

O PROMISE ME

A certain English hostess, who now profitably serves a well-known American restaurant, has related this story of her experience with her former employer, a poor but "promising" young British nobleman.

It was one of those days on which Lord Upington "swept over the hills" with his harem.

First came the bill from the tailor. The amount was 200 pounds. "Ah, Howard," said the impoverished nobleman, "promise me 20 pounds."

Next was the bill of the butcher, a matter of a mere 50 cents. "Ah, Howard," promised him 10 pounds.

Then a bill from the caterer, the waiter, and the maid, all of which he promised to pay by his own hand.

Finally, when all claims had been considered, Howard looked out as in the presence of reality his master liked it that way. Just as the butler was going out the door, Lord Upington called, "Ah, Howard, Howard."

"Yes, sir."

"Ah, Howard! Promise yourself something, Howard."

THOUGHTFUL



Girl—When that bear chased me, you ran away. You once said you'd face death for me.

Boy—Yeah. But that bear wasn't dead.

Say It Again

A husband came home late one night, very intoxicated.

"What time is it?" asked his wife. "One o'clock."

Just at that moment the clock chimed three.

"Oh," cried the man. "We know it's one o'clock! You don't have to repeat it three times."

Not Water?

Maek—My uncle has the greatest capacity for work of anyone I know.

Jack—According to your aunt, I understand it isn't work but something else he really has the capacity for.

Too Bad

Passenger—You know it really takes a lot of courage for me to get in this plane. I was almost killed twice in a plane.

Bored Pilot—Once would have been enough.

YOU'RE IT

Him—You know they say some of us are descended from monkeys and some of us from birds. What do you think?

She—Well, there are no feathers on you.

Paradise

First Teacher—If you had your choice of all teaching jobs, what one would you take?

Second Teacher—I'd take a job in an orphan asylum. There are no parents there.

End of Shift

Nit—Do you know anyone who likes to hear an alarm clock ring in the morning?

Wit—Why sure. A night watchman.

Wolf

He—You know we all spring from animals.

She—Yes, but some of us didn't spring far enough.

Sure Enough!

Lady—Officer, there's a man following me and I think he's drunk.

Officer—If he's following you, he must be drunk.

Drawback!

Jane—What makes you think football players must be contortionists?

Jean—They're always talking about going around their own ends.

Bathe at Home

Mac—Did you ever take a Turkish bath?

Sandy—No, they soak you too much.

NEWSPAPERS

American families spent \$766,500,000 in 1945 for daily and Sunday newspapers, according to the Newspaper Publishers Association.

Timely, Practical

Household Suggestions

By RUTH CURRENT N. S. State College

According to the food research specialists, carrots in the stores are prettier with tops on, but less fresh.

When the carrot is in the ground nourishment goes from the root to the top. When the carrot is pulled out of the ground the nourishment goes the other way, and the leaves draw moisture and food from the root.

Some truckers cut off carrot tops but some do not. To keep the carrots fresh, cut off the tops before you store them.

The same rule holds good for other root vegetables — beets, turnips, parsnips, radishes. Take off tops to keep them fresh.

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In a call to the Nation's home

Marriage Licenses

Dallas Rhea Clark to Almeria Robinson, both of Waynesville.

LASTED A DAY

MT. CLEMENS, Mich. — John Desmet, 50, has married the same woman twice. The first ended in divorce after twenty-eight years. The couple remarried and the union lasted one day.

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wardens, the President points out that the threat of starvation in many parts of the world and the urgent need for food from this country emphasize the importance of our continued efforts to produce and conserve food which will help to replace that especially needed for shipment abroad.

Americans who have acquired the habit of raising their own, won't need much urging to dig out their seed catalogs and dig up the earth. They agree with the President when he says: "In addition to the contribution gardens make to better nutrition, their value in providing outdoor physical exercise, recreation, and relaxation from the strain of modern life is widely recognized."

If you do not happen to have a single-edge razor blade for ripping out stitches, take a strip of adhesive tape and fold over one edge of a double edge blade.

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AN SIDE OF LIFE —By— FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

pathy in her hour of sorrow was speedy and spontaneous, but Worthington was wily. The black-and-blue spot on his bruised affection still showed up when he steadied down to thinking about Alameda. He did, in time, reply to the letter and a sort of desultory correspondence ensued.

Worthington's loneliness felt no appeasement and in one of his rare declamations of confidence, he wrote Alameda: "... and there are many hours of loneliness even though my housekeeper and two servants attend to my every need. Sometimes a large amount of financial security does not bring the happiness..."

Friends, that letter was all Alameda needed. Her air-mail reply brought a well-worded and eloquent invitation to visit her the following week-end; her mother would be there to do the duenna proprieties... as though any were needed... and by a strange coincidence it would be her birthday!

Talk about a YOUNG man's fancy! Mid-fifty can show him cards and spades at that game! Worthington loaded up with gifts of all sorts and in so doing, a brilliant idea smote him heartily. He would drive over in his car instead of the slow-moving train and that would give him an added four or five hours with Alameda. He had always loved surprises... and this would be such a surprise for the girl he had loved in the past.

He did... and it was. Twenty years can work wonders in the looks of even an adoring sweetheart and Alameda did not recognize him she opened the door in response to his knock. Then, too, Alameda wasn't exactly in the humor for agents (as she thought) at that time of day when she had work on her hands. If ever a woman is at her worst, it is when she is interrupted in a rush job of cleaning house and preparing for company. Alameda was in that state of mind—only more so.

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