By A. MARIA CRAWFORD.

"I can't for the life of me understand why you won't marry me if you love me," said Walter Gillem. They were having coffee in a gay restaurant in the late afternoon.

cause," answered Elizabeth Thurn, "Billy would resent your taking his father's place. He reverences his memory and he would never forgive me for even appearing to forget Tom. You don't realize that Billy is grown up at six years."

Why, Billy and I would be two good pals, Elizabeth. He might feel badly at first, but I will make it just as easy for you and for him as I can. There is no use in wasting these years of happiness when Billy, childlike, would get over any sort of feeling in a

"You're mistaken about that," said Billy's pretty mother quickly. "Billy never forgets or forgives anything. He is terribly in earnest about life."

"He is a fine little chap. Did he tell you how I picked him up going from school yesterday and took him for a long run in my car? He doesn't ask a thousand questions like most boys, but I'll wager he knows nearly as much as I do about the mechanism of that car"

"Oh, yes, he came up to my sitting room, as he always does when he comes home, and told me about his trip. He promised me that as soon as he was a little older he would sell our car and buy one of a more improved make. 'It makes me feel as if I was most grown, mother,' he said to me, 'to have Mr. Walter show me things about his car. He doesn't talk to me the way our chauffeur does, and explain every little thing same as if I were a baby, but he just treats me well-as if we were two gentlemen out together.' Billy doesn't relish being patronized," laughed Elizabeth.

"Billy's care for you that I want to share has made him far older than the average boy of six. He is a gentleman of the old school," said the man



"If She Would Only Just Love You."

"Why don't you let me try to broach the subject of our engagement to him? I believe that he would take it like a soldier and congratulate

"He would be brave enough before me, but he would break his heart grieving in secret. Oh, no, I can't let Billy be hurt. Don't spoil your life for me," she smiled sadly as he slipped his arm through hers to steady her on the snowy pavement outside the res-"Go love and marry some body who has no Billy."

"But the only woman I want has Billy, and I want Billy, too. If I can't have them now. I'll just wait until Billy is old enough to understand."

"But I won't be yours, then. Why. my hair may be gray," she argued, as he slammed the car door and they were whirled swiftly through the street in his big limousine.

"That's all right. Mine will be gray sooner than yours. Do you feel a package over there by you? It's for

"How thoughtful you are! Of course you'll go in and give it to him and teach him how it runs. It is some thing to run isn't it? You're just two boys together."

'Yes, and I'll stay to dinner, thank

"You're a very welcome guest, al-

"But I don't like to be a guest. I'm a guest everywhere I go. I want to be homefolks," he whispered tenderly. "I want to carry a fowl home when the market man has falled in his delivery, and we have nothing for dinner. want to be necessary to a home and feel as if I belonged to somebody."

"You do," came a soft voice that was soon mothered in his coat collar. llo!" cried Billy, racing down the stairs and looking for all the world like Lord Fauntieroy in his velvet and lace. "I'm glad you came in with mother. Stay to dinner! We're going to have plum pudding and hard sauce. James told me," he confided to the hig, stalwart fellow who stood at the foot of the stalrs holding out a

You're good to mother and
When she goes out with you, she
ys comes back with pink in her
like the roses you sent yester.
The boy looked admiringly at
oung mother.

soon the soft brown curly head was close to the big black one, and man and boy were equally interested in the toy. When Billy's mother clipped Thought It Would Be Fine to away to dress for dinner, the boy turned to Gillem with the eager question, "Are you a very good friend of

> "The best in the world, Billy, What can I do for you?"
> "Mother's sad about something. She cries every time you go away. Do you

"Why I-I-" stammered the man, torn between his promise to the woman he loved and the innocent trusting face before him, waiting for an

"I believe she wants to marry Mr. Sam Carter, and she knows I don't like him. You know you told her how Mr. Carter loved her. Is that it?" "No, no, I think not, Billy. Your mother doesn't love Carter in that

"Now," said Billy, moving a little closer and laying his hand on the man's arm, "if she would just love you, I'd like first rate to have you for father. I loved my real, own father very much, like any boy," went on the childish voice, "but I tell you it would be fine to have a live father like you around every day."

Billy was caught in two strong arms and held very, very close. "I'd love to take you and your mother to my big house to live. I love you and the beautiful mother, too. Do you think we could persuade her to go?

"We'll try," whispered Billy. "Don't you tell her about what I said. That's secret between us."

"Sure," answered Gillem, happily. All through the meal Billy thought of Mr Gillem's big stone house and his kennel of fine dogs. It would be great to live in that house, he thought, and wondered how he could lead up to the important matter.

"Mr. Walter," he questioned, "I wonder what your dogs would do if a little boy went there sometimes?" "They would be glad to see him.

They are friendly fellows." "I guess they wouldn't like to have a boy around all the time, though,

would they?" "Yes, they would," said Gillem, taking care not to look at Elizabeth.

He could, with difficulty, keep the aughter from his eyes. "I think I'll go home with you some day. Boys ought to stay with a man

some, oughtn't they, mother?" "Yes," said a very weak voice. What are you talking about son?"

"I told Mr. Walter how you cry ometimes, mother, and asked him if it was because you wanted to marry Mr. Carter. He said he didn't think so, but that he loved you and me, too, and wanted us to go to his house to Wouldn't it be fine to have a real live father to play with at the onesome time just before dinner?" Billy slipped out of his chair and

went to her, and Gillem left his own place to stand on the other side. "Won't you let me have Billy and you for keeps?" begged the man down close beside her, so that his eyes were on a level with Billy's eyes.

"Yes." said Elizabeth, drawing the wo dear heads to her breast. "I'll nother both my boys."

"And L" said Billy, proudly, "will have a real father like Freddie Camp and Arthur Tyson. Now, let's go play with our new automobile," urged Billy, anxious to include the new member in his family circle.

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Probably Mr. Knox Chose the Wis Course, All the Circumstances Considered.

"You men have everything your own way, it seems to me," remarked Mrs. Knox plaintively, looking up from her cantaloupe to the advertisements on the back of her husband's newpaper.

Mr. Kuox did not reply. He had long ago learned the wisdom of silence in the face of his wife's arguments against world-made laws and man's monopoly on privileges, and divers other subjects of great magnitude, so he went right on reading.

"It is no wonder so many women are petty, when their whole lives deal in trivialities," Mrs. Knox continued, you men can do just anything you places but we women have to observe

social convention." Here she gave a decisive nod to her martyred head and waited to see if she

Oliver Knox laid down his paper deliberately and arose with the expresaton of one who has a great thought smoldering in his consciousness but does not feel sure of just how to pro-

"So far as I can see," he said quickly, "it only takes one woman to make whole social convention."

By this time he had reached the hall, grabbed his panama, and was making a frantic rush to catch a car he thought he heard coming over the hill.

Women Pearl Divers. Many pearl divers in Japan are women. Along the coasts of the bays of Ago and Kokasho the small schoolgirls are taught to dive for pearls. Most of them are swimmers from early childhood, but instruction in the art of pearl diving is necessary nevertheless. The women divers wear a special dress when engaged in their work, and twist their hair into a hard knot. Glasses are worn to protect their eyes. When the women jump into the water they have around their walsts small tubs, into which they drop the oysters they gather at they drop the cysters they gather at the bottom of the sea. When the tubs are filled men stationed in rowboats hoist them to the surface. The wom-en can dive to a depth of from five to thirty fathoms and can hold their breath for three minutes at a time. Those women between twenty-five and thirty-five years old are considered to be in their prime as pearl divers.

SELECTING SEED CORN

Preservation of Good Ears In-Creases Productiveness.

Instances in Southern States Where Imported Seed Produces Better Than Home-Grown Variety During Dry Summers.

(By C. P. HARTLEY.) Great progress has been made in recent years in a more general adoption of fall selection instead of spring selection of seed corn, but there is room for still greater progress.

earlier than they do. As an excuse for not having seed it is customary to state that the will continue to occur and the only pared each year for an exceptional year. Last year was a very adverse season in some of the corn states; consequently this past spring it was necessary to import seed corn into

The blame can not be justly shifted upon the season. It is the farmer who fails to do his part. Corn has been transported from a land of per petual summer, where the returning wet season permitted the seed to ger minate without having endured winter conditions. It has been introduced into northern localities where the winters are severe. It has shown a re-markable ability to adopt itself to short summers, but is dependent upor man to care for its seed during the winter. Without this care the corn crop would not perpetuate itself in the United States. Our first duty in giving the crop opportunity to yield well is early selection and good preser vation of the seed.

To make certain of always obtain-Nearly all farmers should select ing the greater productiveness of their seed corn three to four weeks adapted varieties it is necessary to their seed corn three to four weeks save sufficient seed for two or three years' planting. In localities where extreme weather conditions may make season was exceptional. Such seasons the corn crop an entire failure, this practice is of the utmost importance way to escape loss is by being pre- It is plainly impossible to acclimate and adapt varieties if all seed is destroyed occasionally, making new importations of seed necessary.

There are occasionally instances in which imported seed produces better these sections. Nevertheless, well ac than home-grown seed. Such cases climated and unquestionably higher are experienced especially in the yielding seed could have been selected southern states, where dry summers last September from fields in those permit early-maturing northern-grown



Final Selection of Seed Ears.

same states. This statment is made | varieties to escape the summer with full knowledge of the facts, be drought. For this reason northerncause at that time such seed was se- grown seed is preferred in some seclected and dried in those very sections tions. A better practice would be to that was practically perfect and ger- select and acclimatize an early maminated 100 per cent. Having personally assisted in the

gathering and drying of seed corn in those sections in September, the writer knows that quantities of seed could have been saved at that time from the same and many other fields. Unfortunately, however, most farmers postponed the selection until freezing weather, with the consequence that the seed will not yield well and most of it did not germinate well. It is not the season so much as the man.

There are usually a few days between the time the corn stops growing and the coming of frosts, especially if an acclimated corn is grown. We would have better corn yields and make better progress in originating and acclimating higher yielding strains of corn for different localities if seed corn were as readily killed by frosts as are sweet potato vines. If seed corn would not stand dig their potatoes, and the year's crop would be better.

turing variety. It would then escape the summer droughts and by becoming acclimatized and adapted would produce better than imported seed.

The shortage of seed corn in many sections of the country in the spring of 1912 furnishes a good example of what has happened and is likely to happen again unless seed corn receives more and better attention.

The loss from planting neglected seed corn reduces or destroys the profit on the corn crop of each individual farmer and in the aggregate is an annual loss to the country of many millions of dollars. By the early selection of sufficient

seed corn for several years' planting and its proper preservation these immense and oft-recurring losses can be prevented.

By making germination tests of neglected seed and by heavy planting SHARP RETORT, THEN FLIGHT so much abuse and if it were killed full stands can be obtained, but the outright by the first frost farmers yield may be 18 bushels per acre less would dry their seed corn before they than would have been harvested had preserved

WWGENERAL

No animal recovers so slowly from low condition, nor is so apt to recover at all, as sheep.

When you get a good team let the other fellow whistle, but don't but a price on it, and so invite its early sale. For a brood sow prefer one of good length and breadth of body and placed on short, strong, well-made legs, set wide apart.

Prime fat lambs cannot be produced by alternate grass and grain. They must be pushed to lay on fat from start to finish.

Instead of feeding wet mashes to chickens try giving cracked grain in small quantities in litter. It's good health insurance.

Cultivation hastens the liberation of plant food by permitting air to permeate the soil and oxidize or burn out the organic matter.

Cowpens sown in corn and the entire crop pastured down by hogs gives one of the very best returns that can be secured from the land.

To make the flock most profitable or at all profitable, no source enue must be neglected, whether it be mutton, fleece or increase.

Each pig should be looked after individually; a general look will not do. It is just like a big family, each has his or her individual need Any egg eaters in the flock? Make

Any egg eaters in the flock? Make the nests as dark as possible; that will help. If that doesn't discourage the culprit, shorten up the ax.

Sheep are utilizers of wasts. They clean fields of weeds, utilize to great advantage any kind of pasture and fit in well with farm practice.

A while lot of success with pign comes from the owner's and feeder's watchfulness. Changes must be made from time to time, in food and surroundings.

Average Fertilizer for Tobacco.

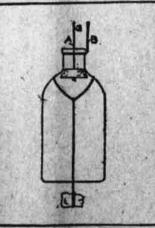
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GET PURE DRINKING WATER

Method Shown in Illustration Will Insure Cooler Liquid Than That Secured on Surface.

Where it is necessary to draw drinking water from an open well or spring, pure water can be taken from beneath the surface, according to Popular Mechanics, in the following man-

Insert a cork in a bottle in an inverted position, as shown in the sketch, having first attached a stout cord, A, to it. A weight is then swung to the neck on the outside as shown. Attach another stout cord, B, to the neck and lower the bottle into the wa-



Getting Pure Water.

ter by holding the cord, A. After the bottle has entered the water far enough, change the hold from cord, A to B. The water pressure will push the cork into the bottle and this will be filled with water. The bottle is then raised with the cord, A.

This method not only secures pure water, but water that is quite a lit-tle cooler than if obtained at the sur-

Bad Traits and Training.



GREAT IDEA IS PROTECTION

Anti-Liquor Laws Not Intended to Leglelate Morality Into People, but to Shield the Individual.

"You can't legislate morality into ople," declares the anti-prohibition-Those who imagine that such is the sole aim of the reformer need to be reminded that laws are not enacted primarily for the purpose of making men moral or righteous, but for the protection of society. Laws restricting the liquor business are not intended as a "rod or lash for the liquor sellers," as the saloonkeepers and their friends seem to believe, nor yet to make the patrons of the saloon sober and good. They are simply protective measures. The restrictive idea of the ordinary liquor laws is secondary to the main idea of protection. The man, says the regulative civil law, who preys upon his fellows, or who for per-sonal gain would drain the life-blood of a nation, may go so far and no farther. Prohibitory law, standing upon the American constitution and upon the bed-rock Christian principles says he must be denied in toto the opportunity to thus wreck the happiness of homes and to impede the progress and prosperity of the people. Pro hibitionists are committed to the abolition of the liquor traffic, not alone for the sake of the man who drinks; not even for the sake of the greatest good to the greater number; they advocate it on the ground of the greatest good to the individual and to the nation-on the ground of protection for the boys and girls, for the men and women, of the present generation. and for those of generations to come,

DANGERS OF LIQUOR HABIT

Employers Becoming More and More Strict in Enforcement of Temperance Regulations.

The sentiment for leaving off the ase of liquor altogether is growing among the men of the labor unions. As time goes on, the requirements for exact and high class work by men in the trades is increasing, and they cannot afford to allow their brains to be clouded from the effects of liquor. Another thing that is promoting temperance is the fact that employers are taking an interest in requiring their employees to keep sober. The danger of liquor drinking men being injured while at work, and thus making the employer liable for damages, has caused the employers to become more and more strict in the enforcement of temperance rules. I do not believe that the temperance question can be settled until people have become educated along the lines of temperance living.—Edgar A. Perkins, Labor Leader.

HOW ALCOHOL DOES ITS WORK

Man, Arguing With Doctor on Neces sity of Stimulant, Is Given Striking Object Lesson.

A patient was arguing with a doctor on the necessity for his taking a the earth when he came, he wanted to etimulant. He urged that he weak and needed it. "I am cold and it warms me," he declared.

"Precisely," came the doctor's erasty answer. "See here. This stick is cold," taking up a stick of wood from the box beside the hearth and tossing it into the fire. "Now it is warm, but is the stick benefited?"

The sick man watched the wood first send out little puffs of smoke and then burst into a flame and replied: "Of course not. It is burning it caie."

"And so are you, when you warm yourself with alcohol—you are liter-ally burning up the delicate tissues of your stomach and brain."

Walking on Water. Edward F. Marvin of the Sons of Bridgeport: "It is easy to answer the opponents of temperance. At a marmers' bethel, for example, I once ewered. The preacher was urging his sallor audience not to drink; he was pointing out to them the Divine admonitions against drinking, when a shell-

back rose unsteadily.
"'Captain,' said the shellback, 'Idon't-hic-believe everything that's

A Monetary Contract. Last spring the two largest and launched on the same day by nations on opposité sides of the globe. When Madam Koike sent the Japanese cruiser down the ways to the water at Barrow, England, three score pigeons were released from a baloonette suspended at the ship's bows—emblematic of peace and good luck. In America, at Newport News, over the bows of the dreadhought Texas, the daugh of the dreadnought Texas, the daughter of Col. Cecil Lyon broke a bottle of champagne—emblematic of—what!

Against Alcohol.
The Woman's Christian Temperance anion is not only anti-saloon, but anti-sewery, anti-distillery, and anti any orm of alcoholic liquor-making or iquor selling for beverage purposes—Lillian M. N. Stevens, President Naponal W. C. T. U.

A Motive for Christian Service

TEXT: "Wherefore also we make it our aim whether at home or absent to be well-pleasing unto him."—2 Cor. v. 5 (R. V.).

The motive for the service Christ held before us in the context of these words is the hope of the future life which the believer has through Christ. The nature o

this hope is before us verses 1 to Paul in the previous chapter had been speaking of his sufferings and afflictions as a Christian, and comforting himself and other Christians in a like case by the

the thought of outcome of them all in the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." This glory is a certainty, for he goes on to add: "We know that if the earthly house of our bodily frame be dissolved, we have a building from God, an house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens." There are so many things which a Christian may know if he will only take God's word for them, and this thing, so full of comfort, is one of them. We who are in the present body groan in it for many reasons, but our desire is if we are Christians not merely to be rid of it but to be "clothed upon," L e., to receive our new resurrection and glorified body. In other words, the hope set before the regenerated man is not death but that which sooner or later follows death, the resurrection and all that it implies. It is then that what is mortal shall be swallowed up of life.

Assurance of Resurrection. After speaking of the hope set be fore the Christian the inspired writer goes on to show how assured it is in verses 5 to 8. "He that wrought us for this very thing is God," he says. The very object God had in view in the salvation of any man and all his work of grace in him was to this very end. A great theologian has said "The end of God's way are corporiety," a thought which Paul sets be fore us here as applied to the resur rection from the dead. Moreover, God has not only wrought us to this end. not only is this God's purpose concerning us Christians, but he has given us a pledge of it in the dwelling of his holy spirit within us. The holy spirit in every believer is an "earnest" or foretaste of this thing. his indwelling certifies to our resur rection, so that "we are always confident" or of good courage concerning

Wherefore, says the apostle, "we la bor," or rather we make it our aim or ambition, that "whether present or absent we may be accepted of him." Paul was always looking for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and if he, Paul, were present in the flesh on be found accepted or well-pleasing in his sight. It was possible, however, that he might be absent from the earth and from the body when the Lord came, but in that case also be wanted to be accepted of him. Whether he were present in the body or absent from the body he expected to stand before him. "We must all ap-pear before the judgment-seat of Christ," he says, "that everyone may receive the things done in his body whether it be good or bad." The ref-erence here is to Christians. They will not have to stand before Christ's judgment-seat in order to have it determined whether they are lost or saved, that is determined the moment the Christian takes Jesus Christ by faith to be his savior, but they must render an account to him of their Temperance says the Detroit Free stewardship as Christians in order to Press, said in a recent address in determine the matter of their restewardship as Christians in order to wards. It was for this reason that Paul wished to be found well-pleasing to him, and this reason sets before heard an opponent very easily and us the power of the Christian's hope

Reason for Evangelism.

But there was one special matter in which Paul desired to be well-pleasing to his lord, and that was in the sav-ing of lost souls such as he had been, don't—hic—believe everything that's printed in the Scriptures. Take that there—hic—walkin' on the water. I don't believe anybody can walk on the water. Can you—hic—do it your self?"

"'My friend,' answered the minister, "can walk better on water than I can on rum.'"

"This was the motive for such service with reference to our reward—"we persuade men."

This was the motive for such service with him. He was not thinking that's the had been, and such as all men are by nature. "Knowing therefore," he says, "the fear of the Lord,"—I. e., having our eyes on the judgment-seat of Christ when we must give account of our service with reference to our reward—"we persuade men."

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just now of the peril and retribution that would fall upon the lost, though, of course, at other times he emphasized that motive for saving such; but he was thinking of his own acceptability when relead from the but he was thinking of his own ac-countability when, raised from the dead at Christ's second coming, he must face his record of service. Paul's motive should be our motive, for we have the same accountability, and must face the same Lord. How are we fulfilling it? We have many am-bitions; can we say that we have this ambition?

Better Force Wins Victory.

Virtue and vice are alike contagious, but not equally so. By the former we lift each other up, and by the latter we drag each other down. But what proves that the better force is also the stronger, is the fact that, through the influence of life upon life in all the relationships that bind us together, the world grows better instead of wome. It only needs that the process which is everywhere and always going on shall be sufficiently prolonged, as it will be if immortality is true, in order to achieve that final harmony of all 'souls with God which our faith predicts.—The Universalist Lander.

MENTALLY.

Peggy-You have been haven't you, Reggy?

Reggy—No; what made you think I had been abroad? Peggy-Why, I heard father say you

were 'way off.

Albert J. Beveridge said in Chicago of a corrupt boss: "He's very virtuous-oh, very virtu-

"A millionaire once went to him and said: "'I want to get in the senate. Will

you sell me your support?'
"'No, sir!' the boss answered, striking himself upon the chest. 'No, sir! I'm a free-born American citizen and

I'll sell my support to no man.' "'But,' said the millionaire, blandly, as he drew out his checkbook and fountain pen, 'but, if you won't sell me your support, perhaps you'll rent it to me for the term of this campaign?" "'Now you're talking,' said the boss, in a mollified tone."

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