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Episode of a Halloween Party

By BARBARA PHIPPS

Myrtle wrote me to spend a week with her at their country-place in October. It is said that we women put the most important part of a letter in a postscript, and Myrtle certainly did so in this case.

Myrtle devoted three pages of her letter in suggesting different costumes from which I might choose one to wear at a fancy dress Halloween party she proposed to give for her guests.

I arrived three days before the party and was disappointed to find that Mr. Atherton would not be with us till Halloween. I could scarcely wait for him.

During the day before the party we were all busy preparing our costumes, some of which must be constructed impromptu.

At 6 o'clock in the afternoon Myrtle received a telegram from Jimmie—my Jimmie—that he could not get away in time for the Halloween party.

I moved noiselessly away and back to the house and on reaching it went to my room, where I spent half an hour getting myself in a condition to go downstairs.

I nerved myself to show great gaiety for the rest of the evening, especially before Mr. Atherton, and was glad when the festivities were over.

The next morning I was as good as pie to Jimmie. He tried hard to find out why I had treated him so coolly the evening before but I kept the secret.

BEST MAN AT A WEDDING.

Time Was When He Used to Assist in Abducting the Bride.

Do you know why the bridegroom's attendant at the wedding is called "best man" and how he happens to be such an important factor at a society wedding?

Perhaps the girls were not entirely unwilling to be captured, but no girl either ancient or modern, would admit for a moment that she had wandered away from the protection of her male relatives for the actual purpose of being abducted.

EATING TO LIVE.

Rules by Which Good Health May Be Gained and Retained.

Herewith I give a few general suggestions for those who desire health, writes Edward B. Warner, A. M., in the Nauticus.

No one can have health who eats too much. No one can have health who eats too often. No one can have health who eats too many kinds of food at the same meal.

Genius of the Playhouse. Fluepiss in 534 B. C. acted his play in a wagon. In 499 B. C., during the time of Aeschylus, creator of drama, the performances took place upon a temporary wooden scaffold.

Card Playing. Card playing began in India in the ninth century. It was introduced into Europe by orientals some time prior to the thirteenth century.

Genuinely Dry. Antofagasta, a seaport of Chile, on Morona bay, a great shipper of metal ores, borax and nitrate, is obliged to pipe its drinking water several hundred miles from the Andes.

Lucky Youth. Young Scadds is an absolute nin compoop. He doesn't know enough to come in when it rains.

A Girl Called Davy

By ELEANOR MARSH

Mandy Carpenter, daughter of Deacon Carpenter, who owned a fine farm on the Hilton road, was noted for her ability to bring in his knees any young man upon whom she chose to apply her powers of fascination.

There is, certainly no doubt that she made an offensive campaign against Josh Miller. Josh was the only man in the county who refused to bend the knee to Mandy, and it was his rebellion against her authority as universal conquerress that spurred her on to conquer him.

Josh first saw the enemy approach when he was plowing. Mandy, tricked out in her best finery, came fluttering across the fields, the colors of her garments lighted by the morning sun and resembling the star spangled banner.

"I kind o' thought, Mr. Miller, that you must be thirsty drivin' the plow all the mornin' and I just drew some cider and have brought it to you."

"I'm plin' for a ride this mornin', and I think you might drive the horses on foot long enough for me to get one. I'd like mighty well to sit on the plow seat till you've been down one furrow and back the other."

By this time the encirclement of her waist had moved Josh to view a position beside Mandy with pleasant anticipation. She moved aside, and he got up on to the seat. It was utterly impossible for them to sit there without one of them clinging to the other.

When the horses had pulled them up one length and back another Mandy said she'd had enough of that sort of riding and, thanking Josh, was about to leave him when he said that he thought he could stand a drink of the cider, after all.

Mandy always declared that Josh was the only man she deliberately undertook to get into her toils, and she had done so because she wanted him and none other. Be this as it may she married him and thus ended the stream of suitors that was continually flowing past her.

Beauty of Pennsylvania.

In one respect only Pennsylvania is unchanged and unchangeable. Men have dealt harshly and shamefully by her, but nature has crowned her with beauty. Her founder, knowing nothing of his broad facts, gave that they were forest lands, gave to the new province the pretty name of Sylvania.

A thing is trifle or humorous according to the point of view. The man who sits on a tack does not share the onlookers' amusement. In fact, he is not only pained at his own misfortune, but he is pained because he occasioned some one else to find a degree of pleasure in his unseemly plight.

Caught Him Both Ways. "I ask you to pay me this bill," said a tailor to a vainglorious debtor. "Do you owe anybody anything?" asked the wag. "No, sir," replied the tailor. "Then you can afford to pay me."

Some Geographical Doubles. Accidental doubles of geography are very curious. There are two totally unconnected Galicia, the one in Austria-Hungary and the one in Spain. As to the Carpathians, the doubling occurs between the ancient and the modern atlases.

Enriched His Subjects. King Ericus of Sweden publicly confessed that he was a sorcerer and magician. He was the owner of an enchanted cap, which he pretended enabled him to control the spirits and change the direction of the winds at pleasure.

What She Misses. "I suppose you miss your husband terribly?" "No; I can't say that I do. I was a golf widow for years before he died, but it does seem strange not to have him phone that he is going to be late for dinner."—Detroit Free Press.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT. Proper Sleep. To the average individual in the modern civilized community, and with its various opportunities and limitations, there is good reason to believe that a proper amount of sleep is the chief health server. All about us life, both animate and inanimate, obeys the laws of nature and passes into some form resembling sleep.