

Cupid and Palmistry

Wilton was pleasantly surprised to find Sybil alone in her little green and gray study.

"By what happy accident," he asked, "are you at home to your more friends? I think I do not remember having called once in the past six months that did not find you closeted with a solicitor from some charitable association."

"Both the types," said Wilton, "now, Sybil, we are not if you please to mention anything that savors of charity banners. Talk to me about yourself."

"Oh, but I'd rather talk to you about palmistry," she said, "All right, but make it a special case, then, Sybil, you promised to read my fate once shortly after you took up the fad. Only being simply an intimate friend."

"You don't need to get sarcastic, Dick. Besides it is not a fad. Palmistry is very exact scientific. The more I study it the more I am sure of this."

CROSSING CONTINENT BY BOAT

James May Traversed South America from Ocean to Ocean.

An official of the Geological Survey at Washington, in describing the gold fields of Western Colombia, has incidentally pointed out a route by which in the wet season a man might go in a canoe from the Atlantic to the Pacific across the northwestern part of South America.

The proposed route follows the river Atrato to the divide, which lies in a series of swamps, and then by way of one or two smaller streams reaches the river San Juan which empties into the Pacific.

Eastern Highlanders. An ordinance just passed in Java punishes heavily upon Chinese secret societies in the Dutch East Indies. A fine of 100 guilders or three months imprisonment is the penalty for every Chinaman found in possession of secret society documents or emblems or caught wearing the distinguishing marks of these organizations.

More Useful. The president of an ocean steamship company was taking a journey across the water. When the ship was in a dangerous channel he became engaged in conversation with the pilot, an elderly man who had spent most of his life on the water.

Kissing the Book. In England and all the English speaking countries the kissing of the book before the oath comes from the practice of touching a handmaiden's sacred object as the old Roman touch of the altar or hand of the casket of relics.

The Atmosphere. The height of the atmosphere above the earth has never been ascertained, because no one has ever been able to get far enough out to determine where it ends.

The Nebulae. The discovery of the gaseous nature of the nebulae came about largely through the use of the spectroscopic analysis. Fraunhofer proved that the spectrum of an ignited gaseous body is "non-continuous with interrupting lines."

The World's Disease. Mammalism is only an effect of which selfishness is the cause. Selfishness is the assertion of self against the law of the universe, self-gratification instead of the general good—that is the disease of the world, and we can never have social health until society is saved from selfishness.

The Flea. Oh, there's nothing quite so maddening as a pesky crawling flea, when the little cuss is biting in a spot you cannot see.

Men's Measurements. For the athletic type of man the average chest measurement is 38 inches, with the waist 34; while the motoring man, though shorter, demands a 36-inch waist.

Spread of German Language. In Chili there are regions where there are so many Germans that the native servants learn their language.

TRANSPLANTED HEART'S-EASE

None of the boarders at the Homestead knew why Eben Baker's face was always sad. Even Faith Emery, the pretty stenographer who sat next to him at dinner each day, had never been taken into his confidence and had been told the story of his heartache, she might not have suspected that it was her own golden hair which framed the face so dear to big patient Eben Baker.

When Faith came to the city four years before a poor little stranger Eben helped her to find a situation. It was hard to be poor and old and yet love so young and fair a girl. Had she possessed great wealth she might have forgotten the barrier which Time had placed between them.

But trying to make her heart's ease grow. It was Faith's hearty greeting. "You just what I have a hunch you were looking for. Eben and I are going to be together."

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"HAIR LACE" NEARLY GONE

Most Curious of All Fabrics Found Only on Exhibition.

The most curious lace is called point tresse. It is very rare and was made of human hair. French collectors say that it exists in the present day only in their cabinets.

It was confined to the early part of the sixteenth century. Margaret, Countess of Louvain, the mother of the wretched Dennis, sent from the tower where she was imprisoned when her son, Lord Charles Lennox, married the daughter of Boss of Hardwicke, a bit of this kind of lace to Mary, Queen of Scots.

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As the Fathers Willed

How she hated him! Why had her father pledged her to this man just because he was fond of his father? He had no right to do it when she was so young and now that she had become of age this man was holding her to it.

Myrtle bit her lip and unconsciously toyed the horse with her spur. He reared and striking out wildly caught Gilbert on the shoulder.

Her whole frame was trembling. Her eyes were wet. He sprang to his feet and caught her by the arm. "I'm not hurt, Myrtle."

He thought her and drew her toward him. Her pride fought hard but her heart was the victor. His arms closed around her and he kissed her. But for that kiss she might have resisted, but it seemed to take all her strength and half unconsciously she whispered: "I love you."

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CURE FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS

Discovery by Rockefeller Institute Means Much for Africa.

A cure for the African sleeping sickness has been discovered by the John D. Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. At least the scientists in the institution believe they have hit upon a cure, but they refuse to make any definite announcement to the medical world until the new medicine has been put to the most severe tests.

Two doctors connected with the institution recently admitted they thought they had a cure for the disease. They said the serum had been used with success in several cases of the sleeping sickness. They think the serum is as pronounced a specific for the disease as antitoxin is for diphtheria.

The powder is light brown. It is dissolved in from ten to twelve parts of water and administered hypodermically. The patient begins to show improvement in a few hours and is completely cured within a few days. "This discovery," said one of the doctors, "means the solution of the problem that has troubled Africa for many years. It will open the way for white immigration and civilization."

Myrtle bit her lip and unconsciously toyed the horse with her spur. He reared and striking out wildly caught Gilbert on the shoulder. He indignantly refused and he appealed to the courts. The decision was in his favor and the woman had recourse except to deliver her clothes to him. It was decided under the law that even if a husband gave money to his wife and she invested the money in clothes he remained owner of every garment.

A Cat for Luck. A clergyman, who was not averse to an occasional glass, hired an Irish man to clean out his cellar. The Irishman began his work. He brought forth a lot of empty whisky bottles, and as he lifted each one looked through it at the sun. The preacher, who was walking on the lawn, saw him and said: "They are all dead ones, Pat." "They are," said Pat. "Well, there is one good thing about it: they all had the minister with them when they were dying!"

Rather Severe Denunciation. There is a story of Carlyle in his old age having taken the following farewell, in his broadest Scotch, of a young friend who had had him in charge for walks, and who, while almost always adapting himself to Carlyle's mood, had on a single occasion ventured to disagree with him: "I would have you to know, young man, that you have the capacity of being the greatest bore in Christendom."

To Thine Own Self Be True. Take it not grievously if some think ill of thee, and speak that thou wouldst not willingly bear. Thou oughtest to be the hardest judge of thyself, and to think no one weaker than thyself. If thou dost walk righteously, thou wilt not much weigh fleeting words.—Thomas a Kempis.

As Observed. "Golf is a good deal like the piano," observes the grouchy old sportsman. "It's generally played by people that don't know much about it."

Victim's Wall. It's all right for a woman to save time, but making cherry pies with the tongs in 'em is a poor way to do it.—Detroit Free Press.