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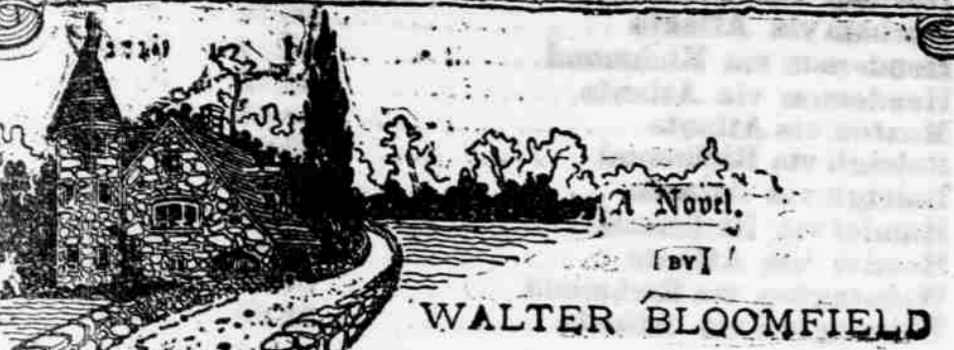
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CHAPTER X Continued.

I was born in England in the year of Christ, 1600, that year being the forty-first of the reign of the virgin Queen Elizabeth, in my brother's house, where I at present live...

dressed to Signor Pietro Simona, shipowner, of Venice. Thus provided I bade a tender farewell to my brother, and taking horse set out on my travels unaccompanied by a servant.

After diligent inquiry I obtained an introduction to the captain of a barque, who designed to presently proceed to Calais, and he contracted to transport me to France for twenty shillings. It was two days before we set sail, and the barque was no sooner at sea than the wind proved contrary...

I had always heard that Venice was the most beautiful city of Italy, quite fascinating the stranger, who revealed in a constant succession of delightful surprises...

Simona I was deeply impressed by his venerable aspect. His year-and-a-half number as many as mine do now, which is to say seventy-one, but he appeared much older, his vitality being sapped by his intense application to affairs of commerce...

The banana business is an exceedingly profitable one. Aside from the luscious fruit itself the leaves are used for packing, the wax from the under side of the leaf is a valuable commercial article...

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The First Gas Machine. A gas machine is generally understood as an apparatus for producing carburetted air, which may be used for illuminating purposes.

The Shadow on the Blind. Last night I walked among the lamps that gleamed, and saw a shadow on a window blind, a moving shadow, and the picture seemed to call some scene to mind.

POPULAR SCIENCE

Letter boxes with electric bells in them as letter thief telltales are shortly to appear in Paris.

There is a new goggle for the automobilist equipped with tiny shades, adjustable ones, so there need never be any disagreeable sensations from direct reflected rays of light in the eyes.

It was announced at the annual banquet of the Association of American Physicians that as the result of researches by Dr. Noguchii, of Japan, working under a grant from the Carnegie Institution, a positive antidote for rattlesnake venom had been discovered.

The anaples, or star gazer, a fish of the cyprinoid family, found in the rivers of Guiana, Surinam and Brazil, has each of its eyes divided into an upper and a lower portion by an opaque horizontal line.

A remarkable operation was recently performed at the St. Antoine Hospital, Paris, by the extraction of a large nail from a man's lungs. After six preliminary experiments the foreign body was located and seen through the "bronchoscope."

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Some of the Best Jokes of the Day.

The Revised Version. Young Mrs. Hubbard Went to the cupboard To get her pug dog some fromage de brie; But none found she there— Her husband—the bear!

Just So. "Pa, what is intuition?" "Merely the feminine of suspicion, my son."—Harper's Bazar.

His Relations Straightened. Courtier—"Duke Albrecht hath put his two uncles to the rack." Jester—"Ah, another case of strained relations."—Princeton Tiger.

Important. Teacher—"Name some important thing which was not in existence a hundred years ago." Small Boy—"Me, teacher."—Scrabs.

After the Play. He—"Do you believe in evolution?" She—"Yes, indeed! Isn't it inspiring to think there is nothing but fifty cents between man and the oyster."—Harper's Bazar.

Too Tempting. A coin dealer is going to exhibit a \$1000 bill at the St. Louis Fair. They will have to put a special guard around it on Legislature Day.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Advantage Mutual. "Do her family approve of her ambition to go upon the operatic stage?" "Um—yes and no. That is, they approve of her going away to sing."—Detroit Free Press.

In Another Class. Gertrude—"Is your family in the 'Who's Who' book?" George—"No, I think we are in the 'Who on Earth Are We' book."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

An Unsatisfactory Customer. Bystander—"That man seems to be a good customer." Bookseller—"No, he isn't. I never yet have sold him a book that I wanted to sell him; he buys only the books he wants himself."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

No Malaria. "Is there any malaria around here?" asked the tourist. "None," was the prompt response. "There's a heap 'o' chills 'r' fever, but if anybody gets to callin' 'em by high-toned names he's liable to get into difficulty."—Washington Star.

His Worst One. Old Mose, the Colorado grizzly, felt the impact of the hunter's sixth rifle bullet, and calmly lay down to die. "I ought to have died when I got the first one," he said. "History will record this as the worst of all the mistakes of Moses."—Chicago Tribune.

Hiram's Needs. Mr. Tallgrass—"Wa'll wa'll! Hiram writes from college that he needs money. He soaked his overcoat the other day." Mrs. Tallgrass—"Why, do for goodness sake send the poor boy enough to buy an umbrella."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Tall Man. "How tall is that fellow?" nodding in the direction of a manager of a hotel, who was the same size all the way up and had to stoop to pass through doorways. "Why, he's as long as a wet week."—New York Press.

The First Essential. Betty—"So Maud is engaged? Well, I'm sorry for the man. She doesn't know the first thing about keeping house." Bessie—"Oh, yes, she does." Betty—"I'd like to know what." Bessie—"The first thing is to get a man to keep house for."—Harper's Bazar.

Union Socials. "Union socials" said Miss De Muir. "What are they? I never heard of them before." "One of the girls eats an onion," replied Young Spoonamoor, "and the young men try to find out which girl it is." "How do they try to find out?" "Why, in this—" "How dare you, sir!"—Philadelphia Press.

Unrecorded History. Nelson was scalped by a fragment of shell at the battle of the Nile and was carried below unconscious. The surgeon opined that he was dead, but the admiral came to. "You must lie quiet, as you are half dead," the sawbones said. "That may be," retorted Nelson, "but we will nevertheless put the French on their backs with a half Nelson." And it was even so.—Chicago Journal.

Centre and Periphery. The man from Seattle, who was visiting his Boston cousin, took occasion to contrast the two cities. "You people here are so slow," he said. "You ought to come to our town and get your eyes open. We make more progress in one year than you do in ten." "That is merely a familiar optical illusion," replied the Boston cousin, with impressive dignity. "The speed with which you seem to move in a forward direction is due to your remote position from the hub."—Chicago Tribune.

Make Monkey Work. The Neilgherry Langur, a species of monkey that is found in Malabar, India, has been taught to work by the natives. The people in Malabar make a great deal of use of the running machine, called the punkah, which was formerly kept in motion by a native. Now the monkey takes his place, and travelers in Malabar may see dozens of the animals pulling the cords that operate the punkah.

Woman's Realm

TRIALS OF A DRESSMAKER.

Difficulties of Remaking Gowns and Getting the Dissatisfied.

"Gradually and through many tribulations am I gaining knowledge," said the dressmaker in an interview in the New York Times. "Moreover, I am learning to control my temper. There was a time when it made me fighting mad for a customer to bring a garment back after it had been worn and complained that it didn't fit. The airs I used to put on at such times were wonderfully high and mighty."

"Of course the end of the argument was that I fixed the dress, but I always charged extra for the alterations. Now I make them without extra charges. Oh, well, perhaps I do add a little to the original price to cover subsequent ripping and sewing, but that is not the point. What I am trying to get at is that I no longer care a row over those after-wearing repairs. With nine women out of ten they are a necessity. A gown may set faultlessly when leaving the shop, but when it has been worn once or twice it is apt to develop unexpected eccentricities. That is the result of shaping itself to the figure. There are few women who have not physical ups and downs that run contrary to the lines of perfect beauty. Clothes are bound to accommodate themselves to these peculiarities, hence the belated appearance of wrinkles and ridges."

"When Woman is the Architect. It would seem that the woman of to-day should be the architect of the dwelling. It is she who must fit and dress the home and, as she generally would be if she also planned the undressed house. Every woman should know where the drainpipes are placed in the house, and be sufficiently well informed to oversee the plumber in his work, and know how to test the plumbing when the work is said to be finished. With a faithful adherence to this knowledge, much diphtheria, typhoid and such kindred diseases may be avoided."

"The housewife should also know how to manage the draughts of the furnace or the valves of the steam pipes. It requires close attention and hard study to understand house construction, yet the resourceful woman of to-day are certainly equal to it. As the heating of the house is a very important item, it would be well, unless thoroughly versed on the subject, to consult an authority. The old time Baltimore heater has given way to the furnace, which, if properly built, will send heat to every corner of the house. The furnace need not necessarily be extra large to heat the entire house, but a well selected, reliable make is the one to choose—a few extra dollars invested in this article will repay the owner in the long run."

"For cheer and health's sake the grate fire still holds its own, and is invaluable for carrying away the germs of many diseases that would otherwise create havoc. To be sure, dust and ashes accompany the grate fire, but the end justifies the means. On moderately cool spring and autumn days, when the furnace fire is too warm, the open grate fire, or its equivalent, gas logs, will be sufficient and may be extinguished at will. It is only a question of time when the home will be reorganized. The march of progress cannot be hindered. Just as electricity has been used for the lighting of streets, so will scientific principles be introduced into house and home, and as woman was originally the inventor, she should again take the reins in her own hand, and be prepared for any emergency. She should understand the shelter—the house itself, its healthfulness, its influence on mind and soul, the food and clothing which sustain and help the body, and the general management and daily care of all those means related to the one great end. It would seem that architecture offers a field for women, but not many have cared to grasp the advantages yet. I believe that women, better than men, understand the secret of developing a home from the inside, and embracing simplicity, stability, breadth and dignity. When more women follow this study there will be more delightful homes—real homes."—New York Tribune.

"The Patriotic Women of Japan. With all social barriers down, hand in hand and heart to heart, the millions of Japan are working for one common end—the crushing defeat of Russia and the glory of their country in victory. The practical, every day side of the situation, divested of possibly fine-spun theories, is that the wealthy and aristocratic men and women are working with the humbler classes to organize relief and aid societies. The oldest and best known of these is the National Red Cross Society, founded in 1887 by the Government, and presided over by His Imperial Highness Prince Komatsu, until his death a year ago. The present president is His Imperial Highness Prince Kanin. The organization is supported by the subscriptions of the members, who number between one and two millions. It has at the present time a large reserve fund of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 gold. The Red Cross Society has a branch, or auxiliary, known as the Ladies' Volunteer Nursing Association, which was established shortly after the parent society. An interesting fact is that all the Princesses of royal blood are enlisted among its members, practically all the members of the nobility. Marchioness Nabeshima is the present manager of the society. There are 400 women in Tokio alone who are both contributing members and actual workers, and the association has branches all over the empire, including the island of Formosa."

Gowns of Bridesmaids. The fashion of dressing bridesmaids exactly alike has its disadvantages quite apart from the fact that a given costume may be equally suitable to a whole bevy of girls. Think of thirteen gowns and thirteen hats exactly alike let loose in London, says the woman. At a time of the year when the bridesmaid's gown may be transformed into an evening dress, or taken abroad, it may not matter so much; but think of the possibility of meeting those thirteen frocks one after another at Ascot, for instance. It is pure tragedy. Why should the group of "attendant maids" be dressed alike? Why should they not carry out a scheme of color, each unit playing her part in the construction of a harmonious whole? A group of eight bridesmaids, who were dressed recently in the hues of azaleas, were a great success. They wore soft, clinging frocks of voile de sole, two in pale sulphur, two in faint salmon pink and two in the color only seen in the azalea and a similarly tinted rose. They carried bouquets of azaleas.



FRILLS FASHION. Faded old shades are popular. Epaulets appear on most of the new blouses. The smallest scrap of lace plays a big part. Silk linings match the dress or its trimmings. Beaver finished ribbons are much worn on hats. A cluster of chestnut burrs is an odd hair ornament. Heavy white stitchings are always smart on black. Adjustable fancy vests brighten up many dark gowns. Shirrings form girde effects on many house frocks. Black gowns of smooth finished cloth were never smarter. Almost all of the "opening" gowns have deep, tight cuffs. The Dutch neck is a pretty finish for warm weather waists. Jet fringes are favored for open black or white frocks. Ostrich feathers are commended both for beauty and durability. Embroider your linen gown with graduated water spots in pale colors. Pastel volles and etamines, are trimmed with wide silk braids to match. For the luxurious cloth gown, embroidery is the favorite decoration, braids in various kinds and width lending a decorative touch to the simpler costume. The linen suit of dark color is very practical and can be very much relieved by a bit of soft white tulle about the edge of the dark collar or a whole yoke of white. The prettiest materials for shirts waists to wear with the brown suits are the pongees, linens and champagne colored batistes. Their tints harmonize beautifully with the softness of the brown.