Too Much Efficiency By E.J. Wall Rath

BEGIN HERE TODAY JOHN W. BROOKE, widowed hardware magnate, before leaving town for a peried of two months, arranges with a firm of efficiency engineers to take charge of his home while he is away. He does not inform his three children, Constance, Billy, and Alice, about what will take place. But they soon find out,

H. HEDGE ,assigned to carry out the contract, takes complete charge of the Brooke household. He is occuping Mr. Brooke's private suite and has made an office out of the library. Constance has come to Hedge for a requisition to buy a new hat. She admits having bought the hat she is wearing only three weeks previous. . She tells him that the season has changed. He seems to know of only four seasons in a year. Constance, however, insists that yearly seasons have nothing to do with hat seasons

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY. "Probably, if you buy hats so fre- duisite."

quently, you have one that you pur-

am very glad to have this matter and sighed when she read his steady Mrs. Erett Jones. of hats brought up. I can see that d'sapproval. it merits attention. Really, Miss

things, including hats. I am not in the least unreasonable; I am merely may say that I never pay more than dollars. It would probably take me five years to consume 20 hats. The saucy sentiment. hat which you are now wearing, while different in style from my own is nevertheless obviously less durable, both in design and material. I cannot see that it is an efficient hat, while I already know that it is not an economic hat.

"Let us be reasonable. I will which I do not think justifies another hat for a period of nine or 10 weeks. I will give you a requisition for a new hat now."

He smiled at her in a friendly way. Constance held her breath. "But I shall specify that the hat is not to cost more than five dol-

She arose slowly from her chair and faced him. "Are you serious?" she asked in

a low tone. "Oh, quite."

The bitter moments of life are visited upon the rich and poor alike. Constance knew that she was poor-

"I-I shall go about in tatters," she said brokenly. "I shall wear my old hat!"

The efficiency man looked at the old hat and liked it. The thought occured to him that constance and the hat had been created for each other. There was a beautiful harmony that appealed to him, which was testimony to the fact that art was not wholly dead within him. Nevertheless he did not care to be looked upon wholly as a person who pinched pennies and bit nickles. Efficiency was more than more saving. Nor did he think it right for Constance to go in tatters, although he could easily believe that she would probably ornament them. Here was a chance to kill two birds with one

"See here, Miss Brooke," he said "I am going to demonstrate something to you. It will be an object lesson in efficiency. You say that a proper hat cannot be bought for five dollars, hence you are in the habit of paying a hundred. I differ. I say that a proper hat can also be an economical hat. You are going

to get a new hat." "Wait, please."

"But-He seized the telephone and called

"Is this the Luxembourg shop? Very well. This is the residence of Mr. John W. Brooke. Please send up an assortment of hats for Miss Brooke to examine. Of course, all kinds of hats. And send them up right away. In half an hour? Make it 20 minutes, if possible. Yes; that's

He turned to Constance as he hung up the receiver, and smiled. "I'll show you how to buy a hat," he said. "I'll send for you, Miss Brooke, as soon as the hats arrive." Constance walked out in a daze. He was going to buy an economical hat -and he had telephoned to Luxembourg! She whistled softly and wrinkled her forehead in perplexity. Oh, well, there was nothing to do

but wait. But she was intensely

Half an hour later H. Hedge sumwere many hat-boxes there, under eminently qualified for their duties.

"We are ready to examine hats," seven?"

The first hat was large and of a profuse richness. The efficiency man gravely. shook his head at once.

"But at least I may try it on," exclaimed Constance. He shrugged his shoulders and she consent of course." tried it on, surveying the effect in a meets a set-back.

Followed a succession of hats, which, to the efficiency man, were plainly constructed to sell by acreage. He was patient, however. Conscance could try them on, if she wished-but she could not buy. He had committed himself to a hat to prove of the truths of economy and efficiency, but he was steadfast against extravagence.

'No small hats?" he asked finally. "But yes indeed," said the second ren spent Thanksg ving in Charlotte He devoted five seconds to thought, saleswoman. "Some that are ex- the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bird!

"Trot 'em out, please." chased in the corresponding season. There was a very pretty parade of was a recent guest of Mr. Evernant of Kings Mountain, tast year. If so, in what condition is small hats, but at nearly all of them it?"

Was a Olive.

H. Hedge merely shook his head. He "It was probably given to my was not to be deceived; he recog- Miss Pinkie and Miss Ophelia Moss crowd out despite the cold weather pose to persist in being utterly im- saw it. They bore all the outward evidence of sky prices. Constance "Not at all. On the contrary, I appeared pleased with some of them,

The efficiency man paused for an bringing exclamation of dismay from Miss Thelma Earl spent from Mr. A. V. Washburn. the young ladies of the Luxembourg Thursday to Sunday night in Laur- Mr. and Mrs. Schleman McSwain, have much more strength and energy

in a new field. I am sure that you bit of velvet. Not a stitch of trim- tiock community Sunday. in a new field. I am sure that you ming, not a solitary ornament graced Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Moss and is the son of Mr. G. W. Ellis a prowill assist me. Now, as to hats, I ming, not a solitary ornament graced Mr. Cyrus Moss and is the son of Mr. G. W. Ellis a proMr. Welch of the HERB JUICE it. It was almost Quakerish in its family of Spartanburg, S. C., were minent farmer of this section. The Laboratories has established headfive dollars for my own, usually less. Simplicity. Yet, as Constance placed the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. bride is the daughter of Mr. John quarters at the Riviere Drug Co., and Assuming for argument, that I pay it on her head, it suddenly assumed Dave Moss. Assuming for argument, that I pay it on her head, it suddenly assumed below five. I can buy 20 hats for a hundred it became more than a hat—it was a Q. F. Sepaugh and Mrs. Bud House the groom and bride a long and hap-the great remedy. (Adv.)

"Like that?" he demanded.

sheer pertness and mischief of the end guests of A. E. Bettis and fami Swain Sunday afternoon. thing. But she was cany. She ily. merely shrugged her shoulders.

the efficiency man dryly. "How given to Thanksgiving games, A soabout your opinion, Miss Broke ?" cial hour followed during which the "But-"

discarded creations. H. Hedge shook salad and frint course. his head promptly.

stuff. Now, this hat is reasonable, anburg, Misses Katherine Bettis, moned her to the library. There Anybody can see it's cheap. Yet it's Pauline Borders, Ophelia Moss, Rea good hat. It's durable, simple, becca Austell, Thehna Earl, Myrtle the chaperonage of two youg women and doesn't carry any circus span- and Freelove Crawford. Era Hopper, whose own hats identified them as gies. Does it St? What is it— a Mrs. Gain Rollins. Messrs Heyward

One of the Luxembourg ladies was Louis Borders, Winford and Austell he said briskly, pushing aside his about to break, into vivid speech Graham. work and nodding at the hat cus- when Constance checked her with a ' Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lavendar mo-

"The hat fits quite well," she said "I thought so. Want it?"

"Why-I believe so -with your NEXT CHAPTER: Efficiency

Of Late Interest

B. Y. P. U. Social Committee En- Joe Runyans. tertains at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morehead-Personal Items

(Special to The Star)

Goode.

her son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Ginniss from Charlotte.

At last he became impatient, and Lille who spent the Thanksgiving in president Mr. Furman McGinnis. Brooke, I do not want you to mis- At last no began diving into boxes himself. Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. Fred began diving into boxes himself.

returned Saturday from a weeks visit py life. in Fayettev lle.

"It is exquisite!" said the first delightfully entertained Saturday, lost sight of one eye,

evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. "It seems they all are," remarked Jim Moorehead. The first hour was "It is not bad," she said reluctant- hostess assisted by Misses Faye Me-Swain, Leitha Bettis, Inez Moor- Mr. O. C. Tompson Says HERB Her glance wandered toward the head and Lillie Webber, served a

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. "Too high-priced, the rest of that H. B. Moore, Mr. Williams of Spart-Austell, James Ellis, Angel Proctor

> tored to Gaffney Tuesday afternoon. were pleasant callers in the village

Mrs. R. E. Nichols and son Harvey spent part of last week in Union; S.

Miss Etyleene Nichols who is work ing some few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sepaugh.

Mrs. Tap of New York, is the guest at her parents Mr. and Mrs.

Ellis-Wilson Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. B. Austell and child- Training School to Start Next Week. Personal News of People on the Go.

(Special to The Star)

The Sunday school is progressing icely under the management of W. Mrs. B. F. Jones and daughter, H. Humphries. There was a large day from Atlanta, Ga., where they sitors in Snday school Sunday Rev. spent Thankegiving bolidays with J. C. Gillespie and Mr. Bryant Mc-

The B. Y. P. U. is moving on nice-Mrs. D. G. Webber and daughter ly under the management of our new

There will be a training school taught at our church next week by

"I desire your co-operation in all Then, suddenly, he was all business, indurg, the guests of her brother Mr. motored to Gaffney, S. C., Sunday, than before using it. I have found with Mr. Guy Ellis and Miss Lois HERR HUCE is all that it is advent Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Graham and Wilson, where Mr. Ellis and Miss tised to be, and I do not hesitate in It was the tiniest hat of all, a mere family visited relatives in the An- Wilson were happily married at the the least bit to recommend it to all home of Lake W. Stroup. The groom my friends." Wilson who is another prominent will gladly tell you without any cost

> Mrs. B. B. Moore, son and daugh-Constance did like it. Anybody Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bettis and ter and also Miss Verna Brooks vi- of vanity is the effort to be modest would have liked it, because of the children of Shelby were the week sited the home of Mr. B. B. Mc- about a darned small achievement.

We are sorry to note at this writ- Youth is that wonderful time when The B. Y. P. U. Social Committee ing that Mrs. H. McGinnis has criticism and the weather don't mat-

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well day, but friends who had used HERB JUICE and received great benefit from its use urged me to try it, and I want to say that I have already had more benefit from it than I expected. I have never found anything to equal this wonderful medicine. Before I started taking HERB JUICE I always had a tired, wornout feeling, due, I believe, to an inactive liver, but HERB JUICE seemed to help me from the very first few doses and before I had used the first bottle I felt a great deal better; I continued taking this medicine regularly and after using several bottles, I now feel as though I had never been sick a day in my life. It relieved me entirely of gas pains and indigestion, regulated my bowels to that extent that I am not bothered with constipation and I with Mr. Guy Ellis and Miss Lois HERB JUICE is all that it is adver-

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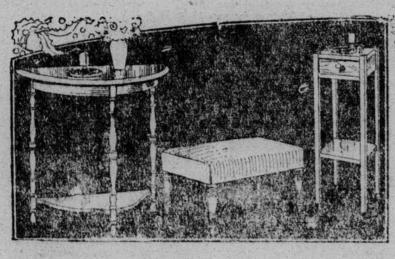
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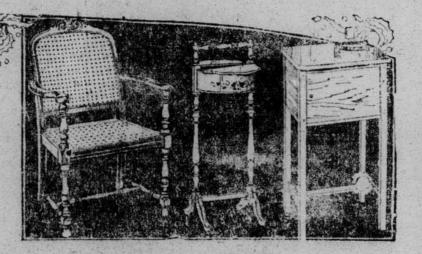
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