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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 30th, 1902.

"All hinges on the Philippine Bill," said Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee, Saturday, when I asked him the probable date of the adjournment, and it is no exaggeration to say that the attention of every member of congress is centered on that measure. The House passed its 07th bill on Thursday by what was practically a party vote, but one republican voting with the democrats. On Friday, the conference committee began its work and on Saturday a number of differences between the House and Senate bills had been adjusted. Some, there are, who predict that the conferees will report today a settlement which will meet with the approval of both bodies and permit of adjournment to-morrow noon, but the more conservative anticipate that adjournment will not be taken before Wednesday or Thursday. That Congress will remain in session until after the 4th of July no one anticipates.

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The currency provision, the House having legislated for a gold standard in the Philippines and the Senate having continued the currency on the present silver basis, is giving the conferees the greatest amount of trouble, but the provision of the House that there shall be established a Filipino legislature, whereas the Senate provides only for a census which is to be made the basis for establishing a legislature at some future period, is almost equally difficult of adjustment. It is expected that other bills in conference will be reported this noon and the Sergeant-at-Arms will have difficulty in maintaining a quorum in the House from day on as there is a very general desire on the part of the members to spend Independence Day at their homes.

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Apart from the bill establishing the Appalachian Forest Reserve there has been little important legislation in either chamber since the passage of the Philippine Bill.

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The Appalachian bill, as passed by the Senate, carries an appropriation of \$10,000,000 and requires the Secretary of Agriculture to file with Congress a plat of the land he proposes to purchase. The bill will not come up for action in the House at this session, although the House Committee on Agriculture has considered it and has determined to report it favorably early in the next session.

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The Immigration Bill passed by the House will also wait action until the Short Session. The Senate Committee on Immigration reported the bill favorable and there is little doubt that it will pass but the time intervening between now and adjournment is not considered sufficiently long to permit of proper consideration of so important a measure. The Senate Committee threw out the provision of the Senate bill which prohibited the sale of liquor in the Capitol on the ground that the amendment was not germane to the subject. In a previous letter I intimated that the House counted on such action by the Senate when it accepted the amendment and subsequent events have justified the prediction.

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On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Admiral Dewey appeared before the Philippine Committee and furnished valuable and interesting testimony in regard to the taking of the city of Manila and the subsequent initiation of the Philippine Insurrection. The Admiral maintained that from the first he regarded Aguinaldo as merely an adventurer and that he considered his object in coming to the islands as a pacifist, his purpose being personal gain. In reply to a question from

Dewey, had afforded assistance to a man whom he regarded as no better than a thief, the Admiral replied that "all's fair in war." The testimony reveals a certain amount of unwritten history which Admiral Dewey admitted he had not made public because he had intended to incorporate it in a book which he expected to publish "some day."

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A recent decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia places the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands in a somewhat equivocal position. They are, according to the decision of the court, men without a country. It seems that one Antonio M. Opisso, a native Filipino, petitioned the court to permit him to file a declaration of his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, but the Department of Justice rendered the opinion that the Court had no power to take such action because, pending the action of Congress, the government of the United States could not recognize a Filipino as a citizen of any country. The Philippines not coming under the head of any government recognized by the government of the United States. This being the case it would naturally follow that the citizen of the Philippines has no legal existence and any infringement of his rights by a foreign government could not be made the basis of a demand for indemnity by the United States. The situation is certainly peculiar and is probably without precedent in the history of civilized nations.

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Acting Secretary of State Hill, by the direction of the President, has already commenced negotiations with Senor Quesada, Minister from Cuba, looking to the formulation of a reciprocal treaty with the island. This treaty will be completed and presented to the Senate early in the Short Session. With a view to securing the prompt ratification of the treaty, the President will accept invitations to speak in those states whose congressional delegations have opposed his Cuban policy and will strongly advocate relief of Cuba by means of a reciprocal treaty. Mr. Roosevelt believes, according to my informant, who stands very close to the administration, that in this way he will be able to establish so strong a sentiment in favor of Cuban reciprocity that he will meet with less opposition when Congress convenes in December.

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The engrossed copy of the Panama Canal Bill is now at the White House and requires only the signature of the President to become a law. The necessary treatment with Colombia is already drafted and the State Department has received assurances from the French government that it will do all in its power to facilitate the transfer of the canal from the French company to the United States. Mr. Roosevelt has himself expressed to recent visitors the greatest confidence in regard to the construction of the canal and it is assumed by some that he already has advised in regard to the title which dispose him to believe that he will find no flaw therein when he subjects it to more careful scrutiny.

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News of the Week.

Chips Picked up Around Town and Vicinity.

NOTICE

Hereafter all matter for publication and copy for advertisements must reach this office by Thursday morning.

Albert Burge, wife and child, of Mason City, Iowa, arrived in this place the fore part of the week to spend a few days visiting with Mr. Burge's parents and old time friends.

The finest line of paints in town on the Big Store.

R. C. Saunders horse took a lively run the fore part of the week throwing Mrs. Saunders out of the buggy. The buggy was pretty badly wrecked, but aside from this there was no damage done, except leaving Mrs. Saunders a severe shaking up.

When you buy seeds, buy the best. The best is the cheapest, and you get the best at Madden's.

When in need of an up-to-date hair-cut, call on the new barber, Carl Boyley, in the rear of the Connor building.

Buy an Iowa Dairy Cream Separator. It will facilitate your labors.

Miss Hazel Stone, of St. Peter, arrived in this place the latter part of last week to spend a couple of weeks visiting her sister, Miss Marion Stone, our popular music teacher.

Leona's Oranges and Choice Candy at the Drug Store.

Michael Hurley, who has been taking a post graduate course at Yale law school for the past year, returned home Monday afternoon.

If you want a good dinner or supper the 4th of July call on the ladies of St. Mary's church, in the Miller block.

Get your fishing tackle and base ball goods at the Drug Store.

Miss Grace Pangerl, who has been working in the southern part of the state for the past few months, returned home the fore part of the week.

Smoke Soubrosa de Cigar.

H. W. Daley and Jas. O'Riley, of Hannock, Minn., were in this place the fore part of the week. Mr. Haley is the gentleman that purchased some time ago the Lambert farm occupied by Rev. H. Taylor, and will move onto the same either this fall or next spring.

During their stay here this week Mr. O'Riley purchased the farm of John Boesch about two miles southwest of this place on the Branswick road and will also move up in the fall.

See the beautiful line of dress skirts at the Big Store.

The members of the local base ball club wish to thank Pine town for the use of their grader and John D. Wilcox and Jonas Gray for the half day's work they gave with their teams, also Andrew Burger, who took his team from the work of cleaning up the site of his new mill, and kindly donated their services to fixing up the ball ground, Saturday afternoon.

If you want to have good bread, buy your flour at Madden's.

P. S. Murray spent the fore part of the week in Stillwater and the twin cities.

Buy people supplies at the Big Store.

Miss Hyman Kenna and three children left on the noon train Monday for the west. They will meet Mr. Kenna at Missoula, Mont., and stay a few days with him and then go on to Tacoma, Wash., where Mrs. Kenna has a sister living, and spend a couple months on the Pacific coast.

Ladies, your attention is called to the new line of Collars, Sofa Pillows, and Table Covers. To be seen at Miss Susan Shearer's, dealer in materials for all kinds of fancy work; also machine needles and notions. A few Crocheted Caps, Embroidered and Battered Centerpieces on hand.

Miss Murrell Murray, who has been visiting at Clear Lake, Iowa, for the past three weeks, returned home on Friday afternoon.

Save money by buying fruit-jars and rubber rings at the Big Store.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vredler last Sunday morning. The mother and child are doing nicely, and Chas. is correspondingly happy.

Miss Susan Shearer departed on Monday for the twin cities, to be gone for a day or two.

W. A. Simonton, editor of the Glenwood Press, was a Pine City visitor the fore part of the week. Mr. Simonton edited the Piker for a couple of years but for the past couple of years he has been at Glenwood.

Quite a number from this place took in the picnic at John Pavaki for the benefit of the Bohemian school on Sunday last. Those attending report having had a fine time.

There will be service in the M. R. church next Sunday morning at 10:30. Special music will be rendered. The usual evening service is with drawn.

On Saturday afternoon a few of the ball players and three or four of the fans went over across the river to the base ball grounds and with six horses and a road grader put the base ball grounds in fine shape. They moved the diamond west and north, making it much better for the players on account of the sun in the afternoon.

D. H. O'Brien, of Atwater, spent the latter part of last week and the first of this in this place. P. H. looks well and reports business good at Atwater.

On Wednesday morning P. W. McAllen's team, driven by Dan Payne, took a run for themselves up Front street from the river to the city fair grounds, where Dan succeeded in stopping them by running them into a woodpile. No damage was done excepting to one of the horses which received a few slight scratches.

Our local land men have been doing a rushing business this week, as there have been five or six land seekers here every day, and the best part of it is that most of them have purchased either improved farms or wild land of title-to-make farms.

C. L. McKusick, who has been in Minneapolis for the past nine months working in the State grain weighing department, came up on Tuesday to spend a month with his parents and friends.

Miss Margaret Madden departed on Thursday morning for Duluth to spend the Fourth.

The North Branch Gun club will shoot against the locals this morning. The North Branch boys are coming up prepared to do up the Pine City team, so that a good shoot can be looked for.

Glanville & Husted are now prepared to dig or bore any kind of wells they having just received a new rig which makes three that they are operating. The new rig is for deep water and is exactly like the one that was used for digging the well that supplies the water for the railroad tank. Any one wishing to get good pure water should call on Glanville & Husted, who will get it if it is to be found.

The excursion given by the Epworth League on the steamer "Victor" last Friday evening to Lake Pokegama was a very enjoyable affair, and was a social success, but financially it could have been better as they only cleared a little over \$3. If our citizens would patronize these excursions more we would have many more of them, and we do not know of a cheaper and pleasant way to spend an evening than by getting onto Capt. Bergman's steamer as it plows the waters of the Snake and historical Pokegama. The Pine City band furnished some fine music on the excursion Friday evening.

Today is the glorious Fourth of July and Pine City is celebrating it in a manner that would be a credit to a place fifty time the size of this. But when the citizens of Pine City undertake to do anything it is a sure bet that it will not be done by half, and the people from the surrounding country are finding it out, hence the crowds we have fair days, Memorial Day and Fourth of July. The sports of the day are in the hands of men that will see that they are carried out to the letter. The firemen's ball this evening promises to be a grand success, the boys have secured the North Branch orchestra and Rath's large hall and everything will be done to make this the best dance ever given between the twin cities and Duluth. Those who stay away from Pine City today will miss one of the greatest events in the history of Pine County.

Remember the Pine City fire men give the call this evening in Rath's hall. Schmidt's North Branch orchestra will furnish the music, which is a guarantee that it will be first class.

Dr. and Mrs. Wiseman Entertain.
Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Wiseman sent out invitations to the young people to attend their paper anniversary, being married two years last Saturday.

At about 9 o'clock p. m. the pleasant home of the doctor was packed by those who had received invitations. The rooms were tastefully decorated with maiden hair ferns, roses and Japanese lanterns. Frappas was served during the evening by the Meses Wiseman, Greeley and Hattie Pennington.

The first part of the program was "A Floral Love Story," in which part of the story was given and the balance to be filled in by the names of flowers. Miss Marion Stone and Z. M. Edwards each getting twenty-two of the blanks right.

Miss Stone was awarded stationery, and Mr. Edwards a unique prize in the shape of a hatchet. Mr. Ed. Shannon favored the assemblage with a vocal solo, Miss Bigler recited, Mr. Arthur Olsen sang a solo, as did also Miss Nellie Madden.

After the program the dining room was cleared and chairs were arranged, and when seated to its fullest capacity, light refreshments were served. The Meses, Kiek and Lammert, sitting one at each end of the table, did the serving, and the luncheon was passed by the same young ladies who served the frappe.

After the refreshments had been served dancing was indulged in until about 12 o'clock when all departed for their homes, after wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman many happy returns of the day. Those attending report having spent a very pleasant evening.

Council Proceedings.

Pine City, Minn., June 30th, 1902.
The Common Council of this Village met at the Recorder's office in special session. Meeting called to order by President at 8 p. m. Members present, F. E. Smith, president; R. L. Wiseman, F. J. Rybak, and Ed. Madden, councilmen; and F. Poferi, recorder.

Upon motion the Union League bonds of Wm. Hurley, Pastor Engel, L. Stelapat, H. J. Rath, Otto Kowalke and E. W. Kvech were approved and ordered on file with the Recorder. Upon motion the council adjourned.

Frank Poferi, Recorder.

Pine City, Minn., June 30th, 1902.
The Common Council of this Village met in special session at the Recorder's office. Meeting called to order by President at 4:30 p. m. Members present, F. E. Smith, president; R. L. Wiseman, F. J. Rybak, Ed. Madden, councilmen; and F. Poferi, recorder.

Upon motion the following claim against this Village were allowed and the Recorder was instructed to issue orders for the specified amounts, to-wit:

Claim of John G. Smith, collector as marsh for hire and driver to his farm, \$3.00
Claim of Jordan Pangerl, building addition to his home, \$200.00
Claim of Jordan Pangerl for repairs on garage home, \$20.00

Upon motion Council adjourned.
Frank Poferi, Recorder.

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SEALED BIDS.

Sealed bids will be received up to noon, June 28th for the building of a school house in Dist. No. 9, Pine county. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of R. H. Blankenship, Pine City. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
G. A. ROBINSON, Clerk Dist. No. 9, Pine County.

Astray Notice.

On June 11th one dark gray horse strayed onto my place, and owner can have same by paying expenses. Call on Frank Taylor, Nickerson, Minn.

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FOR SALE - I will sell my farm at the head of Pokegama Lake, with good well and new buildings. Cheap for cash. Inquire of Arthur Bartlett, Pine City, Minn.

FOR SALE - A house and four lots about five minutes walk from the post-office, will be sold cheap for cash or on time, or will be traded for farm land. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT.
For Rent - I have a 70 foot store building in good location which I will rent on easy terms. Call on or address Mrs. M. Connor, Pine City, Minnesota.

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MINNAPOLIS TO	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	1:15 a.m.	3:30 a.m.
ST. PAUL TO	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	1:15 a.m.	3:30 a.m.
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PINE CITY TO	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	1:15 a.m.	3:30 a.m.
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DULUTH TO	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	1:15 a.m.	3:30 a.m.

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THE STORY TELLER

THE NEW GIRL

By W. R. Ross.

THE April sun was pouring in through the half-open window, and a gentle breeze from the south swayed the long curtains. But there was very little sunshine in Annabel Maitland's heart, and the south wind brought no soothing relief to the flushed brow.

Presently there were two sharp whirrs at the telephone. Annabel ran back to the instrument. It was a call from George. His Aunt Mary hadn't come. She must have missed the train somewhere. The next train wouldn't be in until five o'clock. He would meet it then and bring his aunt home with him.

"Any girl yet?" he called.

"Not," replied Annabel with a little catch in her voice.

"That's tough," said George. "But we'll get along some way. Goodby." Annabel hung up the receiver with a reluctant little frown.

"It's all very well to say we'll get along some way," she grumbled, "but what good does that do? George can't lift his finger to do a thing about the house. Poor old dear. And I did want to have everything so nice when his married son. Well, I'm to get a few hours respite, anyway. I'd better be studying that cook book some more, or shall I dust?"

And then the telephone bell gave its double whirr again.

"This is the Unique Employment Agency," said a voice. "We have a girl that we think would suit you. She has an excellent recommendation. And she says she can take the place at once."

"Send her right up, please," said Annabel.

"She will be up soon after luncheon," said the voice.

Annabel felt relieved, so very much relieved that she broke forth into song. It was a song that George had liked before they were married. How the time had flown! It seemed but yesterday that he was leaning over the piano and begging her for another verse. And now they were staid old people. Married two years last October. She stopped her song just long enough to interpolate a little sigh, and then went on.

Probably it was the song that prevented her from reaching the door-bell. It rang, and several times. And then Annabel was startled by a loud rap at the kitchen door. She hurried down the stairs and hastily turned the key and knob.

There stood a neatly garbed woman; a woman of middle age, with a pleasant smile on her motherly face.

Annabel smiled, too, when she caught sight of the stranger.

"Come right in," she said. "I'm so glad you didn't disappoint me. They telephoned that you wouldn't be up until after luncheon."

"Who telephoned?" inquired the stranger, and she still smiled.

"Why, the agency people," replied Annabel. "Won't you sit down?"

The stranger accepted the invitation and Annabel seated herself before her.

"Of course you cook?" she said.

The stranger smiled again.

"I've had twenty years' experience at it, ma'am," she said, with a queer little twitch at her mouth.

"Plain or fancy?"

"I think I may be both, ma'am."

"Like the modern way you say it," said Annabel. "They most always boast so. Do you make good bread?"

"I have been told so, ma'am."

"And pies and cakes?"

"Yes, ma'am, and cookies."

"George likes cookies. Yes, and he likes fried cakes. Do you make fried cakes?"

"Yes, ma'am, and johnnycake, too."

"He loves johnnycake, but we never had a girl who could make it to suit him. What afternoon would you like to try?"

"I'm not very particular, ma'am," said the stranger. "Perhaps we can arrange that later."

"I'm sure we can," said Annabel. "I pay \$4, and have a landress two days in the week."

"That is satisfactory, I think," said the stranger. "Have you much company?"

"Very little," said Annabel. "And I always help with the work too. You wouldn't mind my coming into the kitchen, would you?"

"Not in the least," said the stranger. "I think I'd rather like it."

"Thank you," said Annabel. "And I hope you find the kitchen suits you."

"It seems very convenient—and very clean," she said with an approving nod.

"I think you will find the place comparatively easy one," said Annabel. "There will be no children to bother you."

"I'm sorry for that," said the stranger.

Annabel gave her a quick glance.

"I think I'm going to like you very much," she said. "Will you look at your room now?"

So she took the stranger up the back stairs to the airy and sweet-smelling chamber, with its snowy bed

and curtains, and the stranger, as she laid aside her hat and cape, said she'd come out to see her. Then she asked Annabel to lend her a common frock that she could wear until her trunk came. And Annabel smiled about it, and looked her in an ancient sunbonnet gown, and a white apron and a white cap, and then stood back and contemplated her work with great satisfaction.

"Why, you're a picture," she said.

"But you are not thinking of making an art gallery of your kitchen," laughed the maid.

And somehow Annabel failed to see any incongruity in this remark.

She escorted the new help back to the kitchen and she hastily slipped into the dining-room and telephoned to George.

"George," she murmured, "a new girl has come, and I know she's a jewel!"

"Don't let her slip from the dining room until I can see her," laughed George, who had just entered.

"She's a diamond of the first water," said Annabel.

"If she's a diamond she must have a flaw," said George.

"Don't forget about Aunt Mary," said Annabel.

"Not for a moment," said Annabel. "I am sure she'll be a jewel."

So Annabel and the new maid got the little luncheon together and ate it together, for here, thought the young mistress, is a maid that I can't possibly get for my name."

But right in the midst of this little repeat Annabel stopped short.

"Dear me, of course, I've never thought to ask you for your name," the maid looked up.

"It doesn't much matter," she said, "but I'd like to know me by the name the children called me at my last place. It was Annie."

"It sounds a little familiar," said Annabel.

"Well, of course, I'll call you Annie," said the maid. "I'll call you Annie, if you prefer it. George will think it funny, though."

"Your husband?"

"Yes. He can see fun in almost everything. He has even cracked jokes over my being without a girl."

"I am afraid he is a little irreverent," said the maid.

"But he began to feel more serious about it last night," said Annabel.

The new maid laughed.

"And is this aunt supposed to be a very exacting personage here ever since she went away?"

"George says she is kindness itself, but I'm afraid she would be a little critical. You know how we women are. I'm sure she's kind, but then he is quite blind to my faults. I'm really a little treacherous, you know. Mercy, how I'm going on now!"

The new maid laughed over her teacup.

"I think," she said, "that you've been hungering for somebody to listen to you."

"That's just it," cried Annabel. "It was different when Lena was here. She was a German girl and very well educated, and so sensible. We often used much more careful English than I do. But her mother's health failed, and she had to go home and look after the children. That was five weeks ago, and I've been trying to replace her ever since. And really, you know, it's very exacting personage here ever since she went away."

"I can imagine it," said the new maid. "I've been homesick myself a good many times. And she quickly and deftly cleared away the remains of the simple meal. "You said your husband's aunt was coming to-day."

"So she telegraphed," replied Annabel. "But she wasn't on the train. George says she must have been delayed somewhere, but he expects she'll surely be on the late afternoon express. And I want to have a real nice little dinner for her, you know."

"Of course," said the new maid, with an sympathetic nod.

"You may help me get it," said Annabel.

The new maid looked up.

"Oh, I'm not as useless as I look," protested Annabel.

"And I'm quite sure there is nothing useless about your looks," said the new maid as she put her head a little on one side and glanced admiringly at the pretty face with its flushed cheeks and its bright eyes.

"Oh, thank you!" cried Annabel, and the flush grew deeper. "That's what George would call a barefaced jolly."

When Annabel's sharp ears heard George on the porch she was waiting in the library, and ran to throw the door open. George was alone.

"Why, where's Aunt Mary?" she cried.

"Not on the train," said George. "He was much disappointed. And I don't know where to telegraph. Of course it's a nice little girl she got off at the upper station by mistake. But she's too old a traveler to get lost or into trouble."

"Of course, dear?" said Annabel.

"And I'm dreadfully disappointed. I've got such a nice little dinner waiting for her." Then she dropped her head and she got a jewel in the kitchen, George said.

"So you telephoned," said George. "Hope you won't find she's past."

"I only hope she'll stick," laughed Annabel.

And just then the dining-room bell tinkled.

It was a dainty little dinner, the joint production of Annabel and the new maid, and there was nothing George could criticize. And how Annabel laughed when George sampled the golden johnnycakes.

"And how does that compare with Aunt Mary's?" she asked.

"The new maid," said George, whose mouth was too full to permit of any further eulogy.

"The new maid made it," cried Annabel.

"The new maid did not appear in the dining-room. Once or twice Annabel lifted out after some necessity for the kitchen, but she caught no glimpse of the accomplished stranger.

"Did you set a reference with this girl?"

Annabel started.

"Hess me," she cried, "I forgot all about it!"

George shook his head.

"That's bad," he said. "We can't be too careful about these strangers. Bless me, I don't think about a girl they took without a reference. She stayed one night and disappeared with his wife's best frock. I'll see the girl and find out about it."

"Don't say anything that will hurt her feelings, dear. Perhaps I had better go with you."

"You stay here," said George. "I'll be right back."

But he didn't come right back. He was gone a long time. Once Annabel thought she heard the sound of the kitchen, and pretty soon she grew so edgely that she determined to follow George and discover what had become of him.

She softly entered the dining-room and stole across and opened the door into the china closet. And she was spying the dishes as fast as the new maid washed them.

The new maid was standing by the kitchen table washing dishes, and beside her stood George. He had taken off his coat and there was a big blue apron tied about his neck, and he was wiping the dishes as fast as the new maid washed them.

And both were merrily laughing.

Annabel softly retreated back to the library wondering what it meant. And after a while George returned.

"The reference seems to be all right," he said. "I know some of the people she mentioned, and I'll handle the matter up more fully tomorrow."

"Then she thinks she'll stay with us?" said Annabel.

"Yes," said George. "She likes you, and she likes the house, and I think she's going to like me. Anyway, she said she meant to stay just like that."

"I'm very glad," said Annabel. "I never was so much taken with a stranger before."

"Yes," said George, "but don't forget that we have to treat her well. We must let her sleep in the front chamber to-night."

"Why, George, that's the guest chamber!"

"Yes, I know."

"And it's all ready for Aunt Mary."

"That could be helped," said George. "We'll let the—the maid sleep there to-night, and then we can make other arrangements. Sort of let her down easy, you know."

"Why, George, I never heard of such a thing! You'll spoil her."

"Very well," said George. "I'll take the responsibility. We've got to humor her. I'll go up now and let her sleep there."

"The—the maid is tired and wants to retire early, and she has to arise early, too, you know."

"He paused in the hall doorway and looked around.

"Annabel," he softly said.

"Well, dear?"

"You're a little goose."

And he went up the stairs chuckling.

Annabel did not rise early the next morning. She was tired and sleepy, and she had a responsibility on her mind. She did not know that George was up at daylight and bustling downstairs and rattling about the range.

But after a while she dimly comprehended that someone was calling her. Yes, it was George. What was he saying?

"Annabel, Annabel, come down, you lazybones. Aunt Mary is here and breakfast is waiting."

Aunt Mary came! And the hostess not up to welcome her. Oh, what a shame!

How she hustled on her garments and twisted up her pretty hair.

When she tripped into the library she looked about eagerly. George was standing by the mantel, and in the dining-room doorway the new maid looked at her with a smiling face.

"Where is Aunt Mary?" she cried.

George answered her questioning glance by opening his eyes very wide and then shutting one of them very tight.

"The reference proves to be all right, my dear," he said, with a comical quaver in his voice.

Annabel looked from George to the new maid, and the new maid's smile slowly deepened.

Then she suddenly understood.

"You—you are Aunt Mary?" she cried. "Oh, how stupid I am!" and two big tears trembled on her long lashes.

"It wasn't a very nice piece of deception, my dear," she said. "But you know how I drifted into it. Besides I made you my acquaintance. And then I knew this wicked boy would appreciate the little joke so much. You must forgive me, dear."

Your jewel stands the test, my love," laughed George.

Then Annabel couldn't help smiling.

"Breakfast is waiting," said Aunt Mary—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THE GIANT CACTUS.

Wonders of the Natural Objects That Are Found Only in Our Southwestern Deserts.

No one ever saw the giant cactus on the sandy deserts of Africa; the primeval architects of the Nile never knew the motive for the colossal plant, says Harriet Monroe, in Atlantic. Here alone do these tall monuments guard the graves of warriors and perhaps the very one of them was born. Day and night I gaze on was scarcely begun when the sun was in the west and the moon in the east, and the stars gradually the unfamiliar harmonies of its unsearched life justify themselves to my soul. The sense of a number of women who, under the pass away; the emotion no longer appals and rends me, but soothes with immensities of restfulness.

To go on the desert day after day and meet these castles like whispering into the ear of the sphinx and listening at her locked lips. So they go on the like of the age of the world, so majestically still in those catalytic solitudes! And to go out in April and see them start and gradually the unfamiliar harmonies of its unsearched life justify themselves to my soul. The sense of a number of women who, under the pass away; the emotion no longer appals and rends me, but soothes with immensities of restfulness.

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Those who have complained that winter is a disagreeable time to have been branded as cynics, or worse, as people trying to be clever. To all such this true story of a little girl may come as consolation, for 'out of the blue' she came.

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He—I believe you cared for me the first time we ever met.

She—Why do you think so?

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"O, but it wasn't because I had fallen in love with you. I was thinking what a pity it was you had no one near and what a nice treat it would be to have you as a friend."

Stray Stories.

An Old-Time Terror.

Among ancient relics at present on exhibit at Chicago with regard to pyromania, bearing a complaint to a chief of police who was still a child, was a letter from a man who had been robbed. Whether the work was done by a porch thief, a duplicate of the man's ordinary hall smasher is not recorded, but the antique document is suggestive of the same in some way.

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The greatest of ponies, the most beautiful of dogs and the clearest of monkeys are the actors in a performance which has never been equaled in America. The animals do every thing but talk. The ponies give a whole show all by themselves even to walking tight ropes and riding about on the backs of one another, jumping through hoops of fire, telling the time by a clock, telling the date and hour, answering all questions intelligently, of feet skyward by a balloon and marvellous and they display intelligence which is closely bordering on the human when they go through a ring comely without a word of prompting from anyone. The monkeys are the clowns and they keep their audiences in roars of laughter. The grand finale when Mrs. Murphy, the Simian aeronaut, sails thousands of feet skyward by a balloon and returns to earth by means of a parachute, always makes a great hit and attracts much attention. For the ladies and children this is a particularly interesting show and is without question the finest of its class ever seen in this country. Professor Blake has spent a life time perfecting it and his accomplishments with the animals are truly astonishing.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold examinations, during September and October, in several places in each state to secure young men and women for the government service. There are now 129,423 positions in the classified civil service, being an increase of 46,736 in six years. There were 7,972 persons appointed between July 1, 1901, and April 15, 1902, being at the rate of 10,070 for the year. There will probably be 11,000 appointments next year. Salaries at appointment vary from \$1,200 a year with liberal promotions afterward. All appointments are for life and for most positions only a common school education is required. Politics or religion is not considered. Those desiring to take examinations of this kind can get full information about them free by writing to the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C., and asking for its Civil Service Catalogue for 1902.

HAVE NO PERMANENT HOME.

Americans Change Their Habitations Often Than Any Other Civilized People.

Americans seem to be naturally a migratory people. At least such would be the conclusion after a study of recent census statistics, which reveal some remarkably interesting facts and among them the one that we are the greatest nation of rolling stones on the earth, but not without standing that fact, we succeed in gathering the moss of material prosperity.

The official figures show that out of a native born population of 65,843,302 there are 13,863,651 living in states different from those in which they were born—that is, more than one person out of five has left the state of his birth to seek his fortune elsewhere.

If we count the 10,469,736 foreign born residents we find that about one-third of the population has moved from the state or country of birth. These figures show our mobility to be in the ratio of ten to one, as compared with that of Europe.

The state of New York has sent out 1,000,000 of her children who are now resident in other states, and has received 34,000 residents. Vermont has a most remarkable record, which shows that she has children living in other states equal in number to one-half of her present population.

A HEAVY DEATH RATE.

Figures Demonstrate That Madrid Is the Most Unhealthy of All European Capitals.

Statistics recently published by the municipality of Madrid indicate that the Spanish capital possesses—one cannot say "enjoys"—an unhealthy pre-eminence as the most unwholesome of European capitals. Its death rate for the past five years has been about 23 per 1,000—much more than one-third higher than the average death rate of London.

Consumption is the chief cause of death, which is not surprising, for the keen, icy breeze from the Guadarrama, which, as the Spaniards say, "will not put out a candle, but will kill a man," must be fatal to consumptive patients.

The root of the mischief seems to be food adulteration and overcrowding, for 500,000 people are contained in 17,000 houses. That is a state of things for which there is no excuse, unless it be the "eternal want of peace," for there is room enough and to spare on the vast bare plain which surrounds Madrid to build houses enough to accommodate any number of people. The municipality is going to take the matter in hand, but experience teaches us what that means in the land of "to-morrow-or-the day after to-morrow."

PECULIAR CURRENCY.

Dollars of a Century Ago Used in Abyssinia—Bare of Salt Are Small Change.

The currency of Abyssinia is somewhat varied, to judge by an account given of it by Count Gleichen in his story of the mission to Menelik, and reprinted by Popular Science Monthly.

For standard money the people of Abyssinia use the Maria Theresa 1780 dollars, but for small change a very different coin is resorted to. This is no other than a bar of hard crystallized salt, about ten inches long and two and a half broad and thick, slightly tapering toward the end. Five of these bars go for a dollar at the capital.

People are very particular about the standard of fitness of the currency. If it does not ring like metal when struck with the finger-nail, or if it is cracked or chipped, they will not take it. It is a token of respect when friends meet to give each other a lick of their respective amulets, and in this way the value of the bar is decreased.

The Largest Dome.

The largest dome in the world is that of the Lutheran church at Warsaw, its interior diameter is 200 feet. That of the British museum library is 130 feet.

Ancient Use of Perfumes.

The records of the ancients, the Assyrians and ancient Persians show that among all those nations the use of perfumes was very common.

ADIRONDACK LUMBERING.

Interesting Conjectures Regarding the Annual Timber Cut of Northern New York.

Now that the season of "log driving" is at its height throughout the Adirondack region, it may be an interesting fact to know, says the Pittsburg News, that the annual harvest of timber in the great forests of northern New York would fill a train 370 miles long from end to end and back to length. Thirty million feet, log measure, will fill a river ten miles long of its length, and the annual cut of timber of all kinds is about half a billion feet. These forests were for the most part stripped of their best pine 40 years ago, when the lumbermen cut nothing else. In those days the small demand for spruce was supplied by Maine. Hemlock was left standing because it would not float unless peeled, and as all the tanneries were situated near the border of the wilderness, it was too far to haul the bark. The Adirondack hemlock is inferior in size and quality, to that found in Pennsylvania, and owing to the unfavorable freight rates of that region, hemlock could not be handled with profit. Hemlock is now being used in the pulp mills, and this has resulted in larger cutting and an increased price.

YANKEE-LIKE.

Farmer Shoves Native Shrewweases by Way He Sold Eggs—When Eleven Is a Dozen.

Clerk Newton, of the Parker house, is telling a good story at his own expense, says the Boston Record.

When a small boy on the farm his folks often sent him to the neighbors to buy a dozen eggs when their hens failed to lay enough.

He noticed that the old farmer at hands held each egg before a lighted candle and examined it carefully. In his innocence of Yankee shrewdness, Newton supposed that this was prompted more by honesty and intention to detect whether the eggs were bad or not.

One day, however, when he counted his eggs, according to custom, there were only 11 in the basket.

With a determination not to be cheated, he had returned promptly back to the house, and quietly made known his discovery.

"Oh," said the old farmer, "that's all right, my boy; one of them has a double yolk."

HOTEL FUNERALS.

They Are Infrequent, Because Objected To by Landlords—Would Hurt His Business.

Landlords of hotels object to funerals, for their houses are eminently places of good cheer, and on that sunshine of good cheer they want no shadow of sorrow cast. Hence, when a guest dies under the roof of one of the landlords he sees all means possible to have the funeral services held elsewhere.

And, as a rule, the landlord has no difficulty in achieving that, because the dead guest's family wishes his body to be buried from his home. For he is nearly always a resident guest, and it would seem both heartless and irreverent to bury him otherwise. But, if he is a resident guest (a thing that happens once or twice in a thousand years), the landlord easily arranges with the undertaker to hold the services in the latter's parlors.

And thus it happens, concludes the Baltimore Herald, that not one man in a thousand ever sees a funeral from a hotel.

A Town of Inventors.

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