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THE small concert hall was decorated elaborately. Ruth Meade was coming to sing for her home people. As Mrs. Cook observed: "It wasn't every day in the year that a widely known singer honored a small town by her presence, and when in a way she belongs to us, it is up to us to show her how we appreciate her coming."

Every one was enthusiastic. "Welcome" in big letters was placed over the entrance door.

But Mrs. Reed, whose bank account was decidedly larger than that of any one else present, demurred: "I call it ridiculous to fuss so much. Every one knows she was an ordinary little school girl here."

Several women began to speak at once. "One does not remember that now, dear Mrs. Reed—one only realizes our good fortune in getting Miss Meade to come." Another said: "My dear, you have heard her sing, as I have, and you know how perfectly glorious her voice is. We shall be the envy of the whole county; this place will be packed."

Mrs. Reed sniffed: "For my part, I wonder at her coming, knowing how well she will be remembered."

Mrs. Cook swung around, with little sparkling glints in her eyes. "Ruth Meade is honoring us by coming, and she said she was glad to come. Mother had the kindest letter from her, and she says her fiance is motoring her down. He is a highly respected young man."

There was a triumphant note in Mrs. Cook's voice as she murmured to a friend: "That will give her something to think about!"

She was right. Mrs. Reed went home in a temper. She had many times heard Ruth Meade sing, and her son had fallen in love with the girl. He, who had never in his life been refused anything, had been refused by Ruth. Knowing how the young singer had been taken up by the best people, Mrs. Reed had so far humbled her pride as to call and plead for her son.

At first she praised and flattered, but finding she made no headway, she said: "I called because I thought you were so much honored by my son's offer, you dared not accept him. Remembering that your mother once worked in my home, I was not surprised."

The only answer she received was: "I cannot marry your son because I do not love him."

And now it was explained! The little minx had aimed for some one well known and wealthy. But it was unwise for her—most unwise—to bring her fiance here! There was something very unpleasant about Mrs. Reed's expression at that moment.

In the early evening a big car slowly wound its way along the town streets. "Oh, Roger, it seems ages since I saw my little home town. Let us drive slowly. Oh, here is our home!"

A small house peeped out from between fruit trees, the fence covered by roses. Big bushes of lilacs were close by the door.

The girl's blue eyes were suddenly suffused with tears. "Mother planted those bushes. She loved flowers—"

A strong hand grasped hers sympathetically.

By the time they reached the concert hall she was laughing again. "Oh, Roger, this is the first place I sang in. How happy I am to come again."

Then she saw the big "Welcome" over the door.

They led her into the small dressing room to remove her wrap, and some of them who remembered her when she was a little girl, long before a rich woman took her away to have her voice trained, came to greet her.

When she stood before them on the tiny platform they mentally rubbed their eyes at the beauty and simplicity of her.

She felt she must give them her very best, these dear country people. She must not once let herself wish to see her mother's little, upright figure seated before her. If she did she would break down.

The hall was indeed "packed" and every breath was still as her voice rose. She sang the songs they knew and loved, but never, never, had they heard her sing like this. A wild bird seemed to be imprisoned in her throat and the notes swelled and poured forth and held them spellbound.

Mrs. Cook glimpsed the expression in the eyes of the man Ruth was going to marry, and was satisfied. Mrs. Reed saw the same look. "He won't be so proud of her presently," she thought.

But the others could not see anything properly, for she was singing "Home, Sweet Home," and they knew the words came from her heart.

At the end they crowded around her, and it was then she saw Mrs. Reed and caught her meaning glance at Roger Burton. She felt sick at heart. Roger was not a snob but, after all, she was only a poor, country girl. She had not before realized what it meant. Her face flamed. Did that woman think she was ashamed of her own mother?

Impulsively she stepped up to the platform again and held out her hands to them appealingly. "Just one minute more, please," she cried. "Before I go I must thank you for your kindness to me—for my mother's sake and for my own. You must realize what it would have meant to me to have had her with me to[illegible]." Her trembling lips would [illegible] the words come for a moment, then she continued bravely. "She must come before your eyes at this minute as she comes before mine—so brave, so clean and always so busy. Tired but ever cheerful. Working at menial tasks but always wearing a smile. And you know how very poor was my home life."

There were many wet eyes when she finished. Her eyes turned to Mrs. Reed, whose face turned crimson, then Ruth gathered up a great bunch of roses that had been handed her at the end of the recital and left the stage.

The whole hall arose and cheered and Mrs. Cook invited Ruth and her fiance to her home.

Roger Burton spoke up immediately: "We should love to; you people have a beautiful spirit—something fine to see."

And the very first minute Ruth and Roger were by themselves, Roger said: "Dear one, I loved you before, but I adore you now that you have been so brave. And"—his voice grew very soft—"you must let me take a few of your roses as my offering of thanks to your little mother—for yourself."

No Immediate Danger of Women Losing Toes

Speaking in London, Dr. Norman Lake told the English Society of Chiropodists that women are gradually losing their toes. High-heeled shoes, he said, distribute the weight of the body in such manner that certain parts of the foot tend to atrophy; thus in the future women's feet will become "a large mass of bones with a few little appendages as toes." And if this should come to pass it would be far from an unmixed calamity. Women without toes would certainly get more wear out of silk stockings, as they would have no toenails to make holes in the toes, and right there would be a saving for the average family of about $6 a week. But whether it will come to pass it extremely doubtful. Doctor Lake is probably an excellent chiropodist, but only an indifferent biologist.

The laws of biology being what they are, no matter how many women wear high-heeled shoes or in other ways mistreat their feet, their children will be born with ten perfect toes, each liking to be tickled, each forming a separate bead in My Mother's Rosary. To suppose otherwise is to run squarely against the facts of acquired characteristics, which are that no case has ever been discovered where the offspring inherited characteristics acquired by the parent. No matter how many legs a soldier has shot off in the war his little boy always has two. This is the rock on which the evolutionary hypothesis has so far pounded itself to pieces; for while it is quite easy to see how an ape could lose his tail in the course of an active simian life, it is very hard to see how he could transmit the loss of that tail to his son, and thus father a man. So things look very bad for the race of toeless women, and the price of silk will probably remain high for a long time to come.

It is interesting, though, to learn that the English foot doctors have remained chiropodists, instead of becoming pediatrists, as have their American colleagues.—New York World.

Made Mark as Inventor

Among the vast numbers of ingenious inventors whose mark is the heritage of today, a prominent place must be conceded to Thomas Newcomen, who invented the atmospheric steam engine.

Newcomen died in London on August 5, 1729. His first engine was erected in 1712, the outcome of the application of the physical discoveries of the Seventeenth century. Newcomen learned the trade of an ironmonger at Exeter and afterward had a business of his own.—Nature Magazine.

Great Empire's Downfall

The decline of the Roman empire is considered to have begun about the year A. D. 180 and it continued for about three centuries. In the year 476 the empire ended when the Goths, the Visigoths, the Vandals and the Huns took possession of its territories and dethroned the emperor. There were other causes of this downfall besides the inroads of the barbarian hordes, such as civil wars and internal disorders, weak rulers, degeneracy of the people through luxury, etc.

Water Not Drawn by Sun

The sun does not pull water vapor up. Water is just evaporated by heat (this heat comes directly or indirectly from the sun), and thus made a portion of the air. It then is mixed with the atmosphere by diffusion, convection and the stirring caused by the winds. The rays of light which are perceptible are merely rays from the sun to the earth, made visible because the sun is shining between clouds, showing up the dust and particles floating in the air.

Have We One?

Daughter—The preacher just 'phoned and said he was coming to call this afternoon.

Mother—Gracious, we must make an impression; give baby the hymn book to play with.—Congregationalist.

A Larger Order

Jim—Where will we eat today, John?"

John—Let's eat up the street.

Jim—No, I don't like asphalt.

Showing General Knox in Diplomatic Light

One thing about the World war: little or nothing has been said about the soldiers going hungry. In this department, at least, the old hardships seemed to have been successfully eliminated. In contrast, one recalls Washington at Valley Forge.

The plight of the Continental army became so desperate that Washington finally sent General Knox and Captain Sargeant to explain their condition to congress.

It was said that General Knox [illegible]erously proportioned [illegible]ened that Captain Sargeant was far from wearing tatters. A member of congress noted this and remarked that in spite of the tale of starvation and rags he had seldom noted a gentleman so fat and one so well dressed.

"It is true," said General Knox, "for out of respect, the choice was made of the only man who had an extra ounce of flesh and the only one who had a whole suit of clothes."

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Old English Law Made Churchgoing Compulsory

Golfers, picnickers, Sunday autoists would be out of luck if an old English law were in force today. The act of uniformity, 1552, required:

"All persons, except those dissenting from the worship or doctrines of the Church of England and usually attending some place of worship not belonging to the Church of England, are, if they have no lawful or reasonable excuse for absence, to endeavor to attend their parish church or accustomed chapel, or, if reasonably prevented from so doing, some other place where the divine service of the Church of England is performed, on all Sundays and other days ordained and used to be kept as holy days, and to abide there orderly and soberly during the time of common prayer, preaching or other divine service there performed."

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