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A BENEFICIAL BURGLARY
 By ALAN HINSDALE

I am an auto enthusiast because I am especially fond of roving, and I can rove to better advantage in a car than in any other way. Touring in the autumn, when the leaves are turning, I find delightful.

One evening in October about sunset I passed a cozy place a short distance off the road and determined to ask to be housed for the night. Finding the gates locked, I left my auto in the road and, climbing the fence, walked up to the house. There was an ominous silence. Not a dog, not a chicken, not even a cat gave evidence of life. The nearer view showed me that the window shades were drawn. One shade had not been entirely pulled down, and I could look into the living room. What gives some rooms an air of comfort that others do not possess, unless it is the taste of the furnisher, I don't know. This room was especially inviting, so inviting that I yielded to a temptation to force an entrance.

I made a burglar of myself and with an iron bar found on the place jimmied the window and went inside. There was a well filled wood basket beside the fireplace, and I lighted a fire and sat down in a big easy chair before it. I dreamed all sorts of dreams about the place, but they all connected me with it, and they were all dependent upon a lovely imaginary girl who was to make me happy in it. After a while, hearing a step on the porch without, I turned and saw the object of my dreams looking in through the window. At any rate, a girl was there and evidently interested in the person with me. I arose and went to the window. "Don't be frightened," I said reassuringly. "I'm not a burglar." And I explained to her how I happened to be there. "She heard me through, then told me that the place belonged to her. She would not come inside, but after some hesitancy told me a bit of a story. She had been born and lived near by. She became engaged and her fiance had built the house with the intention of their making a nest together in it when they were married. It was all ready for their occupancy. They were to have been married in a few days, when her lover awoke and died. She had never been in it since a few days before his death. Having seen a light in the window, she had come from her home to discover what it meant. I apologized for trespassing and offered to vacate immediately.

"No," she said; "I wish you would remain as long as you like. You have broken a melancholy spell—I live where I can see this house all the while, and I think that it has kept me in an abnormal condition. The moment I saw the light in it that spell seemed to snap."

She asked me to go to her home with her for the evening. I did so, and she introduced me to her mother, a sister and a brother. I passed a pleasant evening with intelligent and refined persons, and when bedtime came I was offered a room for the night.

"No," I said, looking at the girl who had told me her story. "I think it would be better for you that some one should sleep in your house."

She made no reply to this, but asked me to come to her home for breakfast the next morning. I proposed that the family come to the other house for breakfast. Her mother urged this, and I left them expecting them to come to me the next morning.

I slept in the best bedroom, which was in readiness, and the next morning arose early to make a few necessary preparations. In due time my hosts appeared, and all except the bereaved girl took on the merriment of a picnic. But I was happy to find that before the meal was over she had lost much of her sadness. Before I left my newly made friends she said to me: "If at any time while you are touring you find yourself in this neighborhood please feel welcome to remain overnight here."

I accepted the offer, intending to do that very thing. The next month I rode out to the place, called on my hosts of my first visit, and we all spent the evening together in the vacant house. I asked permission to use the premises for a few friends at Christmas time, and it was granted. I had a special object in this, which was to get the bereaved girl used to merry-making there. I told my friends her story and that I proposed to make her one of the party if possible. They all endeavored to make her forget her grief, and one night we persuaded her to sleep in the house.

This did more than anything else to break the ice, and before the party broke up she had entirely thrown off her abnormal condition.

When the spring opened I began my touring and never failed to spend at least one night in the vacant house. Of course I always visited the owner. It was my object to make her the center figure of my dreams when sitting before the fire the night I had burglarized her house. In this I succeeded at, though I was a long while about it. At the end of a courtship she consented to be my wife. There was a wedding, and she and I are now occupying the house together.

The place is singularly pleasing to me, remembering how I came to occupy it permanently, and I think that nature has kindly obliterated from my wife the sadness that once attached to it. This has largely been accomplished by the advent of children.

GREECE'S QUEEN.
 She Is Sister of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany.

ACTIVE IN WAR RELIEF.
 Said to Have an Immense Influence With Both Her Consort, King Constantine, and Her Royal Brother About the Fate of the Balkans.

Queen Sophia of Greece may not be a suffragist—available records do not show that she ever expressed an opinion on the subject—but there can be no doubt that she has exerted, and still exerts, an amount of power in the affairs of the country ruled nominally by her husband beyond that enjoyed by any woman of royal rank in Europe since the death of Queen Victoria of England.

The queen is a woman of splendid presence, possessing, too, many of the



QUEEN SOPHIA.
 marked characteristics of the Hohenzollern stock. As a young girl she was considered beautiful by many.

The American Red Cross society printed a short story by Miss Matilda Kreuger, an American Red Cross nurse, who recently returned to this country after serving in Serbia, in which Miss Kreuger tells of two audiences she had with Queen Sophia:

"It was astounding to learn how familiar her majesty is with the progress of nursing affairs and hospitals in America and exceedingly gratifying to hear her express her indorsement of the great need of womanly qualities and educational qualifications for the would be nurse. Especial interest did she manifest in the American Red Cross nursing service and the method of enrolling the Red Cross nurses. That the enrolled Red Cross nurse is not on a salary and an expense to the Red Cross organization except when in service impressed her majesty greatly.

"As hospitals are not numerous and the trained nurses not as yet the necessity to her country as in America, it is quite impossible to bring about such an arrangement as part of the Red Cross organization of Greece. However, the queen is very desirous of bettering hospital conditions and of establishing training schools for nurses along American lines, and to that end plans have been made in Boston for a modern hospital to be erected in the near future in Athens to be called the Red Cross hospital. At the same time she has sent several Greek women with special qualifications to American training schools for nurses to be trained and hopes to send more.

"Her majesty asked many questions regarding our public health nurses and their activities in the prevention of disease and the preservation of health and feels as we do that this is the most important work of the nurse in the future."

Sash Ribbons Are Gorgeous.
 Sash ribbons for the season are the most magnificent and gorgeous that have ever been seen. Only strong adjectives will express them. In delicate shades are wide ribbons of gauze, beautiful combinations of color as they are seen together and each covered with delicate designs in silver. In the deeper tones, some of the orchid shades, the design will be in gold. There seems to be an eruption of color in the ribbons of the solid silk, every color and shade imaginable being combined in one piece and the brilliancy of the effect heightened with gold and silver threads. Gold and silver threads are seen in all varieties of ribbons, woven in with plain colors. The metal effects are shown with more subdued colors, but the tendency is toward gorgeousness.

Grape Juice Sherbet.
 Two and one-half quarts of water, five cupfuls of sugar, three teaspoonfuls of gelatin, five cupfuls of grape juice, one and one-fourth cupfuls of lemon juice and one-fourth cupful of cold water. Boil the water and sugar fifteen minutes, add the gelatin softened in the cold water and stir until dissolved; then let cool. Add the fruit juice and freeze.

FIGHTING AN ELEPHANT.
 A Bishop's Story of an Exciting Experience In Africa.

The strongest opponents to the advance of civilization in west Central Africa, says Bishop Lambuth, the Methodist missionary, are the wild elephants. They break down fences, trample gardens, pull up trees and even telegraph poles, because they object to anything strange in their familiar haunts. One savage monster nearly wrecked a small steam launch belonging to the mission on the upper reaches of the Kongo.

The boat, with three white men, including the bishop, and a crew of five negroes, had tied up on the edge of a forest in a quiet bend of the river. A stout plank was laid as a gangway from the bow to the bank, and the crew worked until nightfall cutting and piling firewood for the boat's furnace. Then they came on deck for their evening meal. The three white men were already at dinner when a fearful yell from the natives brought them out of the cabin to see a large elephant violently attacking the woodpile. The blacks went ashore with firebrands snatched out of the cook stove to drive the monster away. But he paid no attention to them until he had demolished the woodpile, when he whipped one man with his trunk heels over head into the river and chased the others back into the boat.

Thundering after, with red gullet open, tusks flashing and trunk falling the air, he planted both tremendous fore feet on the gangplank. It bent until it cracked under his weight, but held stoutly, although the whole boat careened and seemed ready to capsize.

In another moment the elephant had crossed the plank and was astride it with hind feet on the shore and fore feet on the boat. There he stood, afraid to advance or retreat, a gigantic image of baffled rage. In his fury he began stamping with those great fore feet, and the boat rocked crazily back and forth.

What might have happened if the monster had come aboard with all his frenzied weight can only be imagined, for the captain by this time had fetched the only rifle on board and, risking all on one shot, had thrust the muzzle almost into the gaping mouth and pulled the trigger.

Fortunately the bullet lodged in the base of the brain. The elephant tumbled to his knees and into the water next the bank, his bulk thrusting the boat aside so suddenly that it snapped the bowlines and sent the men staggering to the gunwale.

At the next government trading post the captain had two splendid tusks to show as the result of his cool daring; but to his astonishment he was arrested for shooting the elephant without a license. It was with great difficulty that the government official was convinced that the animal had been shot in self-defense. Even then he confiscated the ivory.—Youth's Companion.

American Inventive Ingenuity.
 Of the epoch making inventions of the world during the past fifty years, forty-eight in number, Americans are credited with thirty-five, which include the telephone, typewriter, cash register, incandescent lamp, talking-machine, electric furnace reduction, electrolytic alkali production, transparent photographic film, motion picture machine, buttonhole sewing machine, carbonium, chain stitch shoe sewing machine, single type composing machine, continuous process match machine, chrome tanning, disk plow (modern type), welt machine, electric lamp, recording adding machines, celluloid, automatic knot tying machine, machine for making barbed wire, etc.—Popular Science Monthly.

Also Spoke In Devon.
 Though "some" is recognized as an Americanism today, it has really been borrowed from us, one of our verbal emigrants that have found a wider application in a new environment and visit us now with a "Made in U. S. A." stamp on them. The word is still part of the vernacular of Devon (Devon valley district), where you may be greeted by "It did rain sum (some)," to indicate the extent of a recent down-pour. Devonshire has furnished the United States with other verbal emigrants, such as "guess," "calkiate" and "reckon," all now branded as American goods.—London Chronicle.

He Got a Haugh.
 The agricultural education that we hear about should not be confined to the country. The city needs it too. A man went into a Boston department store one day and asked for a hoe. The young woman at the counter passed him a trowel and, finding that it was not what he wanted, asked him to pick out a hoe from the pile of garden tools. He did so. Then the saleswoman made out the slip, "One hough, 75 cents."—Youth's Companion.

Putting Out Gasoline Fires.
 Experiments by the British fire prevention committee show that the best way to put out a small gasoline fire is to spread over the burning liquid a mixture of ten pounds of bicarbonate of soda and twelve pounds of common sawdust, free from chips and shavings.

Keep It Dark.
 May—Of course you know that our engagement is secret. Jane—Oh, yes, so I am told by everybody!—Pearson's Weekly.

The man who drops his anchor in the Slough of Despond never gets any farther.

SCHOOL GIRL WARDROBE.
 What the Going Away Girl Will Need This Fall.

Often there are so many big and important matters to attend to that little conveniences and comforts are overlooked, and having the right things and necessities at the right time does help so much!

First, of course, on the list is the trunk. Two small-ones are preferable to one large one, say some schools. In this event, a wardrobe trunk and a regulation trunk is a splendid combination. Money spent on a good trunk is well spent, so get an good a trunk as you can afford. This is not one of the items on which to economize.

The school will furnish you with a list of the required bedding. She'll probably want a quilted bed pad, a down comforter, blanket, and most schools suggest four sheets and four pillow-cases. Half a dozen wash cloths, half a dozen bath towels and a dozen smaller towels is a good assortment. A dozen napkins may be added, and then, to hold them all when they are soiled, add a couple of generous size laundry bags.

She'll need, of course, a suit, a top-coat, possibly one quite heavy, and such morning and afternoon blouses and frocks as her individual purse and taste suggest. Gym clothes, a riding suit and evening clothes are also a matter for individual choosing.

Comfortable shoes, not forgetting a pair of storm rubbers, even though she does not like to wear them, are important considerations. Good, heavy walking shoes for tramps and hikes, best shoes, party slippers, gym shoes, galter and bedroom slippers are essential. A stout denim shoe bag is a satisfactory addition to the list.

For the addresses of the friends at home tuck in one of the compact and attractive little morocco or seal address books. And there will be some play as well as work, so see that her card case is well filled with visiting cards for the times she goes calling.

When she is hard at it, grinding away, she may forget to take care of her eyes. A good eyeglass is an excellent protection and costs very little. Any girl who has ever owned one can tell you of the joys of a flawless cap, bestick, and the pocket flashlight is just as helpful. And during the term she may need to take some medicine, so that one of the new folding apparatus will be most useful.

A HIGH PRIESTESS.
 Model Suggesting Ancient Styles of Ecclesiastical Headgear.

This novelty is made of tobacco brown velvet, satin lined, running up in two points, fore and aft. A handsome



SO QUARTZ.
 of hollow fur with bow and tabs on the right side gives a flash as attractive as it is suitable.

The Fall Suit.
 First of all, it will show even a more decided waist line than the spring suit, making a corset with a draw in waist very necessary. The jacket is not to be long, coming only six or eight inches above the skirt-edge. It is very wide, for fall coats will all have; indeed, the average coat will measure four or five yards around the bottom. The skirt is to be accomplished by gored or plaits. The coats will button to the neck, to turn back in reverse if desired. The sleeves are long, with deep cuffs. The suit skirts will quite often be box pleated and remain about eight inches from the ground.

Lining For Bureau Drawers.
 Lining bureau drawers with wall paper gives a pretty effect. See, first of all, if you have some remnants of the paper with which the walls of the room have been covered. If the pattern is suitable for the purpose. At any rate, remnants of attractive designs of wall paper may be bought at low prices. Flowered papers are especially good. Fortunately, wall paper comes in just about the right width for lining bureau drawers. Fasten-down the corners of the lining with thumb tacks.

Two Egg Cakes.
 Won't you all try this new recipe for cake? Two eggs, beaten separately, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one-half cupful of hot milk. Bake only forty minutes in a moderate oven.