

THE FACE IN THE PICTURE

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For three long years Dudley Manning had been searching for Margaret Fane. He haunted the crowded thoroughfares of every large city in this country, and walked the streets of many a smaller one, he had even crossed to England and France, but no trace of her could he find.

When her father died, a bankrupt suicide, the great house on the avenue had been closed, its furnishings sold at auction, and then the daughter had disappeared. All inquiries among her former friends failed to give him any clue to her whereabouts, and it was evident that she had purposely closed every way by which he might find her.

At the time of her father's death she was lying delirious in a great hospital in a Western city, to which she had been carried when found unconscious on the street. Weeks even months passed before he was able to return East, and in the meantime the girl he loved had gone.

When he was first able to sit bolt upright with pillows, he had written her a few lines, telling of his illness, but the letter had come back to him undelivered. There was but one explanation. At the time of her great trouble he had neither come to her nor sent her one word of sympathy and comfort, and knowing not the reason for his absence, she had been forced to believe that like many another, he had proved faithless in her hour of great need.

While walking along Broadway one bleak winter evening a friend accosted him just outside a moving picture theatre into which a throng was continually pouring. Yielding to a cordial invitation, he entered with his friend glad to escape for a short time from his gloomy thoughts.

The programme was about half way through when "Pictures of an English Orphanage" was announced for the subject of the next group. The scene was laid in one of the poorer quarters of London. In the centre, surrounded by a crowd of boys and girls, neatly, but plainly clothed, was a slender, graceful girl to whom the children lovingly clung.

She was reading to them, and her head bowed threw her face into deep shadow, but Manning gave an unobtrusive start when the picture first appeared. There was something wonderfully familiar about the pose of that shapely head with its crown of dark hair coiled in the very fashion he had so loved when Margaret's fingers deftly fastened a stray lock after a long brisk walk. Suddenly she raised her head and smiled at one of the little tots and a low cry escaped Manning's lips. His friend turned and saw his face grow white while his eyes glowed with an eager light.

Hastily excusing himself Manning left his seat and passed quickly out scribbling a request on his card he sent it to the manager, who courteously granted him an interview at once. From him he was able to learn the name of the manufacturer of the film and once again he took up his search for Margaret Fane, this time with hope in his heart.

AQUEOUS PRECIPITATION

Whatever Lowers the Temperature is the Cause of Rain.

The general law of aqueous precipitation may be briefly stated. Whatever lowers the temperature of the air at any place below the dew point is a cause of rain. Various causes may conspire to effect this object, but it is chiefly brought about by the ascent of air into the higher regions of the atmosphere, by which, being subjected to less pressure, it expands and in doing so lowers its temperature. These ascending currents are caused by the heating of the earth's surface by the sun's rays or, in fact, by anything which raises the temperature of the superincumbent air, and it is very obvious that the continual discharge of large pieces of ordnance will have a considerable effect in raising the temperature of the air lying on the earth's surface which will ascend, expand and discharge in aqueous particles in the form of rain for the foregoing reasons.

Kindheartedness.

The gingham shirted boy had made a break to pass the ticket seller at the circus entrance, but that gentleman had caught him and rudely thrust him back.

"Poor little devil," said a seedy-looking man in the crowd. "If I had under the money I'd buy him a ticket for himself."

The crowd looked sympathetic, but said nothing while the boy sobbed as if his heart would dissolve.

"You seem to take quite an interest in the little fellow," remarked the benevolent one.

"Well, I should think I ought to answer the seedy-looking man proudly. That's the only son I got."

At the banquet given in San Francisco recently to celebrate the establishment of a Chinese Chamber of Commerce, priceless Chinese delicacies were served. Among the guests were fifty Americans. Although chopsticks were used all of the speech making was in English.

Some of the items in the dinner, that cost \$25 a plate, were as follows: Snow fungus which retails at 140 a pound and is one of the rarest Chinese delicacies; sharks fins, birds nests, preserved eggs one hundred years old, onion seeds, which the white gyckts could not eat with chopsticks, brains of yellow fish and waterily seeds with ducks. In all there were seventeen courses.

A Mild Rebuke.

When one woman rebukes another, the cynical bystander thinks it well to have his ear open. She was a woman whose clothes were better than her manners, says the Washington Star.

She walked into the railway car filled her seat superciliously, sniffed once or twice and asked in a loud voice:

A WEED EATING CREEPER.

Protects the Rubber Plant from the Islands.

It appears that at last an antidote has been found to the noxious weeds which are so frequently the death of certain forms of plant and vegetable life in the East. Specimens of this wonderful "weed" have been forwarded to the anti-critics at Kew Gardens. This plant is a blue flowering creeper, botanically known as the "Commelina dodiflora" but called "rumpun" by the natives of Malaysia and "gawar-an" by the Japanese. Although the report made at Kew goes on to show that this creeper is common throughout the middle East it would seem that the managers of estates and plantations have not known of its peculiarly welcome properties until very recently and accidentally.

The prolific weed known as "alang" is the great enemy to rubber growth on the islands of the East. It is the accident of observing that where the blue flowering creeper came in contact with the alang the latter became much less numerous that it was a plant fit to be used as a means of eradicating it.

It seems that at first some one noticed that the weeds were being growing among them. This movement steadily increases as time goes on and it has been found that the influence of this antidote alang which was formerly a few feet in height has been reduced to only one or two feet when it starts to flower.

But the joyful discovery having been made that the weed was an antidote to the noxious growth that choked young rubber and the benevolent one would not be content with a prejudice against the weed.

Therefore the specimens were submitted to Kew and as stated to our representative the weed creeper is unlikely to have any harmful effect on young rubber trees. It enters a heart of grace and also takes a new medicine.

A True Pigeon Story.

A gentleman had two pairs of pigeons living in dovecots placed side by side. In each pigeon family there was a father and a mother bird and two little ones. On a certain day the parents in one dovecot went away to get food and while they were gone one of their little birds fell out of the dovecot and down to the ground. The poor baby bird was not much hurt, strange to say, but it could not get back, for it was too young to fly.

Now the parents in the other dovecot were at home when this happened, and it seemed as if they said to themselves: "One of our babies must fall out in just that way. We must do something to make the dovecot safer. And then this wise careful father and mother went to work. They flew about until they found some straw sticks. These they carried to their own dovecot and there, in the dovecot they built a cunning little fence of sticks not so high but that the little pigeons could look over it, but high enough to keep them from ever falling out of the dovecot as their little neighbor had done. The owner of the dovecots, watching the birds the whole time as they gathered the sticks and built the fence across the doorway, told to some children in Boston by a lady who knows the owner of these very pigeons.

A Man Who Never Speaks.

Because he was reprimanded for talking too much when he was a boy John B. Smith, of Kansas City, has not spoken for twenty-seven years. He is not a recluse, and he does not refrain from conversation with those around him, but he "talks" with a pen and pad only.

Smith is a contractor and builder and frequently has orders to give to his employees. These he always gives in writing. When questions are asked he replies in writing and he and his workmen get on amazingly well together, better, he asserts, than if he spoke to them.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A WONDERFUL TOOL.

With Its Beak, the Bird Makes Its Home.

Tie a man's hands and arms tightly behind his back and tell him that he must find and prepare his food, build his home and perform all the business of life in such a position what possible object he would present, yet this is not unlike what birds have to do. Almost every form of animal and vegetable life if used as food by one or another species, their most peculiarly built homes and their methods of defense may be numbered by the score, the care of their delicate plumage would alone seem to necessitate many and varied instruments, yet all this is done by the bill or beak.

The beak of a parrot is a wonderful tool. Both its upper and lower mandibles are hinged to the bird's skull, thus giving great flexibility and freedom of movement.

The long pointed bill of the wood pecker serves its owner well for penetrating to the burrows of wood-loving insects. The study of birds' bills is an interesting hobby. The sketch.

Photographing the Arab.

An artist who found it difficult to get pictures of Arabs in Morocco writes: "I endeavored to sketch some Arabs in Algiers, they constantly evaded me and at last an old Moor with whom we were on the friendly terms established by constant bargaining for embroidered rags, spoke to me on the matter like a father, for my good. He said, 'that any harm will come to those whose picture you make, for as you yourself will suffer the evil in the next world Allah will say to you: "Following your own will and pleasure, you have made these wretched souls." And where, my friend, will you be then?"

Utahing Salt Water.

Many European cities on the sea coast use salt water for watering the public thoroughfares, calling it a waste to make use of fresh water for this purpose. They are the more satisfied because of its property of not evaporating. The necessity of fresh water applications. On the other hand salt water exerts a very destructive influence on the paint and varnish of structures and merchants affirm that the salt is found everywhere and that its deleterious action is attended with painful results. And again salt water is destructive to the pipes and water fittings and the leakage of the pipes kills vegetation in streets, parks and gardens.

Evil of Bird Destruction.

A fearful destruction of animal and bird life has been going on in Australia during recent years. From a number of plain come reports of the ruthless manner in which the black swans are being exterminated. They are said to be shot down in dozens by pest hunters, who frequently leave the birds maimed and wounded. Western Australia was originally known as the Swan River Settlement. All the early issue of stamps in that colony had a graceful swan floating in their centerpiece.

Efficient Life Boats.

Several boats equipped with power have been built for the United States life saving service. One of them the "Rogue," has been delivered to Sandy Hook and already has proved that she is capable of doing excellent work. The boats are thirty four feet long and fitted with gasoline engines. Here before it has not been possible for life saving men to go out in boats of this size unless there was a favorable wind to use their canvas, as the craft were too heavy to row any distance.

Queer Freaks of Nature.

A display of aurora borealis frightened the citizens of a little town in northern France. They thought that a neighboring village was on fire as they took out the fire engines and hurried to the supposed conflagration. The brilliant display threw them into a panic. Afraid to go to bed, the townspeople panted the streets for hours, and the churches were filled with women, who prayed all the night through.

Oldest Architectural Ruins.

The oldest architectural ruins in the world are believed to be the rock cut temple at Ipampool, on the left bank of the Nile in Nubia. The largest of these ancient temples contains fourteen apartments, hewn out of solid stone. The ruins are supposed to be 4,000 years old.

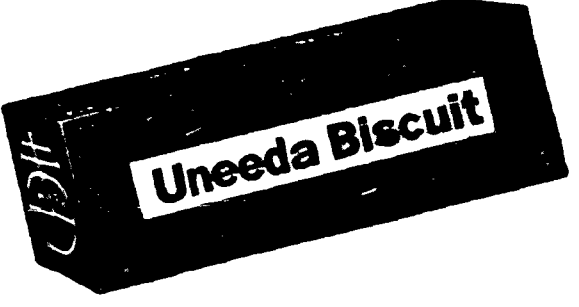
Women "Pawning Agents."

A woman who appeared in a London police court the other day was described as a "pawning agent." She makes her living by pawning things for her neighbors, who pay her a commission, because they believe she can secure larger loans than they could.

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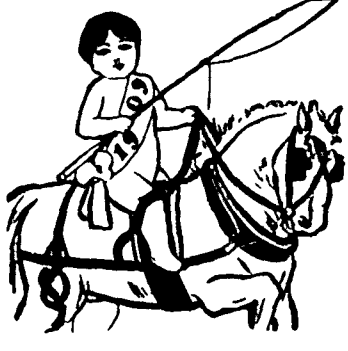
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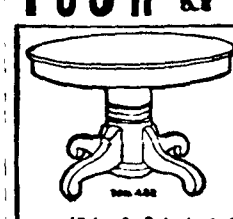
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