

THE ROMANCE OF A SHOP GIRL

Story of a Courtship That Began In an Odd Way.

"Mother," said Bessie Childers as she threw off her wraps excitedly, "something's wrong at the store."

"What is it, child?" "Today at noon I went to the cloak room to get my handkerchief, which I had left my mistake, and found the large inside pocket of my cloak filled with lace."

"Good gracious! What did you do?" "I didn't do anything. I know that I was in a dangerous position and wanted to take the right course. I went back to my counter to think it over and concluded during the afternoon to take the things to the office and state the case, but when I went back to the cloakroom the laces were gone."

"What are you going to do about it?" "Nothing. If they were taken away by the thief there's no need to say anything; if by a detective, they will either accuse me at once or watch me."

Elizabeth Childers was the daughter of Archibald Childers, who had lived rich and died poor. Her mother taught music, and Bessie sold fancy articles in the dry goods store of Banning & Co. The next day Bertram Banning, son of the head of the firm, walked past her counter, looking at her with an expression that might mean anything, but surely meant something.

That he had been making inquiries about her was apparent, though his detectives had doubtless gathered the information. The poor girl was in a dreadful suspense. She wished that it might end even if by her arrest.

One day Bessie was notified that she was promoted to a higher position at a very largely increased salary. The first flash of pleasure in this advance was dashed by the suspicion that it was intended to get her where she could be the more easily entrapped.

Weeks went by, and as there was no denouement of the plot Bessie concluded that some one had been fooled. One day Bertram Banning came into her room with an expression on his face that convinced her the bomb was about to explode.

"Yes, I am absolutely innocent!" "Is it innocent to steal?" "I did not." "Miss Childers, you are a thief of the worst kind. True, you have stolen an article of little value, only my poor heart."

FOR THE CHILDREN

Doubt It—An Amazing Game.

This is a card game which can be played by any number of people and in which two packs of cards are used. These are dealt around one at a time till all are given out. The player at the left of the dealer selects any card from his hand and puts it in the center of the table, face down, but naming the number of spots or rank of the card.

The Kingbird. Few birds out as many varieties of insects as does the kingbird. He may be seen on nearly any afternoon sitting on the limb of a tree waiting for the appearance of an insect, which he captures on the wing. More than 90 per cent of his food consists of beetles, caterpillars, flies, spiders and grasshoppers.

How Arabs Live. Douglas Carruthers, a traveler and writer, tells a few interesting facts about the Arabs. He says: A Bedouin tent is a drafty place at the best, but in midwinter it is almost unbearable. On two occasions there was snow on the desert. We used to feed out of a huge round dish, ten of us at a time.

Hare and Hounds. The modern boy who may be familiar with hare and hounds may like to know that it has been played by other boys since the middle ages, and that there are different ways of playing it.

Haystacks in Trees. It is necessary for the thrifty Chinese farmer to protect his hay crops from the floods which so frequently occur. He does this by selecting tall trees near his home.

Character Building. The ordinary boy is not thoughtful. The principal articles of the boy scout creed lay stress on duty, honor and self sacrifice.

Little Brothers. Little children, never give pain to things that feel and live. Let the gentle robin come. For the crumbs you save at home.

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NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

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General Joseph Gallieni, to whom was intrusted the defense of Paris, is considered one of the ablest military men in France.

Although a native of France, General Gallieni is of Italian parentage. He was born in 1849 and is a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870.

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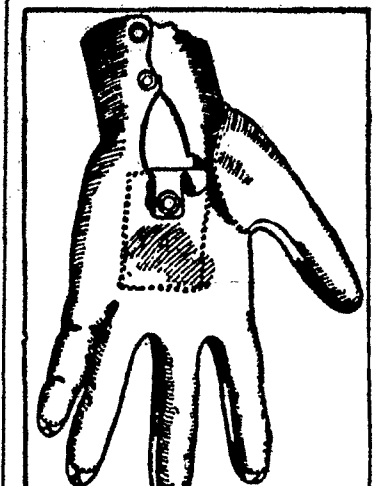
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HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Glove With a Handy Cash Pocket in the Palm.



Not a few persons habitually resort to the use of the palm of the glove as a receptacle for car fares or railway tickets.

Kitchen Kinks. Cleansing with mustard is said to remove the smell of fish from pots.

Potato Soup. Cook potatoes in boiling water until soft. Rub through a coarse sieve, and for each pint use one quart of milk.

Mustard Pickles. One dozen large yellow cucumbers cut into quarters and remove the rind and seeds.

For Filling Cracks. The dust and dirt that occur in the gaps between floor boards, caused by the shrinkage of the wood, are capital places for breeding and harboring of insects.

Ham Scallop. One pint chopped raw potato, one half cupful chopped onion, one cupful finely minced ham, one pint bread-crumbs.

Celery With Tomato Sauce. Cut off the green leaves, clean and wash the celery stalks and then throw them into boiling water and boil fast for twenty minutes.

For Making Metal Polish. Take an ounce of powdered rotten stone, one ounce of soft soap, a tablespoonful of ammonia and a quarter of a pint of boiling water.

ROUND THE WORLD

Holland has 194 shipyards.

Canada's total debt is \$483,282,555. Greece is a heavy lumber importer.

New Zealand hotel employees work six days a week. Wild animals work great havoc in India's wheatfields.

Los Angeles property is valued at \$1,059,075,940 for taxation purposes. Boston's tax rate for 1915 has been fixed at \$17.50, an advance of 20 cents.

Australia last year received 140,251 new settlers. Of these 122,445 were British. St. Louis theaters have just spent \$40,000 for fire prevention and safety devices.

Baku, Caucasus, now has a population of 217,853, of whom 83,982 are females. The beautiful overhanging stems of the modern vessels are being replaced by the "cruiser stern."

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The municipal board of Manila has passed an ordinance providing that all buildings constructed in the city hereafter must be fireproof. This measure is for safeguarding the public health against bubonic plague.

A table grape of unusual qualities, in that it ripens practically the year round, is grown in the neighborhood of Pinar, Dominican Republic. It is purple, good size and grows in clusters weighing three to four pounds.

Geologists estimate that the coal fields of Shanai province, China, are great enough to meet the world's demands for more than a thousand years. Iron ore has also been found in large deposits in central China and of the finest quality.

One of the most serious obstacles to the extension of date cultivation in the United States is the fact that the creation and maintenance of a date plantation involve a considerable outlay, for which no return may be expected for five or six years.

According to the bulletin of the American Geographical society a large relief model of the Yosemite valley is being constructed at the office of public roads in Washington for the government exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. It is twelve feet long, six feet wide and carries relief to a height of eighteen inches.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Walter C. Hagen, Open Golf Champion.



Photo by American Press Association. Walter C. Hagen of Rochester, N. Y., winner of the open golf championship of the United States, began his career on the links as a caddy.

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