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Ordered this 13th day of November, 1929, that the sale made and reported by George W. Sutton, Treasurer of Kent County in the year [illegible] of the real estate described in the foregoing Report of Sale and assessed to Robert Towson heirs for taxes for the year 1924 be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 20th day of January, provided a copy of this order be inserted as an advertisement in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County once a week for the space of four successive weeks before the 16th day of December, 1929.

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THE AUTHOR'S WIFE

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GROVER KING, bachelor, was interested in just two things in life. One was keeping the taxes as low as he possibly could—that being his sole reason for bothering to be the president of the school board of district 63 year after year. The other thing was the matter of being punctual. He always said the reason he had never married was that women always kept a man waiting. He said that by nature they were unpunctual or tardy or indolent or plain lazy, whichever way one wished to put it. Grover King himself was never late. If he called a school board meeting for half past seven in the evening he planned to arrive not later than a quarter past the hour so that when the clock struck he could also strike his gavel and start proceedings. The proceedings that he liked best of all to start were any and all items of business that pertained to the spending of moneys for large things like school equipment or the new school building, which every one in the district wanted in a half-hearted fashion. But when Grover King started to talk about the horrible, life-crushing taxes that would be laid upon them if they voted the bonds through and built the new school it was small wonder that the pedal extremities in the district grew, if not cold, at least chilly.

So the years went along until Grover King was in his thirties. One by one the school teachers had either married or left to teach in schools where buildings were newer and the equipment more plentiful. The teachers had, without exception, cast glances at Grover King, for he was handsome and young and very well to do even though he didn't want to pay high taxes. But being young and heedless they always proved to him in one way or another that they were unpunctual and their charms were gone for Grover King.

Then Persia West took the school. She was almost thirty but not quite. Her coming brought no quiver of interest to the heart of Grover King. He was weary with the sameness of young school teachers. The very first day she said that the children needed more playground equipment.

"But that costs money," he objected.

She laughed. "So it does. Of course. Everything costs more or less in one way or another. And it isn't for me, you know! I have no intention of swinging in the swings nor using the trapeze nor even sliding down the long chute. I never had such equipment when I was a child. I lived in a city and we just had a cinder playground. But they do have such things nowadays and I want children to have them."

Grover King remained adamant. He was surprised that she clung so persistently to the idea. As a rule the school teachers had always relinquished any idea immediately when they saw that it was out of harmony with his ideas.

"Then it means a play," she said wearily. "Can you write a play or a pageant, Mr. King?"

He stammered. This was quite out of his line, but he hated to admit any defeat. "I could do a play much better than a pageant," he said guardedly.

"Good!" she accepted. "We'll begin rehearsals as soon as you let us have the manuscript. I always find home talent plays go so well when the writer, too, is home talent. If we get enough from this first one for the equipment we may branch out and put up the new school with play money. It's certain the children will appreciate a school they have helped build that way."

How he struggled through the play only he knew. It wasn't, truth to tell, much of a play when it was completed. But he was proud of it. He felt that if it had the proper lighting and costuming and a lilting song or two added it would go on Broadway. He attended rehearsals regularly. He helped paint the scenery and write the bills.

"We'll let no one in who is not on time," suggested Persia West. "That's the way the best concert companies are doing. Those who pay their money and are punctual should enjoy the first of the show without being disturbed by the swishing in of late comers."

She was a girl after his own heart. He agreed that she was right, absolutely and unequivocally right. They printed this statement on the bottom of every ticket.

The ticket sale far surpassed any ticket sale ever held in the township. A week before the affair was to be held they had to hire the opera house in order to have enough seats. Grover King was as excited as a bride on the marriage morn. He went to the barber and had a hair cut, a facial, and an oil rub—all of it. Then he decided that perhaps a turkish bath would settle his nerves. After that he was so sleepy he took a nap, just a little nap he promised himself, to put in the four hours before the play would start.

But alas, and alack, as the fairy stories used to say, Grover King fell asleep and slept—Grover King, the punctual—five hours.

He fairly ran all the way to the opera house. A strange man had taken tickets and was now drearily counting them over. Grover King threw down his pasteboard and started to fling his way into the darkened house. His play!

"Not late comers admitted," snarled the ticket man.

There were words.

"I wouldn't admit the author himself," said the man finally. "It says so on the ticket and the lady teacher was most particular on this point. She said the president of the school board said so, too."

"But I am the author," said King.

The ticket man only laughed and waved him away. King was large enough to have forced his way in but there would have been a scene. People would have laughed.

"I'm the president of the school board," he went on.

Again the ticket man laughed scornfully. "Now I'll tell one," he said with mirth at the old and well-loved joke.

King went outside and watched the play as best he could from a tall window ledge. It was a good play and the night air being crisp stimulated King. To be sure he was uncomfortable crouching there on the window ledge. But after a while he had to laugh at the situation. Prompt? Punctual? Well, he was hoist by his own petard. He could see Persia West from his side view of the stage. In the wings she gave all the help that could be given and his play was a success. She was, he remembered, the only teacher who had ever followed her own convictions when his were not identical. They were calling for the author now and King had to call in at the window to be admitted.

When he finally got inside the building and went out on the stage he dragged by the hand an unwilling teacher, Persia West. There were glances and comments. King was content. If only Persia's ideas would coincide with his—he worried about that.

He didn't need to, though. Persia was already making plans for him to write a Broadway success. And she—why, she was going to be the author's wife!

Luscious Papaya Draws Encomiums From Cobb

Giving credit where credit is due, I must own up that under the shingled mansards of the hotel in Panama City I made the acquaintance of the papaya. I met it there and immediately contracted an affection for it which lingers with me yet.

Impious slanderers have dubbed it an edible gourd, which is a deliberate insult. It is a smooth-faced melon-like thing that grows on a tree. If it be of the papaw breed, as naturalists assert, only a sense of restraint deters me from referring to it as the heavy sugar papaw of the Southland. It is greenish or yellowish without, and within it is salmon pink meaty lusciousness and little, beady black seeds.

Science may have its say about the papaya's evolution and ancestry, but I prefer to appraise it according to a softer, more sentimental theory of my own. I claim it is a love-child.

Once, long eons ago, beneath the ardent tropic moon, some lusty cantaloupe led astray a trusting sapodilla. Dear, yielding, rosy-cheeked papaya, which takes after both its parents, was the outcome.

Eaten at the beginning of a meal, it is an appetizer of merit; eaten at any stage of the meal, it is a prime digestive, since it is rich in pepsin. It hops right in and digests whatever else you put in your hoppers; that's what they say for it.

And the taste of it! The mango, to which it may be distantly related, tastes like turpentine when it doesn't taste like scented soap, and the common papaw smells like a sanitary barber and frequently acts up among your insides like the wrath to come; but with the papaya, pretty is as pretty does, and it certainly does sit mighty gracefully on the tum-tum after leaving the palate with its fragrant juices all the way down.—Irvin S. Cobb in Hearst's International Cosmopolitan.

Macaroni Chinese Dish?

Macaroni appears to have been the invention of the Chinese. It was introduced into Europe by the Germans from whom the Italians learned of it. By the Fourteenth century they were the only people enjoying it. The method of manufacturing it was held a great secret. Later, however, this secret leaked out to a cook in France, and it is recorded that Louis XIII was induced to order it in an inn in Tours. He was so favorably impressed that he had his own cook study the method of preparation.

Needle in History

The needle was known in very ancient times, its invention being ascribed by the ancients to the goddess Beltona. The earliest instruments of the kind were fashioned of wood or fish bones, and did not have the eye, but were used after the manner of the awl. The Babylonians, Egyptians and Phrygians did embroidery. In Pompeii both ordinary and surgeons' needles have been found. The Chinese appear to have been the inventors of steel needles.

Good-By, Nurse!

Her husband had just come home and had his first meeting with the new nurse, who was remarkably pretty.

"She is sensible and scientific, too," said the fond mother, "and says she will allow no one to kiss the baby while she is near."

"No one would want to," replied the husband, "while she is near."

The nurse was discharged.

Those Days Are Past

In the mid-Victorian era there was an Anglican bishop who was noted for his dislike of confirming young women. A discreet inquiry on the subject produced the explanation that it was the profusion of hairpins in the heads of feminine candidates which was responsible for his reluctance—or, as he put it himself, "I take the lads, but I leave the young porcupines to my horn-handed suffragan."—The Churchman.

Feminine Habit

"What is a good cure for absent-mindedness?" asked a man of his doctor friend.

"Why, are you absent-minded?" the physician retorted, laughing at the question.

"No," said his friend, "it's my wife. The poor dear makes the strangest mistakes. I gave her a $20 bill the other day with which to buy me some shirts and she came home with some shoes for herself."

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Meat Made Tender by Juice of Tropical Tree

The toughest beefsteak may be rendered as tender and delicious as the choicest porterhouse if one will carry with him wherever he dines a bottle of papaw tree juice and rub it on his meat. The papaw is a peculiar tree of northern South America and other tropical regions, where the natives use its juice in this way to improve their meat. It also has a number of other peculiarities, says a bulletin issued by the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

The papaws are definitely divided into two sexes, with distinct characteristics, whereas in most plants and trees each individual is equipped to reproduce itself alone, possessing both the male and female organs. Among the papaws, of which there are some twenty-seven species, the male and female flowers are produced on separate trees, the male flowers occurring in long scattered racomes, and the female ones in short, small bundles.

Another peculiarity of the papaw is that the juice of the plants contains fibrine, a substance which so far as known exists elsewhere only in animal flesh. This, however, cannot be regarded as establishing a link between the animal and vegetable kingdoms in the chain of evolution, botanists declare.

Applause for Workers in Physical Research

I salute the workers in physical research as the poets of today. It may be that they do not write in verse, but their communications are of such lively interest that they are on the front pages of our newspapers and command space in agricultural periodicals. They appeal to the imagination of us all. They contribute the warming glow of inspiration to industry, and when industry pulls their ideas down from the heavens to the earth and harnesses them for practical service, it, too, feels that it is an important actor, not only in the makings of things but on the larger stage of the human spirit. There may be enough poetry in the whir of our machines so that our machine age will become immortal.—Owen D. Young.

Romantic Love Is on the Wane

There will always be soul chemistry holding a particular man and woman together long after surface attractions have been outworn. The great trouble with the Victorians was that they often deified the surface attractions, and thought because they were thrilling to brown eyes that they were drawing close to a kindred soul. They reverenced thrills so highly, too, that our grandmothers believed romantic love would settle automatically all life's problems. If we moderns adopt a more challenging attitude toward the thrill and if we acknowledge that no other human being, no matter how close, can solve life for us we are that much nearer to saying, "The Kingdom of God is within."—Corinne Lowe in Pictorial Review.

For Boyish Uplift

The Catholic Boys' Brigade of the United States is a nationwide union of individual branches guided by national and regional headquarters in doing preventive work among all types of boys by means of organized recreation and modern social work. Its organization is semi-military, but not militaristic. Its recreational and social meetings are not religious and are open to all boys without distinction as to creed or color. Although operated by Catholics, according to its own principles, it is not sectarian in its social work.—Washington Star.

Originator of Income Tax

It is a curious fact that income tax was "invented" by an Oxford don, Dr. Henry Beeke, a fellow of Oriel college, who afterwards became dean of Bristol. Beeke was professor of modern history at Oxford, though his real forte was finance, and he frequently assisted Vansittart with the budget during that statesman's long tenure of the chancellorship of the exchequer. Disgruntled taxpayers will learn with grim satisfaction that Doctor Beeke came to a sad end. He died in exile at Torquay, whither he had fled for refuge from the "Bristol riots" at the time of the first Reform bill.—London Times.

Death for Selling Tobacco

China was introduced to tobacco early in the Seventeenth century, but it was not long before its use was prohibited by imperial edict and decapitation prescribed as a penalty for anyone who clandestinely hawked it, writes Dr. Berthold Laufer, curator of anthropology at Field Museum of Natural History.

The edict proved unenforceable and soon was rescinded, because of the general disregard accorded it by nobles and commoners alike, and because tobacco had been adopted as a remedy for colds in the army, unexcelled by any other remedy with which the Chinese then were acquainted—Detroit News.

The Lapse

A woman of intellectual tastes found it difficult to collect all the facts she wished to remember. She therefore secured the services of a memory system expert.

Scarcely had the expert taken his departure, after a successful first lesson, when a loud double-knock was heard at the front door.

"Who was that, Mary?" the woman inquired of her maid, when the latter returned from answering the knock.

"Oh, if you please, ma'am," said Mary, "it was the memory man; he forgot his umbrella."

Humanity Facing Changes

An eastern doctor is greatly alarmed lest the use of automobiles do away eventually with the legs of the human race. The prospect is quite terrifying. And then, too, there is the vacuum cleaner, that has rendered the beating of rugs and carpets no longer necessary, and this may in time do away with the arms of the human race. It seems more than likely that we shall hardly recognize ourselves 50,000 or 60,000 years from now.—Exchange.

Says Powdered Glass Safe

Exploding the stories that the Borgias and other notorious poisoners of history mixed finely powdered glass in food and drinks for their victims, Dr. Roche Lynch recently demonstrated to the Medico-Legal society of London that this supposedly deadly material usually passes through the human digestive system without causing death or even doing serious damage. Danger lurks in larger pieces of glass with sharp edges, he added.

Artificial "Sun" for Horses

Thoroughbreds in a racing stable near Chicago receive ultraviolet-ray treatments every day, as it is believed that they need artificial sunlight when the natural supply is unavailable, as much as do human beings, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. A short exposure to the special lamp is said to give an effect equivalent to that from a whole day in the sun. The treatment is of special benefit in winter, when the animals are confined indoors.

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