

LITTLE SHE KNEW HER BIGGEST ASSET

(New York News)

During those first alarming days of universal shrunken assets, a New York resident was abruptly brought face to face with the fact that securities which had supplied a fair income were no longer secure, and that at a time when opportunities for work seemed at lowest ebb, even for the well trained and experienced, she, absolutely untrained in any line of endeavor, was about to join the great army of unemployed.

She laughs now as she says that no punishment could be worse than the agonies she endured when starting to look for work that she could not do—for she knew no more concerning dish washing than she did of acting or selling real estate.

Finally, through a friend she was sent to see an official of high degree in a large banking concern. When she was ushered through the outer rooms rackety with typewriters, adding machines, and all the inventions which accompany modern efficiency, she grew more and more terrified, until by the time she was seated in a big chair in the dignitary's office, she felt of infinitesimal importance;

left alone for a moment or two, she had just decided to dash for the door and make a getaway, when she discovered that her knees would not perform their usual supporting act, so she sank back into the chair, as a large smiling man breezed in and introduced himself.

One glance must have told him that she was panic-stricken—all there seemed to be of her was a pair of enormous pleading eyes.

"Well, now young lady," he said in a friendly and reassuring manner, "what can you do?"

A little thin trickle of a voice reached him.

"Nothing, I really don't know how to do anything, I—"

With a hearty laugh, this kindly man dissipated her fears and then continued, "I think we will start you in the filing department—yes, I remember you said you don't know anything—now you can be sure that is encouraging for I rather feared you might want to come in here and run the business for us!"

Theodore Dreiser's car went off a New Jersey road, through a fence and across a rock garden. It may interest literary fans to know the famed novelist drives as he writes.

Man who doesn't like a belt will give you all the reasons.

SWEDE BOASTS OLD BOOK SHOPS

Upsala, Sweden, Aug. 6—Sweden has many old book stores, the oldest being located in this ancient university city. It is known as Norblad's Book Store, and was founded in December, 1771. The next oldest is in Lund, another historical college town located in southern Sweden. It is called Lindstedt's University Book Store and was opened in 1783.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT EDMONTON

Edmonton, Aug. 6—After shooting his brother George dead in a quarrel in a field on his farm near Ellsboro, Alta., yesterday, William Watt, 48, an old-timer of the district, returned to the house, informed the dead man's family what had happened and then killed himself with a bullet.

The tragedy, it is believed was caused by a dispute about the intended marriage on Thursday of George Watt's 20-year-old daughter, Katharine. It is said that the uncle was opposed to it.

NOVELISTS MAY AGREE WITH HIM

(New York News)

The high school class in English was undergoing a quiz. One question in particular caused much distress to be worried pupils, as it probably would to most people. It was this: "What are the three essentials for a novel?" The bright pupil had been busy on more important personal matters when that vital information was disclosed to the class and he had to draw on his native wit for an answer, so he wrote "Wine, Woman and Song" and passed the examination easily.

YOUNG BOY WAS FATALLY SHOT

Sohwenville, Pa., Aug. 6—Robert Evans, nine years old was shot and killed in his home in Spring Mount, near here yesterday, while he and a brother, Richard, 12, were playing with an old rifle which they found in a bedroom. The bullet entered the child's head.

ALKY TREATMET FOR THE WASP

Baltimore, Maryland, Aug. 6—The home life of the wasp—which most people might be willing to take for granted—can be explained with judicious use of a little alcohol.

Barbara Betz, of the school of hygiene of Johns Hopkins University, is author of the latest approved method. She announces that there are 105 big ones and 297 little ones in the average nest. This figure includes queens (several), workers (17), drones, larvae and pupae.

The method is simple. Miss Betz took a nest and quickly dropped it in a jar of alcohol. A year later she pulled it out. The immediate effect of the alcohol is unknown, but at the year's end the wasps were definitely dead.

The rest was an easy matter. Miss Betz dissected the nest and its 3195 cells, and made her count.

HALTS CAR TO SAVE HAT

(New York News)

When a traffic cop's whistle shrills while the lights are green, some automobile drivers may pay no attention to it, but your New York taxi driver knows his ethics better.

It was an ethical taxi driver who came to a terrifically sudden stop at Forty second street and Broadway under such circumstances, catapulting his two passengers to a squatting position.

He stopped just in time, too. Three inches more and he would have run over the dazzling new straw hat that had blown off some head and landed in his path. When the embarrassed owner of the hat rescued it, the cop smiled his thanks to the taxi driver and motioned him to go ahead.

DESIRE TO PLEASE WELL MEANT

On the fourth floor of an old-fashioned walkup apartment house in one of the rural sections of Greater New York a woman anxiously hovered over the dinner she was preparing for the strange guest her husband was bringing home.

At the same time she worried about her four-year-old son long overdue from the neighborhood playground.

The dumbwaiter signal buzzed. Excitedly she opened the door to the shaft. No groceries were expected.

"Here's your garbage!" a shrill voice came up to her as the ropes began to slap about.

As the dumbwaiter suddenly confronted her and started another spurt on its way to the roof, the distracted mother yanked off her grinning four-year-old.

CUBAN TRADE UNDER STUDY

Havana, Aug. 6—A commercial treaty between Cuba and Canada is under study, according to the magazine Cuba Importadora Industrial.

Volume and value of trade between the two nations has declined steadily in recent years, figures prepared by the magazine show.

Imports totalling \$6,619,148 and exports of \$6,446,823 in 1925 have declined to imports of \$1,681,746 and exports of \$898,619 in 1931.

GERMAN WOMAN RADIO ANNOUNCER

Berlin, Aug. 6—Germany, too, now has a radio woman announcer. The Berlin Broadcasting System has appointed Gertrud von Byserin. She is no novice before the microphone. She has told bedtime stories for children, but is the first woman to become a full-fledged German announcer.

It cost \$300 merely to give a prospective movie actor a screen test; and only one person in a thousand makes good in a screen test.

DOLLAR WHEAT CAMPAIGN OUT IN NORTH DAKOTA

Minot, N.D., July 30—The hold-for-dollar wheat movement in North Dakota was spreading today.

Declaring that they cannot make expenses at present grain prices, farmers have organized to boost the amount of the return they receive for their product.

With Federal estimates that North Dakota's wheat crop in 1932 may be 124,000,000 bushels, one-sixth of the United States total, an increase of one-third or more in the price will mean considerable.

First came the demand of one group that wheat be held for one dollar a bushel. Then followed a resolution at another gathering here urging an embargo on shipments of wheat from North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana until it reached \$1.20 for No. 1 dark Northern at Minneapolis. It now is 61 cents.

Indications are that there would be no official embargo in the three states as requested by the Minot meeting, which 1,200 persons, mostly farmers from 11 counties, attended Friday.

Governor G. F. Shafer of North Dakota and Governor W. E. Green of South Dakota said they had no authority to take such action. A. H. Stafford Montana Commissioner of Agriculture asserted that he would advise Governor J. E. Ericson of that state that the proposal is unnecessary.

Another resolution adopted at the Minot meeting asked the Federal Government to advance \$1 per acre to help harvest crops in northwestern North Dakota, which was affected by last year's drought. From 80 to 90 per cent of the farmers in that section were reported unable to purchase harvest supplies.

The first movement for higher wheat started recently by Dell Willis, Tolna farmer, has spread into several hundred townships. With the producers signing pledges to keep their grain until the dollar level is reached at Winnipeg for the best grades. The holding of wheat would start August 1, and Willis said it would be kept until there was a demand for it at the \$1 minimum.

Willis said that he had received telegrams inquiring about his plan from farmers in Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska.

"We'll have to make higher prices for our products or we'll sink," said Willis. "The situation is serious, with expenses away out of proportion of what we receive in return and we hope to get it."

SURELY NOT TO "PARK"

(New York News)

A truck loaded with lumber pulled up to the gates of Sing Sing and was admitted to the little city beyond the walls. The driver, although it was his first visit, did not feel like a stranger when he saw several other trucks loading and unloading material. He received orders from a guard to dump his load against the wall which was near a driveway. While he was unloading the lumber a truck coming down attracted his attention, and looking up to the driver he said: "I'm sorry to keep you waiting, Bud, but I'll be out of your way in a minute." The other driver, a nonchalant-looking chap, answered smilingly: "That's all right, I'm in no hurry, I'll be here for seventeen more months."

SANDE BREEDING THOROUGHBREDS

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 6—Earl Sande, considered one of the greatest jockeys of all time, who also has tried being an owner and a trainer will branch out as a breeder, according to authentic reports heard here. Sande retired Nassak, for whom he paid \$35,000 after that racer split his hoof, to the Greenwich farm, Lexington, Ky. His first crop of foals are weanlings and Sande will sell them next year as yearlings.



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