

An Important Leak

By THOMAS R. DEAN

When a very young man I secured a position as clerk in a large diamond house. The diamonds were received in the rough and ground in a department for that purpose.

One day just before closing the doors were all locked and every employee was ordered to a large room where the head of the firm spoke to us.

The leak continued—that was evident from the fact that a number of methods were adopted for catching the thief. A detective was introduced on the premises who went to work with us as an employee.

In order to facilitate matters, the firm offered a reward of \$2,500 for evidence that would convict the perpetrator of the theft.

Nevertheless I did not go about the matter deliberately or methodically. I didn't know how to make a beginning.

At the time the diamonds were missed were placed in different places, and every day one or more mice were caught.

My suspicions having grown in this direction, I resolved to watch one of the traps.

One day I found a mouse in a trap, and concluded to throw it out. I did so and tossed it out through a window in the rear.

I was relieved of further responsibility in the matter, the management of the concern using its own methods to trap the guilty parties.

Secrets of the Craft

Wide remarks by distinguished author while composing the novel of the decade.

"For heaven's sake, Mary, can't you stop that child crying without singing at the top of your voice? How is a man to get anywhere with all that noise going on?"

"Yes, yes, yes, take the paste, take the shears, take the paper, take the ink, take the stamps, take any thing, but let me work in peace."

"Oh, if you say so I suppose we must pay that fool call, but I do wish you'd remember that every minute taken out of my working day cuts down our income by just so much."

From the dedication page of the completed novel of the decade: To MY WIFE, MARY, without whose gentle inspiration, true companionship and constant help...

Drunk Monkeys. According to a letter from the Congo region on the west coast of Africa, the monkeys there are extraordinarily fond of a kind of beer made by the natives.

When the visitor approached the diplomatic gallery of the sequester chamber the doorkeeper informed him, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger, that the gallery was reserved for foreign representatives.

"It is, he?" said the visitor. "Well, I want to tell you right now that this is a free country, and this is the land of the United States, and I demand admission in the name of American citizenship."

With chest puffed out the stranger betook himself to the door indicated and was at once admitted to the public gallery.

A King's Rebuke. The queen of Wurtemberg was one day walking in the streets of Stuttgart attended by a maid of honor.

The tail of a crawfish serves that animal as an ear. By a peculiar jerk of the tail the animal can retire from a dangerous object with almost incredible swiftness.

On Himself. They had quarreled again. "Perhaps you are not aware," she said, "that I had over a dozen proposals of marriage before I accepted yours."

Two of a Kind. Wigg—What is no feese than a man who is always talking about what he has done? Wag—A man who is always talking about what he is going to do.—Philadelphia Record.

One Sure Cure. "Jones seems to have sworn off for keeps. How did it happen?" "His wife had a moving picture made of his last jag and let him see it."—Judge.

An Old Fashion. Some people are so old fashioned that they continue to visit their relatives for the purpose of having a good time.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Make Them Buy Tickets. Boy—"Papa, who originated the motto 'Pay as you go'?" Father—"Some chap that owned a railroad."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A LEAP IN THE DARK

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

"Miss Eldridge," said Mr Tourtelotte, "I have called on a matter of great importance to me: whether it is of any importance whatever to you remains to be seen."

"Furthermore, I have observed that friendship rarely brings love. The sexes mate through a mysterious drawing together under the influence of what we call love, and all the world knows that love is blind."

After this extremely well poised proposition Mr Tourtelotte took off his handkerchief, drew it across his mouth with so purpose that was apparent, and it again in his pocket.

"I assure you, Mr Tourtelotte," replied the lady, "that I appreciate you deeply. I am not surprised that one of your age should look upon marriage as a leap in the dark."

"I see in man a great deal that is noble. I also perceive a great deal that is human and admirable. Till the twentieth century it has been his province to be a master to his wife."

"I beg your pardon, my dear woman, but I have suffered for centuries and am somewhat further from the matter that pertains to you and me alone than I had intended."

"I regret your decision, though I cannot commend it as common sense would rather have given you an opportunity to know me better."

An impressive silence followed. "Must you go so soon?" she asked. "I could not possibly remain over for a single day."

Another impressive silence. "It is a terrible risk." "Terrible?" "But"—"I know you are a gentleman, and I think you must be a good man."

"I think"—"I'll risk it." The next morning at 7 o'clock there was a wedding, and the bridal pair sailed at 10.

"How, with all your misgivings as to men generally and one you thought of marrying in particular, could you so suddenly take the leap in the dark?"

"Firstly, it is the only condition under which I could marry at all; and secondly, I think taking a risk, after all, is rather nice."

Indiana Poisoned Arrows

The arrow poison used by the Indians of Columbia has been found to be the secretion of the skin of a small frog.

"Why do you call your wife Peggy?" "It's a long story." "It must be, Peggy is supposed to be short for Margaret, though I could never see why."

"I know that. But what has your wife got to do with it?" "Well, an immortal steed is in plain terms an undying horse."

"Before I take this dress off," said the woman to the home dressmaker, "I want to go into the kitchen and read the riot act to Maria."

"The Italian tenor Marconi once made a visit to Rubinstein during which the latter's little son came tripping eagerly into the music room and said: 'This is my feast, papa, and I want a present.'"

The speed with which sound waves are transmitted through the atmosphere depends on several conditions. When the temperature is at 32 degrees F. sound moves with a speed of 1,090 feet per second.

"Mozart and Brtznner. When Mozart was at the height of his fame he composed the music for Bretznner's 'Belmont und Konstanze'."

"The other day at cards two London ladies quarreled long and ardently over a payment of the gigantic sum of 15 shillings."

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