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SOMETHING NEW

Dual engineers have found a way to successfully drive Diesel engines with a gas made from pent.

A turbine of 1,000-horsepower, driven by the explosion of a mixture of producer gas and air, is running a high voltage dynamo in a German city.

A patent has been granted for a garment hanger to hold a man's coat and trousers, the latter being stretched and creased without additional effort.

Three separate elements, any one of which may be replaced when needed, feature a new dry battery for pocket electric lamps invented in Switzerland.

For night fishing there has been invented a float carrying an incandescent lamp and a storage battery, the former being lit by a 255 pulling book.

A California natural history club is conducting a campaign of education intended to save the lives of harmless snakes, which war upon destructive rodents.

French radio experts are planning the erection of wireless antennae 15 miles long and containing 150 miles of wire to test the use of long wave lengths.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Sawing wood and carrying coal are home industries.

The wedding tour is often the calm before the storm.

Writer's cramp may affect either the wrist or stomach.

The latest thing in racing circles is to bet on the horse you bet on.

Some men are built for labor—and some are built for politics.

The only way to get a hen out of a garden is to go slow, but shoo'er.

True friendship, like phosphorus, burns up best in the darkest hour.

HER DECISION

By JOHN GREGORY.

For the second time that day Pearl Scott listened to a proposal of marriage. This proposal from Jack Porter, junior partner of the firm for which she was stenographer, was as unexpected as the one of that morning from Harry Marvin, son of the senior partner, also employed in the office.

"I'll have to tell you what I told Harry this morning when he asked me the same question, Jack," Pearl said after Jack had made his declaration. "I cannot decide until I have had time to think it over. I have never thought of either of you as anything but very dear friends, but I see now that I must decide between you or reject both. Please, Jack, give me two weeks and I will promise you whatever way I decide I will always count you as one of my very best and closest friends."

"Harry is one of my best friends, and I am sorry that we have both decided upon you as 'the only woman.' Your decision must bring unhappiness to one of us, and if I am to be the lucky one my sympathy will go out to him, and I know that if it is reversed he will feel the same way about it toward me." Jack answered as he prepared to leave. "In the meantime if you decide, don't keep us in suspense the full time."

After Jack had left Pearl sat down and tried to compare the two men, whose happiness she held in her hands. Harry Marvin was a bright, roly-poly fellow, with not a care in the world, a pleasure seeker, generous to his friends and a general good fellow. Jack Porter was of a very different make-up. He seemed to get more of the real things out of life. He looked on life a little too seriously, perhaps. He never made a loan or showed generosity toward one unless he was satisfied that one was deserving and in need.

The days passed quickly and Pearl found her two weeks almost up. She had not come to her decision yet. She found it next to impossible to choose between the two men.

She was sitting at her desk, absent-mindedly pecking at the keys of her typewriter, her thoughts on the decision she had to make before the end of the week. She had almost decided to tell them she could not marry either of them and make them both unhappy, when the office door was pushed open and shut with a bang, and Harry Marvin's laugh drew the attention of the whole office staff to the door, where he was standing with a grin on his face that told them all he had a joke on someone to tell. They crowded around him, eager to hear what it was.

"It's the best joke yet!" he announced. "Jack and I were on our way here, were just crossing the street by the park when an old dame with arms full of bundles was nearly run over by an auto. She was frightened nearly to death and looked as if she was going to keel over. I knew she would be all right in a minute, but Jack caught hold of her and led her to a seat in the park. He fussed over her as if she was his grandmother, and a crowd collected. She was such a seedy-looking old person I got out of the way as quickly as I could. When I was about a block away I looked back, and if there wasn't Jack coming along the sidewalk with the old countess lady on one arm and her bundles under the other. It looked too funny for anything."

The others joined in Harry's laugh, all except Pearl. Somehow the humor of the incident did not strike her. What if it had been her little mother, safe home in the country?

As Pearl settled down to her work again she found it hard to keep her mind off the scene Harry had described. As she heard the outer door open she turned expectantly, then jumped up in delight.

"Mother!" she cried, as she ran to the little old lady who was standing in the doorway. "Mother mine, what are you doing here, darling?" She had the little person in her arms and was kissing her wrinkled cheeks again and again, unmindful of the fact that Jack was standing behind her mother and the whole office staff was staring in their direction.

"Is this your mother, Pearl? I'm so glad!" Jack said.

"This young man has been so kind to me, dear," her mother said at the sound of his voice. "I nearly met with an accident and he assisted me here."

Pearl was radiant. "Thank you so much, Jack. Mr. Marvin told us of the narrow escape, but I had no idea it was mother."

Her mother was still a little dazed. "Thank this young man for me, Pearl. I have been so nervous I have not done so," she said with a slight quiver in her voice.

"I have already done so, mother, and I know you will be glad when I tell you this young man, who has been so kind to you, is Jack Porter, the man I am soon to marry."

"Is that really your decision, Pearl?" Jack asked eagerly.

"Yes, Jack, dear, it is," she answered and was glad the others heard. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Preferred the Cake. Gertrude had a little party to which several of her little boy and girl friends had been invited. During the afternoon Gertrude asked Carl, "Whom do you want to sit next to you at the table, Carl?" probably expecting he would say "you," but he answered, "Put me next to the cake, please, Gertrude."

BUYS GLASSES FOR BULLDOG

Proud Mistress Discovers Cold Wind Brings Tears to Pet's Eyes and Takes Him to Oculist.

One of the newest features of the high cost of living investigation by federal agents has just been revealed by United States District Attorney Cline of Chicago. He told the following story:

"I dropped into an oculist's a couple of days ago with a friend who had broken his glasses. We found that gentleman, immaculately clad, carefully fitting a pair of glasses on the pug nose of a bulldog with undershot jaw and bandy legs.

"Well, we had to wait. A lady, in handsome furs, held the bulldog by the chain. When the job was done she led it away. I asked the oculist:

"How do you test the vision of a dog's eyes?" He replied: "I didn't test it for vision. You see it was like this—the lady had her dog out motoring. They were riding rather fast and the air was cold."

"She noticed that a little drop of moisture gathered in the dog's eye. It trickled down his cheek. The lady decided that something must be done. So she brought him to me—the glasses are to protect his eyes when he goes motoring."

"How much did she pay for those glasses?" I asked.

"Eight dollars," the oculist replied.

HAD SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE

Nurse Who Was Formerly Militant Suffragette Learns Her Soldier Patient Was Former Policeman.

The day approaches when in recognition of the women's generosity in giving their men or the war the men are asked to give women honorableness. A vote, says a British correspondent, Nothing could be more timely, therefore, than to recall the story of what happened in that hospital of our British allies on the coast of Normandy. A kind nurse was bending over the pillow of a wounded man—a big corporal of the Grenadier Guards. She was a dear old lady, the nurse, one who had in her time enjoyed a full share as a militant suffragette. In fact, she had led more than one furious assault on the houses of parliament. Yet here she was lavishing the treasures of her sympathy upon the country's mere fighting men.

"It's odd," she said. "Your face, my good man, isn't a bit strange to me. I can't get rid of the idea that I've seen you many times before."

"I can't deny it, ma'am," sighed the wounded corporal, struggling with a visible embarrassment. "You have seen my face before. But can't we let bygones be bygones? It's true, I used to be a policeman. But that was before the war, ma'am."

Germany Short of Food. The real food situation in Germany is the important puzzle of the war. The United States food administration has got hold of some figures on the standard German ration for noncombatants, which seem to indicate that the Teutons are in desperate straits. Figured in calories, the food value of this ration is only 10,000. This is not sufficient nourishment to keep a man of 140 pounds from losing weight steadily, even if he does nothing but lie on his back for 24 hours a day. If he has work to do, he will eat up his fat and then his muscular tissue, so much the faster. If the figures are correct and are not supplemented by other rations not mentioned, the civilian population of Germany may inevitably be weakening fast.—Exchange.

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Liberty Loan Bonds unpledged	321,185 00
Bonds other than U. S. Bonds pledged to secure Postal savings deposits	191,711 75
Bonds and securities pledged as collateral for State or other deposits (postal excluded) or Bills Payable	311,893 75
Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	3,604,167 65
Stocks other than Federal Reserve Bank Stock	75,729 31
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank	60,000 00
Real Estate owned	12,604 24
Lawful Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	1,061,509 31
Forms with Federal Reserve Bank for Collection	56,519 66
Cash in Vault and Net Amounts due from National Banks	1,715,858 06
Net Amounts due from Banks other than above	180,920 49
Exchanges for Clearing House	117,488 89
Outside Checks and other cash items	5,654 70
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	44,500 00
Interest earned but not collected (approximate)	75,000 00
Total	\$20,613,694.83
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Amount reserved for Interest and Taxes (including Notes outstanding)	121,000 14
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Individual Deposits subject to check	753,254 42
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Dividends unpaid	281,773 80
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