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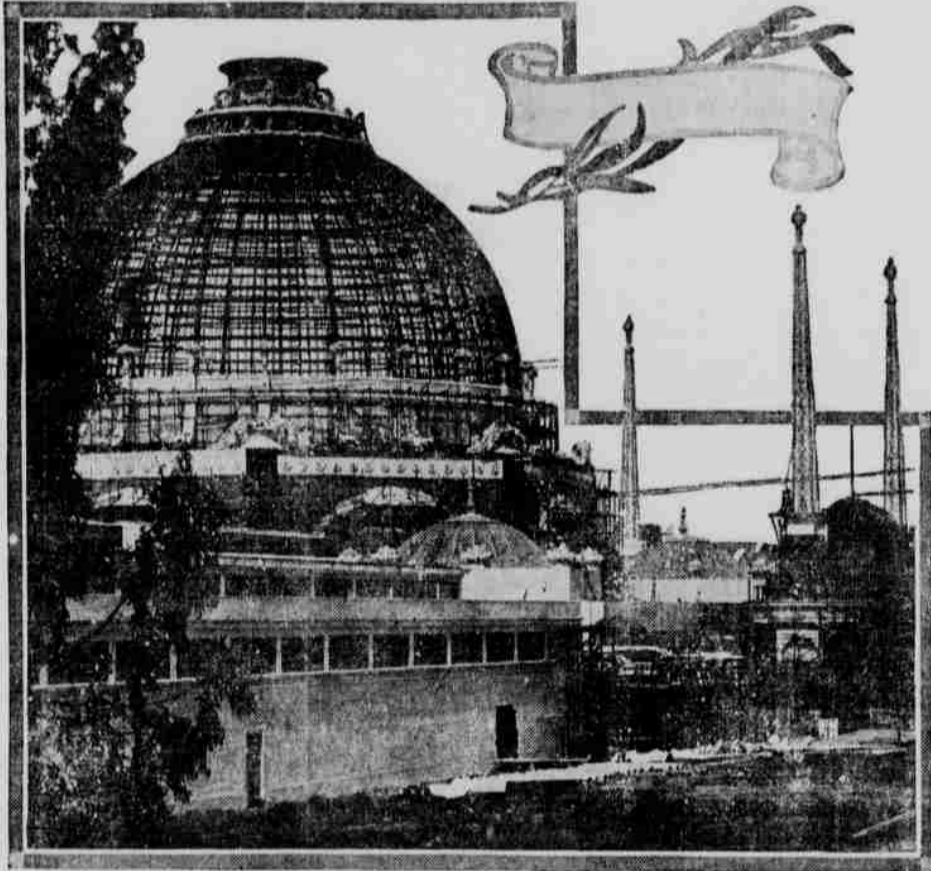
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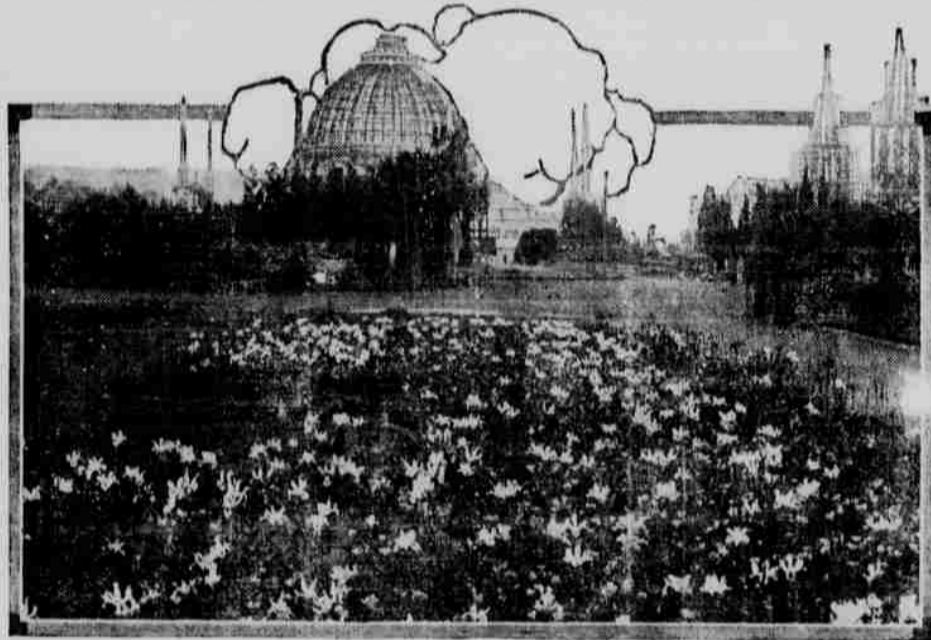
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GREAT DOME OF THE WONDERFUL PALACE OF HORTICULTURE.



Copyright, 1914, by Panama Pacific International Exposition Company. A view of the Palace of Horticulture, showing completed pylon with decorative sculpture in position. The minor domes are to carry an arrangement of vines and flowers that will form a screen for the lights. The main dome is 156 feet in height and 152 feet in diameter, being the largest hemispherical dome in the world. The Panama-Pacific International Exposition will open in San Francisco in February, 1915.

A GLIMPSE OF A FAIRYLAND IN THE GREAT SOUTH GARDENS.



Copyright, 1914, by Panama Pacific International Exposition Company. Upon entering the main gates of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition from San Francisco the visitor will find he must traverse a vast stretch of landscaped grounds, wherein are set millions of beautiful flowers in bloom, where fountains play and groups of statuary are set at intervals. This is the great South Gardens. The photograph herewith shows the South Gardens as they are today and gives a glimpse of the fairyland which will delight exposition visitors. Thousands of rare trees, palms and shrubs have been brought from all parts of the world for the landscaping, which is carried on in that systematic way which the semi-tropical climate of California permits. There have been brought to San Francisco giant tree ferns from Australia, rhododendrons from England and West Virginia, tulips from Holland, banana plants from Hawaii and Central America. Large trees, some of them more than sixty feet in height and of great girth, have been transplanted to the grounds. The Panama-Pacific International Exposition opens in San Francisco in February, 1915.

MASSIVE COLONNADE OF THE COURT OF FOUR SEASONS



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A POSTPONED ROMANCE

By JEAN SHEAR.

"What made you ask me to marry you?" inquired the bride, as one asks what the weather is likely to be. "Why," the bride's husband passed. "I guess it was because you were looking around and picked me out." "No," replied the bride, meditatively. "It could not have been just that, because Miss Mary McGee's been picking out husbands for 20 years, and she'd just quit that unprofitable occupation and had begun to be happy, when she found him!" "Who's this Miss Mary McGee?" "She's just Miss Mary McGee!" the bride laughed. "I don't know how I can explain more, if that doesn't tell you!" She's the woman down the block who lives with the children and they all call her Miss Mary McGee. So every one else does! She's been with the children until she's just like one—but she didn't begin until she'd given up the hope of getting married, you know? "How interesting," commented the man. "Yes, but she's had a genuine romance!" You see it got out, naturally, and the bride, taking a deep breath to mark the beginning of the story, "through the children that Miss McGee wasn't invited to Jane Denton's wedding, because she was being given some one or other to take care of the children. And no one thought she'd think anything of it! But the children talked it over before her.

CROSS AS TWO STICKS

By ALLIE FORD.

"There!" exclaimed the little stenographer, taking her watch from her belt and setting it in front of her. "I'm going to hold my breath all at five o'clock and then I'm going to run. I've always felt about watching the clock, but I'm beginning to understand a few things! Besides, I've had a horrible time today trying to get ready for the Fourth." The bookkeeper and his fingers back on the shelf. "Now, what's the matter?" he asked, with an exaggerated air of resignation. "Oh, I'm tired to a frazzle and as cross as two sticks!" The little stenographer exploded. "Well, don't take it out on me!" objected the bookkeeper anxiously. "What has happened, anyway?" "Everything!" returned the little stenographer dramatically. "I've been turned into a housekeeper, instead of a stenographer—anything but that! A stenographer I thought I was, this stenographer trying to get things straight in preparation for the holiday. "This morning I had to devote two solid hours to checking up my club bills for Mr. Gray! And my files a mile behind, waiting for a clear minute. If those men don't hear my typewriter rattle they think I've got nothing to do! And they're around for an hour to think up something to help me pass the time. Mr. Gray smiled generously when he handed me his bills, as if he were giving me the time of his life by permitting me to see how he spends his money—and incidentally keep his personal accounts for him!" "Which I finished that Mr. Nicholas called me in and said his wife had asked him if I wouldn't be so kind as to write out her club programs for the whole of next year! The club was about to adjourn until fall and it was saving money by doing its own programs instead of having them printed. Mr. Nicholas beamed on me as if he were conferring an honor upon me that could never be satisfied in letting me get so close to his wife's club as to spend a few hours writing out the club programs! Then she'll feel so righteous about spending on charity the money I've saved for her, when the fall credit—well, it belongs elsewhere, if I do say it myself!" "Just when I was working as hard as I could to get that finished so that I could get started all that awful thing, who should come out and look over my shoulder but Mr. Brown himself! I could tell that he thought I was presuming a good deal in writing something that was not business letters, so I hastened to explain what it was I was doing. That gave him an idea and he went back into his office and returned presently with his silk gloves. "Won't you please, when you have a little time, just catch those threads together for me?" And he showed me tons of his gloves that were almost entirely gone at the tips! "Catch them together!" Why, I had positively to exclaim new tips on them! And I didn't dare do anything but my very careful work for him. "That's the way, it's been all day long! Mr. Gray asked me to pack his suitcase—from that drawer where he keeps his shirts and collars, per-kay—for he had to go out of town for the Fourth. And while I was at that Mr. Vandewater had a bright idea. He suggested that I phone a reservation for him—and then, well, you know and get it! And—oh, well, what's the use? I'm going home!" She half arose from her chair. As she did so Mr. Brown emerged hastily from his office. "Here," he said, "I've got to run for my train. Will you shut my desk and close the window and sign the letters I left there?" The little stenographer nodded and said no word. "And," called the bookkeeper, as he poked his head back through the door as he was leaving, "don't forget to put the cat out and wind the clock!"



"Mr. Manning Was Interesting."

and her feelings were hurt. She inquired that she had become nothing but a maidservant in the eyes of the world, and gave up her play with the children! "So she shut herself up in the house and wouldn't have anything to do with anyone!" "Miss McGee's tall and angular and sort of eccentric looking, but she's got an awfully sweet nature, and every one was sorry that her feelings were hurt. However, she wouldn't let any one console her, or explain. "Then one day old Lawyer Manning passed the house and, hearing music, he went up. She was so surprised at his visit she let him in, and what she do you suppose she was doing? She had saved a lot of newspaper articles on how to dance the tango, and she was learning it from them, playing until she had a tune in mind and then singing for the dancing!" "And so Manning is the happy individual?" "Anticipated the husband. "Now, you just wait till I finish!" "What?" inquired the bride. "Mr. Manning was finished in the tango and Miss Mary McGee promised to teach him all about it. So he went almost every afternoon. "And then the minister, who every one says was fond of Miss Mary McGee years ago, called. Of course, his visit occurred when Mr. Manning was there, and it sort of woke him up. I guess he'd been thinking Miss Mary McGee would always be there, and there was no hurry about asking her. Anyway, he began to call frequently, and Miss Mary McGee always let them come in, and they remained hours and hours, each trying to outstay the other, and thus get the opportunity to propose, I guess! But they always had to go away together, for neither would give in! "And actually Miss Mary McGee got so pretty with the activity and excitement!" "But which one got her?" interrupted the man. "Why, that's the romance of it!" triumphed the bride. "They'd been almost every afternoon, and then one day the minister brought along his brother, who was visiting him, because he couldn't leave his visitor at home and he wouldn't let Mr. Manning get the advantage of a call alone!" "And the minister's brother had the wit to invite her out, and he proposed right away, and now they're married!"—Chicago Daily News.

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