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A Fable.

There once lived a girl who was a great theorist. She had theories on housekeeping, diet, education, dress and love, which she took great delight in expounding to her family and friends.

Now, it so happened that, during a sojourn in a distant city, she met a very nice young man who became enamored of her and whose affection she was inclined to return. But as she had a pet theory concerning engagements, she withheld a definite answer to his entreaties that she become his wife, and said:

"Although I love you, I cannot answer you in the affirmative until your affection for me has undergone a test. From what you have told me of yourself, you have associated little with girls. How, then, can you be sure that your love for me will endure? Therefore leave me for one month, during which time no communication shall pass between us; associate with other girls as much as possible, and if at the end of that time your heart is still true to me I shall become yours for all time."

The young man protested and pleaded with all the ardor of love, but the theorist remained firm in her decision. Finally the lover bade her a reluctant adieu, and was off to keep the compact.

The weeks went by and the end of the month came. The theorist, who by this time it must be confessed, had become exceedingly lonesome for the nice young man, attired herself in her most becoming frock and awaited with fluttering heart his coming.

A bounding step was heard on the porch. The theorist sprang to the door. A messenger boy handed her a telegram. It read:

"Test successful. Am engaged. Girl said yes at once. Has no theories."

Moral—A bird in hand often flies out of the window.—Blanche Goodman in Smart Set.

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It ought to be possible for an ingenious milliner to devise some less dangerous method of fixing on the hat than the modern hat-pin. Not only is the hat pin dangerous, but on a windy day the leverage on the roots of the hair when the large and flapping headgear is endeavoring to sail away is one of the causes of headache after a buffeting by the elements.

The southern laundress ties a lump of arrowroot in a thick cotton cloth, and boils it with the fine white pieces to give them a dainty odor more delightful than that from sachet powder.

Dressed kid usually retains its freshness longer and is more durable than suede. The best and most serviceable kid is soft, yielding and elastic.

The shirtwaist is best developed in heavy linen or cheviot. It is plainly tailored without so much as a plait or a tuck in the shoulders, and has only a suggestion of fullness at the waist.

A rather wide button band and a severe folded stock finish the waist. Some models show a patch pocket on the left side, rather high up on the waist.

What Makes a Boy Popular?

What makes a boy popular? Surely it is manliness. During the war how many schools and colleges followed popular boys? These young leaders were the manly boys whose hearts could be trusted. The boy who respects his mother has leadership in him. The boy who is careful of his sister is a knight. The boy who will never violate his word, and who will pledge his honor to his own hurt and change not, will have the confidence of his fellows. The boy who will never hurt the feelings of any one will one day find himself possessing all sympathy.

If you want to be a popular boy, be too manly and generous and unselfish to seek to be popular; be the soul of honor; love others better than yourself, and people will give you their hearts, and try to make you happy. This is what makes a boy popular.—'Apples of Gold.'

As the rifle factory at Quebec, established some little time ago, has proved so successful, it is now proposed that Canada shall make her own cannon. Should this step be taken the Dominion would be practically independent of England so far as the supply of ordnance is concerned. The idea was conceived as a protection in case of an interruption of communication between the two countries.

Sea Water Cure For Consumption.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Sea water as a cure for tuberculosis is advocated by a Paris physician, and his theory is forwarded to the State Department in a Consular report by Consul General Gunth at Frankfort, who furnishes from German papers a report to the effect that Dr. Quinton, of Paris, has recently communicated to the Paris Academy of Medicine with reference to the effects of sea water upon tuberculosis. The experiments were conducted with sea water, which was so diluted with pure water as to contain seven parts of salt in one thousand parts of liquid. Only in this strength sea water should be brought into contact with the inner tissues of the human body.

The sea water must, of course, be sterilized, and is then injected hypodermically once in three or four days in doses of from fifty to three hundred cubic centimetres. So far Dr. Quinton, assisted by another physician, has treated eighteen patients and ascertained the evident immediate reviving effect of the sea water. The patients gained steadily in weight. Only three, in whom the disease had progressed very far, showed no improvement, while in the other fifteen there was a decided improvement.

Life Opportunity.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you meant to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them.

If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them.

I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy.

Let us learn to adore our friends beforehand for their burial.

Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over life's weary way.—Technical World.

Breaking It Gently.

He is a rather serious-minded boy, who has more sense of responsibility than many grown persons. So, when he was sent to his grandmother's to break the news of her aged sister's death, he did so with much gravity and no little self-importance.

"Now, Alfred," his mother said, "you mustn't tell grandma suddenly, because it might shock her, even though she knew Aunt Martha was ill. Tell it to her gently."

"All right," assented Alfred, starting out on his mission with mingled solemnity and eagerness.

Arrived at his grandmother's house, he greeted her with a sober "Hello," and then proceeded to "break the news" by saying:

"Aunt Martha's dead grandma! But you mustn't feel bad, 'cause she was pretty old anyhow. You'll be the next one, I s'pose."

Its Meaning.

From The Houston Post.

"Papa, what is the meaning of the expression 'animated bustle'?"

"Where did you see it used?"

"This story says: 'At the picnic there was all at once an animated bustle.'"

"Oh, some one undoubtedly sat on an ant hill."

Just the Boy for him.

From The Philadelphia Press.

Mr. Goodman: "James, the gentleman you gave as reference tells me you're not very truthful."

Jimmy (the office boy): "Well, say, yer sich a truthful guy yersel' yer need an able-bodied liar like me 'round der place."



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