

CHOOSING A BRAVE HUSBAND

Romantic Girl's Method of Testing Her Lovers.

Marion Martin would marry none but a brave man. She had plenty of suitors, but since there were no evidences of their courage she would not have any of them. Finally, fearing that she would die an old maid, she determined to accept John Knowlton, a fine looking fellow, standing six feet two in his stockings, provided he would submit himself to a test. The next time John came begging her to marry him she told him that she would do so upon his giving practical evidence that he was no coward. He consented, and Marion told him to spend a night in the family vault in the cemetery. John did not feel overplussed at being called upon to submit to such an ordeal, but he went with Marion to the cemetery, which was near by, and she let him into the vault.

Marion had an idea of leaving her lover to endure his watch unaided, she had other lovers, who were to participate in the trial of courage. Edward Larned, a chipper little fellow, who was always sporting for a flight, called on her by appointment as soon as she got home and was told to wind a sheet about him and walk all night back and forth past the family vault, greeting at intervals. If he held his ground till morning Marion would be his. Larned accepted the terms joyfully and taking a sheet, went to the cemetery.

He had not been long gone when a third lover, Ernest Trevor, appeared at the Martin home.

"What is it, Marion?" he asked. "I have called for you to give you an answer to what you said to me on Christmas eve last."

"Well?" "I like you well enough to marry you if you will prove your courage. Go to our family vault in the cemetery. You will find it unlocked. Enter and remain there all night."

"I will do no such thing."

"No. There would be nothing for me to fear, but such an act would be foolish."

"Very well; there are others whom you marry who will not give such a weak excuse to conceal their real motives—fear."

"You say that? By Jingo, I will show you that I am not afraid to stay in your vault. But understand that I relinquish your hand."

Trevor went home for some blankets, thence to the cemetery, missing as he went. "What a silly girl!" I thought she had more sense. Nevertheless, now I am in for it, I am rather pleased at the prospect of an adventure. Life is pretty dull in this city now."

Before he reached the vault he espied a ghostly figure walking back and forth before it and heard groans. "What a little goose the girl is to put a man in a sheet to guard the place! Well, I'm in for it. I must drive the yellow away or get laughed at in the morning."

Just as he was about to advance upon Larned the gate of the vault opened, and a figure dashed out and away with the rapidity of lightning.

The ghost, after stopping to look at the flying figure, renewed its walk and its groans.

"I don't propose to come out at the trial of this business," Ernest said. "I've agreed to occupy the vault, and I can't sleep with that fellow making those unearthly groans all night. Either he or I must move on."

Larned suddenly received a blow in the back which landed him a dozen feet away on the gravel walk. Before he could get up he was knocked down again and again, all finally, regaining his feet, he fled precipitately.

"Now I think I will turn in," said Ernest, and, going to the vault, he entered and spreading on the floor the blankets he had brought with him, sprawled himself on them and was soon sound asleep.

Marion arose early and went to the cemetery. Her heart was beating very fast with expectation, and she was impatient to know whether the splendid John Knowlton had proved himself a brave man. As she approached the vault and saw no one walking before it she knew that Larned at least had not won. Going nearer, she stopped and listened. There was the sound of a prodigious snore. Surely that came from the powerful lungs of Knowlton. Then she looked in between the bars, and there was Ernest stretched out fast asleep.

The man who had won her had relinquished her before doing so.

"Ernest! Ernest! Ernest!" she called, raising her voice with each call. Ernest awoke, yawned, and saw the face peeping through the bars.

"What do you mean by waking a fellow at this early hour? Go away! And be turned over for another way."

"Come, wake up. I want to hear about the others."

"What others? I saw a ghost walking before this place when I came, and as I knew I couldn't sleep for it, I drove him away. I saw it, one else except somebody who opened this door and dashed out."

"Ernest," she said after a pause, "did you really mean to give me up last night?"

"Yes. How do I know but you would want me to come out here and sleep after we were married? I prefer a bed."

FOR THE CHILDREN

Christmas Gems From Dickens.

"Of all good days of the year Christmas is the best."
"Holly, mistletoe, red berries, its turkey, geese, game, poultry, meat pigs, sausage, oysters, pie, pudding, fruit and punch."

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present and the future. The spirit of all three shall drive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."
"But every man among them had had a Christmas time, of old a Christmas thought, or spoke below his breath to his companions of some bygone Christmas day."

"There was an air of cheerfulness abroad that the clearest summer air or brightest summer sun might have endeavored to diffuse in vain."
"There was a boy singing a Christmas carol at my door last night. I should have liked to give him some thing."
"The happiness it gives is quite as great as though it cost a fortune."

Christmas Thoughts.

Every one likes to be remembered and even a card may help to cheer a lonely soul.

An old dress and an easy conscience are better than a new one and an empty purse.

One can be young only once in one's life, and Christmas is a time of rejoicing.

Old people appreciate a little attention.

The value of a gift depends upon the thought bestowed upon it, not on its intrinsic value.

To spend more than one can well afford just because it is Christmas is wicked as well as foolish.

Girls, might lift some of the household cares from their mothers' shoulders during the holidays.

It is as easy to smile as frown and a great deal pleasanter, especially at Christmas time.

"Sorry" and "forgive" are the easiest of words to say at Christmas time.

Little Dutch Band.

A game in which all join is called "the little Dutch band." The players sit or stand around the room in a circle. The leader assigns to each some imaginary musical instrument—horn, fife, drum, trombone, violin, harp, flute, banjo, etc. Some well known and live by air is given out, and the band begins to play, each player imitating as nearly as possible the instrument he has been assigned. All continues well until the leader suddenly drops his instrument and begins playing on that of another member of the band. At this the player whose instrument has been borrowed must change his attitude to imitate the instrument the leader dropped. This continues the leader making up the imaginary instruments of the various players and they at the same time adopting the leader's instrument, the one he started with, not the one he has just dropped.

The Fastest Animal.

No animal is known to have exceeded the speed attained by the horse. Instantaneous photographs of one famous specimen showed the full length of one complete stride of about twenty-six feet. In the stride of the fastest race horses the hind quarters and limbs are raised considerably higher than the shoulders and from this relatively great height are brought downward and forward, widely separated from each other, to avoid striking the fore legs. The hare has not in reality the speed of the dog. The dog, on the other hand, does not attain the speed of the horse. The giraffe is said to run at the rate of fifteen yards a second under the most favorable conditions.

The elephant, going at the rate of two yards a second, carries a weight approximating that carried by six horses.

What Dottie Said.

Dottie had a new baby brother. The baby cried too much to suit the little girl. One day she asked:

"Did little brother come from heaven?"

"Yes, dear."

Dottie was silent for awhile, listening to the infant cry.

"Say, ma," she said.

"What is it, dear?"

"I don't blame the angels for bouncing him, do you?"

Try This One.

If a small pea be placed on a table or in the palm of the left hand and pressed or rolled between the ends of the first and second fingers of the right hand a single pea will be felt, but if the fingers be crossed and the pea again felt as before without looking at it there will seem to be two peas.

The Stork's Stocking.

The Duck—Say, are you going to hang up your stocking on Christmas eve?"

The Stork—Now! I want something more than a toothpick.

Santa's Ride.

Stars are shining everywhere. Through the frosty Christmas air, Jack Frost sketches on the pane. Hints of toys and waving grain. Sleepy eyes wait to catch. Good St. Nick lifting the latch.

Over the earth and over the sky. Over the treetops, oh, so high. Santa Claus and his reindeer fly. Dropping to you as they pass this way. Beautiful toys with which to play. On the coming Christmas day.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Llewellyn, Able Dartmouth Quarter.



Photo by American Press Association

Llewellyn, the Dartmouth underclassman, has been spoken of for the All American team this year. He is a wonderfully capable and hard passing and kicking the pigskin. Llewellyn and Ghee were rivals for the position of the varsity team this year, and the former finally won the job permanently.

Plans of the Colonels.

There is a chance that the University Colonels will take a spring training trip to Florida in 1914. A story was published in a 1913-Miami paper during the past week to the effect that the location had already been selected and that said location is Fort Meyer. Colonel Walton has not confirmed this report as yet, but he admits that he is contemplating such a venture.

Other American association teams have gone south for their spring training in the past, but only one has made the trip to Florida and done the thing up right. That club was Toledo. Charley Somers taking the Mud Hen along with his crowd of Caps to train in Florida, but the final showing of the club doesn't prove that the "joint" was beneficial in the least.

Owner Watson hasn't made a definite announcement of the proposed trip for the simple reason that he hasn't decided whether it will be advisable. He has two or three spots in Florida picked out and is going over the proposition from every angle. If the colonel can find a suitable location it is highly probable that his club will be taken south for the early workouts.

Pro Golf Tourney Abandoned.

Plans for a tournament open to professional golfers residing within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago have been put in storage for the winter. Owing to the illness of the season Tom Bendelow, who had the matter in charge, found that it would be impossible to get a representative field, and the tournament was dropped until next year.

President Douglas Smith of the new Winnetka Country club, near Chicago, announced that the course would be ready for play in the early part of July. The clubhouse is in course of construction and will be ready by next June.

The officials of the club are Douglass Smith, president; Robert Stevenson, Jr., and Archibald W. Shaw, vice-presidents; W. Walling, secretary and treasurer. The board of governors includes W. G. Hubbard, Jr., George Higginson, Jr., N. Landon Hoy, Percival Manchester, Tom Taylor, Jr., and Rowland D. Whitman.

Williams May Succeed Sharpe.

It is rumored that Dr. H. L. Williams, present football coach at Minnesota, is to be engaged to succeed Sharpe as the head of the gridiron staff at Cornell. There are big influences at work to oust Dr. Williams from his position with the Gophers and it is almost equally certain that Cornell men are not entirely satisfied with the way football matters are being conducted at Cornell.

It is asserted that Dr. Williams will come to Ithaca in the event of his being able to get Minnesota to release him from his contract, which has two more years to run.

For International Golf Match.

The plan for an international golfing competition along the general lines of the Davis cup lawn tennis play is enthusiastically endorsed by Francis Outmet, the American open champion.

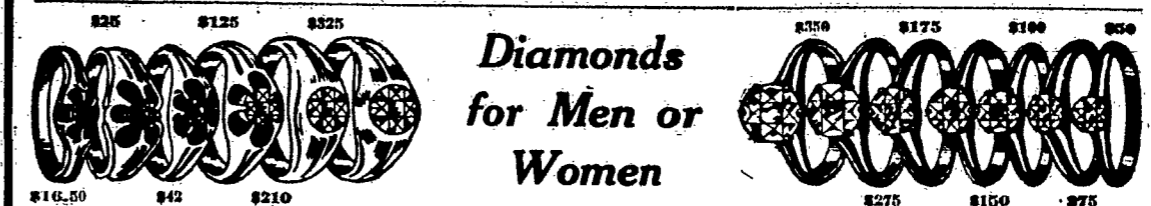
The idea originated in England where one prominent club has offered it is said, to contribute a trophy.

"It is a wonderful thing," said Mr. Outmet. "It would be a fine thing and would surely result in putting the game on a higher plane than it now occupies."

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