

HOW FISH CAUGHT MAN

AND MADE A BOLD ENDEAVOR TO LAND HIM.

A sportsman tells of a curious incident. From his story, which appears to be authentic, it appears that a party of fishermen were out in a boat after gudgeon.

Soon after his entrance into the boat one of the anglers caught a small gudgeon, which he playfully lunged on the horse-man's projecting spur.

Suddenly the man gave a cry of astonishment and the others looking up saw a large jackfish splashing the water in vigorous fashion.

A moment later he rose to the surface, the jackfish still clenching the water about his foot, and it was seen that the fish was caught on the spur.

TREE YIELDS MANY PRODUCTS

How Natives of Mountains in the Sudan Get Needed Supply of Water and Food.

How the natives of the Karofan and Nuba mountains of the Sudan store their water supply in the remarkable Tebeddi, Buobab or Avansonka digita trees, is explained by Capt. E. Galway Warren, in the Wide World Magazine.

The trunks of these trees, which attain huge proportions, sometimes being 18 feet in diameter for a distance of over 20 feet, where the branches begin, are hollow.

From the bark of the trees the natives make rope for binding camel loads, building homes, etc. The trees yield nuts of a bitter taste, not unlike almonds, which are ground into flour.

How to Drive a Peg in a Tree.

We are planting memorial forests and are learning to protect and preserve our wild life, both animal and vegetable; therefore, when we are in the wilds we must be careful not to destroy timber, and if we want to use a tree for a hat rack, a clothes rack or a gun rack, we must devise some method which will not injure the tree.

Why Yawning is Contagious.

A peculiar thing about the process of yawning is that one person in a room yawning will quite likely set all or nearly all the others yawning also. There seems to be no explanation of this excepting that when a number of people are in one room and one of them begins to yawn, the others do so, not because they perceive the first yawn so much as the probable fact that the air in the room has become so poor that there is not enough good air for all the people in it.

Why Baby Has a Snub Nose.

Babies, like bulldogs, have snub noses to enable them to breathe while holding on to the soft, yielding skin with their mouths when nursing. This explanation is given by Dr. Herbert R. Spencer of London in writing a letter to the Lancet.

WHY We All Do Certain Things Involuntarily

Have you ever realized the number of things you do without really knowing why you do them? To say that you yawn because you are tired, or sneeze because you have hay fever, or laugh because a stage comedian is funny, is hardly less superficial than a man's "Oh, just because you know."

Why, for instance, do you sneeze? Could you write out a lucid explanation on an examination paper? Sneezing is due to the entrance of particles of matter into your nostrils.

These particles excite the nerves of feeling and smell, and the sneeze is your physical attempt—without any conscious direction on your part, of course—to expel the intruders.

Why do we yawn? Shortness of breath is one of the principal causes. When we are tired, the nervous impulses which control our breathing are weakened, and fail to carry on their trips with their usual regularity.

FOR SUCCESS IN BUSINESS

Why the Man That Can See Ahead Always "Puts It Over" His Slower Competitor.

M. B. Hoagland, sales manager of a motor truck company, Detroit, in addressing a group of salesmen, gave some pointers which are applicable not only to the truck business, but to any business.

"I class men by the range of their vision. There are three classes—the man who looks backward, the man who looks at the present and the man who looks ahead.

"For the man who looks backward, there is little hope in business, for you will find that the same cobwebs are in his business that his grandfather allowed to collect.

How Welsh Coal Trade Began.

Less than a century ago Welsh coal was scarcely known outside of Wales. The natives had burned it for 500 years, but only in a small way, for they preferred the more readily procurable peat.

Why Rest is So Necessary.

Your physician will tell you that whenever possible you should lie down for a little rest each day. To do so will take some of the load off that faithful heart of yours which keeps pumping away without cessation day and night.

Velocity of Stars.

From the spectroscopic measurements made at Mt. Wilson observatory stars (i. e., the speed with which they are approaching or receding from our solar system), it appears that the star A. G. Berlin has a radial velocity of 330 kilometers a second.

Yen England Will Raise Flax.

We find manufactured flax fibers in the lake dwellings of Switzerland; and we find it in the tombs of Egyptian greatness, where it wrapped the mummies of kings and queens whose life stories we know.



Saving vs. Spending. Both Are Easy After Once Started.

It does not take a lot of money to start on the road to thrift. Nor does it take a great deal of will power.

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AMERICAN COIN LOOKS GOOD TO SOLDIER BOYS

Returning Trooper Tells How Welcome U. S. Money Is in Preference to Foreign "Stuff."

How highly American money is valued by Yankee troops abroad is indicated by the story related by a United States soldier recently returned from France.

Back at his old home after serving six months at Frier, Germany, 20 miles from Luxembourg, Sgt. H. H. Coffey, formerly attached to the Fifty-fourth U. S. Infantry, had this to say:

"While we were in France we were paid in French money, and afterward, when we were in Germany, we were paid in German money.

"The difference in the French and German money as compared with United States money is amazing. It is printed on white paper of an inferior quality, and one gets a awful deal of it for a comparatively small quantity of American money.

"When we got this foreign stuff the boys were very liberal with it. They would gamble with it, would lend it, and handled it very carelessly. But when we got to Paris on our way home and all that bum money was exchanged for real American money all that liberality disappeared and it was guarded zealously.

"That is one of the lessons the war has taught American money, any promise to pay on the part of Uncle Sam, is mighty valuable in the eyes of a loyal, red blooded, patriotic American.

"That is why the Liberty Bonds found so ready a market, and that is why the War Savings Stamps look just like money. They are money with this added, the government pays interest on a \$5 War Savings Stamp while it does not on a \$5 bill. They are both simple evidences of indebtedness on Uncle Sam's part and his written promise to pay. There is no record yet that he ever failed to meet an obligation.

THE FABLE OF THE BUSY BEE.

Once upon a time there was a Busy Bee who worked hard and fast from flower to flower.

Moral—Steady work brings the sweet rewards. Turn the profits of your toil into War Savings Stamps and let them grow.

Calendar Facts.

The month of January always begins on the same day of the week as October and the same is true of April and July, September and December, February, March and November also begin on the same day of the week.

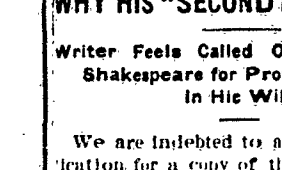
Why His "SECOND BEST BED"?

Writer Feels Called On to Criticize Shakespeare for Provision Made in His Will.

We are indebted to an English publication for a copy of the last will and testament of the late William Shakespeare. In the course of this document, we observe the following sentence:

"I gave unto my wife my second best bed with the furniture."

We do not desire to find fault with the successful poet and dramatist of Stratford for this apparent discrimination against the wife of the late Shakespeare.



When Love Came

By ETTA VERNE LYNDON

"I want to see you married and settled down in life before I pass away," spoke old Jared Bliss to his favorite nephew, and the latter looked startled at the suggestion.

"I shall think it over seriously, Uncle Jared," replied Ransom Bliss, but vaguely.

By a strange coincidence at almost that very hour Mrs. Walter Morse was talking over affairs with her niece, Elsie Briggs.

"I promised my sister, your mother, when she died," she said, "that you should never need a home. My husband is to represent the firm employing him in far western Canada, meanwhile what are your plans, dear?"

Elsie looked serious, but not distressed. "She had been given a sensible, practical bringing up, and had already thought over the future. Mrs. Morse listened indulgently as Elsie spoke of going to the city and earning her own living.

"You two have been so good to me. I must not further burden you," she said. "I am sure I can earn my own way, Auntie."

Mrs. Morse grew very thoughtful. Then, after a long pause, she said: "I would like to see you married, with a good man for a husband and a home of your own," but Elsie shook her head smilingly.

Two evenings later as Elsie sat on the porch Ransom Bliss appeared. He and Elsie had been friendly acquaintances for over a year, and the latter looked puzzled and then embarrassed as Ransom, after some casual conversation, moved his chair closer to hers and said:

"I came on a special mission this evening, Elsie. It is to ask you if you will marry me."

Elsie flushed quickly and her voice was a trifle unsteady as she said, without the least trace of affection:

"I never expected that you—you—?" "I cared for you, Elsie? Yes. Loved you? No. True affection is too sacred a thing to be taken lightly. I am a plain-spoken man. There is no woman in whom I more deeply respect and admire, and I would be proud to call you my wife. I will devote my life to make you happy."

Elsie sat with eyes cast down and fluttering secretly at heart. She did not reply on impulse, nor for a long time. Then, evenly enough, she spoke:

"I feel that you have honored me, Mr. Bliss, and I appreciate your clear, honest words. We have always been good friends. I shall be frank with you in turn. You say you do not love me, and I can confess for you nothing deeper than esteem. I am poor, humble, and will soon be homeless. I would not have you later regret that I can be nothing more to you than a loyal, helpful wife, who, however, can never forget that in a measure this would be a marriage of convenience."

And so they were wedded, and, after the death of his uncle, Ransom Bliss and his bride took up their residence at the old family home. They settled down into their new life more like partners than wedded mates. In all things Ransom was considerate and courteous, and Elsie was a model housekeeper, and all that respect and thoughtfulness could suggest. Never was there a jar or misunderstanding. Many a time, however, as he looked at the beautiful girl, like himself engaged in reading, Ransom realized that she was possessed of rare womanly qualities, while Elsie, in turn, when alone, sighed dreamily, acknowledging his perfection as a man among men, and she was at variance with the compact they had made.

There came an unexpected separation a little later. The presence of Ransom was required in settling up some business of the estate at Abingdon, 24 miles distant. For the first few weeks he came home over Sunday, but finally his absence ran into a full month. Elsie was wretched. An impulse came over her to at least see him. A trolley line ran to a junction half the distance and then joined another line. She reached it about eight o'clock in the evening to wait for the intersection car. From Abingdon there arrived a car branching off and a passenger alighted to wait for a connection. He came into the dimly lighted little station. Elsie recognized him as her husband.

"Why, Elsie!" he spoke in surprise. "I must tell you the truth," she said. "I was lonely without you. I was going to visit Abingdon, if it was only to see you at a distance."

The man drew a deep breath. "And I," he said in tones that thrilled her, "only sought to look through the window of our home and see if you were well and happy."

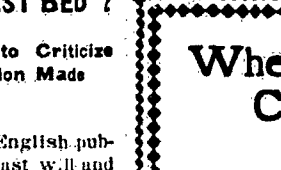
"Happier now than I ever have been," she breathed rapidly, for his arm had stolen about her waist.

"Elsie," he cried, "can it be possible that we made a mistake in the past?" "You mean—?"

"In deeming that we cared for each other as only casual acquaintances might."

"It has grown into something deeper than that with me," she whispered tenderly.

And the surety of a first and lasting love enlivened the satisfied soul of the loved one.



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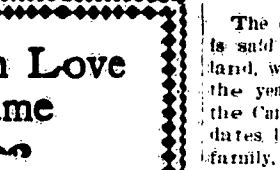
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Needed Help.

Rather pretty young woman and small son on Clifton car. Gentleman sits opposite; stranger to lady and boy, but a lover of children. Curious acquaintance of youngster by means of smiles and winks. Boy receptive, but has not yet acquired the art of winking with one eye—can only squint with both eyes at once. Thinks nice stranger deserves better recognition; peremptorily and loudly calls on his mother for assistance. Thus: "Mamma, wink at that man, I can't."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

A Plot Marred.

"I hear that the grocer discharged you for swindling him," remarked Mackindle to a friend. "It's a lie!" said the latter. "He asked me to put a lump of lead under one of the scales and I did so, and then in a few days, when he examined it he told me to leave. 'Did you not fasten the lead on properly?' asked Mackindle. 'Oh, certainly, I fastened it right enough,' was the reply, 'but it was under the wrong side of the scale that I put it, and it weighed against himself!'"

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