with vexation when

I'm such a dear, you ought to

s about your message, Jack!" from Lance Freeman," he re-

He's up here on business,

in an offensively patronizing

"it's a good thing you're not, the

tand-powder sort of girl-Lance ats the whole tribe."

Yes, indeed! He's terribly fuss;

arrel, children," chideo

You must do the honors

ers while he is North. I was

Left to herself, Betty held confer-

o her own room, where she sat down

What she saw there must have

attelly at her charming reflec-

her capricious fancy, for the

and modded and sparkled at

clock that evening Jack

brought Lance Freeman home.

the trim parlor maid, wore a

d look on her round face.

ack unhered his big, bronzed friend

atty rose and came forward with

ped shouldered young man with

itting before the fire.

the tropics into the soft lighted

where Betty and Isabella Drew

ched hand. She saw a tall,

away disappointed, finding evi-

The newcomer's evident

and disapproval of her own

a dismay that his straight-

mature could not then con-

mek a pang to Betty's beart.

girl in a tight-fitting black satin

sheeled elippers, her golden hair

her fost incased in absordly

into the latest mode atop her

send, her blue eyes wide and

w looking in their baby stare,

ace carefully powdered and

eyebrows penciled, lips skill-

led, showy and altogether

a Drew made a perfect foil

and if she was in collusion

his mischievous sister to shock

tty!" he gasped indignantly.

at last, Mr. Freeman. Jack has talked

ack!" she warned, giving Lance a

hand, "I am so glad to see you

he the Oaks your headquarters

s, staring at the powdered little

who smiled insipidly.

a Canal sons, of his brilliant pros-

ects for the future, of Jack's first

case which had been a triumph

m, and when Lance observed that

era was a strong family likeness

tween Jack and his sister, Jack has

lance was ready first and he came

met half an hour ago,

your other sister?" he asked

met my only nister," mut-

onl delight in turning

said Lance perplexedly.

Jack's room and examined the

changed the subject

e you are North."

Jack wondered datedly if

tty of Inabella's attire was

w tinted, pearls in ber ears and en-

a very much painted and powdered.

oddy looking young woman such

her white throat.

At last, she changed to a

E gown, and walked down to the

ry fond of his mother.

n in the oval mirror.

Why, she asked herself, had she taken it into her silly head to flout a plain man who hated powder and paint on his woman folks? Why blame him because he wanted them to be as fresh and clean skinned as bimself-as frank and unassuming as town on the 8:42 to stay

And naturally Betty was all these things herself. Therein lay the trag-

In the drawing room Isabella played and sang for them, and presently Lance asked Betty to show him Mr. Fenby's famous collection of orchids.

Among the orchids in the conservatory, he told her about the beautiful promised to stay with me," he d proudly. "I tell you, folks, Lance pretty big gun down there on the betty"—addressing his black orchid which he had seen in one of the jungle swamps of the isthmus and how he could go to the very tree to which the parasitic blos-

> "Perhaps your father would like one -I will try to get some and send them up by a trusty messenger," he of-

-deed? drawled Betty, over Betty agreed that her father would be delighted, and then followed a delightful half hour during which she le must be a detestable paragon animatedly told him how her father had acquired many of his specimens, and she displayed such a knowledge of the subject and so entirely forgot the part she was playing that Lance found his heart slipping from his

They were standing near the fountain and Betty was dipping her r. Fenby and his wife departed fingers in the water, where goldfish heir train and Jack accompanied darted to and fro. to spend the day at his office in

Lance regarded her thoughtfully. "I'm wondering why you took the trouble to disguise yourself under the nce with the cook and then went up paint and powder of a circus woman," he remarked curiously.

her dressing table and stared "Sir!" thrilled Betty, trying to wither him with a glance, but crumpling miserably beneath his 'scorn. She tried to hate him for his brutal frankness, his lack of polish. "Please take me back to my brother."

> "In a moment," he agreed gruffly. "I-I was hoping you'd wash your face first!" he blurted out.

"Wash my face?" stammered Betty. He nodded and gave her a snowy handkerchief. "Please, do," he urged, but it sounded like a command, and Betty, having met her master, meekly Betty is in the drawing she announced with a toss of obeyed.

She held a corner of the handkerchief under the fountain spray and scrubbed the paint and powder from face and lips and brows. When she had emerged, her perfect skin, pink and blooming from the friction, she looked demurely at him. "Well?" she smiled.

"And please fluff out your hair the depths of her heart and soul and way it is in that lovely picture in Jack's room. There! You don't look lief in Insbella Drow's girlish so confoundedly sophisticated. Thank you, Miss Betty, you are a brick!" he ended enthusiastically, as she removed the earrings.

> "A brick," dimpled Betty, as he tucked the damp and ameared handkerchief in his pocket. When they returned to the draw-

meeting with the adored sister of classmate, saw a slendar, golden ing room Isabella was telling Jack a story that brought reluctant mirth

"Here comes the little imp now," he murmured, as she entered with Lance. "Well, Betty, I'm glad you've emerged from your war paint," he ended in a burst of brotherly frankness. "Where did you raise that black satin borror?"

"Cousin Daisy left it here last year: isn't it awful?" she confided.

Hours later, in her own room, Betty dropped her newly-purchased rouge pots into the waste-paper backet. The she relapsed into dreamy inactivity.

"Oh, most adorable of men." she sighed at last. "I'm so glad you don't like paint and powder combined with pearls-I detest 'em my self-and even if I did like them would-but, no-1 shall not tell even you"-nodding at her adorably blushing reflection in the glass-"what I am thinking about now!"

Sumatra Tess in Demand.

The Island of Sumatra, now in course of development as a tea producer, and reported to be capable of producing heavy yields from mature You are all most kind," murmured plants, has followed up last year's introductory period by larger supplies. s the two young men dressed for and the industry has received much er they talked of Lance's life in encouragement from the abnormally high values of the last year. The teas have already secured a "good will" in the market. The area under tea now approaches 8,000 acres, nearly all of which have been opened on the east coast from Assam seed

> Prudent Course. "A man can't be too careful of what he says," remarked the observant per

is on the mantelpiece. One d portrait he regarded with nar-"Quite true," replied the practical politician. "That not only applies to It was Betty's latest photograph, the extended conversation, but to the a charming, merry-ayed girl | monosyllables 'Yes' and 'No' as well. off, white gown, her simply | For instance, I never commit mysolf hair waving away from her ow forehead. It was a sweet. one way or the other. My affirmatives are circumlocutory and my negaface, very unlike the paint- tives as ambiguous and evasive as the w countenance of the Betty nature of the English language per-

> "Oh, dear!" exclaimed Mrs. Gadders. Mr. Gadders broke his arm while cranking up our automobile this

"Don't worry," said her friend in a nothing tone. "A broken arm is not a into Lance's serious, and Mr. Gadrers will soon

"It isn't that," walled Mrs. Gadders. The news will get into the papers





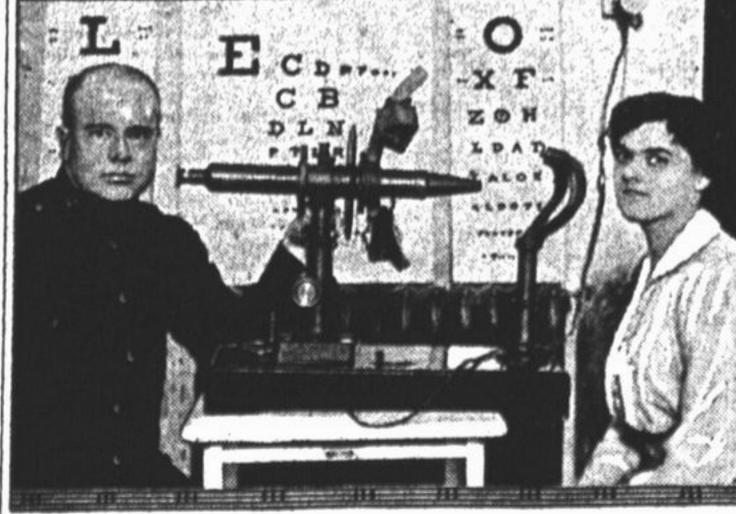
The coronation of the emperor of Japan required elaborate preparation for the ancient rites and ceremonies with which it was celebrated. In the upper of these photographs are seen Japanese maidens, specially dressed, stripping from the stalks the ears of rice for the emperor to present to his gods and ancestors. Below are shown the men gathering up the rice straw that was used for making mats and thatches for the shrines where the rites were

### AUSTRIAN SHARPSHOOTERS IN THE ALPS



According to official statements from Vienna, the Austrians are successfully combating all efforts of the Italians to break through the Alps. The little post of Austrian sharpshooters here photographed was nearly 8,000 feet up in the mountains.

## UNCLE SAM TESTING EYES FREE



All the employees of the United States treasury are having their eyes tested by the officials of the United States public health service to determine the effect of their vocation on the sight and to aid in the extensive "studies in vocational diseases," being conducted by Assistant Surgeon General Kerr. This picture shows Dr. George L. Collins of the public health service examining the eyes of one of the pretty treasury employees. He has a room fitted up as an oculist's office, and as the eyes are examined he gives advice as to

## LATEST WAR FAD IN ENGLAND



Many English girls whose sweethearts are battling in the trenches of Flanders have the regimental badge of their lovers tattooed on their arms. 

Pensions of disabled Canadians vary from \$75 to \$265 a year. A British private can get as much as \$325 a year pension for his wounds, according to their nature.

PENSIONS FOR BRITISHERS.

CHICK BURIED ALIVE IN PITCH.

Pete, the prize rooster and pet belonging to John U. Longaker, was exeused at sunrise. And spying was not his offense, Pete met death as a result of trying to climb on the roof with some other ont not being as hunky as the rest, slipped and fell into a box of stay at home mos ob do time. He's The pitch hardened, and in the morning Mr. Longaker found his homepathy. I don't like dat kin'. It

ON A BENEVOLENT MISSION



To be named as the best-dressed woman in Paris is an enviable honor. This has been bestowed by the mentors of fashion on Mme. Raimonde Fernandez, wife of the former Mexican ambassador to Paris. She arriven in New York recently with \$100,000 worth of the very latest creations in hats and gowns, to be shown during the course of a play written for the purpose by the well-known French litterateur and society man, Roger Boutet de Monvel. Then the hats and gowns are to be sold under the supervision of Mme. Fernandez, the proceeds to be used for the establishment of an orphanage in Paris where children of sewing women whose husbands have been killed at the front will be reared and educated.

A German chemist is working on a process which is expected to make wood pulp available as a substitute for cotton in the manufacture of highpower explosives. The pulp is prepared and made into sheets much the same as in the manufacture of paper. The only difficulties yet remaining arise from the fact that the material contains impurities which make the explosive uncertain and highly danger-

Substitute for Cotton.

Uncle Jeff's Verdict. I like de ole doctah's kin' ob medicine de bes', 'cause he ride aroun' in a automobile; but de young doctah, he

ous to handle.

hird in ageny, molded in the tar, only his head sticking out. An effort to don' pay nothin', crack off the pitch lailed, so the rocater was beheaded.—Langue (Pa.) Dispensed to Philadelphia North American.

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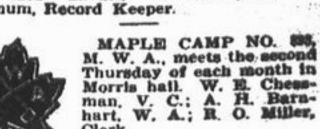
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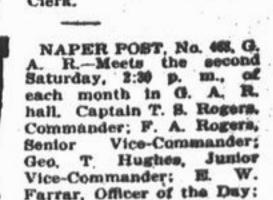
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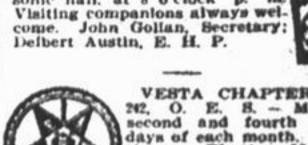








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