AT THE CROSSING

By CORONA REMINGTON

Katherine Engel deftly placed the cover on her typewriter and rose from the table. The man turned away from the window.

"You're making my life miserable, Matherine, by holding out this way, I PRICES LESS THAN YEAR AGO know we were meant for each other and your father's prejudice is childish."

ably, "but that doesn't make it any the less decisive.'

"Simply because he and my dad were rivals, and then neither of 'em married the girl," the man retorted year," as they have it in the vernacuwith a snort of contempt as he turned lar of the shops. The weather has to the window again.

as we did about each other, I couldn't way of winter suits and all-the-yearmee any harm in it."

way of ever being together."

him to speak.

as she disengaged herself.

maid, puckering up her face.

the greatest people on earth have done sor of style that has seen its day. it. If I had the time to look it up I expect I could find that a couple or ing news by way of bargain announcemore of our Presidents have eloped." "But--"

he interrupted.

"Oh-h-h, no!"

your birthday, and then it'll be a dou- points, remember. There is no doubt ble anniversary forever."

last she too caught the enthusiasm first columns to be touched by the and gave in.

"All right," he said as they parted. "We'll play a trick on the old man

'she thought as she took a last glance at herself in the mirror and all sorts of variety, from those weaves a rather narrow rolled collar of beawent down to dinner.

caught sight of her.

Let's eat-I'm hungry."

finding out the trouble. ever, I suppose?"

"Worse!" "I'd elope, kid, if I were you."

"Oh! I'm so glad to hear you say

that, because because we've been thinking about it." "Go ahead and do it. I'll help you."

"You dear!" exclaimed Katherine, impulsively kissing him. "For the love of Mike, don't eat me

up!" he begged, ducking.

you the signal."

"It shall be next Tuesday, then, because that's my birthday."

"Sure thing!" "Tom says it's best for me to slip out about one o'clock Tuesday morning. He'll be waiting for me with his car. Then we'll ride until daylight

and get married at some little wayside village." "That's the idea! I'll stay on deck and keep an eye on the old man's room, and if he stops sporing I'll give

Monday came and with suppressed excitement Katherine packed her setcase and made her last preparations. Punctually at one o'clock the next morning she slipped out of the house and sped to the corner where Tom and the car were waiting for her. In another minute they were on their way spinning over smooth roads and rough roads, totally unconscious of anything but that they were en route for matrimony. Suddenly Katherine gripped his arm and sat as is petrified.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "Didn't you hear father's car? I

hear it blow." "Great Scott! No," he answered, let. Showing Popular Type of Velours

ting out a notch or two. Dad's horn.'

good way off. We'll turn down the little judicious steaming. first crossroads we come to."

"Oh, do be quick," she begged. road, but from the sound of the horn, women have been able to indulge in this season it is the fancy of the best the car behind was catching up. Sud- such subtleties of color expression, designers to dye this fur, not only denly they came to a railroad crossing All the way from the brightest and black, which has been the accepted and the gates were down!

be several minutes before we get range of color tones, and while most lize with the color of the material with ncross, and there goes that blamed of the suits run to browns or to one which it is combined. horn again. Jump out, Katherine, and of the numerous taupe shades, still The fur sets that are designed to be get behind that little building. I can there are some made from the gor- worn with suits have very slight neckhandle him better alone."

at the occupant.

"Good night!", ejaculated the pant-short haired furs. ing driver, 'I thought I never would eatch you. Where's my sister? She meed a best man or bridesmaid or but the merest bit of a skirt hangs secondity. sething?"

GOGD SUIT YEAR FOR THE SHOPS

ther has been satisfactory -Not Too Warm and Not Too Cold.

Decline in Cost of Clothes Most Ne-"I daresay," the girl replied miser ticeable Feature of Season-Duvetyn Leads in Popularity, Fashion Writer Asserts.

Never has there been a better "suit been just right-not too warm and not "You know, Dick, I almost made a too cold. And just at this time, says aplit in the family when I took a posi- a New York fashion correspondent, tion in this law firm, but since we felt one sees the newest creations in the round suits and fancy suits and plain "You were an angel to do it, too," he suits. After a few weeks have passed answered warmly. "It was our only the "general horizon" will again be dotted with varieties of top coats and "I know it." Katherine played with fur wraps, etc., but right at this mina wilted rose at her belt and waited for ute the popular trend is all in the direction of the suit. Then here is the "Are you going to let him ruin our psychological moment to study the lives? Why won't you elope with me?" suit, for the forward marching ones "If it comes to the worst, we'll see." are setting the styles for many months "Ah, honey, I knew you wouldn't go to come and the little variances which back on me," he said a moment later they show are the ones that are destined to live. Thus does the wary "But eloping's so undignified," she woman plan her dressing, so that when she buys there will be no dan-"Oh, no!" he protested. "Some of ger of her becoming the proud posses-

Then again we have such encouragments that prices are much below those of last winter. A suit that retailed last winter for about \$125 sells "When shall we do it-tomorrow!" this year for between \$65 and \$75. And it is not the same suit, either, but one that has the same value as the "Well, let's say next Tuesday. That's one of last year—not the same style that better times are ahead on this He took her silence for consent and high price of clothes question—and went on elaborating the plans until at the high price of suits is one of the beautiful decline.

Duvetyn Family in the Lead. A critical observance of all of the hest-dressed women about fown dis-But after reaching home and going closes the fact that of all materials her room Katherine went into a long to that family are the ones which "If I only had some one to confide all others. And in this woolly or One particularly and the American continent when the Spanheavily napped fabric there are shown which are as thick and heavy as any "Hello! What's the matter, Kitty?" blanket to those which are so soft and her brother asked as soon as he pliable that they can be gathered into no space at all, so to say. There are "Nothing, Will," she answered, try-the woolen velours and the slik veing to pass it off. "Just a little tired. lours and the velours that are made of a clever combination of the two But her brother was not so easily de-|sorts of thread. The latter, they say, ceived, and after the meal he slipped wears better than all the rest put toout of the room after her, bent on gether. It does not show that evil characteristic of matting into a mashed "I know it's about Tom, so you might spot at the place where the suit is as well 'fess up. Old man as set as subjected to rubbing. However, so fine



Suit With Fur Trimming.

fabrics that when mashing does occur lar looking skins. Astrachan and "I heard it that time, but it's a it can very easily be removed by a Krimmer are very popular, and these

The colors of these newest of fab- are combined with the rich dull-red rics are perhaps their greatest charm, shades. Baby lamb has sprung into They went fairly flying along the for it has been many years since we favor for this sort of trimming, and most glowing of shades to those that color in the past, but any of the gray "Gee whiz!" he exclaimed. "It may are verily neutral in their effect is the and tan and brown shades to harmongeous blue and green tones that make pieces and muffs. They are mere act As the girl slipped out of sight the up so well with the gray furs and oth- cents for the collars and cuffs and the other car came to a standstill, and ers in the reddish shades that are so smartest of them do not attempt to be

Coats Are Noticeably Long. The coats on the newest of all the Indeed, the high prices to which furs left her suitcase, and I brought it suits that are being worn are quite have ascended make this fashion for along, and, since I'm here, don't you noticeably long—se long, in fact, that restraint in their use almost a grim

out, for, with the present rage in New Fork for skirts that are short and with this added favor for longer coats there is left but a small portion of space that can be allotted to the skirt, There are reasons to be thankful for this, the latest whim of fashion, too. For, while the legs that protrude

from the short line of the skirt must necessarily be cold, still upon the remaining portion of the body two layers of material are lavished—more than we have had to keep out the chilly blasts in many winters gone by. Some of the coats are fitted quite snugly, following the lines of the figure, and then again many of them are made full enough to make a tightish belt necessary to gather the fullness together about the waist.

There is one exception to the longer coat, and that is the little box coat, which has to be short in order to carry out its character. It reaches a high breasted—and it is more apt to be



Rich Suit of Black Satin Lined With Gray Duvetyn.

made up from the homespun materi-One particularly smart box coat had ver with pockets of the same fur set binding for the coat than they did like nothing of the horse, and were astonconventional 'pockets,

Skirts Are Quite Short. From all the skirts that could be noticed the conclusion was drawn that they are still "In our midst," and, all prophecies about French tendencies to the contrary notwithstanding, quite, quite short. Some of them might be called too short for beauty of proportion, but, be that as it may, the longer skirt as yet looks out of place in and around New York. The widths of the skirts are still moderate, and they are as straight as can be in line. with just enough room left to allow a step to be made in comfort and ease. There is no skirt that retards walking

in any way. The sleeves of the very nicest of the suits are fitted to the last degree of main in the class of the "perfect fit." Our American suit shows not the least armhole can go and still keep its uninterrupted contour.

Trimmings, of course, are the important features of any new winter offerings in the way of suits, for trimmings are necessary in order to keep up the pains they took with their epitheta; Italy. In an inventory of the court warmth of the proposition, and whether they are in the form of trimmings they do not. The great ancients could there is mention of silver forks; but that are permanently attached or express a thought so perfectly in a for some time the use of these instruwhether they are the popular fur sets, few words or sentences, that they did ments was satirized. Certain French still they become a part of that suit. not need to add any more. John and Scottish convents even forbade talks football to your Held The shorter furs are the ones that are receiving the most attention.

Furs That Are Liked. Beaver and nutria and mole are the ones that are best liked for collars and cuffs on the brown and taupe shades of duvetyn, and their colors blend so very harmoniously with the shades of those favorite materials. The longer haired furs, as far as suits are concerned, have sunk into the background just now. All of the suits have that slick look that is out of "There it is again, and I know that's and well made are most of these piled key with the longer and more irregufurs are particularly lovely when they

Tom squared his shoulders and glared effective when combined with the of the cape variety, the matching darker brown and black, both long and muffs keeping the small, regularly rounded shape that is always the accepted thing for a must at any time.

RULED KING IN SUCCESSION

Three Sixters of Noble Family Wha Became the Favorites of Great French Monarch.

King Louis XIV of France fell in other, the daughters of the marguis of Nesle. The first was not a beauty. but she was a clever woman and a good dresser. Her reign ended after three years, when her younger sister appeared. The king's devotion to the first sister was a secret until Louis. after indulging too heavily in champagne, paid a call upon his wife, who was so disgusted by his condition that the ordered him to leave her presence. He was hitterly angered, and a few days later he publicly acknowledged his devotion to Mane, de Mailly. Her younger sister, Pauline, came

hip line this season, and is single to the palace with the firm intent of winning the king from her sister, blood and that this was warfly due She did, but died suddenly shortly after her success. Then the third sister, Marie Anne, the young widow of the marquis of Tournelle, the most able, the most unscrupulous and the most beautiful of the family, appeared. Mme, de la Tournelle, in love with a young nobleman, refused to listen to the king. Louis sent his rival to war, but the young man came back wounded, and a hero. A young woman of great beauty was instructed to woo the king's rival, which she did so effectively that his passionate letters to her were sent to the king, who promptly showed them to Mme. de la

This crafty plot was successful, and the ambitious favorite, after insisting that her sister should be sent away, was given an official place at court and the title of the duchess of Chateauroux.

BIG RANCHES ONLY MEMORY

Progress of Civilization Has Done Away With the Picturesque Life of the Old West.

The big horse ranches have virtually gone out of existence with the passing of the Long X in Montana, says the Christian Science Monitor. Now is a Good Time to Begin Getting was glads keed alla right. The big cattle ranch long since succumbed to the onward march of the sheep ranger and the wired fence, and

In this connection it is interesting ished by the sight of the strange and unfamiliar animals which the newcomers rode. Yet, with their introduction by the white races, horses which escaped soon ran wild and flourished on the same ranges where their ancient cousins had apparently lived, showing how well the country was suited to their needs. There are a few ranches today in the West where the rug in the principal room may be the hide of a wild horse, found in Nevada or in Arizona canyons.

The Ancient Writers,

ers does not consist in a trick that against the skin. can be learned, but in a perfect adaptation of means to ends. The secret perfection. The armholes are as small of the style of the great Greek and as they possibly can be and still re- Roman authors is that it is the perfection of good sense. In the first place, they never use a word without tendency to go large and kimono-like a meaning, or a word which adds in the armhole. It keeps the well- nothing to the meaning; they knew made tailored look, and sometimes it what they wanted to say, and their is astonishing to see how far back an | whole purpose was to say it with the highest degree of exactness and completeness, and bring it home to the THE table fork is comparatively mind with the greatest possible clear. It was first introduced ness and vividness . . . The ancients in Venice by a Byzantine princess were concise because of the extreme and its use rapidly apread throughout day?" almost all moderns are prolix because of Charles V of France, dated 1879, be wet again." Stuart Mill.

Evil in Deception.

Lying, a term in which we include deception of every kind, is the root of more evil in the world than the love of money ever was, though the latter is responsible for enough, in all conscience, and the two evils work handily together. If frank honesty were the rule of the world, boys, grown into men, would sin occasionally, but not frequently or continuously, as many of us do now. Deception is the great protector of crime, the great shield of vice. Eliminate it absolutely and you sever the tap roots of profiteering, defrauding of the employer, impurity, hypocrisy in the church, political corruption and wars of aggression.—Exchange.

Thermometer Scales.

There are several different systems of dividing the thermometer scale. The one in common use in all Englishspeaking countries is the Fahrenheit. In this the boiling point is 212 degrees, and the freezing point 32 degrees above zero. In the Centigrade thermometer, the freezing point is taken as the zero, and the bolling point is reckoned at 100 degrees. It will thus be seen that the 100 degrees on the Centigrade scale and the 180 degrees (212 minus 82) on the Fahren heit scale represent the same difference, in temperature namely that he for a tenner this morning and I toll tween belling point and freezing point, you, he shocked me."

Beauty Chats

By EDNA KENT FORBES

CRACKED FINGERS

AM indebted to one of my readers . for the following letter, which was sent me after some advice on the cure for cracked nails. The letter came some time ago, and I have saved it to use as the season approaches when nails and fingers split from the change of weather.

Says my correspondent-whose name is withheld by request-"I had cracked fingers for nearly two years queets work I no feels before going to our family doctor, gotta money but no mostly.

He said the condition was due to stopps one place where sails He said the condition was due to a ers for geeva look. Was leath



the Hands in Condition to Avoid Just between you and me Chapping.

it was felt to be only a matter of and delibert of the blood dat paper. But I waste see In time hefore the horse ranch would and salines for the bowels were necessary in addition to the constant use for present. I buy everyone da'y of olive oil on my fingers."

Olive oil, she added, had afforded trow sen da waste can, long to that family are the ones which als, as it is a little more outdoors in are displaying their popularity above style than are some of the other cuts. this advice is excellent, and should be more and I staria whearte, lards arrived, prehistoric evidences of followed by every woman who suffers ating make me feels the animal have been discovered in more or less from this supplement sudden. Mebbe was both North and South America. The affliction. Salines or salts need not wheestle. on the extreme edge of the coat, so Indians, who had domesticated the be used if some other laxative is used that they looked more like a wide llams, the sipaca, and the dog, knew in their place. Salts as a rule are the most effective, though some women cannot keep them on the atomacha-

For ordinary cases, the woman should do most of her work wearing rubber gloves, keeping the hands from direct contact with dish or scrub water, especially if the water contains borax or ammonia, or some such drying solution. Ashes, stove polish, etc., should be handled with gloved fingers, Then the hands should be reabled with olive oil or vaseline after the nightly hot water and soap washing, old Ioose gloves drawn on, if the fingers are badly cracked, and kept on all night This is as much to protect the bed lin-The excellence of the ancient write en as to keep a supply of oil right

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was two-tined; the three and four-



Proof of 14. "Isn't Hal a live wire?" "I should say so! He touched me



WAR JUSA DOUGLA outside bouta neexa years old. sella da paper but be gotta p left wot he no sella yet. He asks me, Please, m lika buy da paper?" I say, "Wota is

ter you no sella befere dees? body stopps read for go to bed now! I aska eet he wants getta rich one day. He say no wants getta richjust buy bees mudde bunche fower for Sunday. Hees name Jimmy Beern and he tella me heer radde so dead longs time. He may tomorrow was was when lives mudda gonna bava birthday.

"Ilka to buy my mudda some Bows ers so I try sella more paper," be dire Bet I sella every one I gotta planta money. I betta, meester, my much sure glad eef I geeva her flowers the da present. Wonta you please buy juma one paper?"

You knew I reads paper longs the before dat night. But I-like dut lootle Jimmy Brown alla right. I no wanta been getta wise so I say I gotta twee ty-five keeds my family and everyone wanta newspaper and I buy da whole

And rights queeck Jimmy smile beeg and go buy hees mudde in flowers. He say, "Tanka you, ter," and den he walks bosse in plenta noise weeth whomile.

aprende round to Jimmy, I no m twenty-five keeds and I no wants all

Wot you tink?

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kondrick Band

THE NECKLACE. The finest necklade yest can wer Is made of beads of fiber pare Strung on a thread of service trud those who stand in need of Rach shining bead The token of some kindly det

IN HUMOROUS VEIN

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"How rapturously he is gaste the beauty of her figuld byon." "Sh! He is drinking it im."

Hard on Him. "What's your idea of eleman bution?' "A profiteer work; his income tax."

"What's the use? Thins

An Unknown Ton Edith-"What do you do when them as sinful. Their original form I try to look intelligent."

Not Gay, But Patience-"Don't you think h gay deceiver?" Patrice On. considered him particularly gay

Fruits of Labor "Life has some plums." "Yes."

"But more prunes.

Paradexidal No. "And y positive necessity." negative proposition.

"I want a soft drink," "Sorry, sir, but we have not hard water."

A FIRMS TE "That rich forist has

"Yes: a regular 50 Well Done on the