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Momentous

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"Squarehead" is a slang phrase or term which originated in Australia and was given to German and Scandinavian immigrants. It is commonly supposed that this term was an outgrowth of that applied to winter wheat, which has close compact ears.

Persimmons

The Japanese persimmon tree will bear when it becomes four or five years old. The time at which the native persimmon reaches the bearing period is variable. Under the most favorable conditions this tree will bear in from four to six years.

Scientific Theory

Because the maps of South America, Australia, India, and the Antarctic continent can be fitted neatly around a map of South Africa, some scientists think it possible that great land masses long ago broke up to form the continents.

Great American

Benjamin Franklin, famous American statesman, diplomat and scientist, died in Philadelphia on April 17, 1790. Franklin was one of the leading patriots during the Revolution and did much toward getting France to help our cause.

Cherry Tree Varieties

The Japanese cherry that blossoms so beautifully does not bear an edible fruit. However, Japan has a cherry tree, native to the mountainous districts of the island, which bears a large and delicious fruit.

Fifteenth Chief Executive

James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States, was born near Foltz, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1791. Buchanan was elected President in 1856. He was active in politics before he was elected.

Early American Journals

The second newspaper to be published in America was the Boston Gazette, founded in 1719. The third was the American Weekly Mercury, founded the same year.

Indecision

The hungry ass who starved to death midway between two haystacks while trying to decide which to eat, has a million human counterparts.—Farm and Fireside.

Simple Explanation

"Some hats cause hair to turn gray," says a writer. The hats belong to the women and the hair to their husbands, who have to pay for them.—Exchange.

Doubtful Start

Perhaps that St. Louis chap who was arrested for tossing a block of concrete at a friend was simply trying to cement the friendship.—Farm and Fireside.

Too Much Greatness

The course of history is strewn with the wrecks of great empires which blew themselves to ruin with their own power.—American Magazine.

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A horse has been known to travel approximately 21 or 22 miles an hour. A horse has made as high as one mile in 1 minute 35½ seconds.

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Behind the Green Curtain

By KATE EDMONDS

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IT WAS a fashionable bazaar at the beautiful country home of the Forbes family, who were keen about charitable affairs. All the world of society was there, among them Boyd Mercer, one of the richest young men in the country, and one of the best! Everybody liked him, and many scheming mothers thought of him as a desirable husband for young daughters, or, possibly, daughters not so young! Boyd had met a thousand girls, and not one had raised more than a thrill of admiration in his stony heart.

Boyd was here today at the Forbes charity bazaar, and as usual he was wandering around, finding friends and a welcome at every turn. He bought flowers and distributed them to older women, he bought sweets, which he also distributed. He took all sorts of chances and had phenomenal luck, and then, suddenly bored, he wandered off by himself, admiring the soft lighting of the different gay tents.

In one tent he found the smell of fresh violets and was not surprised to discover a great crystal bowl filled with the purple flowers. Within this tent a pale green curtain separated the crystal gazer from her clients, who waited in the outer part of the tent until they were summoned behind the curtain where the "seance" took place. Boyd stood there in the outer tent, gazing down at the bowl of violets, and hearing the sound of a gentle voice nearby. Suddenly he was aware that it must be the voice of the crystal gazer and he listened eagerly, shamelessly, for he was fascinated by the sweetness of the tone with its occasional lift. Then the voice ceased and he heard a girl's soft laughter, and a merry good-by, then utter silence. At last, a slim mulatto girl in swathings of eastern draperies glided toward him and salaamed. Then as she straightened herself, she swept one arm in a graceful gesture inviting Boyd to enter behind the second green curtain.

Boyd found himself in the presence of a woman, a straight, slim figure, clad in a long medieval gown of jade green with the lower part of the face hidden in a swathing of white.

The woman lifted such wonderful eyes to Boyd Mercer that for the first time in his carefree bachelorhood, he felt a peculiar agitation in the region of his heart. "Hold it!" he told himself savagely, "the rest of her face is most likely hideous. Eyes are deceiving."

"Eyes are the windows of the soul," came the lilting voice of the woman in green, as she sank into a straight, high-backed chair that was a fitting throne for her medieval figure. Her voice had followed so swiftly upon his mental conclusions, that it was just as if she had read his mind.

As she pulled toward her on the green-covered table a crystal ball, she looked up and caught his intense gaze with the snare of her unusual eyes. Then she dropped them swiftly and murmured, "Now, I will gaze into the heart of the future and read fortune's gifts for you."

"Well done," Boyd was thinking. "Very well done. I should like to know that girl."

"Deep in the well of silence lie the great secrets. Think not—concentrate on nothing—the future will be revealed," came the voice of the crystal gazer.

Boyd lost himself in thoughts of what she was doing, gazing deep, deep, into the crystal's heart. He sat tensely trying to think about nothing—a difficult task for an amateur. Then came the voice again, strange, faraway, as if her mind was in the future and her voice was in sympathy with it. "You have wealth—all the wealth of the world could not make you richer if you were not the poorest man in the world! You have not the love of any woman who is not related to you—you have looked in countless eyes—and looked away. Always you will be alone, surrounded by friends who are fond of you. Your face is here in the crystal, but you are always alone. Fame you may have, for you are talented. Go forth and seek the love of a woman for no fortune teller can tell the fate of a man who—"

Noiselessly Boyd Mercer crossed the rug and stood on the other side of the table. He, too, leaned over the crystal gazer's great ball and their faces were reflected together in the dark surface.

"Who says that I cannot love, oh, gazer of crystals! Tell me who you are in real life, where you have been all your days that I have never met you before?"

At the sound of the tension in his subdued voice, the crystal gazer sighed deeply, then murmured lightly, "I have always lived in California. When my people took a trip around the world they left me with your cousin, Mrs. Hilton, who was my godmother! I am Grace Allen. Your interview is over, sir. A silver dollar for sweet charity's sake!" And then the brown maid was bowing him out, perhaps with subdued laughter in her eyes.

Of course, Boyd Mercer sought and found his cousin, Myra Hilton, and heard about her friend, the crystal gazer. And later, when Grace Allen came from her tent, laughing, radiantly lovely, she held Boyd's cold heart in the hollow of her little warm hands. And she never gave it back to him!

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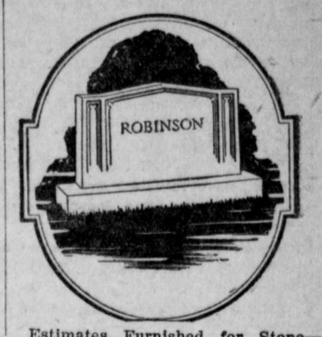
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