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## THE GIRL AND

A Breach of Promise Suit That Was Nipped In the Bud.

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The other day I ran across my old friend Ferguson Pogue, Pogue is a conscientious grafter of the highest type. His headquarters is the western hemisphere, and his line of business is anything from speculating in town lots on the Great Staked plains to selling wooden toys in Connecticut, made by hydraulic pressure from nut-

megs ground to a pulp.

Now and then when Pogue has made a good haul he comes to New York for a rest. He says the jug of wine and loaf of bread and thou in the wilderness business is about as much rest and pleasure to him as sliding down the bumps at Coney would be to President Taft. "Give me," says Pogue, "a big city for my vacation, especially New York. I'm not much fond of New Yorkers, and Manhattan is about the only place on the globe where I don't find any."

While in the metropolis Pogue can always be found at one of two places. One is a little secondhand bookshop on Fourth avenue, where he reads books about his hobbles, Mohammed-anism and taxidermy. I found him at the other—his hall bedroom in Eighteenth street-where he sat in his stocking feet trying to pluck "The Banks of the Wabash" out of a small sither. Four years he has practiced this tune without arriving near enough to cast the longest trout line to the water's edge. On the dresser lay a blued steel Colt's 45 and a tight roll of tens and twenties large, enough around to belong to the spring rattlesnake story class. A chambermaid with a room cleaning air futtered near by in the hall, unable to enter or to flee, scandalized by the stocking feet, aghast at the Colt's, yet power less, with her metropolitan instinct, to remove herself beyond the magic in-

fluence of the yellow hued roll. I sat on his trunk while Ferguson Pogue talked. No one could be franker or more candid in his conversation. Beside his expression the cry of Henry James for lacteal nourishment at the age of one month would have seemed like a Chaldean cryptogram. He told me stories of his profession with pride, for he considered it an art. And I was curious enough to sak him whether he had known any woman who followed it.

"Ladies?" said Pogue, with western chivalry. "Well, not to any great ex-ALAMANCE GLEANER will be sent tent. They don't amount to much in all so busy in general lines. What? Why, they have to. Who's got the money in the world? The men. Did ou ever know a man to give a woma a dollar without any consideration A man will shell out his dust to anr man free and easy and gratis. But if he drops a penny in one of the machines run by the Madame Eve's Daughters' Amalgamated association and the pineapple chewing gum don't fall out when he pulls the lever you



can hear him kick to the superintendent four plocks away, him is the hardest proposition a woman has to go up against. He's a low grade one, and she has to work evertime to make him pay. Two times out of five she's sailed, file can't put in crushers and could machinery. He'd notice em and he on to the same. They have to pan out what they got, and it hurts their tender hands. Some of 'em any natural sluice troughs and on carry out \$1,000 to the ton. The dry eyed ones have to decond on signed letters, false bair, ad on signed letters, false bair, athy, the kangaroo walk, cow-

alous matrimonial union?
"Well," said Pogue, "nothing that
would justify you every time in calling up police headquarters and ordermanager on a dead run. But it's this mens. But he was to write her love way: Suppose you're a Fifth avenue emillionaire, searing high, on the right side of coppers and catteers.

But he was to write her love letters—the worst kind of love letters, such as your wife publishes after you are dead—every day. At the end of

"You come nome at night and bring a \$9,000,000 diamond brooch to the ady who's staked you for a claim. You hand it over. She says, 'Oh, If she won the suit that was all, and George!' and looks to see if it's backed. She comes up and kisses you. You've waited for it. You get it. All right. It's graft.

"But I'm telling you about Artemisia Biye. She was from Kansas, and she suggested corn in all of its phases, Her hair was as yellow as the silk, her form was as tall and graceful as a stalk in the low grounds during a wet summer, her eyes were as big and startling as bunions, and green was

"On my last trip into the cool recesses of your sequestered city I met | a human named Vaucross. He was worth-that is, he had a million. He told me he was in business on the street. 'A sidewalk merchant?' says I, sarcastic. 'Exactly,' says he, 'senior partner of a paving concern." "I kind of took to him for this rea-

son; I met him on Broadway one night when I was out of heart, luck, tobacco and place. He was all silk hat, diamonds and front. He was all front. If you had gone behind him you would have only looked yourself in the face. I looked like a cross between Count Tolstoy and a June lobster. I was out of luck. I had- But let me lay my eyes on that dealer "Vaucross stopped and talked to me

a few minutes, and then he took me to a high toned restaurant to eat dinner. There was music and then some Beethoven and Bordelaise sauce and cussing in French and frangipangi and some hauteur and cigarettes. When I am flush I know them places.

"I declare I must have looked as bad as a magazine artist sitting there without any money and my hair all rumpled like I was booked to read a chapter from 'Elsie's School Days' at a Brooklyn bohemian smoker. But Vaucross treated me like a bear hunter's guide. He wasn't afraid of hurting the waiter's feelings. "'Mr. Pogue,' he explains to me, 'I

am using you. "Go on,' says I. 'I hope you don'

wake up.' "And then he tells me, you know the kind of man he was. He was s New Yorker. His whole ambition was to be noticed. He wanted to be conspicuous. He wanted people to point him out and bow to him and tell others who he was. He said it had been the desire of his life always. He didn't have but a million, so he couldn't attract attention by spending money. He said he tried to get into public notice one time by planting a little public square on the east side with garlie for free use of the poor, but Carnegie heard of it and covered it over at once with a library in the Gaelic language. Three times he had jumped in the way of automobiles, but the only result was five broken ribs and a notice in the papers that an unknown man five feet ten, with four amaigam filled teeth, supposed to be the last of the famous Red Leary gang, had been run over. "Ever try the reporters?" I asked

"'Last month,' says Mr. Vaucross, 'my expenditure for lunches to report-

ers was \$124.80." 'Get anything out of that?' I asks. "That reminds me,' says he; 'add \$8.50 for pepsin. Yes, I got indiges-

"'How am I supposed to push along your scramble for prominence? I in-

quires. 'Contrast?' 'Something of that sort tonight,' says Vaucross. 'It grieves me, but I am forced to resort to eccentricity. And here he drops his napkin in his soup and rises up and bows to a gent who is devastating a potato under a palm across the room.

'The police commissioner,' says my climber, gratified. 'Friend,' says I in a hurry, 'have ambitions, but don't kick a rung out of your ladder. When you use me as a stepping stone to salute the police you spoil my appetite on the grounds that I may be degraded and incriminated. Be thoughtful." "As the Quaker City squab en cas-serole the idea about Artemisia Blye

"Suppose I can manage to get you in the papers,' says I-'a column or two every day in all of 'em and your picture in most of 'em for a week. How much would it be worth to you? "Ten thousand dollars,' says Vaucross, warm in a minute. 'But no mur-

der,' says he, 'and I won't wear pink pants at a cotillion." "'I wouldn't ask you to,' says I This is honorable, stylish and unef-feminate. Tell the waiter to bring a itasse and some other beans, and I will disclose to you the opus moder

"We closed the deal an bour later in the rococo rouge et noise room. I tele graphed that night to Miss Artem to Salina. She took a couple of photo graphs and an autograph letter to an elder in the Fourth Presbyterian church in the morning and got some transportation and \$80. She stopped in Topeks long enough to trade a Sashlight interior and a valentine to the vice president of a trust company five dollar notes with \$250 scrawled on

"The fifth evening after she got my nd dressed up, for me and Vaucre take her to dinner in one of the Kern York feminine spartment houses

This was the scheme the three of us concocted. It was business straight through. Vancross was to rush Miss Biye with all the style and display and emotion he could for a mouth. Of course that amounted to nothing as far as his ambitious were concerned. The night of a man in a white tie and patent leather pumps possesses greenbacks through the large

the month he was to grop ner sng she would bring suit for \$100,000 for breach of promise.



if she lost she was to get it anyhow There was a signed contract to that ef-

"Sometimes they had me out with 'em, but not often. I couldn't keep up to their style. She used to pull out his notes and criticise them like bills of lading. "'Say, you.' she'd say, 'what do you

call this-letter to a bardware merchant from his nephew on learning that his aunt has nettlerash? You eastern duffers know as much abou writing love letters as a Kansas grass hopper does about tugboats. dear Miss Blye!" Would that put pink icing and a little red sugar bird on your bridal cake? How long do you expect to hold an audience in a courtroom with that kind of stuff? You want to get down to business and call me "Tweedlums Babe" and "Honeysuckle" and sign yourself "Mamma's Own Blg Bad Puggy Wuggy Boy" if you want any limelight to concentrate upon your sparse gray

hairs. Get sappy." "After that Vaucross dipped his pen in the indelible tabasco. His notes read like something or other in the original. I could see a jury sitting up and women tearing one another's hats to hear 'em read. And I could see piling up for Mr. Vaucross as much notoriousness as Archbishop Cranmer or the Brooklyn bridge or cheese on salad ever enjoyed. He seemed mighty pleased at the pros-

"They agreed on a night, and I stood on Fifth avenue outside a solemn resserver walked in and handed Vaucros the papers at his table. Everybody looked at 'em, and he looked as proud and lit a five cent cigar, for I knew the \$10,000 was as good as ours, -

"About two bours later somebody knocked at my door. There stood Vaucross and Miss Artemisis, and she was clinging-yes, sir, clinging-to bis out and got married. And they articulated some trivial cadences about love and such. And they laid down a bundle on the table and said 'Good night' and left.

"And that's what I say," concluded Ferguson Pogue, "that a woman is too busy occupied with her natural vocation and instinct of graft such as is given her for self preservation and amusement to make any great success in special lines." "What was in the bundle that they

left?" I asked, with my usual curiosi-

"Why." said Ferguson, "there was scalper's railroad ticket as far as Kan-sas City and two pairs of Mr. Vau-

Seasons of the Past. Irate Guest-Look here, waiter, what kind of a dinner was that you served me? Why, the vegetables were stale. Waiter (bristling up)-Yo' am wrong, sab. I served yo' wid all the delicacies of de season. Irate Guest-Which season?-Chica

He Saw How It Fell. An Irishman who was visiting America for the first time was lost in admiration of the Niagara falls when a

friend accosted him:
"Well, Pat, and what do you think
of this? Isn't it a grand sight? There's nothing in the old country to come up to it. See how it falls?"
"Faith. I see how it falls," said Pat: "but, shure, there's nothin' to hinder

Land Falls as Tide Rises. ording to the report of Professor Milne to the British association, land ing the shore falls as the tide placed one and a half miles from the shore at Bidston, Cheshire, if was found that the average detection due to tidal effects represented a change in slope of about one inch in sixteen miles. The violence of the change aprises slowly or whether it rises rapidly and to an unusual beight-London



ROAD DRAINAGE

Necessity of Replacing Plank Culverts With Proper Pipes. Pennsylvania's state bighway com missioner gives the following advice

on the question of road drainage: "Where water must be diverted from one side to the other of a road it should be carried beneath the surface by means of pipes or cuiverts of capacity adequate to carry the maximum amount of water which ever will demand passage. Pipes of suitable mawhen properly laid cost little or nothing to maintain beyond an oc-casional cleaning out. Water breaks require constant attention and are frequently inadequate to prevent the flood water from overflowing down the sur face of the road. They are also serious obstacles to travel, increasing very materially the steepness of the bills where they are used and making necessary the bauling of proportionately

"In the majority of the townships in which any attempt is made to carry water across below instead of above the road surface it is done by means of plank culverts, usually constructed in the most primitive manner, while the large water courses are spanned by structures consisting in part, if not wholly, of wood, In some instances stone has been used in a very commendable manner, but it is found that taurant and watched 'em. A process many of the bridges, culverts and drains which have been built of stone have been laid up in an inefficient manner, which has led in a few years to the necessity of expensive repairs. For the smaller culverts and drains in which smoothness of interior surface is desirable four kinds of pipe are available-vitrified clay, cast iron, corrugated fron and concrete. The use of wood for such purposes is to be dis-couraged, and all existing plank culverts should be replaced by some oth er material as rapidly as practicable. er than iron, but unless very carefully protected are very liable to breakage Except in race cases this material i not recommended by the department.

The O. T. Newall company of Bir-mingham, Ala., has been given perthat county to build at its own expense a mile of improved road between the villages of Powderly and Beasemer. The road is to be completed before the meeting of the Alabama good roads convention meets in the fall. It is unlerstood that the company is taking this action to bring to the attention of the Good Roads association the road

The Perfect Wife. A good wife is heaven's last best gift to man, his angel and minister of graces innumerable, his gem of many virtues, his casket of jewels; her voice his sweet music; her smiles his brightest day; her kies the guardien of his innocence; her arms the pale of his safety, the balm of his health, the balsam of his fury, one clap exploding with ter-life; her industry his surest wealth, rific noise immediately above us her economy his safest steward; her like a volley of artillery. lips, his faithful counselors; her bosom the softest pillow of his cares almost in horror when Charles and her prayers the ablest advecates of heaven's blessings on his lifted his eyes from his book and

"But I haven't rid fur enough," said the Billville man. "Can't help that. You can't go

any further on this ticket." "My friend," said the man, "it's the first time I ever rid on a railroad train, an' ef you ain't a better man than what I am I'm a-goin' to set right here till I see whar the road ends. I know it must end go 'long, an' le'me alone!"-Atlan-ta Constitution.

#### ORIGIN OF NAVAL TITLES.

Berrowed Military Terms From th Arabis and the Spanish.

In the early days the rank of admiral was unknown. The chief officer of a squadron was called a constable or justice. The term admiral as now used is derived from the Arabic "amir," or "emir," s commander (as in "amir-albahr, commander of the sea). The early English form was "amiral" and i preserved as such by the French. The Spanish and Porturuese terms are "almirante," the Italian "ammiraglio." The title captain is not a naval but a military one. Under the older organization the real captain of a ship was a master, but a military officer was placed on board, though he knew nothing about nautical affairs. As the captain became bigger and big-ger the master became smaller and smaller until at the present day he fills a subordinate position, which is gradually becoming obsolete, being replaced by an officer under the title

of a navigating lieutenant. Commodore comes from the Spanish "commendador." The title lieutenant, borrowed directly from the French, is more modern and meant as a place holder or one who took the place of the captain when absent. Sublicutenant is still more modern and at the same time a misnomer, as he never was a sublicutenant, but mercly a mate or one who assisted. In former days we had no cadets, but volunteers. However, with the gradual advance of politeness the more seemly term of radets was borrowed from the French and adopted as the title of the young gentlemen in our navy.

In place of paymasters the ships of old had pursers, who looked after the provisions. The naval purser did more. He had charge of the stores of the ship and the money chest. Surgeons and surgeons' mates fulfilled the duties of the doctors. Chaplains are of modern introduction. Naval instructors and schoolmasters ruled in their stead. The term mate was rather a universal one and applied to all branches.

Weather Forecast. "I do not think," said Edmund Yates in his book "Recollections and Experiences," "I ever met a man more hopelessly deaf than Charles Kemble at seventy. Some of us were sitting one afternoon at the Garrick club when a tremendous thunderstorm broke over the

"It raged with extraordinary "We looked around at each other

Wanted to See the End.

"This is where you get off," said the railroad conductor.

"But I have some thunder.

What is that which nobody was and which nobody likes to lose?

An aspiring author who was

notice at the game recently sent off an elengated story to a first class magazine. In less than two weeks the unsophisticated writer was chasome'rs, an' I'm curious to see grined to see dumped at his door his whar. Here's one more dollar. Now padded efforts, together with this go long, an' le'me alone!"—Atlansignificant rejection slip:

"Sorry to say that your story is so heavy it made the editor tired."

## SURFACING OF **COUNTRY ROADS**

Problems That a Highway Engineer Must Solve.

#### THREE TYPES OF TOP DRESSING

Sand-Clay, Gravel and Macadam the Materials Used-Character of Rocks Suitable For Building Macadamized Roadways Must Be Known.

In an address recently delivered before the Appalachian Engineering association at Winston-Salem, N. C., Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, president of the Appalachian Good Reads association, spoke as follows on the surfacing of

"The question of surfacing material for a road is one that is causing road builders considerable trouble, for with the introduction of the automobile, the wear and tear on our public roads, especially of the surfaced roads, is very materially increased. It is not due to the automobile alone, but to a combination of the cutting action of the narrow fron tires of heavy wagons and the suction of the rubber tires of the automobiles. The iron tire has a cutting and grinding action which reduces the surface of the road to a powder and loosens up small frag-ments, which are readily lifted up and thrown to one side by the suction power of the rubber tire of the autonobile. The iron tire alone or the an omobile alone would not do such gres damage, for the material ground up by the iron tire acts as a protection fo the surface of the road beneath it and remains as such protection until blown off by the wind or washed off by heavy rains. When removed, however, the the stone surface of the road and be gins to wear it out. The autom alone would not do anywhere near a much damage to the public roads, us the suction power of the tires would not seriously affect the well curfaced road. It is the combination of the

"For country roads there are three acadam, sand clay and gravel "In considering a macadem roa the road engineer has many be

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miliar with the method of constru tion of the macadam road, but he must also know when it is possible to ducing the cost of construction. He also must be so familiar with this type of road that he will not make a mistake of using too thin a coating of of the subsoil and the hardness of the roadbed, the thickness of the macadam will vary from four fuches to ten inches. The cost of a four inch macadam is so much less than a ten inch that an engineer will wish to use it as often as possible, and there is often a tondency to use the thin conting where the thicker one would give better results.

"The character of rocks suitable for

use in the construction of a macadam engineer for the reason that many rocks are not at all adapted for this purpose on account of their softness and lack of minerals that make a good binding surface. The best rocks this purpose are trap, diabase and gabbro. These rocks are all basic in dressing for macadam give the very best binding qualities. Many other rocks, as granite, gneiss, quartzite, ilmestone, etc., have to be used on account of the inaccessibility of rocks variation in granites and gueisses in their chemical composition, those which contain a great deal of hornblende giving the best results in the construction of macadam reads. They are, however, suther soft and wear ing qualities and makes a good mac-adam road, but one that has to be watched constantly.

The sand clay road which is comir into general use throughout many the southern states is one that the ro to better advantage than macadam no

-Ambitious young men and ladies should learn telegraphy, for, since the new 8-hour law be-The early explorers of the Brazilis brought back some strange tales. One of the most curious of those which Mr. Guy Rothery recalls in his took on "The American" be of a race of men which was presented to the church in explaint of a tourier. "Black Tour way round, so that if any one attempted to follow in their tracks the pursurers were misted, actually receding from those whom they desired to catch up."

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So heavy it made the editor tired."

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