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## THRILLING ADVENTURE OF BUSINESS WOMAN

(The plain business woman and her sister, who has been pressed into service for the occasion, enter the millinery section of a large department store).

Business woman (plaintively)—"It does seem to me that I am never free from the thrall of the hat. Just after Christmas it begins to hang over me like a pall, and when the spring hats really begin to sprout in the windows I get perfectly morbid." (Speaks very humbly to haughty saleswoman.) "If you could wait on us, please, it would be so kind of you. Something small, if you please." (To sister while haughty saleswoman departs in search of hat.) "Dear me! I wish I didn't get so positively abject on these occasions. I know some people who really get a bitter satisfaction out of sailing into exclusive millinery establishments, where the hats are dreams of beauty and becomingness, and demanding to be shown confections whose prices send the cold chills down one's back, and then departing with a dissatisfied shake of the head. But not so I. I fell impudent when I cast even a glance at the wonderful things.

(Haughty saleswoman returns balancing a hat on her hand. She looks bored to extinction. Business woman removes her much battered, squashed and obviously home-made headgear and hands it to her sister. She looks doubtfully at the hat in the saleswoman's hand.)

Business woman—"It looks awfully big."

Saleswoman—"It's the smallest hat in the house, madam. Small hats are not worn at all."

Business woman (hastily)—"Oh, of course, I know the hats are all big. But you see my face is so small that when I get one of these large things on I look just like a monkey. I really don't think it's worth while for me to try it on. I'm sorry to trouble you, but if you could find something that wouldn't sit quite so far down on my head, I'd be so much obliged." (She smiles pathetically and the saleswoman frowns away.)

Sister (disgustedly)—"You're worse than abject, Sarah. You're perfectly mad!"

(Haughty saleswoman returns and suddenly engulfs business woman in a hat about two feet high and with a crown like a scrubbing pall.)

Business woman (gasps)—"Oh, dear! Where am I? Why, really, don't you think this one is bigger than the other?"

Saleswoman—"No, madam; it is not."

Business woman (looking forlornly and apologetically toward showcase)—"But some of those hats are smaller, aren't they? I think I'll just step over and look at them." (She gathers up her belongings with the air of a detected sneak thief and sidles over to the showcase. Haughty saleswoman turns away with an air of deep disdain.)

Business woman (almost in tears)—"Why won't they be nice to me? If they only realized it, I'm sure I'm an easy mark. A kind person could sell me anything."

Sister (impatiently)—"Oh, have a little backbone. I'm perfectly ashamed of you. Now, there's a pretty hat and a little one at that. Ask that girl over there to take it out and show it to you."

Business woman (after bracing herself to the effort of addressing another goddess of the millinery world, fades away in deep humiliation upon being told that the price of the hat in question is \$25)—"She could tell by the quiver in my voice that it was not for the likes of me."

Sister—"Why didn't you make her take it out and show it to you, anyway? That's what they're for."

Business woman (after vainly traveling up and down and around and around counters and showcases)—"Do you suppose if I wore one of these I would lose my job?"

Sister—"Here, try this one. Now, if you had a big bandeau so that you would look a little as if you had on a hat and not a necktie."

Business woman (gratefully)—"How cheering you are! (She peers out from under the hat with the air of a startled rabbit.) Would you mind asking one of the saleswomen if they have bandeaus?"

Sister (after pursuing saleswoman around the counter and finally bringing her to bay)—"I want a large bandeau. One that will hold a hat up off the head."

Saleswoman (anxiously and without offering to move)—"You mean a halo. No, we don't carry them. They're not worn." (She resumes her important occupation of gazing dreamily into space. Sister returns to business woman, who is still in a millinery eclipse. She regards business woman thoughtfully for a moment. Then a triumphant light suddenly comes into her eyes. She fairly snatches the hat from the business woman's head.)

Sister (gloriously)—"They don't have halos. But—" (She strikes the old hat, and snuffs it inside the other one, thus replacing the new hat on business woman's head, where it perches in a most graceful, if somewhat precar-

## TO START PAVING OF NEUSE ROAD

Work Will Begin Tuesday and Will Be Carried To Completion Without Delay.

IMPROVE IT FOR TWO MILES

Similar Distance on Trent and Oaks Roads Also To Be Improved.

The material which will be used by the county in paving Neuse Road has arrived and the work will begin Tuesday morning. A composition similar to Tarvia will be used on this road. It has been tried on a number of roads in this section of the State and has proved very satisfactory.

The work will begin at the end of Broad street and will continue for a distance of two miles. A large force of men will be engaged and it will doubtless consume several weeks to complete the undertaking. The city city has agreed to put the end of Broad street in good condition and this work will be started as soon as the material arrives.

When the work on Neuse road has been completed it will be taken up on Trent road and at the conclusion of this, the Oaks road will be paved. Two miles on each of these roads will be paved. Just how much time will be taken up with the work is not known but it will doubtless be several months. In any event, there will be no cessation in operations. The work will be pushed forward with all haste until the last mile has been completed.

Neuse road has long been a source of annoyance to the people of Craven county. It is in a bad condition at the present time and has been almost impassable on several occasions. Farmers coming to New Bern during rainy weather with a load of produce could not enter the city from that direction.

## WIDOW'S TROUBLES ARE OVER

How a Long Island Woman Secured "Help" to Work Her Farm—Team Work Now.

St. James, L. I.—Everybody in St. James who knew the Widow Heimlich is glad her troubles are over and that she has a husband to help work her six-acre farm.

After the death of her husband 18 months ago she found her farm too much to till with her own hands. So when she saw an advertisement in a newspaper, inserted by Martin Hall of New York, asking for a wife, she hastened to reply. Hall said he was expecting a fortune of \$85,000 from Germany and would settle \$25,000 of it upon the woman he married.

The widow and Hall met. Hall was sixty-two and the widow forty-eight. They agreed to marry and fixed last December 15 as the date. But Hall did not appear. In reply to a letter from him a few weeks later, asking if he could call, she said yes. The upshot of the interview was that Hall went to work on the farm.

He quit wedding and hoisting a month ago and, leaving his clothes, went to New York. This was too much for the widow and she tried to sell the farm. Among the men to look at it was Jacob Brig, an insurance inspector of Hoboken, N. J. The widow showed him about the place and then asked hopefully:

"Do you want to buy the farm?"

"How large is it?" asked Brig.

The widow told him it was six acres.

"That's too large for me," said Brig. "I haven't any wife to make life here endurable and to help with the work."

The widow cast down her eyes. A sudden light came into those of the insurance man.

"Say, say," he exclaimed, "you aren't looking for a husband, are you?"

The widow blushed. Well, she didn't just know if she would put it that way, but—but—she might call tomorrow and she would think about it.

Well, the insurance man did call "tomorrow" and the next day and the next and the next and good effect that the widow and Brig were made a team the other day in the St. James Episcopal church to work the six-acre farm each had found too large for single harness. Today Hall returned to St. James. He was told the news. This shocked him so much he had to go to a drug store and let the "doctor" prescribe something.

After he got his clothes without so much as a glance from Mrs. Brig he threatened to sue for breach of promise.

## OLD AGE RISKS IN FRANCE

Number Who Are Registered Under Law Increasing Every Year, Statement Shows.

Paris.—Leon Bourgeois, minister of labor, has tabulated statistics up to July 1 of the number of persons who have registered themselves for old age insurance in accordance with the terms of the law of 1910, as amended in February, 1912.

According to returns received from prefects of departments, the number of persons under obligation to insure now registered is 7,929,008, or an increase of 273,959 since the previous quarter day, April 1.

The number of registered persons in France under an obligation to insure is about 12,000,000.

The government, it is understood, regards the returns of July 1 as fairly satisfactory in view of the fact that it has not been possible to apply acts of compulsion, owing to an adverse decision of the court of Cassation. A new bill making insurance effectively compulsory for the working classes is to be introduced in the chamber next session, and it will have every prospect of passing.

It is in view of this situation that the date for the practical application of compulsion was postponed till January, 1913.

## WOMAN'S TROUBLE NOT OF HEART

Real Facts in Regard To F. R. Hoffman's Illness. Relief Obtained By Curing His Stomach Ailments.

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## TAFT TO BE G. O. P. MOSES

Declares Purpose To Lead Republicans Out of Wilderness.

Washington, Nov. 15.—There will be no reorganization of the Republican party that leaves President Taft out of it or that ignores the conservative element which he represents. This much Mr. Taft has made perfectly clear to all corners.

Soon after the election the President announced that, while he would retire to private life after March 4, he would devote his time to a rehabilitation of the party organization that he has led upon the rocks and to the conservative or "constitutional government."

Since then he has told friends, one after another that he meant to fight for the principles upon which his campaign for the principles upon which he made his campaign. He wants the judiciary left unrestricted, he favors a high protective system and he desires the trusts destroyed.

Therefore, he said, he would not abandon the party or the people who had remained loyal to it when forces from within as well as from without were seeking to accomplish its ruin. He himself would lead in any reorganization that might be necessary and he would not stand aside for doubtful friends of the party to take up the work.

Now he has put out a formal statement to the same effect. He declares in it that the Progressive party stands for impossibilities, that "quack" remedies are proposed and that the leaders of the movement are trying to force socialism upon the country more effectively than is the Socialist party itself.

A the same time the President presents any move by the La Follette-Cummins-Keynon-Hadley combination to resurrect the old party and imbue it with life. He suspects that they are not believers in Republicanism, but that they are seeking to deliver the Republicans of the country into alien hands. This he means to prevent if he can do it.

This last statement of the President is a direct challenge to the Progressive leaders who remained in the party but who gave it no sympathy and only quasi support. Senator Cummins, for instance, voted for Roosevelt, but said he was against a third party. Senator La Follette discovered the bulk of his friends in Wisconsin to Wilson. Senator Keynon said he was for Taft, but refused to mention the President's name in his campaign. Governor Hadley wobbled as long as he could, then half-heartedly came out for the President.

These are the men whom the President distrusts. He does not believe they are friends of the old party and will refuse to commission them as the official reorganizers. He strikes at them boldly in his statement, though he finds no occasion to call their names directly.

Of course, there is no compromise between Taft and Roosevelt. The President believes that the Colonel voluntarily ex-communicated himself in so far as Republicanism is concerned. He is willing, too, that the ex-President shall burn all bridges behind him and refuse forever to rebuild them. He is glad the Colonel is off the old reservation—for the good of the reservation.

## WANT HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Illinois Woman's Clubs Would Protect Marriage.

Aurora, Ill., Nov. 16.—Amid a storm of applause the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention here adopted a resolution calling on the State to pass a law forbidding the granting of marriage licenses unless applicants first presented "good health" certificates.

Other resolutions adopted condemned the segregation of vice as a confession of national weakness, indorsed the movement calling upon medical colleges to provide a more comprehensive course in obstetrics and indorsed the Lederer bill providing for agricultural extension throughout the United States. The convention also indorsed conservation of national resources and called upon Congress to increase the appropriation for the work, praised the State and Federal statutes for pure foods and urged Congress to pass amendments strengthening the Pure Food and Drug act.

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