

A MATTER of MILLIONS.

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CHAPTER II. Continued.

But this, which was ordinarily a simple matter for him, had become all at once a most difficult task. He delayed and asked himself questions, feeling the mystery of the situation almost to the point of oppression. Who was this young girl? Who was Andrea Montelli? Who was even this old crone?

or in his mind that should be a basis for his long hoped-for chief d'oeuvre. Not for the unknown Montelli alone should his pencil fly over the paper, crystallizing into perpetual existence his dream of fading loveliness.

His pencil obeyed his enthusiasm; the features of the unknown began to show themselves upon the broad sheet of paper before him.

CHAPTER III. THE END OF A GREAT AMBITION. There are some moments which to a sensitive mind seem to be of a dramatic or supernatural character.

he could not have moved. Not till she threw up her arms, scattering widely the flowers that lay on her breast, did he feel the spell sufficiently broken to comprehend what had occurred.

NEW WOMAN'S BENEFIT AS TO BANK CHECKS.

Some Things Which Every Woman Ought to Know.

A lady had kept in her possession for several days a check from her uncle. Her uncle died, and she hastened to the bank to cash the check.

A check is merely an order from A to B, who holds some of A's money, to pay a certain amount of it to C. It is not money, even if the names on the check are good and well known.

"You are not dead," left his lips in almost childlike simplicity. "Thank God that appearance deceived me. You are too young, too fair to yield thus soon to the great destroyer. I am glad to see you living, though I know nothing of you, or even your name."

"Checks may be antedated or postdated; that is, dated before or after the date of delivery. If postdated checks are paid before the day specified, the drawer can recover the money, for the bank has not acted in accordance with any order from him, but on its own responsibility.

"But he saw nothing behind him. Life, hope and love were all, for the moment, concentrated in the end of his pencil, and the sound of opening doors and hurrying feet could have aroused him from the dream of creation that engrossed him. But there was no sound; all was still, even the mysterious water behind him seemed to hold her breath, and when the clock struck, which it presently did, the faint noise seemed to be too much for her aged nerves, for she half rose, and painfully sank back again, clasping her hands with energy, as if to still the beatings of her heart.

"A check should be presented within reasonable time, or the holder will be keeping the check at his own risk. If possible a check should be presented the same day it is drawn or the day after. If a check is not honored when it is presented at the bank, the holder should notify the drawer. When a check passes by indorsement, the same promptness in presenting the check is required of each person to whom it is indorsed in order to hold the indorser liable, as is required of the original payee in order to hold the drawer. By putting a check in circulation the liability of the drawer cannot be prolonged.—Youth's Companion.

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"The Dark-Eyed Girl. The genuine brunette, she of the dark eyes and dark skin and neck, rich red cheeks, can wear cream, deep yellow, orange, cardinal, deep maroon, deep blue, but not purple, golden brown, tan, grays and claret, but she should avoid all greens, violets, amurys and 'greeny' blues.

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New Ideas in Buttons.

The ingenuity of the button manufacturers has been working pretty busily of late, to judge from the number of novelties which are appearing in this line.

Household Matters.

Bedstead With Drawers. An evidence that furniture manufacturers accept the necessity for economy of space in most city living is noted, says Harper's Bazar, in some bedsteads recently seen.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

Her Example in Arithmetic. "Two and two, and two and two. You know," I said, "make eight. Now, how, I asked, "are you to write this example on your slate?"

"Oh, just easy," laughed Louise, "I'll cross out the hand."



"I'm going away to-morrow. Won't you think of me sometimes while I'm gone?"

Absolutely Necessary. "She—Did the bride look pretty at the wedding?"

Hood and Hoop. "He married her for her beauty but she hasn't much left."

A Waste of Time. "I'm sure it's so large an' discouraged about it. The best way to find out what you can do is to try."

Rapid-Fire Thought. "Always think twice before you speak," said little Tommy's mamma.

Seeking Specifications. "You are the light of my life," he protested.

A Great Deal. "Young Bready had only been admitted to the bar a week when he made a fortune. He was caught in a railroad wreck in which forty people were injured."

Reasonable. "I'll sell you them fish for ten dollars."

"Isn't that rather high?" "Well, a fellow that buys two hundred dollars worth of fish, is liable to catch nothing with order he will get pay something for fish."—New York Journal.

A Discriminating Dog. "Yes, the neighbors complain about my dog."

"Does he bite?" "No, he's too affectionate. He has the reputation of being a judicious beauty, and every time a pretty woman passes along the street he frisks about extravagantly."

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English Pie Crust. The English cook has a knack of keeping her pie crust crisp and delicate, instead of growing soggy and soggy, as the American crust is apt to be.

To Build a Log Fire. To build a successful log fire is not the easiest undertaking and requires more patience and skill than is usually expended upon it.

Queen Helena a Cook. Queen Helena of Italy is a royal lady who has a very practical knowledge of cooking. At her father's court she learned many useful things.

Soft Yellow With Light Blue. Soft yellow in combination with light blue or pink or with both combined, is a color which is a revival of the taste of the Louis period.

FRILLS FASHION. Draped girdles are the choice of most women.

Nottingham bands are the newest adornment for thin lawn gowns.

English embroideries are among the most favored for trimming gingham shirt-waist suits.

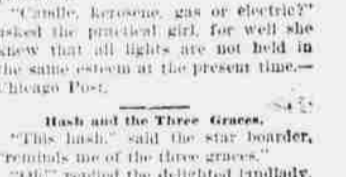
Lace is the trimming par excellence of the season, and both heavy and light are used in the greatest profusion.

Fig young girls' sashes are either pulled through rings or a buckle, or are caught in a pretty knot at the back of the waist line.

Pipings of light tints, such as cherry-red, turquoise blue and apple green, are extremely stylish for adorning the popular black and white shepherd's check blouse suits.

Bands of cloth as trimming are much smarter than those of silk. It is considered very swaggy to ignore the old-time rule and trim a silk gown with bands of cloth.

A Remembrance band applied in late fashion, with a spider of heavy thread in each square, is another very simple yet exceedingly effective and out-of-the-ordinary bodice embellishment.



Potato Cakes—To one cupful of well-washed potatoes add one cupful of flour, two level teaspoons of baking powder, a pinch of salt and enough milk to make a dough to roll out, toss on a floured board, roll half an inch thick, cut in squares or oblong pieces.

Cherry Torte—Make a dough with one-quarter pound of lard, one-quarter pound of butter, four tablespoons of sugar, two teaspoons of cinnamon, yolks of two eggs, one-half pound of flour, one-half a teaspoon of baking powder. Line a form with this dough. Strain the juice from a quart of canned cherries. Place the cherries on the dough with a few chopped almonds. Pour over them a custard made of four eggs, yolk and whites beaten separately, three-quarters of a cup of sugar, one-half cup of some cream. Bake in a moderate oven forty-five minutes. These tartlets are delicious. German cooks make a great variety of them. They are very nice to serve at high teas or at an informal company luncheon.

Strawberry Preserves—Measure fine, large berries after washing them. Put one quart of berries into a quart of fine, white sugar. Put the fruit and the sugar in a preserving bottle in alternate layers. Let the berries and sugar stand over night. In the morning cook slowly, without stirring until the liquid is clear and the fruit soft. Skim thoroughly and pack in jars. Heat the jars by filling them with water and putting them in a large pan filled with water; then stand the pan on the range and let the water heat slowly. By this means all danger of cracking will be avoided. Fill the hot jars with the preserves to the very brim; then screw on the tops loosely but not stand until cool. When cool, tighten the tops and store in a cool place.



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