

THE BROKEN PITCHER

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I MADE it a rule to fall in love with a handsome girl every year. This is the proper intellectual and emotional substitute for an actual vacation.

It is true that the elements which go to make up handsome girls are all the same. But the combinations are different. Hence the interest and excitement.

I confess that I was not always understood. Some of them have foolishly thought that the arrangement was to be permanent. But—

I say this in no spirit of vanity, an ordinary acquaintance with the world has given me a certain polish. My education is fairly good. In conversation, I always know when to drop the subject; this by the way is talent. I was born with it. Such a thing cannot be acquired. I am also fairly well off.

One learns by experience to exercise a certain amount of caution. It is only by attention to details that one commands the highest success. I never write letters, for example.

I was sitting one afternoon in my motor car in front of the W— Inn, waiting for my chauffeur to obtain some cigars, when a handsome girl came out. My observation has been fairly well trained and, after a brief survey, I concluded immediately that she would answer the purposes of my next annual vacation.

On the second afternoon out I was holding her hand under a steamer rug, while her mother was playing bridge down below.

"Am I the only girl you ever loved?" she asked.

"Can you doubt it?" I responded fervently.

observed. I was writing out the check for the amount of the passage.

He gave me his booking in exchange, and thanking him, I hurried off to his daughter. I had previously ascertained (through James) that she would be at home up to four o'clock.

I sent up my card, and when she came down greeted her pleasantly. She was naturally cool. They always are at first.

"I am the young man that your father wishes you to marry," I said.

"I mentioned my club, and told her a number of her friends with whom she was intimate.

"You do not believe me?" "I am at loss to understand you—never having met you before."

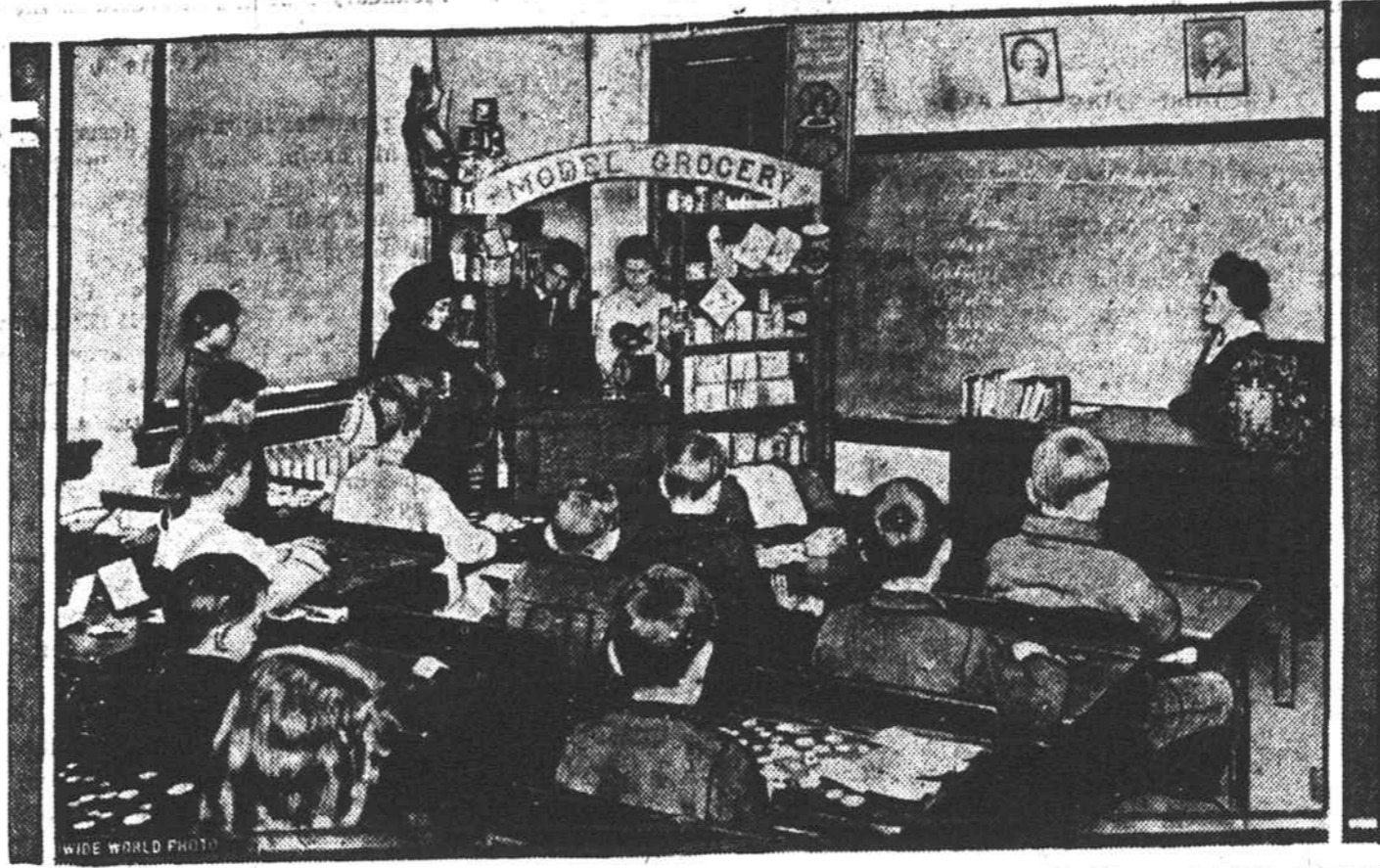
I produced the booking. "Your father's room—you are aware of it?"

"Certainly."

"Here it is—he has turned it over to me. That ought to be evidence of his great love for you—and his confidence in me."

"Why should papa wish to give up his room to you?"

Practical Work in Kentucky Schools



Each schoolroom in the grammar grades of the Lexington (Ky.) schools is equipped with a miniature grocery store, and while one pupil acts as the storekeeper, other pupils are given facsimiles of currency, and they trade. This method is considered excellent practice.

Mexico's Two Rich Peninsula States

Furnish Most of the World's Sisal Hemp.

Washington.—"Clashes between Indian tribes along the border between the Mexican states of Campeche and Yucatan recently threw into the spotlight of the day's news two of the potentially richest of the commonwealths comprising the Mexican republic," says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Campeche and Yucatan together with the territory of Quintana Roo embrace the entire peninsula of Yucatan, except a small portion of the east coast within the boundaries of British Honduras and a section of the heavily wooded interior where an arm of Guatemala runs up from the south.

"Although the greater part of the area of the peninsula is one vast plain at a small elevation, the two states are strikingly different in many respects. Campeche has fairly abundant rainfall, dense forests, and a number of minerals throughout its 18,000 square miles. Yucatan, on the other hand, presents a dreary aspect, unwatered by rivers or streams, with little agriculture and no minerals.

"Despite the sparseness of its rain fall, Yucatan is not totally arid. Water can be found in any section of the state not far beneath the surface. Although there are no rivers of importance, the limestone formations underground are honeycombed with water.

Rename Car in Honor of Porter Wreck Hero

Chicago.—When the pullman car hitherto called the Sirocco emerges from the repair shops it will bear the name Daniels. It is to be the rolling monument to Oscar J. Daniels, 4402 South Wabash avenue, porter, who lost his life in the recent wreck near Rockport, N. J., in an effort to save passengers. Daniels was alive when rescuers found him in the wreckage, but refused first aid until a seven-year-old girl had been given medical attention. He was dead when the searchers returned to him.

yellow substance called hematocrylin—used extensively in dyeing and in coloring wines. The annual export of this product alone in 1923 was valued at more than a million pesos. Campeche stands second only to Yucatan in the production of henequen, or sisal hemp, as well as the usual tropical products such as sugar cane, rice, tobacco, indigo, cotton, etc. Many of the natives make a good livelihood manufacturing the so-called Panama hats.

"Campeche, the capital, is a quaint old city of 18,000 inhabitants. Founded in 1540 by Francisco Monteljo, it is, therefore, one of the oldest cities in America. During the adventuresome buccaneer days of the Spanish main it was sacked repeatedly by pirates until its bastioned and fortified walls, segments of which are still standing, were hastily erected.

"The town is over a system of immense subterranean caverns, excavated by the early Mayas and used by them as catacombs. The moist sea air imparts a venerable look to the port buildings, all of which seem hoary with age.

"Both states are paradises for the hunter or naturalist and abound with game, fish and gorgeously colored birds and flowers. In the forests panthers and boa constrictors lurk, while in the more open country there are wild boars, deer, the tapir and bright-plumaged birds. Shark fishing is one of the exciting sports along the coasts, where an endless and holy war is waged against them."

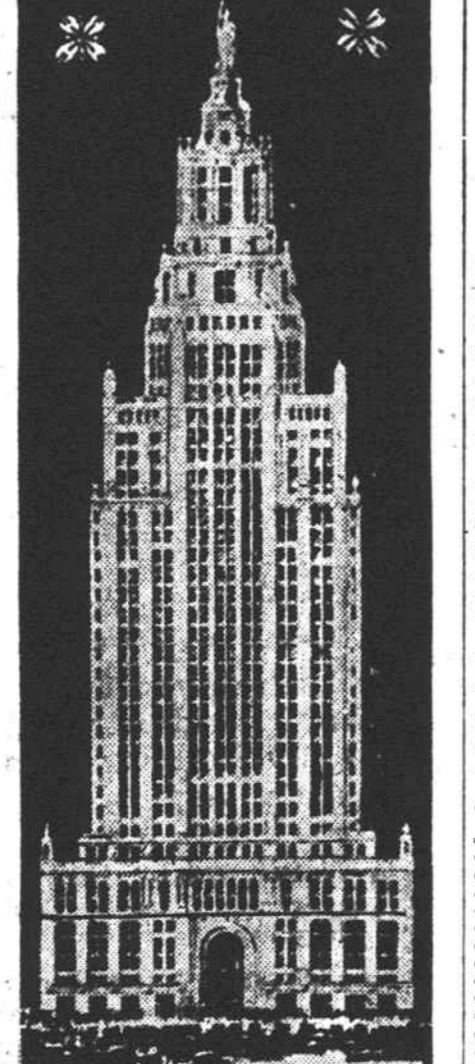
GUARD 687,000 GAME ANIMALS IN THE NATIONAL FORESTS

Forest Service Workers Report Increase in Number.

Washington.—More than 687,000 head of big game animals make their home in Uncle Sam's 159 national forests, announces the forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture, which has just completed the compilation of a count made in 1924.

Elk have increased, more than 50,000 head being listed for 1924 compared with 49,500 in 1923. In the Teton National forest bordering the Yellowstone park the elk herd has shown a notable increase.

DETROIT SKYSCRAPER



Photographic copy of the architect's drawing of the tower office building in Detroit, for which ground has already been broken. It will be forty stories high and will be the central feature of a project that is to include three theaters, two hotels, a medical building, a recreation building and a retail shopping district, in addition to the office structure shown above.

Fear Dam Will Erase Indian Rock Relic

Philadelphia.—The threatened obliteration of the famous Indian rock in the Susquehanna river at Conowingo by the construction of a huge dam for electric power at that point is raising protests from many groups.

Mystery and romance of prehistoric days surrounding the picture-scratched rocks, half-submerged in the river,

Anglers Must Wear Labels in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City.—Unlabeled fishermen became taboo in Oklahoma recently. Hereafter they must plainly display upon their clothing the state license, without which they cannot drop bait to hungry fish.

The last legislature, concluding that fish and game wardens should expect co-operation from the men they are set to watch, passed a law that fishermen must bear the license pinned or sewed in the center of their outer garments.

Trail of Snake

Friend—But why do you ask your patients so many questions about cigars, cigars or wine they use?

If He Was a Bachelor

Mrs. Henpeck—It says that this new elixir of life will make a man live for two hundred years!



Just a Little Smile. HER REASONING. A man wanted to learn boxing, but his wife wanted him to take up fencing instead.

Time. As the train entered the long tunnel a drummer breezed into the smoking compartment.

SAFETY FIRST



Mary's Little Lamb. Mary had a little lamb, Her father shot it dead, And now it goes to school with her.

The Greater Love. "What if I have loved another, dear? Don't you know it has only prepared me for the greater, higher love I have for you?"

That Much. Two schoolmates met after many years.

Prima Facie Evidence. Jenn—I think Helen is going to announce her engagement to Jack tonight.

Real Economy. He—But don't you cook much more for dinner than we use, darling? She—Of course, silly! If I didn't how could I economize by making leftover dishes?—Windsor Magazine.

Try, Try, Again. "A resolute man can accomplish almost anything."

BEHIND AND AFTER HIM. "Tom says he has a number of citizens behind him in his business operations."

Must Wash Dishes. The blushing bride soon finds That being Mrs. Means ma is not around To do the dishes.

Maybe Not. "What's that you say about golf?" "I say it doesn't seem to inspire as much poetry as baseball."

Ho, Hum! "Gosh! I heard a tiresome talk last night," remarked the first radio nut.

Woman's Age. "And your age is—?" asked the woman lawyer.

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Made and Married. By Mrs. J. F. ...



Rev. J. R. ...

Three things are ...

The Potter has a diction ...

Is it not presumable that ...

The Potter's plan for ...

Working with ...

Here is a word ...

Thanking God. It is a pleasant sight to see ...

Merriment Known to Have Caused Deaths

A man living in the Midlands died recently of laughing at a comic film play. To most people the news that laughter has more than once endangered life will doubtless come as a surprise.

One of the earliest known instances concerned a famous Roman philosopher, Chrissippus, who died of an immoderate fit of laughter on seeing a donkey eating some figs intended for his own meal.

There is also on record a well-authenticated story of a Greek artist who painted a portrait of an old woman, and was so amused by the leer he had given her features that he laughed continuously for 22 hours, after which he died from exhaustion.

Not long ago a woman went to the dentist's to have a tooth filled. "I wish we were all born without teeth!" she said, as she took her seat in the

chair. "Well, aren't we?" inquired the dentist.

There was a ripple of laughter from his patient, followed by paroxysms of unrestricted mirth lasting nearly ten hours. In this instance the victim quickly recovered.—Tit-Bits.

Thoughts of Strength

Thoughts of strength both build strength from within and attract it from without. Thoughts of weakness actualize weakness from within and attract it from without. Courage begets strength, fear begets weakness. And so courage begets success, fear begets failure. It is the man or woman of faith, and hence of courage, who is the master of circumstances, and who makes his or her power felt in the world. It is the man or woman who lacks faith and who as a consequence is weakened and crippled by fears and forebodings who is the creature of all passing occurrences.—Raiph Waldo Trine.