

Mr. Perkins' Lawn Mower

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Mr. and Mrs. Perkins had been sitting on the front steps of their home for ten minutes when she carelessly queried: "Mr. Perkins, please turn to that diary of yours and see what you find recorded under date of Feb. 20."

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mme. Petrova, the actress, designs her own gowns. Mrs. A. Klotz of Brooklyn, N. Y., has employed the same "hired girl" for fifty years.

Flippant Flings.

"No woman obeys her husband," says Dr. Anna Shaw. But why haunt it in our faces, doc? Detroit Free Press.

Fashion Frills.

And now a bloomin' reformer advocates V necks for men. That's right, take away the last bit of protection we have. -Washington Post

Sporting Notes.

A few more baseball leagues and the colleges won't be able to turn out players fast enough. -New York Press

Timely Tips.

Heat prostration will get a man at the lawn mower just four times as quick as it will on the bleachers. -Minneapolis Journal

Pert Personals.

Congratulations to Nick Longworth once more on being an uncle. -Boston Transcript

Aerial Flights.

All's well that ends well in aviation. -Portland Oregonian

Ways of Women.

The queen of Denmark is reported to have a passion for hats. So have many American queens. -Pittsburgh Dispatch

SIRENS AND SONS.

President Wilson has a weakness for cream puffs and chocolate eclairs. Bruce Ismay, noted figure in the Titanic disaster, is now living in retirement on an island in the Irish sea.

The Writers.

The first woman member of the Swedish academy has just been elected in the person of Miss Selma Lagerlof, who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1909.

Clever Old Timers.

Andrew Jackson was a senator at thirty. William Henry Harrison was governor of Indiana territory at twenty-eight.

Current Comment.

It does seem to a landlubber as though there ought to be room enough on the Atlantic for two ships to get by. -Binghamton Press

Animal Oddities.

The grasshopper can jump 200 times its own length. Young condors cannot fly within twelve months of being hatched.

The Royal Box.

The Prince of Wales has taken up pipe smoking. Queen Mary of England is an expert judge of lace.

Town Topics.

There are times when even the stockyards breeze is welcome. -Chicago News

Vacation Hints.

Your vacation? Yes. It's fun going, isn't it? But, oh, the coming back! Exchange.

An Up-to-Date Medieval Tale

By RUTH GRAHAM

I am a wireless telegraph operator in charge of a station situated on a lonely coast. I have an assistant who takes my place at night, for a week; then I take the night and give him the day.

One night when I was on duty alone I amused myself when not sending or receiving a message working out some fair problems on the chessboard.

"I assured him that he was welcome, though I confess he was not. I did not like his looks; there was a sinister expression on his face.

"Come," said the stranger, taking a seat facing me and pulling the chessboard partly on his knees, "let's have a game."

A vivid flash of lightning and a simultaneous crash sent a thrill of horror through me, but seemed to have no more effect on the stranger than if some one had struck a note on a musical instrument.

"I suppose I had played mechanically and without knowing it, for the word 'check' woke me up to the fact that my pieces as well as the stranger's had left their original places, and collecting my rattled faculties, I took in the situation, which was that my king was in check.

It was evident that I was in a hole that would require all my brain power to get me out of, and though I was conscious of the rattling of the instrument I did not know what was being transmitted. I got out of this hole only to be led into another, with an occasional chance to checkmate my antagonist, such opportunities always ending in failure.

There came a break, and the next thing I knew I was lying on the floor and my assistant at the instrument. The stranger had gone.

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