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A BRIDE'S DOWER

By SADIE OLCOTT

Among the Boers of South Africa forty years ago lived a farmer named Van Wyk. He was very poor - so poor that he could not choose a desirable place or a decent house in which to live.

Katherine was a comely Dutch girl with blue eyes, fair complexion and hair almost white. Her mother died the best she could to keep her girl well dressed and, having fabrics that she had worn in better days, made especially on Sundays, made a very good appearance.

Some distance from the Van Wyks lived a prosperous farmer named Greutner - that is, he was considered prosperous for that region, though his farm produced only a fair living for himself and his family.

Unfortunately Hans met Katherine at a dance at one of the neighboring farmhouses, and one glance at her pink and milk face, her robin's egg eyes and the two hemp-colored cables that hung from the back of her head to her ankles put all ideas of his father's plan out of his head.

When Farmer Greutner heard of his son's love affair he called the boy to him and said: "Hans, I'm ashamed of you. What do you mean by making love to a girl who lives in a cabin plastered with mud?"

Hans only irritated his father by making no reply. People with whom we are angry cannot make us more angry than by listening to what we say and giving us no word in return.

One day the little Van Wyk children prospected the mud plastering for playthings. From a part of it that had given way they pulled out some queer looking stones.

Rich and Poor. If you desire not to be too poor, desire not to be too rich. He is rich not who possesses much, but who covets no more, and he is poor not who enjoys little, but he who wants too much.

Modern Plays. "The average modern play," said a playwright, "calls in the first act for all our faith, in the second for all our hope and in the last for all our charity."

Practical Health Hint. Medicinal Value of Apples. People ought to know that a good thing is to eat apples just before retiring for the night.

Van Wyk had heard from Katherine the taunts her lover had been obliged to bear at leaving a girl who lived in such a house, and his eyes kindled as he said sharply: "This mud house."

Painting a Battleship. One hundred tons of paint, costing approximately \$25,000, represents the initial color requirements for a new battleship.

Vegetable Soups or Purses. Soup is not necessarily made from meat stock. Vegetable soups or purses are made by boiling potatoes, beans, peas or other vegetables until soft.

Walnuts as Food. The ancients held the walnut in high esteem. Mortals could and did exist on acorns, but walnuts were so delicious in taste and flavor, so palatable and nutritious, that they were revered as food only for the gods to dine upon.

Magnetic Metals. Magnetic properties are not confined to iron. Alloys made from various combinations of metals - copper, manganese, tin, aluminum, platinum and some others - show more or less marked magnetism.

Fluent Women Novelists. Several women novelists beat the men as public speakers. Mrs. Bailey Reynolds is a beautiful speaker; Mrs. Humphry Ward is equally fine; Lucas Malet says just what she desires to say, and Sarah Grand might get a seat in the cabinet if she were a man, says the London Answers.

What It Was. The small boy was the first to answer the telephone. The person on the other end of the wire was a friend of his mother, and the following conversation ensued: "Is this Mrs. Blank's residence?" "No, ma'am; it's Mrs. Blank's little boy."

Following your advice. When I saw you last you told me there was a great difference between thinking and manual labor. I hired myself out to John Riggs for a job of thinking, with good results.

Helpful Shortcomings. "Your husband is quite a trial!" "Yes, but his shortcomings are useful in a way. After viewing him at close range our cook says she would never risk getting married. And we'd hate to lose her, that's a fact!" - Kansas City Journal.

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Her Preference. "The doctor says I'll remove my appendix for \$1500." "Oh, George, I'd much rather have a touring car." - Life.

There is nothing more pitiful than a life spent in thinking of nothing but self. - Farrar.

The Power Of Thought

By WARREN MILLER

John Riggs worked for years in a safe and lock factory. He was a good workman, but that was a time when prices of skilled labor were not regulated, as they are now by means of coalition, and the firm that John worked for was not overgenerous.

"We're paying you just what we can at any time get a man to do your work for, and we'll continue to pay you your wages just as long as you do your work well, and when you find you can do better elsewhere we won't object to your improving your salary by leaving us."

John didn't see ahead so far as the safe business was coming, when Mr. Scalpion's business would either be merged with that of other safe builders to make prices what he wanted them or when his laborers would band together to make him pay them such wages as they might demand.

But one day John fell ill and remained ill for months. His wages were stopped, he had no money to pay a doctor, and he saw his children ragged and hungry.

"I'm sorry, John," said the gentleman, "but we were obliged to fill your place, and now that it is filled it is an injustice to turn out the man who fills it. Don't you think so yourself?"

"That's the difference between an ability to think and manual labor," replied the safe maker. "I'm busy now and must ask you to excuse me."

The gentleman had set a sea in John's ear. He concluded to do a little thinking. He knew more about safes and locks than Mr. Scalpion, and before he had done thinking he had thought out a plan to compel that very just man to listen to him.

A few days later John called on a firm that owned a Scalpion safe and told them that he would prove to them for a consideration that their safe was worthless. He would open it without even any tools.

Very soon letters began to pour in to the Scalpion Safe and Lock company that there was something, the matter with their locks. Each concern who wrote stated that their Scalpion safe lock had been picked by a man who accomplished the feat without the use of tools, but as none of them could tell how it was done there was nothing to be said.

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"How have you done it?" "I've been picking your locks at \$10 a piece."

Scripton was astonished. "How do you do it?" he asked. "That's my secret. Is there any demand for secrets today, Mr. Scalpion?"

John's secret was bought, and he was engaged. But he exacted a written contract drawn by a lawyer. Then he opened the safe before the president's eyes.

Is the Modern Woman Content?

By the Modern Woman, Contributor

"Most people stand somewhat in awe of water," said a man. "They're afraid they can't afford to get in the water, or to seem like a 'piker' in the water's eye. Well, I am glad to hear about what waterers are thinking about me. I make it a point now to let them worry about what I think about them."

"Since then waterers have had no more for me. When I don't get the treatment I ought to have I call the captain, or the head waiter, and ask what is the matter. He does the rest. And I tip regularly, but not lavishly."

Present day passion for getting unappreciated historical characters in a new light has now reached President Millard Fillmore. A symposium by sixteen American publishers says of him: "He abolished the 'imprisonment' and religious test-oaths for witnesses in court. He fostered new postage rates and induced congress to make an appropriation for testing the electric telegraph."

Don't Neglect the Teeth. The teeth are an important factor in maintaining health. Poor, irregular, decayed teeth cause foul breath and do not permit the thorough mastication of food.

All food must be in a liquid state before it can pass into the intestinal tract, so if this task be continually imposed on the stomach it produces distress.

Many floating islands have at various periods been found voyaging on the Atlantic. These islands were originally part of the low lying river banks, which broke away under stress of storm or flood and floated out to sea.

Two women with babies in their arms sat beside each other in a trolley car. First one baby snuggled something, then the other and they became really friendly. Then one mother told the other how rare the babies got together.

A Question. Reginald - I love you, Madeline. For you I would give up family, position, wealth. Madeline - Hold, Reginald! Giving up family is all right. I'd give up my position if you can give me a better one, but please hold on to your wealth. We may need it.

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