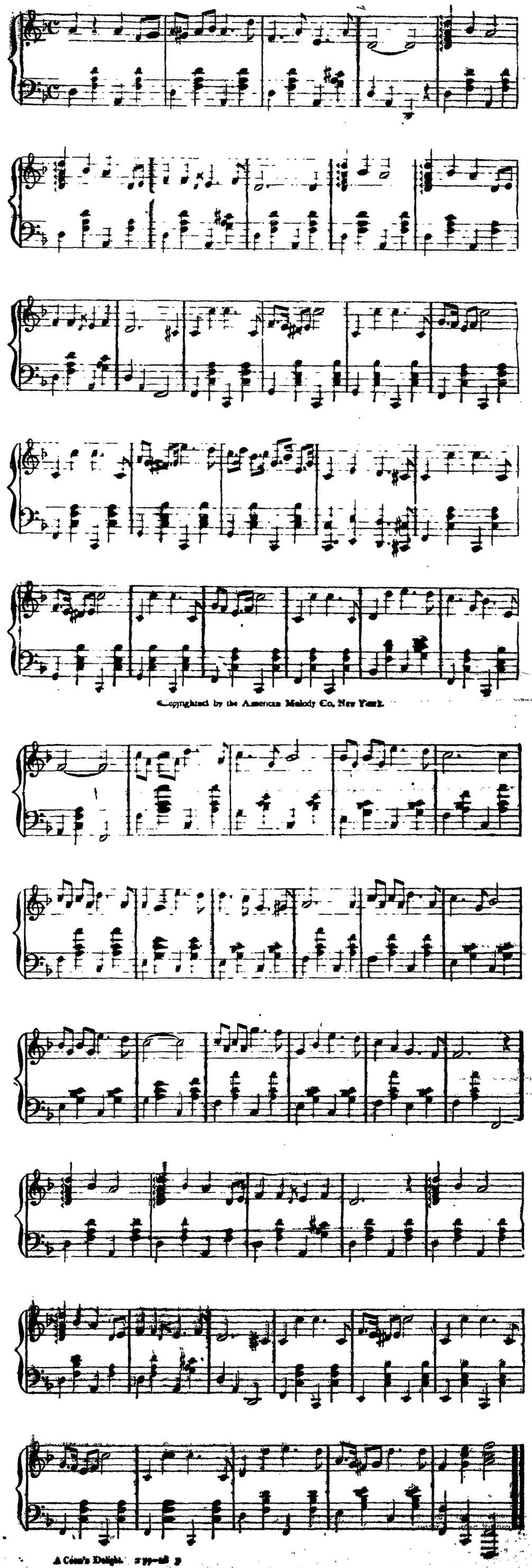
A COON'S DELIGHT.

(„Neger-Freuden".)

As danced by Arthur Johnson in Banana Land.

Composed by Edythe Sullivan.



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Two Innocents

By DOROTHEA HALE

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"Pa," said Mrs. Hathaway, "I think Howard Crook and Ella would make a good match."

"If you wish them to mate don't let them know it. Nothing keeps young people apart like trying to bring them together."

"I've no hope of their getting together. They're both so bashful they don't dare look at each other."

"Let 'em alone, and if they have a natural attraction for each other they will make it up in time. Better still, tell them that not on any account shall they fall in love, that there is a special reason why they must not marry."

"Nonsense! They're too bashful to get together anyway. I don't care to put anything else between 'em to keep 'em apart."

But Mrs. Hathaway noticed that the young people needed some spice to move them toward each other, and she concluded to try her husband's plan. She called her daughter to her one day and told her that she was not to take any interest in Howard, since on no account could she marry him. She would have said the same to Howard, but it is not a very pleasant thing to tell a young man that he must not think of marrying one's daughter, especially when that young man has shown no predilection for her. When Mrs. Hathaway had given Ella this bit of information she told her husband what she had done. At the time he was shaving.

"Pa," she said, "I've warned Ella."

"About what?"

"Not to fall in love with Howard."

"How did she take it?"

"She acted kind of funny."

"What do you mean by that?"

"She caught her breath."

"That would indicate that she has already cast covetous eyes upon him."

"You mean that the poor child is so young and innocent that the very mention of her falling in love gets her in a flutter. You must remember that Ella's only sixteen, and Howard is but nineteen—two children. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves to talk about marrying to either of them."

"You mean you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I've had nothing to do with it."

"You know just as well as I that when Howard comes of age he'll have $100,000."

"Well, my dear, I hope you'll get him for her. I'm going downtown."

A few days later conversation on the same subject was resumed by Mrs. Hathaway. Mr. Hathaway was reading his evening paper.

"Pa," she said, "those two children make me tired."

"What's the matter now?"

"Oh, yesterday I told them they might take Bob and the best wagon and go for a drive together. Ella said she didn't like driving, and Howard said he had a baseball match on hand. You needn't tell me that two young things like them would decline an offer to be together for a whole afternoon if they weren't indifferent to each other."

"I thought you said it was bashfulness."

"Well, I don't know but it is. When I told them they might go Ella turned red and Howard looked kind of queer. I mean they looked as if they wanted to, but didn't dare."

"Well, my dear, if you can't manage them I can't."

And Mr. Hathaway went upstairs to bed.

Their bashfulness or whatever it was seemed to increase instead of diminish. The "children" didn't seem to get together at all. If Mrs. Hathaway went into the room where they were she would find Howard reading a book at one end of the room, while Ella would be cutting out patterns at the other end. Then she would wonder if the child would ever prove to be a woman. If Howard was over at his house to a meal he and Ella would sit down on either side of his father, leaving a vacant chair on the side of the table opposite. On one occasion Howard said something that slightly ruffled him. Howard thought that he was right about it. But instead of hot words the lad thought what to say to him behind his father, whilst his mother said:

"Bet him a kiss, Ella."

Ella colored to the roots of her hair and Howard looked as if he were going to talk.

"There," said Mrs. Hathaway to her husband, "you've spoiled everything. Those two children will never be easy in each other's company again."

The next time Mrs. Hathaway had anything to say to her husband on this subject—it was ten days later—her hope was changed.

"Pa," she said, "I must have some money."

"How much do you want, my dear?"

"I think about $500 will do, though really I ought to have more."

"What is it to go for?"

"Why, you see, Ella hasn't had anything new for a long while and she hasn't a respectable costume to her name."

"It isn't for a trousseau, is it?"

"Yes, it is."

"You don't mean those two children are engaged?"

"No, I don't."

"Well, what do you mean?"

"I mean they've been married ever since I first spoke to you about them."

Phew!

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Eberfeld, a Hardworking Ball Player.

Kid Eberfeld, the Washington American League star third baseman, has the distinction of being out of the game more than any other player in the big leagues today, and it is no wonder that such is the case, for where is there a player who takes more chances? When at the bat Eberfeld never tries to avoid a pitched ball, no matter where it may hit him, and when certain a base, unlike most players, who try to avoid the spikes of a base runner, Eberfeld stands still if by so doing he has an advantage.

Eberfeld is no longer a youngster. He is thirty-three years old and has been in the game for most really, and yet there is not a more hustling or hard working player in the game. There is no chance too hazardous for Eberfeld to tackle, and this explains why he is so often out of the game with injuries.

King Forms Billiard Match.

Johnny King, pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, has perfected the organization of the National Amateur Three Cushion league, which will help the game in the billiard world next November. The new league's circuit will include eight cities—Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and Pittsburg in the West and New York, Brooklyn, Boston and Philadelphia in the east. King has been working for such an association ever since he joined the Chicago club this spring.

While in the east on the Cubs' last trip he decided to do this. Aside from this section of the country King succeeded in interesting Pittsburg. Last week he secured the promise of St. Louis billiardists to go into the organization. A meeting will be held at the close of the baseball season, when officers will be elected.

King already has made out a schedule which probably will be followed. The season will open the first day of November and close on April 6. Four games will be engaged in the opening series, Kansas City playing at Pittsburg and Boston at New York.

Whitney Will Not Quit Turf.

Obviously there is no basis for the report that Harry Payne Whitney will retire from the English turf. On the contrary, he has made entries for 1915, which is taken as proof that he will stick to racing. Whitney's stable, under the management of Sam Joyner, has up to date distributed the winnings of 1914 and has already made stakes and passed that very mark.

While Mr. Whitney has not entered any of his colts for the Derby, he intends to have some dangerous contenders. He has nominated racing horses for the Derby of 1915. These are the descendants of colts which recently arrived from the United States.

Lord Wimborne has not abandoned hope of entering the Derby. He was undecided where to spend the fabulous $75,000 for the stallion Pharamond, but he bought Sunstar instead and entered it for the Derby next year.

$1,000 For Five Minutes' Work.

Jack Coyne of Lynn, Mass., pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, is a big leaguer who knows how to earn his salary. He came into the spotlight last year. This year there is a chance for the pitcher to earn a big sum of money. Last Sunday the St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox were tied for the Chicago Cubs and Boston Braves in the standard. Coyne was with Cambridge in the American association, but he was released early this year. He is drawing $1,000 for working five minutes. Also it should be mentioned that he was "knocked" after that five minutes' work.

Britons After Davis Cup.

The Lawn Tennis association has accepted the invitation of the American association to send a team to this side to play the preliminary games for the Davis cup. This has been announced that the cup will be defended by the American contenders. The names of those who will make up the team have not yet been announced.

The Result of a Search

By ARTHUR W. BROWNE

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My wife sometimes [illegible] absent-minded and generally [illegible] worthy. She never gives me [illegible] to post without [illegible] a string around my finger and [illegible] in my handkerchief just as if I were a little boy. She always is so [illegible] more than fifty times in my presence [illegible] one time because she declares I [illegible] stop after buying a cigar to receive my change, and half the time our [illegible] ductors return me less or fifteen cents short change.

My wife recently went to the country, leaving cards stuck up all over the house bearing such admirable injunctions as this: "Take the silver up stairs at night." "Lock the front door." "Count your change." Of course I here then down to sleep as she had left. When I parted with her at the station she told me that she had left her jewel case in her bureau drawer and made me promise that I would go straight home and put it in the safe. Instead I went to my office intending to go home at noon and attend to the matter.

It was three days before I remembered that jewel case. Before going home I assembled the workmen to make sure the sections were all present and found that a valuable diamond ring always kept there was missing. [illegible] recall me to recover that ring before my wife's return to take her [illegible] question, the nature of which I [illegible] quite aware. Fortunately the [illegible] was to remain away several days. I advertised a large reward for the ring and no questions asked. A [illegible] of weeks passed and nothing was heard of the ring.

I mentioned having a diamond stolen with paste diamonds. But I had [illegible] before for a workman to copy [illegible] that trick hope of detecting the [illegible] if I lost. Who would the [illegible] taking if I did this and [illegible] if everything was safe. [illegible] I did [illegible] the [illegible] I had put the grand only [illegible] I said I had [illegible] when she asked if all the jewels [illegible] there, I replied, "Your grand [illegible] morning that they [illegible] It was a [illegible] was satisfied at it.

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