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...r 'em myself. This
...ever on seventy-five
...t is getting my goat.

It was the last
his offending check
...d flipped it into her
...e read it and met his eyes
...hen she had finished. "I—I don't know that I blame you much," she said.

They skimmed along for a time, each waiting for the other to speak. When she had made up her mind that he never expected to open his mouth again, she gave in. "And—and how does—the girl—feel about it?" she inquired. "That would make—some difference—of course." Hours passed for her before he replied.

"I—I haven't—asked her—yet," he said hesitatingly.

With a little shiver of relief she sank back in her seat and caught back the smile in her eyes so that he might not see. He went on blustering, manfashion:

"It isn't unreasonable, is it, to want enough to live on decently? I'm not aspiring to plumbers' wages, you know, or anything like that; but hang it, even a teacher's got to live."

She began speaking then and her voice grew softer and fuller as she went on. "I know," she replied. "It's unfair and it probably will be for a long time to come, but you can't have everything, you know, Bob. You have the work you like best in all the world. Not many men can say that."

"I know all that," he said, shaking his head in reply. "I've talked that way to myself, too, but all the same steam-heated apartments in town rent for $50 a month."

"So you have been house hunting?"

He had not even the grace to blush. "Sure!" he exclaimed. "Why shouldn't I? Even a poor devil of a pedagogue can look, can't he?"

She leaned forward, her eyes dancing, but for the moment she felt a little like his mother, nevertheless.

"Boy," she explained slowly and emphatically, "when you're a schoolteacher you don't rent a steam-heated apartment in town; you get a cottage in the country and buy a good second-hand stove. For that matter, all the furniture is second-hand but you needn't look like that—it's nice! You buy a few pieces at a time and put on three coats of paint and then you enamel it and if you want to you paint little flow—"

He could not wait for her to finish. "And for an engagement ring," he jeered, "you buy some pretty little tin thing at the five and ten."

She shook her head defiantly till the red tassel bobbed. "No, you don't! You hunt up that lovely old amethyst ring of your mother's that you once showed to—to me."

He was still stubborn and unconvinced. "And then," he demanded, "when the house is rented and furnished and—and everything—who pays the bills?"

Her patience reached its limit. "Can't you figure out anything for yourself?" she demanded angrily. "Some land goes with the cottage, of course; enough to raise garden truck for the—the family, and besides that you do whatever you can. Raise chickens or rabbits or bees or thoroughbred dogs or mushrooms or anything that sells—how can I tell exactly? Personally, I've made several hundred dollars writing 'deteketif' stories. Maybe your—your wife could do something like that—after the dishes."

The assistant professor of biology began to believe he had died and gone to heaven. He felt as if he were treading on balloons that bore him higher and higher, yet strangely did not break. The prospect of remaining at his work made him giddy enough, but added to that the idea of wife and home was still beyond his rapidly expanding imagination.

"Do you—do you suppose—it could be done?" he demanded, and tried to swallow. The red mouth beneath the red tam-o'-shanter was quivering, but the round little chin was firm. "Of course it could!" she said.

"God!" murmured the assistant professor of biology fervently, I—I almost believe it could, too! And you don't believe I'd be a low-down cad for asking the best little girl in the world to marry me and live like that?" His hands moved forward, eagerly awaiting the touch of the two steady ones that slipped into his own, while the paddle, unnoticed, slid into the water and floated away.

"I—I'm sure you wouldn't," she answered, "if—if you mean—me!"

Move After Death in Family.

Of the inherited rover spirit of the wild people of Davao and their belief that the death of a member of the family is indicative of the will of Allah for them to change their homes, the bureau of forestry says:

"When someone dies in the house built on the land or homestead given to the head of a family, the entire family will move to some other place and in most cases the house is either burned or torn down and the land on which it was built is abandoned for some years. A wild bird of the pigeon family, locally known as alimukon, is the common god or fortune teller of the wild people of Davao. Unless this bird answers favorably to their supplications to go back to the old place, their old abode or abodes are either forever abandoned or left untouched for many years."

Learned Her Lesson.

A friend of ours was a collector for a lodge. His little daughter was in the habit of accepting pennies from the members. Her mother chastised her and told her she must not accept pennies any more. So the next day, when one of the members offered her a penny, she said: "I can't take pennies; I can only take nickels and dimes."—Exchange.

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SEVENTY-FIVE AND BOARD

By M. P. MERRYMAN

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Yellow October sunlight poured through the west windows of the library. Myriad dust particles floated along the slanting sun paths that slid abruptly into shadow at the table's edge. The assistant professor of biology sat humped over a book that lay upon the table before him, but he was not concentrating, at least not upon the text. With a thump of his fist that set the book jumping he raised his head and looked about the big, quiet room.

The assistant professor took off his glasses and rubbed his eyes and stretched. Then he shoved his hands into his pockets, tilted back in his chair and surveyed the shelves of dog-eared volumes opposite him. It gave him an immense satisfaction, this bare, low-vaulted room with its brown walls and solid, brown tables and its rows and rows of books.

The assistant professor pulled out a crumpled bit of paper from his pocket and smoothed it out upon the book, after which he continued to regard it with an expression of ironical amusement. It was a check made out to him for the amount of twelve dollars and fifty cents; a sum he had received in payment of a scientific article which it had taken him two months to write. It was a good article, too, but according to more than one editor "not sufficiently popular in tone."

He had been trying to make a decision. This last contemplation of the scrap of paper in his hand had served to topple the scales. He closed the book with a bang, uncrossed his long legs, rose from the table and ambled down the aisle to the door. Outside he stood for an instant blinking in the strong light. When he closed his eyes they still registered printed book pages. With something of the feeling of a stranger he turned and scuffed along the leaf-strewn path to the lake. Now that there was no longer any doubt about his departure the intimate landscape seemed all at once unfamiliar and different. He felt already detached from it—and sorry.

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The moment the tip of her canoe veered round a bend in the shore line he recognized it and whistled. The assistant professor of English whis- ...answer and waved an undig- ...greeting as her small ... sight.

...Want to come?" she called, invit- ...y.

...ure!"

...ll right! Climb in!"

...e canoe nosed landward and ...hed into the sand. With a lunge ...ch shot the boat into deeper water ... himself miraculously, into the ..., the new passenger embarked ... took charge of the paddle.

...Where to?" he asked.

...Oh, anywhere," she replied and ...iled at him.

...He selected the most distant spot on ...lake, laid the paddle across the ...oe and rested his elbows on it.

..."Takes longer this way," he ex- ...ined.

...She laughed and leaned sideways to ...tch a swirl of red and yellow leaves ...at went scudding along the surface ... the water like a fleet of toy sail- ... oats. The red of her tam-o'-shanter, however, held more fascination for him. At length the leaves whirled out of sight and she settled back in her seat to feast her eyes upon lake and trees and sky.

"I'm so sorry for all the folks who live in cities," she said.

"Why?"

She looked up inquiringly at the question. He had snapped it out so abruptly it puzzled her a little. He had begun paddling, too, furiously.

"'Why?'" she repeated. "Why, because they miss all this!" She waved a brown arm toward the rusting woods that shadowed them. "Wouldn't you hate to miss it?" she queried. The blade in his hand cut a long swath before he answered.

"I—I expect to miss it—after next Sun- ...y," he said.

"You—you mean—?" Her question hung unfinished.

"Yes, I'm going away—to the city," he said dryly with a pucker of his mouth as if even the taste of the words was bitter to him.

"Oh!" She bit her lips and tried to go on speaking naturally, but her brain appeared to be turning somersault—and no words came.

"Yes," he went on dully. "I'm going away. Decker has a fellow here now who can take my place. They've given me these last two days till college opens to decide. Well, I've made up my mind. I'm going to the city to ... a hall bedroom and work in,

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I was quite deaf for some time. We landed at an army aviation field before a lot of ground mechanics and flyers, and if I expected that the removal of my goggles and discovery of my sex was going to make any sensation I was disappointed. D'you think they ran up and shook me by the hand and observed that I was a brave woman?

They did not. A man in overalls came up and I gathered by lip reading and his gestures that we weren't wanted where we were, and to move on down the field and park somewhere else. No newspaper men, no excitement, no cameras. Was this thing to be lost to the world?—Mary Roberts Rinehart, in Saturday Evening Post.

See You Soon.

The other night a girl was asked to leave a dance floor because she was unchaperoned and under eighteen years old, says the Indianapolis News. "She was seventeen years and fifty weeks old, to be exact," says the manager of the floor.

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