

The Scenario Lover

By WILLIAM FALL

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As Jack crossed the office on his way to his desk, his eyes dwelt tenderly on Madge's nimble fingers as they traced what he felt sure was a note to him. Thinking to surprise her, he drew nearer, and suddenly the large writing on the sheet seemed to rise up and assail his eyes. With hurt horror he read:

"Dearest Ted: Of course I love you. Why doubt me? As long as I live, I'm yours."

He waited to read no further, but fled to the stockroom, where hidden behind the bales and boxes, he fought out his trouble and decided upon a course of action.

"My little Madge, whom I trusted with my whole soul," he groined. Her baseness seemed impossible.

Who this fellow Ted was he did not know. It was enough that the girl he loved, and who had promised to marry him, was writing such a letter to another man.

At last he clenched his hands, and setting his teeth, went into the private office of the manager. Six weeks ago, he had been offered a position on the road, one that would pay him a much better salary, and had refused, not wanting to leave Madge. Now he was glad to go and immediately, too. Within two hours of his reading the beginning of that fateful note, he was on the train to take up the work of one of the commercial travelers who had suddenly been taken sick.

Jack did not stop to say good-by to Madge, nor did he write her, for he felt that the less said the better.

"Perhaps if I get away this hurt will stop," he told himself; but although he kept busy and in his labors turned night into day, sending back so much business that the firm believed they had secured the model salesman, he could not forget Madge or her thousand and one appealing ways. It was all the harder because she kept on writing to him, in the same clear, flowing hand that had penned the fateful confession of her love for another, begging him to let her know the reason for his continued silence.

Tom, his chum, wrote him that Madge looked ill.

Things looked black to him, although he had made such a success in a business way that the office sent for him to come home and make a contract with the firm, and although he would have rather remained away forever, Jack obeyed, and once more found himself in the same city with Madge.

Being a salesman now, he managed to have his interview with the manager without going out among his old associates, and so avoided Madge although a sight of her sunny hair through the open doorway turned him sick at heart.

His business outlook was extremely bright, much better than he had dared to dream of for years to come, and yet it was a very heavy heart that he carried with him into the little motion picture theater, where he sought a few moments of relaxation later on in the evening.

Wearily he made his way to the corner seat in the box where they had always sat.

Litlessly he followed the story of the film. There was the usual quarrel between two loves, although he reflected bitterly that neither had his cause. Suddenly he straightened up. The lover received a letter from the girl with whom he had quarreled, and it was photographed on the film.

"Dearest Ted: Of course I love you. Why doubt me? As long as I live, I'm yours."

As on a former occasion, Jack stopped to read no further. He recognized the clear, flowing hand. It was Madge's penmanship, that he knew, but he also understood that it was never written to a living person. The thought flamed through him that there must be some heart-healing explanation. Realizing how his cruelty must have hurt her, he turned to leave, when in the seat by his side where she had sat so often was—Madge.

Instinctively his hand reached for hers, and in the tender pressure given and returned everything was forgotten and forgiven.

"I saw you here," she whispered, "and came here to sit by you."

"Darling! How, though, did they get that letter? I saw you write it," he confessed, "though not intentionally."

"I wrote the scenario of the photograph," she said with proper pride. They forgot the audience, sitting there together again in the happiness of their love, and he bent over and whispered:

"We'll be married tomorrow so you can go out on the road with me, Madge nodded happily. "Of course, for as long as I live, I'm yours," she murmured, and this time the words carried a joyous message to him.

Proceeding With Caution. "Did you win any votes by your speeches?"

"Out my way," replied Senator Sorghum, "we didn't have to bother about winning votes. All we had to do was to avoid saying anything that might make folks change their minds."

A Tactful Wife. "She's very tactful, isn't she?"

"Very. She even makes the wives of her husband's business friends feel that she really cares for them."

Beauty Chats

By EDNA KENT FORBES

AVOIDING CATARRH

A WOMAN wrote to me recently and said she had suffered from catarrh for many years and was getting gradually deaf. She wanted some remedy, and asked if catarrh was curable. I gave her all the advice I could, but such cases of course, become too serious to be handled by one whose specialty is general health and looks, and I told her to go to a physician.

For catarrh is curable, and anyone who suffers from the least trace of this annoying affliction should start at once to cure themselves. If possible, they should go to a high or dry climate and live where fir and pine trees



Keep the Throat, Nose and Mouth Clean and Antiseptic.

grow thick, since nothing is more effective than breathing the pine-scented air every day. If for any reason this is impossible, they should plant their yards full of pine trees, and put up window boxes filled with dwarf pines and firs, so the air coming through the windows bears the healing scent. For city dwellers this is especially good.

The nose and throat should be sprayed twice daily with some antiseptic solution, preferably one given by a doctor who understands the case. Anything with pine in it is sure to be effective. This treatment will cure any mild case of catarrh, advanced cases need a different form of treatment. Though living among the pines will cure anyone, they say.

The principle is to keep the throat and nose clean, to kill the poisonous formations, and so to build up a stronger throat.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE OASIS.

THEY say the World has come to rest because of the sufferer lot of hot rocks. And other tricks That keep us all in water hot but as for me I'll not despair Despite Earth's burdens and its care. While I can hear The laughter clear Of little children everywhere. (Copyright.)

Last Night's Dreams

—What They Mean

DID YOU DREAM OF FLYING?

TO DREAM that one is flying is a rather common experience and is one of the "typical" or "standard" dreams of the scientists as it manifests itself in practically the same manner to everybody. According to Professor Struppell of Leipzig, one of the "highbrow" dream investigators, this dream sensation of flying is the result of the dreamer mistaking the sensation caused by the rising and falling of the lungs of the dreamer after the skin sensations of the chest have been reduced to insensibility by sleep. This theory, however, is rejected by other scientists for what seem very good reasons—too long to recite here. Doctor Ferden of Vienna and some others interpret the flying dream as erotic dream symbolism, while Professor Freund declares that in spite of the standardization of the dream under consideration, it requires special interpretations in some persons and in all cases arises in the dream-mind or psychic.

The mystics interpret the dream as a favorable omen. According to them it is a prognostication that the dreamer will arrive at a considerable, perhaps a great, fortune, and will be promoted to some high office of state. Also it is a sign that you will be happy as well as fortunate. If you are unmarried and in love, you will marry the one of your choice and will live happily. If you are not in love now you will be soon and a marriage will result. More than that, you will have many children who will be successful in life.

For anyone who dreams of flying there is a journey in store, which journey will result in his great advantage. The "highbrows," of course, deny that there is any prophetic meaning in the dream. So there you are—the "highbrows" and the "lowbrows"—take your choice. (Copyright.)

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

By C. N. Lurie

Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

TO "RAISE" CHILDREN.

GRAMMARIANS generally are agreed that it is not correct to apply the term "raise" to the rearing or education or bringing up of children. The verb "raise" is applied with propriety only to crops or cattle, never to human beings. "She raised a family of eight children," says a charity report; it should have said, "She reared" or "she brought up." The Standard dictionary ridicules the expression, attributed to a Southern county, "She raised thirteen head of children."

The term "brought up" is the more modern of the two; the term "reared" is older. The misuse of the term "raise" is a colloquialism that is common in some of the Southern and Western states.

Some authorities criticize the use of the verb "grow" in connection with crops, asserting that we should not say, "We grow wheat on our farm," but should say, "We raise wheat." (Copyright.)

Harvest Moon.

Sir John Frederick William Herschel, the great English physicist and astronomer, said that the full moon, which happens on or nearest to the 21st of September is called the harvest moon. At or about the time of harvest in the north temperate zone, the sun in its usual course is approaching the celestial equator, which it crosses from north to south on September 22. On that date it sets close to the western point of the horizon. If it happens to be then also full moon, the moon rises that evening as the sun sets, and it at its rising opposite the sun, or close to the exact eastern point of the horizon. This it begins to give light at sunset and continues to do so until sunrise, when it sets opposite the sun, just as the latter rises. This arrangement holds good without any great change for several days, so that there is practically no darkness, especially if the weather is fine. The full moon which thus illuminates the autumn nights is called the harvest moon.



JUST THE MAN SHE WANTED

The Hostess: Let me make you acquainted with Mr. Brushovitch, the great Russian propagandist. He's just arrived from Siberia. Miss Tiptoe: I'm so glad to know you, Mr. Brushovitch. I wonder if you will teach me some of those nice Siberian steppes I've heard so much about.

Reformation Safer.

The roughneck politician burst into the lawyer's office and in an excited manner asked:

"What would you do if a paper should call you a thief and a liar?" "Well," said the lawyer scrutinizingly, "if I were you I'd toss up a nickel to see whether I'd reform or pay no attention to the statement."

Concentrated.

"The time will come," the scientific agricultural expert declared impressively to the gathering of grangers, "when a man can carry in one coat pocket fertilizer for an acre of ground."

"I don't doubt it," promptly responded an old farmer in the back row. "Don't doubt it for a minute. And he'll be able to carry the crop from that acre in his other pocket."

Art.

"Pa, what is an actor?" "An actor, my boy, is a person who can walk to the side of a stage, peer into the wings at a group of other actors waiting for their cues, a number of bored stage hands and a lot of theatrical odds and ends; and exclaim, 'What a lovely view there is from this window!'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Delightful Diagnosis.

"Well, girlie, what did the oculist say about your eyes?" "Oh, he was the nicest young oculist you ever met."

"Heh?"

"Said my eyes were beautiful."

The first lunacy laws in England were made in the reign of Edward III.

Truth is mighty and on certain occasions should be imparted in dribbles.

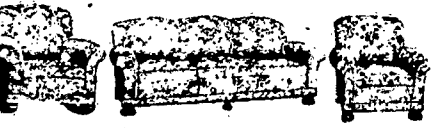
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Better be driven out from among men than to be disliked by children.—Dana.

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