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LUKE HAMMOND, THE MISER.

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CHAPTER XXVII.

Continued. "Harriet Foss has ceased to exist," said Marks. "Ah! good! Your hand, John Marks!" exclaimed Hammond, wild with joy. John Marks extended his hand slowly, saying: "You do not shrink from this hand?" "Not a hair," said Hammond. "But when did she die?" "Harriet Foss ceased to exist at 12 o'clock this day," said Marks. "And now I come for my reward."

former friend. I was surprised to see my former brother-in-law, Roland Dunn, bearing the name of Luke Hammond. Your brother—let us call him Hammond—has told me that he once saw my son and his playing in childhood. As he told me of your having charge of the affair, I grew stronger in a suspicion I had already conceived. "A suspicion!" cried Nancy. "Yes. A suspicion that was born in a wish when I first saw Charles," said Marks. "When I saw him, and learned what a noble heart he had, I wished that God had given me such a son, Nancy Harker. Since I have met you and your brother, the wish grew into a suspicion. The suspicion made me desire to see your face when you should see Charles after a separation of years. I feigned sleep and saw your agitation, and then, Nancy Harker, the suspicion became a certainty in my mind."

"Right. I am glad to hear it," said Hammond. "Nancy is a great woman; and now—" "I will show you the body of Harriet Foss to-night," said Marks. "You will bring it here?" said Hammond. "Yes, in a carriage," said Marks, as he lighted his cigar. "At what time?" "Between 10 and 12," said Marks. "Right," said Hammond; "and then you can witness a wedding." "A wedding!" said Marks. "Yes; I am going to marry Catharine Elgin, and I need your presence," said Hammond. "You shall have it," said Marks; and conducted by Daniel left the library. "And now to prepare for the wedding," said Luke Hammond. "Come, Mrs. Nancy Harker, let's visit the bride."

CHAPTER XXVIII. A TRIP FOR LUKE HAMMOND. Luke and Nancy soon reached the white and gold chamber, and Nancy unlocked the door and entered without ceremony. "Mr. Hammond wishes to see you," said Nancy. "He is a villain wearing the name of an honest man. I have no desire to see him," was the spirited reply of Kate Elgin, who was pacing the floor, still firm and strong. "The knowledge that her lover still lived and was escaping, as well as the food she had taken in her father's prison, upheld her amid dangers."

CHAPTER XXIX. With the Funny. The violet came out too soon. The big, wide world to view, And any one who looks can see Its little nose is blue. —New York Times. First Chauffeur—"Did he keep his presence of mind after the accident?" Second Chauffeur—"Yes; as soon as the doctor came he asked him to prescribe for the auto."

CHAPTER XXX. A valuable means of preventing scurvy, rachitis, diarrheal disturbances and other diseases of dietetic origin. Many children are peevish and ill-tempered because they are improperly nourished. A revision of the diet, with suitable additions, will satisfy the child and transform it into a happy, crowing youngster. A healthy child has an instinct for sweets, and this should be gratified in moderation. Honey is one of the best of sweets, or a little good butterscotch or sweet chocolate may be used.

CHAPTER XXXI. Stone sowing is now carried on successfully by means of a wire in place of a saw. An endless wire works over pulleys, as in the band saw. It is driven at a uniform speed and the cutting is done by sand mixed with water. For the first time in history, it is said, one of the pyramids has been struck by lightning. The pyramid struck has been that of Kephren, and the fact is another illustration of the gradual change that is being brought about in the climate of Egypt by the great dam at Assuan and the irrigation works made possible since British occupation of the Nile Valley.



Woman's Realm. Gives Her Hair a Rest. It's a strain the hair to be curled and coiled in devious ways all winter, and many fashionable young women are giving their locks a rest just now by dressing them very simply, minus the Marcel wave and various other additions to beauty.

Natural Rose Wreath. New York belles have set the fashion of wearing a single rose instead of a nosegay. The blossom is, of course, the most perfect to be found, and it is where it will produce the most artistic or startling effect.

Princess Gowns. We never quite desert the princess style. For a woman with a fine figure indeed there's no dress so altogether smart and becoming as the princess. So true is this that at intervals, this mode is revived for street wear, usually in the shape of a princess skirt, and some sort of abbreviated jacket.

The Farm Picnic. Picnics claim every summer month for their own, and oftentimes appropriate the early autumn as well. Impromptu affairs, with the accessory luncheon basket opened in some attractive woodland spot, are the preconceived notions of the picnic proper, but there are other sorts which, owing to their novelty, will appeal to many.

Some charming hats of the season are faced with pinked crushed roses. Especially lovely are the flowered chiffons, and in cotton voile this fabric is well imitated.

Polka dotted belts are new. They are deep girdles of white kid cut in holes the size of a dime to show a bright colored lining.

A pretty petticoat is made of taffeta in a coffee tint. It has a deep flounce of embroidered lawn in pale cream color headed with a beading threaded with coffee colored ribbon.

A dust cloak of checked taffeta silk is considered very smart. It is made three-quarters length, is double-breasted in front and trimmed with large metal buttons. The back is semi-fitting and falls loose.

Do not forget that the baby outgrows his food just as he does his clothes, and that timely additions to his dietary are



Chilly. The violet came out too soon. The big, wide world to view, And any one who looks can see Its little nose is blue.

Know Her Way. Towne—"That was a pretty parasol your sister had yesterday." Browne—"Yes, my wife is going to get one like it."

Comparing Records. "No, indeed," she said, "I can never be your wife. Why, I had half a dozen offers before yours."

An Ounce of Prevention. "Why are your country roads so crooked?" "So that the automobiles cannot speed."—Jugend.

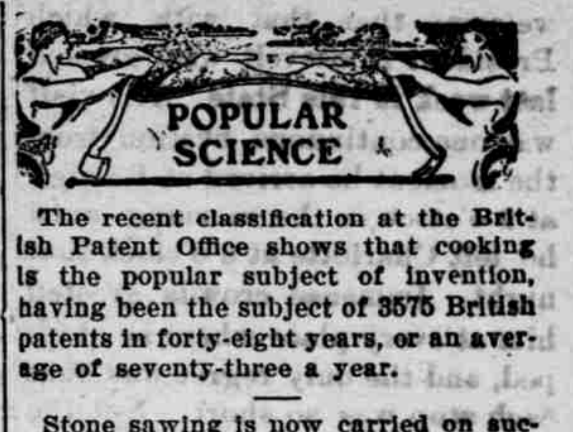
Insulting. "Who owns that painting?" "It is mine now." "Well done." "But I am not the artist. I am the buyer."

Nothing But Action. "Is there much action in the new play you appeared in last night?" asked Mr. Walker Tighs.

It's Different Now. "Is Tim Silencers still paying attention to 'Mandy Tompkins'?" asked the man who had been away from home for some time.

Legal Deduction. "Ah, my friend," said the passenger with the unbarbered hair, "what can be more delicious than clear, cold water in the early morn, fresh from the pump?"

Discouraged. "I'm downright discouraged," said the man who always looks on the dark side of life. "What's what I am; downright discouraged."



POPULAR SCIENCE. The recent classification at the British Patent Office shows that cooking is the popular subject of invention, having been the subject of 3675 British patents in forty-eight years, or an average of seventy-three a year.

A stereoscopic star chart is the successful novelty of T. E. Heath, the English astronomer. The stars in a given section of the heavens are drawn from two points of view that are supposed to be twenty-six eight years apart, and under a large telescope the double view gives a rough but very instructive impression of the stars floating in space at an approximation to their relative distances, instead of as points against the dark background of the sky. The result is a most interesting one.

Tea drinking is an acquired habit, and M. Jules Rudolph expresses the belief that it would not be difficult to transfer our liking for Chinese tea to any one of the various infusions having the same effect in aiding digestion and stimulating the nervous system. Some of these infusions of leaves and flowers have been known to us as medicines. Camomile, yeronica, sage, ambrosia, horsemint and wintergreen are among the locally well known of many common plants yielding agreeable teas, and Paraguay tea and false tea are already much used in South America.

When one can't do anything else with it one can turn his telephone to account as a barometer. Having planted two iron rods in the garden, at a distance of about twenty feet one from the other, connect both with the wire of the telephone. The soil in which the rods stand must be well soaked every eight or ten days with a solution of hydrochlorate of ammonia. Then, by listening to the telephone, one will be able to forecast the weather at least twelve hours in advance more accurately than with any barometer. If a crackling or rattling noise, like that of hailstones on a roof, is heard, a rain storm is not far distant. A low, murmuring sound, described poetically as "like the distant twittering of birds," foretells a change in the temperature.

REASONING POWER IN ANIMALS. Wonderful Instincts Possessed by the Insect Creation. As scientific investigations extend it becomes more and more difficult to draw the line between the higher and the lower animals and the plants, and even between the plants and inorganic substances. It no longer suffices to say that man is the highest animal because he alone has the gift of reason; now to say that a plant is different from a stone because it grows. These supposed distinctions are now known to be erroneous, for the broadly scientific man now knows that other animals have habits which must be attributed to a well-developed instinct, and that inorganic bodies such as crystals, can grow.

Investigations on these lines are being widely carried on at the present day. A writer in La Nature gives an ingenious explanation of the wonderful instincts possessed by the insect creation. Most of these insects are very short-lived, and there is apparently no time for educating the young. Yet how unerringly do they follow out the round of their existence in many cases they are, by their blind instinct, able to defy all the reasoning power of man and they ravage his crops, etc., doing great damage.

The writer in question points out that in an earlier geological age there were not such seasonal changes of climate as we now have. In those days, as witnessed by fossil remains in coal, etc., insects grew to a large size and probably lived as long as many higher animals. Their instinct was developed in that age, he thinks, and has been transmitted through countless generations to the present, in spite of the constant shortening of the period of the insect's life, by the closing in of climatic conditions.

A Reformer's Fishing Smiles. Charlie Bartlett told a neat one at the Lancers' dinner, at the expense of another member of the bar, name not given, but identified as "the reformer." The reformer, according to Bartlett, was a very exact man. He always took steelyards with him on his fishing trips, and consequently there was no disputing his stories as concerned the weight of the catch. One summer when the reformer was in the Rangeley region a baby was born in the locality and the reformer's steelyards were called into requisition to weigh the all-vicious records of the reformer.

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Suppose it keeps up the pace for five or six years more?—Washington Star.



FRILLS OF FASHION. Some charming hats of the season are faced with pinked crushed roses. Especially lovely are the flowered chiffons, and in cotton voile this fabric is well imitated. A strikingly pretty French organdie has bunches of wisteria over it with long ribbon loops and ends. The best hats for motoring are the small "polo toques." They are easy to keep on and comfortable shapes to fit a veil over.