

The Heart of an Actress

By H. M. EGBERT

"I want you to be my wife, Rae," pleaded Lester Donald as they sat side by side in the cabaret. Rae Mable tapped her little shoe against the floor in agitation, but she did not answer him immediately. "Rae, you know how much I care for you," pleaded Lester. "It isn't as if we hadn't known each other for months. Why can't you say yes? You admit that you love me. What is there that is to come between us?" "Five or six million dollars, Lester," answered Rae, lifting her eyes to the young man's. "And your mother and father. And all the wealthy relatives you have. And your fashionable friends. And your position as a chorus girl. What do you suppose your people would say to a chorus girl lighter-in-law?"

"But when they see you, Rae, they will think the same that I do," answered Lester. "I know how good and kind you are. I know how you support your mother, because of opportunity. It isn't the degradation the woman, it's who makes the position."

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had gone with the intention of never returning to him. His obstinacy aroused, he went back to his parents' arms. It was not long before the insidious suggestions of a divorce, coupled with the eager welcome extended by his friends, as to a man who had made a fool of himself, but had repented, worked upon Lester. He sued his wife for divorce on the ground of abandonment. The case was not contested; Lester thought Rae was ignorant of it.

III. Three years later Lester found himself many times a millionaire. His parents were dead; he had succeeded to his father's stock exchange business, and was spoken of as one of the coming men of the Street.

It was just at this time that Madame Cossi was announced with a flourish of trumpets on the part of her impresario as the greatest singer of the age, now about to make her first public appearance in the metropolis. And in this case the impresario was right. The town raved over her. Never had so talented an actress appeared since Rachel. Never was there such a voice. The papers estimated her princely income as not far short of that of an captain of industry. Her studio apartment on the avenue became the haunt of celebrities.

Society took her up. Madame Cossi was the lion—or lioness—of every fashionable entertainment.

Beautiful, talented, and undeniably charming, Madame Cossi had the city at her feet.

When first he saw her lithograph upon the billboards Lester felt sure that it was his wife. He went to see her in "Carmen." There before him, whom he had won only to lose, of his own perverseness. Her acting thrilled him.

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

If I were hanged on the highest hill, Mother of mine, O mother of mine, I know whose love would follow me still, Mother of mine, O mother of mine. —R. Kipling.

More Timely Dishes. Avoid getting into ruts in serving the family menu. When the same food must be often served, see that it appears in different forms, combinations, seasoning and garnishing, then it will seem like different food.

Creamed Artichokes. This delicious vegetable is easily grown, and adds another dish to the menu. Melt three tablespoonsful of butter in a saucepan, add one-half cupful of cracker crumbs, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt, paprika and nutmeg to taste; add two cupfuls of diced artichokes, and cook for a moment, then add one and a fourth cupfuls of cream. When boiling, add a teaspoonful of lemon juice and the grated rind of half a lemon.

Southern Pone. Pare and core a dozen tart apples and place them in a pudding dish. Scald four cupfuls of milk, add a pint of cornmeal, cook until smooth, then

Watch Nature's Signs That Are All Around You and Be Your Own Weather Prophet!

There are plenty of soundly scientific weather signs that are right before our eyes and vouch for by the best meteorologists. For instance, the "ring around the moon," which is produced by a thin, filmy cloud made up of minute particles of ice—a state of things not built to last. Either some unlooked-for commotion will put a stop to it in a different manner, or it will pour cats and dogs within three days at the most. In eighty-six cases out of a hundred, the rule holds good. A still better sign is the "ring around the sun."

This is science pure and simple, and so is the old maxim, "The farther the sight the better the sign." It is not pessimism that makes people along the coast predict a downpour when they can pick out the separate houses on a far-away island or people in mountain regions call it "too good to last" when a distant peak, generally invisible, comes into view. They are shrewd, meteorologists in making these predictions, and also in declaring that sounds carry better when a rainstorm is brewing.

Of all nice, convincing weather signs, however, a "sickening sky" is pretty nearly the most reliable. When the deep, warm blue grows paler, and then whitish, and your spirits drop, the shadows fray at the edges and disappear, then you have a sickening sky. Rain is not being brought up ready-made from afar, but is being manufactured directly overhead.

The color of the sky, then, is a fairly trustworthy sign in and of itself, and so is the color of the clouds. Intensely white clouds against an intensely blue sky means bright weather ahead. Grayish clouds on a lightish blue foretell rain—Woman's Home Companion.

Of course, has ever been boy nature. From the time he sheds his baby petticoats and gets into knickerbockers, the rough side of boy life begins to assert itself. He has actually to fight every inch of his way with other boys to retain his marbles, ball or kite and take his own part among them.

Even very small boys are not wont to unobscure their little troubles to family. They learn to keep their own counsel at an early age. If he comes home from school cross on one thing, find out what caused it and show sympathy for him because of the battle that was forced upon him. He hides his bruises as he does his heartaches.

Even in their own homes the rights of small boys are not always respected. They have a right to more politeness than falls to their lot. Neither his parents, sisters or brothers think of thanking him if he performs a slight service for them. They seem to think he is obliged to be at their beck and call whether it inconveniences him or not. If a boy chases a man's hat on a windy day for a block, returning it to its owner quite out of breath, he is always thanked graciously for his act of kindness. Not once in a dozen times. No wonder he resolves at last to let the fat old men chase after their own hats and enjoys a laugh when they come back winded, puffing and panting. If a boy gives a woman his seat in a crowded car, does he receive a polite "thank you" for being courteous? Where one woman acknowledges his courtesy, a score will flop down into the vacant seat without bothering to show politeness, because he's only a boy. Praise to a boy who has done a gracious act is as sweet as it is to a man. He is actually yearning for a smile or a word of appreciation. If he does not receive it at home he rarely expects it from the outside world.

Rearing a boy appears to be a much graver matter than most people realize. If he has too much petting, he will do his best to ride rough-shod over the rest of the family, become arrogant and unbearable. If appreciation and tender words are denied him, who is to blame if in early manhood he falls a victim to the wiles of the sirens who cajole and flatter a youth; honeyed words are sweet to masculine ears of all ages. Thank the little boy cordially for every service he renders you. Let him think that his views and opinions can be listened to at home if nowhere else.

If he takes his own part in an encounter forced upon him, show your sympathy and express the earnest wish that it may not happen again, but do not scold, punish or rail at him for taking his own part. Teach him to be a brave soldier in life's battles. (Copyright, 1914.)

Geranium Good Plant For House in Winter; Fuchsia And Primrose Also Reliable

It is very difficult to keep plants in good condition in the house, and it is a pity to deprive one's self of the pleasure.

For reliable winter blooming nothing surpasses the geraniums. With good plants one may have a wealth of blossoms all winter long. The single varieties will give better satisfaction than the double. Primroses, too, are good, and cyclamens prolong their blooming season delightfully. The fuchsia is an old-fashioned flower that has a peculiar charm. It and the abutilon, sometimes called the flowering maple, will grow to a large size and will be found very satisfactory.

If one does not have a room or porch which can be set apart exclusively for plants, it is still possible to have something green, and even blooming, to brighten the room. For an inside window box have one made the length of the width of the window and set it in a zinc tray for drainage. Fill this with peat moss, pouring about the pots deep gravel and sand. The pots may be easily replaced.

At least make a fine showing, and one may have little of various kinds, including the calia and Easter lilies. The red and the rubra begonias have such rich foliage that they make very

New Initials Did you know, needleworkers, that you could now buy padded initials all worked on a foundation of this cloth? They are soft and pliable, and all you have to do is to baste the cloth. It is so sheer that you can cut close to the initial and pull away any loose threads which might remain under the padding. This is but another evidence that needleworkers, too, have bowed to the inevitable time-saving device.

A Bit of Forestry "Do you know how to tell a hardwood tree from a softwood tree?" said a forester. "I'll tell you how to do it, and the rule holds good not only here, among our familiar pines and walnuts, but in the antipodes, among the strange banyans, baobabs and what-nots. Softwood trees have needle leaves, slim, narrow, almost uniform in breadth. If you don't believe me, consult the pine, the spruce or the fir. Hardwood trees have broad leaves of various shape—the oak, the ebony, the walnut, the mahogany and so on."

Place the turkey breast down, and you will find it has a much better flavor. Turn the bird and cover the breast with butter to brown. If a rich brown crust is desired, use twice as much butter as flour, and spread it on the turkey. The giblets should be simmered in water until tender, and the neck also. This is used to add to the gravy after chopping the meat very fine.

Chestnut Stuffing. Blanch a pound of the large chestnuts, boil until tender and put through a ricer. Add a cupful of bread crumbs, one-half cupful of butter, one and a half tablespoonfuls of poultry dressing, one-half cupful of raisins, salt pepper, celery salt and a bit of sugar; mix thoroughly and stuff the fowl the day before, to save time when other foods must be made ready.

Roast Turkey. Select an eight or ten-pound turkey, see that the breast is plump, the legs pliable and the flesh of good color. Draw and singe and draw the tendons from the legs. Thoroughly scrub inside and out with soda water and a small vegetable brush, being careful not to break the skin. Wipe well and stuff. Sprinkle with flour and salt, and place in a hot oven. Baste every 15 minutes the first hour of roasting, using butter and water after that the juices in the pan will be sufficient.

Shoe Styles. Tan boots are smart and fashionable for a walk in town, tramp in the country or other sports wear. Dressy high shoes are laced or buttoned. They may be all black with Louis heels and smart stitching, or dark-vamped with colored suede uppers. Patent leather shoes, half-pump style and half-slipper, are worn afternoon or evening, and varied by the stockings worn, black ones when you want to be somewhat, midnight blue when your costume is that color, beige or gray when your frock is dressy and white when you dance.

Second Growth White Oak.

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EVERY FARM NEEDS WOODLOT

If Nature Has Not Provided One, Plant One—It Is Not Difficult and Will Pay Well.

(By W. J. MORRILL, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.) A permanent woodlot is an essential part of a well-organized farm. In the mountain valleys and along the streams in the plains, nature has provided these woodlots. In many places, however, the farmer must plant and raise his woodlot.

The woodlot is convenient in providing fuel, posts, and wood for repairs. It may also serve as a wind-break, and for shelter for stock. On light soils or on steep slopes the trees will bind the soil, to prevent erosion. A woodlot needs proper protection

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CAULIFLOWER IN FAVOR

Vegetable Is Closely Related to the Cabbage Tribe.

Very Rich Soil Required, and It Must Be Given Most Particular Treatment—Market Demands Snowy White Heads.

Cauliflower is closely related to the cabbage tribe, but much more reduced in its habits and more difficult to cultivate. It requires a very rich soil and the most particular treatment, and a farmer or gardener would be justified in attempting its cultivation on a large scale, or to depend upon it as a market crop without first having thoroughly studied its peculiarities and requirements.

The market desires snowy white heads, so that protection is universally practiced to accomplish this purpose. Three methods are used: (1) Breaking over half a dozen or more leaves over the top of the cauliflower head. The stems of the leaves are not severed entirely, so that the leaves remain green. (2) Breaking or bending over the leaves as just explained and pinning with toothpicks or small pins. This is a very satisfactory method for all sections. (3) Bringing the leaves together over the head, but requiring more time than securing with the toothpicks. The protection should begin when the heads are about an inch and a half in diameter.

Cauliflower is considered a delicate on most tables, and it pays to exercise special care in the marketing. Although barrels are often used, crates or baskets are better. A package which will not hold more than a dozen or at most two dozen heads certainly has an advantage over the bare heads.

If the heads are of good size, snowy white, wrapped in paper, and marketed in new, clean packages, they should not fail to attract attention, and command good prices.

LITMUS PAPER FOR TESTING Easy Matter for Farmer to Ascertain If Soils Are Acid—How Operation Is Performed.

Have you tested your soil for acidity? Just a few cents' worth of litmus paper will enable each farmer to determine whether his soil needs lime now. One of the easiest methods of testing is pointed out by M. J. Bachtell of the Agricultural college extension service, Ohio State university. It is to go into a field when the soil is moist, insert a knife blade to the under layer of soil and place a strip of the litmus paper in the opening made by the blade. Then press the soil firmly together on the paper and let stand for 20 minutes. To remove the paper and notice its appearance. If delicate streaks of red are found on the paper, lime should be applied to correct the acidity. If, on the contrary, from two to four tons of ground limestone will neutralize the acids in soil.

POTATO GATHERER IS HAND Mechanism Is Placed on Forward End of Frame of Conveyer Carries Potatoes.

Wisconsin is coming to the front as a potato state, and as a standard variety potato state that uses green seed it leads them all. Natural potato interests are receiving the attention of inventors more or less that state. Here we are showing drawing of a recent patent of a

into gatherer by a Louisville (Ky.) man. The gathering mechanism is placed in the forward end of the frame that is pivoted on a wheel and a conveyor for carrying the potatoes back to the rear from the gathering mechanism being also carried. A frame carries fingers of varying length, placed successively long and short, and directed forward over the conveyor. A second conveyor mounted on the frame above the first, the upper one carrying transverse rake bars.—Farming Business.

MANURE APPLIED IN GARDEN Fresh Fertilizer Induces Rank Growth of Stem and Leaf—Yield Is Greatly Reduced.

Barnyard manure is good for the garden if applied at the right time, but there are times when its application is harmful. Fresh manure when applied immediately before planting, cannot be thoroughly incorporated with the soil. As a result the land is hard to work and the growth is loose instead of compact. Fresh manure also induces a rank growth of stem and leaf, and, as a result of the factors, the yield of most vegetables is greatly reduced.

FEEDING HOGS IN THE FIELD Rape, Alfalfa and Clover Furnish Ideal Combination—Keep Tankage in Self-Feeder.

A cornfield with rape either in a field or along one side and alfalfa or clover patch on the other side is the most ideal combination imaginable for feeding hogs in the field. In the sense of complete supplement of the winter sleep so that they perish. Old stubble fields should always be plowed during the fall or winter if the land is so situated as not to wash.—Farmer's Guide.

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