree the local inhabitants, upon hearing of the signing of the Declaration lasting life. John 3:16. of Independence, gathered and signed the "Pine Creek Declaration of Independence."-Forestry Almanac.

Electric Confetti

Hinckley parish church, London, an electrical apparatus showered conengineer, and his bride. Electricity employees, wearing insulating gloves to resist the electric current, formed guard of honor, and the couple passed under an archway of cables which conveyed the current to work If parents will have their children the confetti shower.

The Majestic

Doris Kenyon, featured in the Majestic's "Ladies at Play," Saturday, contends that half-and-helf bob is the handiest hair arrangement for the film player. More over, she recommends it to any woman who likes to go back and forth between the modern bob and the old-fashioned but often charming style of heaping one's hair on the head. "It's nice, too," says Doris, "for women whose husbands like to see their charming hair hang down their backs."

Another novel from the per of that immensley popular author, James Oliver Curwood, hos been brought to the screen in "Prisoners of the Storm," the Universal-Jewel production starring House Peters, which will be screened at the Majestic theatre Sunday.

The piquant Marie Prevost seen in the stellar role of a wife of a physician whose best friend falls in love with her in "For Wives Only," her new picture coming to the Majestic theatre next Monday.

Real tears were shed by the screen character specialists played in "The Unknown Soldier, the Renaud Hoffman war Classic which comes to the Majestic theatre on next Tuesday. Even calloused cameramen and technicians join ≥d with the players and directors in weeping during the emotional scenes of the silent war drama as they were filmed at the Metropolitim

While appearing opposite Thomas Meighan in Paramount's Gods," which comes to the M jestic theatre on Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Adoree would etire to her portable dressing roo n. There she concentrated on the character she portrayed-a Lat n-American singer in a border ca e. Or else, she talked to Meighan, director Allan Dwan, Aileen Fr ngle and Willian Powell about the scenes that followed.

To Norma Shearer, star of "Tie Waning Sex," the Metro-Goldwy n-Mayer picture which comes to the Majestic theatre Friday, fans have always been the most fascinating part of a woman's costume. She hs purchased dozens of them, and even her closest friends have seldom seen her with the same one "As I was saying," he resumed, "It twice. If you ever have noticed, will be delightful helping each other you seldom see Norma in an evenin the little things of the day, and in ing gown in a picture without a

Do You Know?

A NEW WAY TO LEARN ONE WORTH WHILE THING EACH DAY

(Copyright, 1927, Frank Collie :). A set of seven questions will : ppear herein each week, pertaining I-I-I believe I-love you. Is this to: Common Things-How they ork, Story of the stars, The earth, Life, Electricity, Radio, History, Geography, Economics, Law, health, Customs. Man, Ani "No," she answered, thoughtfully. "I mals, Birds, Plant Life, Miscellan-

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important treaty was signed with the BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER Indians. On the campus of the Uui- If parents will have their children memorize a Bible selection each week, it will prove a priceless herit-

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PRAYER:-

"O Love of God, how strong and true, Eternal and yet ever new; Uncomprehended and unought, Beyond all Knowledge and Switched on as a bridal couple left all thought." "We read Thee best in Him who came, To bear for us the cross and shame; Sent by the fettl on the bridegroom, an electrical Father from on high, Our life to live, our death to die."

> QUESTIONS AND BIBLE ANSWERS

memorize the answers in the Bible Citations, it will prove a priceless heritage to them in after years. What breaks the connection bet-

Answer, read-Isaiah 59:1, 2. What is the promise if we stay with the Lord?

ween God and man?

Answer, read-2 Chron. 15:2, 7

******************** Coffee-Drinking King

Uneasy After 62 Cups Fergus Falls, Minn.-A new version of "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown" came into existence in the case of Gust Comstock, world's champion coffee drinker.

After sipping sixty-two cups of coffee in twelve hours he could not sleep. Comstock, who drinks an average of twenty cups a day, and who sleeps like the proverbial top ordinarily, reverted to his usual form after a period of restlessness.

His performance, marked by the tripling of marks set by eleven contestors, resulted in the breaking of his own record of fifty-six cups, established at Hibbing two years ago.

Comstock's pride was aroused when he was presented with a belt, studded with sixty-two coffee beans, each representing a cup in the world's championship mark. In the evening he was an honor guest at an American Legion banquet.

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I, J. C. Lindley, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. LINDLEY, Cashier. CORRECT—Attest: P. Bergerson, F. E. Malmsten, H. E. McGraw, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1927. GUY R. MILLS, Notary Public. My commission expires January 15, 1928.



Miss Ruth B. Glassow and new women's plant over which she will preside

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis .- After many years' work in the old frame women's gymnasium. built first as an armory for a student body of 500, the 1100 women students here will enter the new \$300,000 women's building at the beginning of the new term Monday, January 3.

The department of physical education for women has moved into the new building. Under the direction of Miss Ruth B. Glassow, new head of the department, members of the staff prepared equipment and other details in readiness to start all work in the new quarters without delay. The new structure is located to the north of old Cauthorn hall, where it forms the last unit in the

cordon of buildings surrounding the west quadrangle. It is close to all the women's halls and to the home economics and commerce buildings where most of the women's courses are given. Being three stories high in the center with two story wings, the new building provides ample space to care for the expected increase in women students for many years to come. On the ground floor are locker and shower rooms and the big tiled swimming pool. Offices, class rooms, main gymnasium and games room, interpretive dancing room and a beautiful lobby are on the main floor. space, corrective, rest and social rooms are on the third floor. Modern in every respect though not extrava-

gant, the building is said to be the best for its purpose on any American campus.

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