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KNIGHTS MAY STILL BE BOLD

(Continued.)
"The law allows twenty," said Gansvoort. "So I guess we're safe, even here, with fifteen."

And at that innocuous, poking rate of speed they entered the flat, stretch—long and level, and as lovely a place to violate the ordinances of man and the laws of nature as the most abandoned speedomaniac could wish.

Suddenly, on the right, they saw two men sitting behind a big maple. "Constables," said Gansvoort.

Another quarter mile, and two more men.

"More constables," said Gansvoort.

The whirring behind them was growing louder and louder. All three looked back. The white car was coming after them at the rate of fully sixty-five miles an hour. The French driver, sitting now on the nape of his neck, was grinning proudly. The fat little man, with whiskers that were no longer white, but instead a dirty grayish-yellow, was pulling his silk hat down over his ears, and otherwise preparing himself to cope with forthcoming events. And Gansvoort grinned.

Suddenly the first two constables appeared before the white car in the roadway and raised warning hands. And just as suddenly the car came to a grinding stop; for the other two constables, with a celerity and deftness gained only by long practice had extended across the road a thick cable and made fast the ends to two large trees.

And then Gansvoort, with great presence of mind, put his foot on the cut-off. When the cut-off is on, you know, the exhaust is so loud that you couldn't hear anything else to save your life—not even a campaign orator.

The minister pronounced the benediction, then bashfully and coyly kissed the bride upon her left side-corn and shook hands with the groom.

Gansvoort was gazing out through the French window into the tumbled glories of a neglected rose-garden.

There was some one wringing his hand, spasmodically. He turned. It was the bridegroom.

"It was awfully good of you, old man," he was saying, over and over again. "Awfully good of you, old man. Awfully good of you, you know."

And suddenly the bride stood before him. There was in her deep, dark, lustrous eyes a moisture that no wind could have caused, and a light that no moisture could extinguish.

With a pretty, impulsive little gesture, she put up her face to be kissed.

"Thank you," she whispered softly. "Thank you, so—so much!"

Gansvoort slowly leaned forward and touched his lips to the pink-and-white dusty forehead. He said no word. And his eyes were out amid the dusky, twilight-ridden glories of the old rose-garden. For sometimes a man—

Gansvoort sat on a plain, wooden chair, in the office of the Board of Selectmen, surrounded by four stout constables.

The telephone-bell rang. One of his guards stepped to the wall and took the receiver from the hook.

"Hello! ...ho? Portchester police? Uh-huh! Got him a'ready? I dunno. They's a warrant out f'r him f'r gran' larceny in Noo York, an' one f'r him here, an' one f'r assault an' bat'ry in Noo York, an' he's wanted f'r violating th' speed ordinances in eleven precincts there an' in Pelham, Noo Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye, Greenwich an' Stamford. A young feller with him, an' a ol' gent who was chasin' him, tried to bail him out—th' ol' gent forgave his daughter, yunno, an' I don't blame him—what's that? Oh, never mind. Well, the jedge can't add up, how much he'd oughter be held in, so we're puttin' him in th' lock-up. All right. Goo-bye."

He returned to Gansvoort. "Come along now, you!" he commanded, with all the conscious dignity of one who personifies the full and utter majesty of the law. "An' yer better come peaceable, too, 'r I'll put th' bracelets on yer."

He stopped. "Where are them handcuffs, anyhow, Bill?" he questioned of one of his conferees.

The latter shook his head.

"I dunno," he returned. "I ain't saw 'em since eighteen ninety-six—an' they wouldn't lock then."

"You won't need them," said Gansvoort. "I'll come peaceably."

The lock-up lies in the same building with the office of the Board of Selectmen. It is under the town hall and just northwest of, and contiguous to, the drug-store.

Through its one high, little, barred window, Gansvoort gazed dappily on the silver sickle of the new moon and the tiny star that winked solemnly at him from beside it.

"And I said Romance was dead!" he soliloquized slowly.

He shook his head.

"She is not dead," he said. "Oh, no, no! She is just sleeping!"

THE END.

HINTS ON CHRISTMAS CANDY MAKING

The baiss of a variety of bobbons is plain fondant, which can be made up several days before using, and kept covered with wax paper. Fondant is not difficult to make it precautions are taken against granulation.

Use a porcelain lined saucepan, with straight sides, and do not stir the syrup while boiling. With a wet cloth keep the sides of the pan wiped clean from granules of the boiling sugar. The ingredients are in the proportion of a pound and a half of granulated sugar to a cup of water. A pinch of cream of tartar may be added to take off the flat sweetness. To test, drop a little of the syrup into ice-cold water: if it forms a soft ball, it has cooked enough. Turn out of the saucepan, without scraping, on to a flat dish. When the mass cools beat with a wooden spatula until it is like stiff cream, then put it on a bread board dusted with powdered sugar, and knead it into a smooth lump. The following recipes have the fondant for basis.

Nut Creams—Mould into fancy shapes fondant flavored according to taste, and place a piece of walnut meat or a blanched almond on top of each piece.

Cocoanut Creams—While the fondant is hot add a small package of shredded cocoanut. Stir until the mixture becomes thick and creamy, mark off in squares.

Pack in a lightly buttered pan and Chocolate Bars—Make fondant with vanilla or any flavor desired, and put a layer about three-quarters of an inch deep in a pan. Mark off in oblong bars after a day or two and dip one side in melted chocolate. A nut or piece of candied fruit may be placed on top if desired.

Grape Creams—Choose fresh white grapes, and with scissors clip them from the bunch, leaving a short stem on each. Melt vanilla flavored or plain fondant and dip the grapes in it, being careful not to loosen the stems, because if the juice escapes, it will soften the fondant and spoil the appearance and flavor of the candy, making it sticky and shapeless. To melt fondant place in a dish, set in another dish of hot water on the stove. Do not let a drop of water get in.

Chocolate Creams—Work into the plain fondant some vanilla extract. Cut off small pieces and mould them with the fingers into small cones. Dipping increases the size, so that

they will not need to be as large before dipping as you wish them to be when finished. Let them get quite hard. Melt two squares of chocolate in a shallow dish set in hot water, while dipping the cones. Drop a fondant ball into the melted chocolate, move about until it is well covered with chocolate, slide a knife under the flat side, lift the chocolate cream out, and place it carefully on waxed paper. Either sweet chocolate or plain may be used, as desired. Do not leave the balls in the hot chocolate any longer than is necessary to give them a complete coating, as they soften easily and lose shape. Dip only one at a time.

Fruit Balls—Candied fruits may be moulded into the centre of balls of fondant, and then dipped in chocolate if desired.

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HINTS FOR PRETTY BEDROOMS

For a room which receives plenty of sun do not choose a shiny paper, but put a dull-finished one. A grey bedroom may sound colorless at first hearing, but one has seen very pretty rooms carried out in this neutral shade.

In one such the walls were tinted a delicate pale grey with a warm tinge in it, and the ceiling, which was brought down to the picture moulding, was white. A paneled effect was given on the wall by means of stencillings in soft shades of lilac and green, thus taking away from any suggestion of monotony.

Grey enamelled furniture further carried out the scheme, and the cushions, bed-spread, curtains and table covers were all of grey linen stencilled in the same hues as the walls, while the rugs that covered the stained grey floor were grey-green in color. The mirror that hung on the wall furnished a note of contrast in its framework of dull gold, and the pictures on the walls completed the harmony in their setting of grey-stained wood and white enamel.

Another excellent scheme for the girl's bedroom may be carried out in the following way:

Walls of soft cream color with a stencil design in soft pinky mauve shades.

Hangings of ashes of roses linen, and furniture of wicker work stained a soft brownish purple.

Bands of cream colored linen with the stencilled designs may be applique on to all the hangings of the room, such as the curtains and cushion covers, and the rugs on the floor may be of soft Oriental colors.

Very charming is a bedroom in the pale shades of the clematis. The walls are colored in the tints of this bloom in its lilac hues, and the woodwork has a grey tone in its depths. Soft lilac curtains, bedspread, covers and cushions in the same shade stencilled in pearl grey would be charming, while the furniture might be carried out in either grey enamel or brown wood. There are delightful cretonnes too, for covers either in the clematis or the wisteria designs and a bedroom practically furnished in cretonne of this type always presents a charming vision.

These schemes of grey and violet are, of course, only suitable for sunny bright rooms, as such tones are not sufficiently warm for a north aspect, but they are certainly less hackneyed than some of the treatments in blues, pinks and white, the three chief hues used for the decoration of a bedroom.

THE OLD RAG CARPET.

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The sitting room opened on Sunday alone.

The big roomy sofa upholstered in horsehair.

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The green paper shades that were hung at the windows.

The round braided rug that was laid at the door.

The album, the vases, the white cotton tidies.

And the breaths of rag carpet that covered the floor—

It was woven not only of linen and woolen.

But with fragments of sorrow and joy and romance;

The lavender silk that was worn to a wedding.

The figured delaine of a maiden's first dance.

A baby's pink frock and the weeds of a widow.

The blue of the coat that a soldier-boy wore.

I knew and I loved every strip that was in it.

The dear old rag carpet that covered the floor—

The good honest carpet, the plain, humble carpet.

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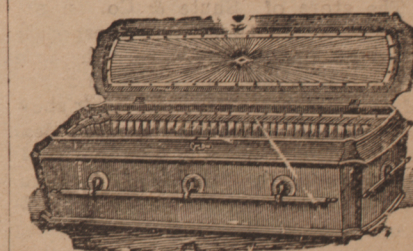
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