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ENDED THE ARGUMENT.

How Dewey Settled an Ugly Native Official at Manila.

Frank Lombard, of San Francisco, who was in Manila during the winter of 1904-5, tells this story of the late Admiral Dewey: "In Cavite, you know, there are no dockage facilities. Vessels lie at anchor, and native freight boats called 'cascoas' carry things to and from the shore. One of the native officials contracted with Admiral Dewey to carry stuff to the flagship. After doing his duty he dressed himself in the latest European fashion to visit the admiral."

HIGH COST OF SHOES.

It Sends the Dealers on a Hunt For Substitutes For Leather. "Years ago the shoe dealers' cry was 'beware of substitutes for leather!' Now our cry is 'give us substitutes so that we can sell shoes more cheaply to the masses.'"

Andean Knowledge of the World.

Knowledge of the world is not one of the strong points of the Andean natives. Harry A. Franck, wandering through Colombia on foot, had this fact thrust upon him by a certain barber: "Last year another Meester"—in the rural Andes the native form of this word is used as a common noun to designate not only Americans and Englishmen, but Germans, Swedes, Frenchmen and even Spaniards—"stopped here," he began. "You will perhaps know him. His name was Meester Giuseppe."

A Lonely Continent.

Australia is the most isolated of all inhabited continents and is remote from the center of all the world's activities. Northward the sailing distance to Japan is approximately 3,000 nautical miles; to India 2,500 miles. South America is 7,000 miles to the east, and Africa an equal distance west.

For the Salad Course.

Have "ships of the desert" for your next salad course. Cut off crisp lettuce leaves to the number you expect to serve. In the center of each leaf arrange a square of the more compact lettuce from the center of the head and surround it with stoned dates.

Only Wanted the Chance.

Emperor—I do not care to hear your proposition, sir. Everything that is submitted must first be put through the prime minister. Subject—Nothing would please me better. I wanted to show you the new bayonet which I have invented for army use.—London Answers.

But No One is Perfect.

"A perfect wife never nags," says a writer in an exchange. That's true. And a perfect husband never gives cause for nagging.—Baltimore Sun.

Reliable.

"Is she reliable?" "Absolutely. You can always depend upon her being just about thirty minutes late."—Life.

HOW TO START UP YOUR PLACE EARLY IN SPRING.

It would be well to look from time to time to the bulb beds or rows, the strawberry bed and other growths which were covered with straw early in the winter, to be sure the mulch has not blown away. Repeated freezing and thawing of a strawberry bed will almost certainly throw the plants out of the ground unless the bed has been carefully mulched, while a few warm, thawing days may cause tulips and other bulbs to send up shoots if not mulched.

CLOTHES ON THE LINE.

Putting a Bit of Poetry into a Very Prosaic Task. A ride along the interurban cars on a fine Monday will show you line after line of snowy clothes fluttering in the breeze, and if you are a woman who has ever tried her hand at the washing game you'll envy the woman who has the bright afternoon before her to do as she pleases since she has spent her morning so profitably.

EXPOSED WATER PIPES.

How to Keep Them From Freezing in Cold Weather. Exposed water pipes are apt to freeze in winter, causing much annoyance, which may be prevented by covering them with the following mixture, says a contributor to Popular Science Monthly: To a solution of thin boiled starch add sawdust until the mixture forms a thick paste. A fine sieve may be used to clear this sawdust from lumps.

NEW DEATH TESTS.

How to Tell When Life Has Actually Ceased. An Italian scientist describes the following three new methods of determining the cessation of life: The first is the ether test. A drop of ether is instilled into the conjunctival sac of one eye. If this is followed by a reddening of the conjunctiva it affords proof that the circulation is intact and that life is still present. The other eye is used as a control.

How to Walk and Grow Thin is the Main Question.

Here is a simple method to reduce weight which has been used with great success:—Rise early and take a half hour walk in the air, walking a steady but alert gait. On returning home drink a cupful of hot water with plenty of salt. After a light breakfast, leaving the table not quite satisfied, take a hand working vacuum cleaner or carpet sweeper with a long handle and keep up a steady, long reaching movement. This reduces the tops of the arms and removes the fat about the neck.

Coolness Under Difficulties.

The grammar school principal went from room to room explaining what to do in case of fire. The pupils listened with respectful attention until he came to his final instructions, then smiles and giggles disturbed the principal's serenity.

Avoids Knockers.

BH—Opportunity is knocking at your door daily, you know. JH—Well, I don't pay any attention to "knockers," and if I did like as not he'd try to unload some new novelty of invention upon me.—Exchange.

INDIVIDUAL THRIFT.

Means to the Man What Conservation Does to the Nation.

The movement to encourage the people of this country to curb extravagance and to save money is rapidly growing, and it is a good thing that it is so. We need such a campaign, and its gospel of thrift should be spread broadcast throughout our land. The American people must save. They can no longer afford to waste.

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Mary Jones' House Party

By RICHARD MARKLEY

One morning when I had been to the store and was returning to the farm I met Mary Jones.

"Howdy, Helen," she said. "I've got an idea. I don't see why we country people shouldn't have house parties as well as city folk."

"What's a house party?" I asked. "Why, a lot of people all go to some body's house and stay there two or three days or a week or perhaps longer. They play games and dance, and well, they don't do anything but amuse themselves. Father and mother are going over to spend a week with Aunt Jane pretty soon, and I'm going to have a house party. Will you come?"

"I suppose so." "Jim Cunningham will be one of us." Mary's house party came off, more enough. We had the house all to ourselves, and there was every reason why we should expect a good time. The first evening we were together we had a candy pulling, and the next morning the auto was brought out, and all went for a ride, except myself. I didn't feel well and concluded to stay at home. At least, this is the reason I gave for not going, but the true reason was that Sarah Flint, one of the girls, had undertaken to appropriate Jim Cunningham to herself, and I didn't like it, because he didn't know she couldn't do it.

While they were gone there was a rap of the knocker on the front door I went there and found a girl who was going on a ride, and she looked very much disappointed. She said she was Mary's cousin and had come all the way from Hanover Court House to see her. I told her to come in and make herself at home. She did so, and I went back to my room.

When I went downstairs again she had gone. The auto party didn't seem back till evening, and when they did I failed to get an opportunity to tell Mary about her cousin who had been to see her. We had supper and in the evening danced, I playing the piano for the others. I didn't want to tell him Jim, and I didn't want to tell him. That's the reason I didn't tell.

The next morning a change had come over the house party. Something had gone wrong. Then I noticed that the girls were giving me the cold shoulder. Later on I went to Mary and asked her what was the matter. She said that while they were gone on the day before somebody had taken things from their rooms. I saw right away what it meant. I was the only one left to do the cleaning, so I was the thief.

It was very stupid of me not to think of Mary's cousin, but I was so broken up by what had occurred that I was incapable of anything for a while. It was plain that Sarah Flint was going all she could to fix the theft on me. I supposed that she was turning Jim against me, didn't give him a chance to show his faith in and sympathy for me, but just turned away from him every time he approached me. I suppose this made him mad, so he kept making up to Sarah, and when he passed me he held his arm to the air.

The evening after the day of the theft I said to Mary: "I forgot to tell you that your cousin came to see you all the way from Hanover Court House when you were out motoring."

"My cousin! I haven't any cousin at Hanover Court House." Then I told her how the girl had gone away without saying that she was going or leaving any message. "Why didn't you tell me that before?" said Mary. "The girl was the thief, of course."

"I never thought of that," I replied. Mary went right away to the office and told about the girl who had pretended to be her cousin and who had had the run of the house so long as she wanted to. Of course this put a new face on the affair, and they came to me, all except Sarah Flint, and asked my pardon for suspecting me of theft, though some of them said they hadn't thought I was guilty at all. But I knew better.

Jim watched for his opportunity to speak to me, and I purposely went by myself to give him a chance. When he came to me he seemed not to know what to say. "Why have you treated me so miserably?" he asked.

"I have simply treated you as you deserve. When I was wrongfully accused, instead of standing by me, you sided with my bitterest enemy!" "I tried to tell you that. I believed you innocent, but you wouldn't give me a chance."

"Not while you were listening to that poison of that snake." "I was trying to get away from her, but you threw me back to her." "If I threw you back I certainly didn't throw you back to her. You went to her of your own accord." "And you won't make up?" he said ruefully. "Any man who is engaged to a girl and won't stand by her when she is accused—at least till she is proved guilty—is no man for me." He went away very much crestfallen. Soon after this interview I saw Sarah trying to coddle him. He listened to her till she had come to a stopping point, then turned and walked away from her. I noticed that he didn't join her again while we were at Mary Jones'. Finally I forgave him.