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A MISSOURI ROMANCE.

How a Pretty Typewriter Girl Won a Wealthy Young Man's Love.

A pretty little romance is rounding into shape in the office of an investment company in this city, says the Kansas City Times. A handsome and worthy young lady typewriter and a young man of substantial business standing, of good habits and pleasant place, are the parties to it. An aged and rather well-to-do widower, who lives in a suburban town, had a good deal of business with the investment company and was favorably taken with the typewriter letters that he had from the company. "These things are gotten up in good shape," said he, "and I'd like to see the one that composes 'em. They are easy to read and are to the point." The old gentleman's son, by way of a joke, told his father that a handsome young woman prepared the letters, and that she was the sweetest and most practical girl on earth. The old man said little, but began an investigation, and at the office of the company was directed to a rougish young woman, who admitted the authorship of the letters. The old man meant business and very promptly and pointedly told her that she would win a good home and a snug fortune by marrying him. The young woman would not make a positive reply, but to carry on the joke gave tacit assent to the old boy's suit. About this time word was conveyed to the son who had sought to be funny with his father that the old gentleman and the young woman had really serious intentions. He then set about to stop it. Going to the young woman, he said to her in his matter-of-fact way that he was decidedly opposed to a marriage between her and his father; that he had money of his own and would gladly contribute any reasonable sum that she might name rather than have the marriage take place. This was the first intimation that the young woman had that the affair was growing serious enough to be looked upon as a certainty by the old gentleman's family. She very frankly confessed to the solicitous son of the aged swain that she had only been romancing and that he need not fear that she would take the office of step-mother to him. In this interview both were characteristically pleasant and frank, and they parted good friends and so on. The young man found it necessary to call again and again, and the young typewriter welcomed him cordially each time. And so visits have gone on, and the friendship has grown into love between them, and here is the romance. This explains why a wealthy young man is soon to marry a pretty typewriter girl.

A BRAINY BRAKEMAN.

How a Green Country Boy Made His Way in the World.

It was only a few years ago, says the Washington Post, that a green country boy applied to Division Superintendent Hitchcock, of the Galesburg division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, for work. Mr. Hitchcock could set him at nothing but braking on a freight train, and disliked to give such work to him because of the lad's youthful appearance and the dangers besetting that vocation. The boy, however, pleaded until he secured the employment. On one of his first trips, if not indeed the very first, it chanced that his train met another freight train at a station where the side-track was not long enough to accommodate either. The conductors were discussing the question which train should back up to a point where they could pass, when the green boy ventured to suggest that neither need back up; that they could pass by means of the short side track if they worked it right. This occasioned a good deal of laughter on the part of the older and more experienced trainmen, but the boy insisted he could work the trains by each other.

"Well, how would you go about it?" asked one of the conductors, confident that the lad would soon be up a stump. The boy took up a stick and traced in the sand a diagram of how he would do it.

"By thunder," or worse, said the conductor, "I believe that will do it."

They tried it and it did do it. To-day every trainman in America probably knows how to "saw by" two long trains on a short side track, but until that inexperienced country boy worked it out of his noddle the practice on the old "Q" road had been for trains either to avoid meeting at such points or, when they chanced to meet, for one of them to run back to a longer side track.

That boy is C. H. Chappell, and he is general manager of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis road, which when he took hold of it a few years ago was little more two streaks of rust and a right of way, but which is now one of the best equipped and successful lines in the West.

We don't know what has become of the trainmen who laughed at the green country boy. We don't know whether they are watching crossings or have given up railroading altogether.

Story of a Keg of Nails.

A Hartford (Conn.) lady tells this true relation concerning her ancestor, who was a direct descendant of John Eliot, the great missionary and scholar. This lady lived in New Haven, and had occasion to send to Boston for a number of kegs of nails, New Haven at that time (about 1765) not producing these necessaries. In due time the kegs arrived, and, on opening them, it was discovered that one was filled with Spanish dollars. The family wrote to the Boston merchant, telling him that one of the kegs held something more valuable than nails. He replied that he had bought them for nails, and his responsibility therewith ended. Well, they were kept among the family treasures for many years untouched and unclaimed until the death of the head of the house, who, in her will, ordered that they be melted and cast into a communion-service for the New Haven church, which was done, and it is still probably in use.

Wonders of Philosophy.

The polypus, like the fabled hydra, receives new life from the knife lifted to destroy it. The fly spider lays an egg as long as itself. There are four thousand and forty-one muscles in the caterpillar. Hook discovered fourteen thousand mirrors in the eye of a drone; and to effect the respiration of a carp, thirteen thousand three hundred arteries, vessels, veins, bones, etc., are necessary. The body of every spider contains four little masses pierced with a multitude of imperceptible holes, each hole permitting the passage of a single thread, all the threads to the amount of a thousand to each mass, join together when they come out, and make the single thread with which the spider spins its web; so that what we call the spider's thread consists of more than four thousand united.

Her Last Resort.

A desperate San Francisco spinster of uncertain age, possessed of much wealth and little beauty, agreed to give a marriage bureau $100 to secure her a husband. Forty dollars was paid down. A marriage resulted, but the remaining $60 was not paid, whereupon the proprietress of the bureau sued for $185 for services rendered. This included the unpaid $40, $100 for board and lodging and $20 for a wedding breakfast. The bride, to avoid notoriety, compromised by paying $60.

PRETTY SCHOOL GROUNDS.

A Constant Object Lesson to the Eyes of Every Boy and Girl.

For several months in the year a large proportion of the children of this country spend at least half of the hours of daylight, for five days of the week, in or about the school-house. At the most susceptible period of life the influence of these surroundings must in the aggregate be considerable, concludes Garden and Forest. A neat and tidy room, with simple and cheerful decorations, will be a constant object lesson to every eye. A room with decrepit furniture upon an unclean floor, and with walls and ceiling broken and stained, will teach its lesson, too, in taste and morals, but it will be quite a different one. It is due to the health of children that they be supplied with abundant light and air. This means a detached building with ample open space about it, even in the city. Exercise is also essential to the healthy development, as well as to the happiness of children, and play is the natural and spontaneous exercise and refreshment for both their minds and bodies. A playground may, therefore, be considered a necessary adjunct to every school. Children will play wherever they have room, but it will hardly be argued that a bare space of earth, which will be dusty or muddy as the weather changes, offers every advantage that children should be able to derive from their school-grounds. If the school-room can be made to give lessons in cleanliness and order and taste the surroundings of the building should be arranged to enforce the same lessons.

That properly ordered school-grounds can aid in this direction, and, besides this, be made an important educational auxiliary in some branches of natural science, was the thesis of an interesting paper read before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society by Mr. Leverett M. Chase, master of the Dudley School, in Roxbury. Mr. Chase argued that the ideal school-ground should be separated into two distinct portions—one devoted to the purposes of an outdoor gymnasium, and the other an area of green sward, properly planted with trees, shrubs, vines—in short, a pleasure-garden for the children. They should be taught that the garden is theirs, and a feeling of responsibility for it should be encouraged. That this sense of ownership will engender such a personal interest that the exuberant destructiveness, so often manifested by schoolboys, will give place to a sentiment of affection, and a desire to protect their shrubs and flowers, has been proved in many instances. If the plants are all carefully labeled and catalogued; if the children are invited to aid in cultivating them, under proper direction, they will gain much practical information as to the laws of plant-growth, and if a serious attempt at systematic instruction in certain branches of botany is connected with the care of the grounds, many lessons which it would be an irksome task to acquire otherwise will be learned without effort, and even with positive delight. From the knowledge thus gained, and the interest aroused in the school-garden, we may reasonably look for a growing love of nature—an increasing appreciation of the beauty of trees and their value. If this generation of children were reared under such influences ours would be a land of fair gardens in a quarter of a century, and there would be no difficulty in securing proper legislation for the preservation of our forests. Indeed, it is to be feared that a distinctively American forest-policy which shall embrace in its scope the wisest administration of the Nation's forests, and the most intelligent care of the farmer's woodlot, will never be adopted until the interest and sympathy of the children are enlisted, so that they will grow up with sound views and generous sentiments as to the importance of trees and forests as an element of the National welfare.

Of course grounds sufficiently spacious for a garden can not now be found connected with every school-building, and in crowded cities large school-gardens will not be practicable. But there is room for a beginning everywhere. A narrow border along the foundation of the school-house may be made beautiful with flowers from the time when snowdrops appear until frost kills the latest aster. There are few school-yards where a place can not be found for some tree or shrub, or where a vine can not be trained so as to show its own beauty and hide some unsightly object. At all events, some house-plants can be used to brighten up the school-room and to illustrate by living examples the elementary facts in botany and horticulture. One disadvantage will be that of the teachers and trustees who must take the lead in this enterprise know so little themselves of the subjects in which it is proposed to interest the children. The beginnings of this reform—for a genuine reform it will be—will be feeble, and much honest effort will be misdirected. Unsuitable trees and shrubs will often be selected and they will be badly planted in improper places. But the very fact that the lack of knowledge on these points is so lamentable is the strongest reason that a beginning should be made. The attempt will excite inquiry and criticism, and knowledge will come from the study and discussion thus aroused. Fortunate are those places already provided with teachers like Mr. Chase, and Mr. Endicott, master of the Gibson School in Dorchester, who, at the meeting above mentioned, added some valuable testimony to the soundness of the positions taken in Mr. Chase's paper.

A final suggestion made by Mr. Chase is worth considering in other States as well as in Massachusetts. It was that prizes be offered for the best-kept and most tastefully embellished school-grounds.

REWARDS OF INVENTORS.

Fortunes Realized from the Barbed Wire and Grain Binder Patents.

The ups and downs of inventors are remarkable, especially the ups, says W. H. Osmer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. While acting as a patent solicitor several instances came to my notice. The barbed wire patents, which have netted fortunes to their owners, have an interesting history. The first patents were issued to a man named Kelly, living down East. About two years later a farmer at De Kalb, Ill., conceived the idea of keeping his unruly cattle in the pasture by putting short barbs of wire and then twisting it with a plain wire. This is known in the market as Glidden wire, being named after its inventor, Joseph H. Glidden. One day while he was experimenting with it a neighbor going by shouted: "Joe, you better be out harrerin, in your oats instead of foolin' away your time with patents." Glidden thought otherwise, and in less than two years received a bonus of $60,000, with the guarantee of a royalty on all made under his patents. For the year 1881 his royalties exceeded $174,000. The Appleby grain-binder, which, in being perfected, bankrupted the owners, Appleby, Parker, Stone and Bishop, by a loss of $32,000, eventually came to the surface with $150,000 for each of the owners, while its present owners have realized over $1,000,000. In this record, however, the fact should not be lost sight of that hundreds of inventors in this and other lines have wasted the best years of their lives, and as many capitalists have witnessed the fading of their last dollar in schemes that never "panned."

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