

GOLDEN WEDDING

By ELIZABETH R. GREENE.

"Where are you going, mother?" Nancy looked up from her packing long enough to note her mother's sun-bonneted head disappearing through the doorway. Without answering, Mother Mitchell walked out into the September sunshine to join her husband. Her dazed mind could not comprehend how it had all come about, but two facts she understood with torturing clearness—Eben was going to John's and she was going to Nancy's; the old home was being broken up. Eben spoke presently: "You'll be warm an' comfortable there t' Nancy's, mother—thank God. I shan't have t' worry over that. An' Nancy'll have th' specialist for your eyes—she promised me that—" The woman stirred restlessly. "I don't need no specialist!" she asserted stoutly. "An', father, what'll you do when you have them cramps in th' night? John won't understand 'em—" He smiled at her bravely. "Now, what do you think I'd be takin' them cramps along with me for?" he demanded humorously. "I'm leavin' 'em t' home, where they b'long—" It was an unlucky speech. She turned toward him with a stifled cry. "Where we b'long, too?" she sobbed, the floodgates of her pent-up sorrow sang wide. "They've no right t' separate us; it's wicked. Oh, Eben, let's not go—let's not go!" "There, there, mother," he soothed. "We can't get along all right, Eben," she said eagerly. "Th' hens ain't gone yet, an' they're layin' good. There's wood enough t' last quite a spell an'—" "No, no, dear heart," he interrupted huskily. "I could never forgive myself if I let you suffer needlessly. I oughter had enough saved t' tide us along now," he reproached himself bitterly, "but somehow I never had th' knack o' keepin' much ahead—" "It's because you've been so good t' everybody," she flashed, "that we ain't nothin' now!" "When John wanted t' go t' college you sold the wool lot an' sent him, stead o' lettin' him work his way—" "I would be hard on th' boy, Comfort," responded the old man gently. She went on as if she had not heard, her toll-worn hands clasped in her lap. "After John got settled in business an' it looked as if we might get a little help from him now an' then, he got married; an' that was th' end o' that." "Yes; but 'tain't good for man t' live alone," quoted Eben smilingly, trying to draw her from the strange mood she was in. "Then Nancy took sick," she continued wearily, "an' it took all our rainy day savin's t' pay for her operation—" Trying to comfort her with hand and voice, he was too distressed to see that his daughter was speeding up the path toward the house, in back of the oak. White and sobbing, Nancy reached the house. She had gone to the field to ask her mother if they hadn't better sell the clock with the rest of the things tomorrow. Approaching the oak unseen, beneath which her parents sat, she heard the conversation which saved her from many bitter regrets later. An eager, broken talk through the telephone with John set the plan in motion; then Nancy, a chastened, awakened Nancy, went about many mysterious errands in the little village. Returning home finally, her mother met her anxiously. "What time 'bouter you have in the anction, Nancy?" "John won't be here till tomorrow night," answered her daughter lightly. "We'll settle everything Saturday." "Saturday? Their golden wedding day? In silent anguish mother left the room. Never had the sunlight streamed so brightly into the old home as on that Saturday morning, never had Nancy sung so joyously, or John whistled so merrily. The gay sounds commingled with savory odors floated up the stairway to the room where Father and Mother Mitchell still lingered. Then suddenly Nancy's voice called from the hall. "Yes, we're comin', Nancy," answered her mother, tranquilly. Hand in hand the two old lovers went downstairs together, each vowing for the other's sake to be brave that day. But what was this? Father and Mother Mitchell stared bewilderingly at the table spread with snowy cloth, the blue willow ware and a steaming breakfast, without recognizing glory was a bowl of 50 yellow roses. "A happy golden wedding day," chorused John and Nancy, leading them to the table where two piles of fifty shining dollars dazzlingly reflected the sunlight in two fine plates. "Children, what does this mean?" faltered Mother Mitchell. "It means that there's a hundred more coming every month," said John, his hand on his father's shoulder. "Nan and I have decided we don't want the old home broken up; it means too mighty much to us," he cleared his throat, "and if you'll stay, you'll find there's about everything you'll be needing for awhile—" "If they'd stay! The old couple looked at each other dazedly. Nancy's tremulous voice broke the tension. "There! I forgot those biscuits!"

ROYAL NEIGHBORS HAD MOCK WEDDING FOR LYDIA SELIG

Bride Was Recipient of Aluminum Ware at Shower Following Meeting Thursday.

Following the meeting of the Royal Neighbor lodge at Zindt's Hall last Thursday evening a mock wedding was put on by the members for Miss Lydia Selig, one of the members. Following out the traditional ceremony even to the ring bearer, little Frank Story, who carried two doughnuts up to the altar on a silken pillow, the mock wedding was a decided success. Those who took part were Mrs. Evelyn Gilburn, groom; Mrs. Alice Stouff, bride; Miss Dorothy Conley, minister; Clara Steffen, best man; Florence Conley, brides maid; Frank Story, ring bearer; Eleanor Hoehn, flower girl; and Mrs. Henry Wolf, who gave the bride away. Mrs. Albert Nelson acted as organist and played the wedding march. Following the "wedding" refreshments were served and Miss Selig showered with a miscellaneous assortment of aluminum ware and congratulations. On January 14th a group of friends gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Lydia Selig who was a January bride. A very enjoyable time was spent and hearty congratulations offered the bride who was the recipient of many and beautiful gifts from her friends. Those present were Misses Dorothy and Florence Conley, Emma Geisert, Frieda Selig, Clara Steffen and Mabel Westrom and Mesdames Conley, Frank Story, Bert Stouff and Henry Wolff.

LEGION PLAYS HINSDALE TOMORROW NIGHT

Basketball Five Journeys East For Game—Naperville Comes Here On Thursday.

Ted Curtiss will lead his Legion basketball team to Hinsdale tomorrow (Saturday) night for a game with the Hinsdale post which should prove to be a thriller. The locals, after taking Wheaton down the line for a neat defeat, have been putting in some good practice licks and are primed for battle. Reports from our neighbor to the East say they are putting their all into the game in an effort to somewhat mitigate the defeats their basketball and football teams suffered at the hands of Downers Legion teams. If they expect to win in basketball they will be forced to stretch themselves. Next week Thursday evening, February 3, a strong five from Naperville will come for a game with the locals. The ancient rivalry between the high school teams of the two towns outtops every once in a while and this will be one of the times. Players of the two villages will meet on the local floor and fight out old grudges when they opposed each other as representatives of their respective schools. Both of these games are expected to be great exhibitions of guarding and basket shooting and loyal local rooters are preparing to shout for Downers. Curtiss says he has nearly enough games booked to round out the season.

SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY FIRST SHOWING OF "MOVIES"

Grade Pupils Being Weighed, Show Gain Since the Beginning of the Year.

The motion Picture Machine loaned to us by Mr. Dum is proving a source of much pleasure and information to the boys and girls. Rooms are being fixed up in both the North and South buildings for the use of the machine. Splendid reels were shown the past week. Supt. Snapp operator of the machine. The pupils in the grades are being weighed this week. A very large percent of those who were below normal weight at the beginning of the year, have by cooperation of the parents in the diet, been brought up to where they belong. Standard tests in arithmetic and spelling show our boys and girls to be up to grade in most cases. In some rooms we are much better than the average. These tests are being

given in all subjects. Miss Beatrice Anthony has assisted in the Departmental school the past week.

We are very sorry to announce the resignation of Miss Dorothy Allison from the faculty of the South School. Miss Allison has had charge of the fourth grade in that building and is one of our best teachers. A shower was held for her, in the school building Thursday afternoon. We congratulate the lucky young man who lives at Macomb.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., Jan. 17, 1921. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Haller and Bryce. Commissioners Bender and Heartt absent.

Minutes of the meeting of January 10, 1921, were read and Commissioner Haller moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Commissioner Bryce presented the semi-monthly pay roll for the period from January 1, 1921 to January 15, 1921, and moved that warrants be drawn for the several amounts as follows:

PAY ROLL. Jan. 1 to Jan. 15, 1921. Dept. of Accounts & Finances. Chas. M. Hitch—Salary \$70.00 M. Venard—Salary 57.50 D. W. Kearney—Salary 57.50 A. B. Snow—Salary 7.50 William Bender—Salary 4.15 Harry W. Bryce—Salary 4.16 Charles Haller—Salary 4.16 I. G. Heartt—Salary 4.16 W. C. Barber—Salary 10.42 C. Ford Davis—Salary 15.00 Dept. of Public Affairs. P. Nelson—Salary \$16.00 S. Budzik—Salary 16.00 Dept. of Streets & Public Imp. S. Budzik—Salary \$32.00 Dept. of Public Property. H. L. Thompson—Salary \$65.00 Ola Irwin—Salary 65.00 Extra time 3 hours 4.95 Wilber Dunn—Salary 60.00 Earl Watkins—Salary 67.50 Extra time 4 hours 3.36 H. C. Hicks—Salary 60.00 Otto Gehrlin—Labor 36 hrs. 28.00 Frank Allen—Salary 95.00

On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date January 24th, 1921. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried. Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk

Bull Baiting. This was a story once popular in England but declared illegal in 1835. A bull was attacked by dogs and sometimes the masters of the bull were blown full of powder to increase his fury. Another form of the sport was to fasten the bull to a stake by a long rope and then set bulldogs on him, one at a time, which were trained to seize the bull by the nose. The bulldog, seeing the bull's nose, charged for this sport, and the bull was killed.

Valuable Thumbies. All over the world the thumb is a standard of measurement. In the East, the thumb is used to measure the length of a thumb, and in the West, the thumb is used to measure the length of a thumb. The thumb is a valuable part of the body, and it is important to keep it in good condition.

When Furniture is Dented. For a dent in furniture first of all see the part with warm water. Then a piece of brown paper, not too thin, is placed over the dent, and a hot iron is pressed over the dent. Then up with a hot flatiron until the moisture has quite evaporated. If the dent is not gone repeat the process until the dent is raised level with the surface.

Curing by Suggestion. There is nothing new in the attempt to cure disease by means of the mind. Many a disease has been cured by the power of suggestion. The mind is a powerful organ, and it is important to keep it in good condition.

Baptism in Cyprus. A baptism in Cyprus is a curious ceremony. The infant is rubbed with oil by his godfather, blown upon in the face by the priest and waved in the air, then dipped several times in the font, and again anointed with oil on various parts of the body.

LEGION MEN HEARD INTERESTING TALK

Major F. B. Doherty, Army Chaplain Tells Experiences of Twenty-two Years Service.

Major F. B. Doherty, Catholic Army Chaplain, who has been in the regulars since 1898, made an interesting talk at the regular meeting of the local post of the American Legion Monday evening.

Having been stationed at various times in every part of the world in which the United States army operates and has operated, he has at his tongue's end many anecdotes of the things which have happened.

Mainly his talk concerned China and the ways of "John." He described the cities of Tien Sen and Peking, taking his hearers over many thousands of miles to the Celestial Kingdom and the ways of the orient. Especially delightful were his stories of the characteristics of the Chinese people with their ways of doing everything (to us) backward. For instance, the color of mourning is white and nurses in the hospital would no more think of wearing white than American nurses of wearing black.

Having served in the campaigns against the Moris in the Philippines, Chaplain Doherty told a few of his experiences there and emphasized the pull which the East has on those who have once lived in the atmosphere.

Quoting army ballads at intervals through his talk, he made a decided hit with the ex-service men.

"Q" ANNOUNCES PLAN TO PROMOTE EMPLOYE COURTESY

Vice-President Says Railroad Will Not Tolerate Discourtesy By Employees.

Long famous for employes and officials of more-than-ordinary courtesy, the C. B. & Q. now has under way a campaign calculated to impress all officers and employes who come into direct contact with the public, with the importance of "treating the other fellows as you would like to be treated by them if your positions were reversed."

Commenting upon the subject, E. P. Bracken, Vice-President in charge of Operation, said, "In the management of a property requiring 60,000 employes, it is expecting too much that every one of them will be a 'perfect gentleman.' But, we are determined that the percentage of 'perfect gentlemen' in our employ shall be as high as we can possibly make it. The Burlington has no intention of knowingly and willingly continuing to employ discourteous persons."

A "boost the quota" message sent to employes by this official directs attention to the fact that: "There can be no question but that in our various capacities, we are in position to make or mar the reputation for courtesy and prompt service, so vital to successful railroads with passenger and shippers."

"Courtesy costs only a little personal effort on our part, but it helps to spell PROSPERITY both for the Company and its employes and sufficient increased appreciation from the public as a whole to repay us well, will be the reward for our thoughtfulness. And, so those who smile are more popular than those who don't, let us smile while we are about it."

I. A. A. TURNING FARMERS' WOOL INTO BLANKETS

County Farmers are Having Wool Woven Into Blankets From Own Sheep.

This year's outcome of the Illinois Agricultural Association Wool Pool is that DuPage County farmers are reverting to the old days when grandmother sheared, her worsted dress from her own sheep and rolled the baby in a shawl furnished by the farm flock.

The Live Stock Marketing department of the I. A. A. is taking orders from farmers who want bed blankets or auto robes made from their own "hawl-to-market" wool. Farmers in Illinois who contributed to the million and a half pounds of stored wool pay only weaving and transportation charged for these articles. Other persons are naturally charged for the wool used, but no profits extracted. Blankets run from \$5.50 to \$10.00 and auto robes from \$8.50 to \$15.00 depending upon whether or not the person ordering has any wool in the pool or not.

Jean Comerford of Wheaton is having some of the wool he has stored in the Chicago warehouse made into a double 72x84 blanket. Other orders are coming in every day from those who want to take advantage of not only the price but the assurance of pure wool. DuPage sheep growers have pooled 1412 pounds of wool which ought to make nearly 118 blankets.

Makes Hot Water Bottles Last Longer.

To make a hot water bottle last longer and fit the body more comfortably, remove all air from the bottle after filling and before screwing in the stopper, by resting the bottle on a shelf or table, holding the top of the bottle in one hand and gently pressing down until the water comes to the opening. Hold in this position while the stopper is screwed in. The bottle should not be more than two-thirds full.—M. H. S., Iowa.

Shared Fane With Friend.

It is said that virtually all the plays to which the names of Beaumont and Fletcher are attached were written by Fletcher alone. Beaumont was a friend of Fletcher's and lived with him, they had a kind of David and Jonathan affection for each other, and Beaumont's name is said to have gone on the plays more for sentimental reasons than for any other.

CONG'L. PEOPLE HELD RECEPTION FOR NEW PASTOR

Rev. Arthur S. Phelps and Family Entertained by the Members of the Congregation.

An enthusiastic gathering of members and friends assembled in the Congregational Church last Friday night. The occasion was a reception to the pastor, Rev. Arthur S. Phelps and his family. Charles F. Knoblauch presided and with appropriate remarks introduced the speakers and other participants in the program.

Mr. A. C. Miskelly extended the greetings of the church and Rev. G. H. Newland responded very pleasing to an invitation to make a few remarks. Mrs. N. R. Feasey added to the program by reading some of her splendid selections. The solos rendered by Miss Margaret Hitchcock were a pleasing part of the evening. As usual, the orchestra had a large part in the program.

A response was given by the pastor, in which he expressed, for his family and himself, heartfelt appreciation of the assurances of interest and co-operation which were given. Every one participated in the concluding number which was a splendid luncheon served by the Ladies Aid Society.

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