

ALL ON A SUMMER'S DAY

"Helena!" The girl looked up expectantly then frowned a little as she saw the look in the eyes of her companion and the determined expression of his mouth. "Don't Bobby, please don't propose again and spoil this afternoon," she said quickly. "Yesterday you asked me to marry you and when I said no you nearly ran the auto into a tree; the day before, when we were driving, you paid so much attention to me and so little to the horses that we nearly escaped another bad accident. To-day we are in a canoe, do you remember that they are dangerous things in the hands of absent-minded people." "But I love you, Helena. I love you, and I shall go on telling you every time we meet here, there and everywhere—until you say you'll marry me."

OSTRICHES IN ARIZONA.

They Are Acclimated and Are Taller Than the South African Birds. The ostrich industry in the Salt River valley, Arizona, is fast becoming one of large commercial importance. When the ostrich was introduced from South Africa 11 years ago, the change of food and climate did not agree with the birds and very little progress was made during the first years. The business requires experience, and until those engaged in it had learned everything worth knowing about ostrich culture they made little headway. About five years ago the birds had become acclimated their care was more thoroughly understood and they began to thrive. It is believed that they are doing better in the Salt River valley than in South Africa. At any rate the American ostriches are several inches taller than those of South Africa, and their feathers are of somewhat finer quality. Full grown they stand eight feet high and weigh 200 pounds. The rich black glossy feathers of the male are far superior in quality to the drab plumage of the female. The feathers picked every eight months are sold as high as \$125 a pair and actually happen about the pound in the eastern market. The average yield is a pound of feathers to the bird. Over 1,000 ostriches are now on alfalfa pastures in the valley feeding contentedly on the rich herbage which makes them as fat as any ostrich should be. The climate of the valley is particularly adapted to ostrich raising. New York Sun.

ACTUAL ENOCH ARDEN.

In Real Life Husband No. 2 Punched His Head and Wife Helped Him. There have been many and striking instances where the writers of fiction have forecast a great discovery in the realm of science and where a momentous event in real life has followed the lines drawn by the poet's imagination. Recently it was noted that the writer of scientific romances, Mr. H. G. Wells had described the use by creatures from the planet Mars of the intense heat rays of radium, which science had not then discovered. Also that another imaginative writer had suggested the X-ray before its accidental revelation to Dr. Roentgen. Just as Poe had pretended to produce a new element in the air such as was actually found a few years ago. Then, too, there were noted cases of poetic insight such as the anticipation by Emerson of the doctrine of evolution. However, it is not to be inferred from this that every poet is a practical seer especially when his fancy deals with the operations of the human mind and emotions. The story of Enoch Arden appeals strongly to the hearts of readers and it is as a matter of fact that Tennessee foresaw what months ago was sold as high as \$125 a pair and actually happen about the pound in the eastern market. The average yield is a pound of feathers to the bird. Over 1,000 ostriches are now on alfalfa pastures in the valley feeding contentedly on the rich herbage which makes them as fat as any ostrich should be. The climate of the valley is particularly adapted to ostrich raising. New York Sun.

MODELING IN CORK.

A New Interesting and Extremely Fascinating Fad. An interesting and extremely fascinating occupation is that of modeling in cork, and after a little practice the persevering ones will be surprised to find what clever and ingenious young architects they will become, while they will be greatly charmed as the crude design grows beneath their nimble fingers. Let us suppose that it is desired to manufacture a model of some old ruined castle, upon which the clinging ivy twines so tenderly, and around which hover many memories of by-gone state and splendor. Workers must first supply themselves with the necessary materials and proper tools. Of the latter they will require some paint brushes, a hammer, a sharp penknife, a pencil, and a pair of scissors. Having procured these they must obtain a quantity of cardboard cork sheets, a few old bottle corks a little fine sand paint, glue, wire and a small quantity of artificial moss and ivy. And now having decided upon the building and procured the necessary materials the next thing to be done is to draw a plan of the castle you intend to reproduce. This accomplished you may proceed to make a frame of light cardboard cutting it carefully to the requisite size and then securing upon the millboard framework a layer of the sheet cork to form the walls. This may be made to represent stone work by means of uneven pencil strokes which should afterward be colored in with black or dark brown paint in order to give the structure a suitable appearance of age. The particular portion of the castle which has fallen into absolute ruin and decay should have rough and jagged edges. The walls should be jarred by means of a little brown paint judiciously applied and small, irregular pieces of cork may be hoisted against the sides to represent fallen masonry. Broken columns are quite easy to imitate and if an ordinary cork be roughly carved with a sharp pocket knife and then carefully painted and sprinkled with a small quantity of moss which should be rubbed between the fingers until a light powder is formed it will be found to serve the purpose most effectively. And now the artificial ivy (which must be of a small leaved variety) may be called into requisition and crumpled around the broken columns and upon the crumbling walls until a most realistic appearance is given to the whole. The floor should be strewn with sand with which a little powdered moss has previously been mingled. Memphis News.

Lucinda's Experiences

"My new suit hadn't come home yet," said Lucinda, "and here it was Friday afternoon and I was going away Saturday and I wanted it. It was originally promised me for Thursday, but it didn't come, and so naturally I was disturbed over it, and on Friday morning I telephoned about it. They told me that it would certainly be delivered that Friday, you understand, afternoon. "But Friday afternoon went by and Friday evening, and the suit hadn't come, and then really I began to get anxious, and on Saturday morning I telephoned again about it. And that sure did surprise them. Why, they said, they had delivered my suit yesterday, and wait a minute they said they would call up their delivery department, which they did, and in a minute they told me that their delivery department said they certainly had delivered my suit to me yesterday Friday afternoon. "So then I said wait a minute and I called up our hallboy and asked him if there was anything downstairs for me and he said no, and when I got the store again, to tell them that the suit has certainly not been received the store people were still more surprised and very seriously interested. Here was a question involving a suit of some value that was now missing and involving also the business methods of their delivery department. They said that that suit was delivered at my house between 6 and 7 o'clock the previous evening and that the manager of their delivery department was coming right up to see me bringing with him the wagon boy who had brought the box into the house. "By this time it had come to be about 9 o'clock. It was now Saturday morning, you remember and ordinarily our night elevator boy would have been gone, but fortunately he had been detained and now we go into communication with him and explained the situation to him and got him to wait. "When the delivery manager came he didn't talk much, but he was calm and straightforward and evidently desirous to set things right. Of course he was deeply concerned but he was there to get the facts. We stood around in a little circle in our parlor, mother and sister and the delivery manager and the wagon boy and I and talked it over and when the manager asked the wagon boy if it was here he delivered the package he said it was, that the wagon got here about twenty minutes past 6 and that he brought the package in and set it down in the hall downstairs by the elevator boy. "Then we called up our night elevator boy and he joined the circle standing up very straight. And he looked at the wagon boy and the wagon boy looked at him and then says the manager to the wagon boy, "Is that the boy you left the package with?" and the wagon boy looked at our elevator boy and said, "It is." "You never left it with me," said our boy, and then the two boys stood and looked at each other, and the rest of us, everybody silent now, stood and looked at them. It was just like a scene from a play. "Don't you suppose he could have left it next door?" suggested somebody. The house next door has an entrance somewhat similar to ours. "Go and see and the manager to the wagon boy and while he was gone we all stood just the same with nobody saying a word and in about two minutes the boy was back and sister let him in and when we heard the ring we all looked that way and when sister opened the door in came the boy with the package. "And what a blessed relief that was to everybody! The wagon boy smiled as he came along the hall and even the delivery manager smiled a little over the finding of the package; in fact we all smiled, and then the delivery manager took the wagon boy and went away. What the manager did to the boy we never knew."

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Visiting Cards.

A great London paper lately commented on the improper use of the card of visiting cards by the members of the aristocracy. It is evident that the card of visiting cards is not a card of business, but a card of social intercourse. The card of business is a card of business, and the card of social intercourse is a card of social intercourse. The card of business is a card of business, and the card of social intercourse is a card of social intercourse.

Care Run By Lightning.

To harness the electricity on Pike's Peak and by means of a metallic circuit to conduct it to the base where it may be stored for use as a motive power of the cog road that is the scheme of the Manitou and Pike's Peak railway. The proposition according to the general manager Mr. Sella is feasible, and affords the only practical means of employing electricity on the cog road.

Porto Ricans are Generous.

The people of Porto Rico are the most hospitable and generous people in the world, says Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor. "It is nothing for a Porto Rican to miss a meal, in order to give it to another," he says. If a man dies and leaves a wife and children behind him, other families will take the widow and the children into their homes. Their homes are wide open to all travelers. In one case, says Mr. Gompers, a family offered to leave their home and go to a neighbor's house so that he might have a comfortable place to sleep.

Harp of Mary, Queen of Scots.

There was dispersed by auction in Edinburgh recently a family collection of Stuart and Jacobite relics of great historic interest and value. The death of J. N. Durrin Stewart, the 12th and last Earl of Dalgairn in Perthshire brought this unique collection to the hammer. Interest centered mainly on two ancient harps, one known as Queen Mary's harp, and the other as the Lamont or Caledonia harp. For the last 20 years they have resided in the National museum of antiquities.

Korean Sea Eagles.

Off of the southwestern coast of Korea there rises an immense isolated rock of black basalt, which forms an island like peninsula. During the days of Chinese supremacy over Korea this mass of mountain projecting into the sea was kept as an eagle preserve. The young eagles were netted each year and sent to the emperor of China at Peking, though whether they were trained to catch wolves or antelopes or merely kept as pets is not certain. The tarts regularly use eagles for the former purpose, but these birds were probably Korean sea-eagles and rather less suited for the chase than the golden eagle. With the exception of Steller's sea-eagle, which preys upon young seals, the Korean sea-eagles are the largest of any species found in temperate countries, though probably the great forest eagle of the Philippines is larger. Their plumage is very dark, becomes almost black with age and the beak is very pale buff, approaching white.

Whence Came "Humbug"?

The word "humbug" has been traced back to the title-page of "The Universal Jester, being a choice collection of merry conceits, bon-mots and humbugs, by Ferdinando Killigrew, London, 1735-40." The following are the most plausible and possible derivations: In the time of James II. a worthless coin was minted at Dublin from a soft, mixed metal, which became known as Um bog, pronounced Oom bug, i. e., soft copper, worthless.

Brazing Aluminum.

Machinists and iron workers are greatly interested in the discovery of the art of welding cast iron, which W. S. and L. R. Schaap, of Loveland, Col., claim to have made. They declare that the compound which they have invented also will braze aluminum as successfully as borax will braze steel.

Despised the Clean Shave.

The arrival in London of a new fashion in moustache which, becoming beautifully less, tends to disappear, reminds us of the strong opinion of the practice of shaving "clean" held by the late Sir Richard Burton. That extremely masculine man declared that men who dispensed with hair on the face were degenerate, and that those periods of history in which clean shaving was the general fashion had always been marked as periods of extreme luxury, effeminacy and decay. It will be remembered that Sir Richard's own moustache was remarkably vigorous and "spiky," London Chronicle.



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