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"CONSIDER THE AUNT"

BY HILDA MORRIS

larity. Por guidance in most of their affairs, whether business or social, they depended on the wisdom old-fashioned maxims. They were forever quoting maxims; the Godey children were accustomed to family councils in which things were firmly settled by the application of a pertinent proverb. To be sure decisions so reached did not bring the expected results. "Nothing venture, nothing have" had decided the matter of father's investwhich had proved worth But Mrs. Godey had comforted herself with the reflection that "a burnt child dreads the fire," and Pa would not

wise and pound, foolish"-a resolution that led her to purchase dishes be elegant on the cabinet shelves.

English in the township high school, "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy." And when presently she began to long Elvie," which made everyone laugh. for raiment even more costly than that some money.

fortably toward the stove, began;

have changed. If Eivie really wants a her pen. Bhe had found its labor a bit career. I won't stand in her way. What's onerous. your plan, daughter?"

Elvira, a pretty girl seventeen years old, busy now with a bit of sewing, spoke up remained rosy in spite of confinement. be a scenario writer," she said.

be one?" pocket and showed them a magazine ad- had some at home, made by her grandpaid a lot for what you write."

Jim Godey, who was Elvira's twin, "That's the thing to do." he "Anybody who wants to anything nowadays just has to take a Aunt Lettle urged her. course in it. I read the ads: I know."

he said, "I was thinking maybe Elvie'd store or learn typowritin'."

not a career. Miss Green wouldn't pay reckon to get the money for it?" much. Scenario writers earn an awful lot of money—as much as fifty dollars a to read it first. I'll hear soon." And,

dollars a week!" she murmured. "Well-" Pa began doubtfully, but Ma rugs.

interrupted him:

matter with philosophy from his own them. stock. "Well, ten dollars ain't so much "to cast upon the waters. And I suppose the stranger. "May I see Mrs. Rudge?"

to a star."

We'll take time by the forelock."

about Mapleville. The week, following two told me you make such lovely hooked this portion on wooden piles, but there of her girl friends and her cousin, Myrtle rugs. I am looking for some to buy." Mubbard, also enrolled as students of the correspondence school for scenario writ- get Mrs. Elliot a chair," she said. ers. When the lessons began to come plots and the stars for whom they meant of books or the labor of writing, but the when it's finished." thought of the stupdendom tenns to be earned kept her determined.

and the utter blas of the hero and the heroine. Elvira read it to her family, and the Godeys were unanimous in now, that's a good price, more than I'd It is also related how, one day, when declaring that it was better than any hoped. You can have it." picture they had ever seen. So Elvira despatched it to a large producer and Elliot. "The a decorator, you know, and man to bring him a flat stone which began to write another. She expected I can use all you make. I'd like to should serve as a temporary mark for almost any day to receive a check.

Before her second scenario was finished, however, two letters came from Aunt Lettle Rudge. One was to Myrtle's held her-breath. mother, and one was to Elvira. Aunt Lettle, who had had the misfortune to can. Of course it takes time; I've been Restirgam in large capitals. break her ankle, wanted one of the girls, six weeks at this one. But maybe I can either Myrtle or Elvira, to come and stay get someone to help me. I could find some with her until she could get about, old rugs for you too. Yes, I'll send you Aunt Lettle was a widow and lived alone all I maket in a neat cottage on the edge of a

girls was anxious to go. Elvire hurried over to see what Myrtle was wide-eyed with astonishment. stended to do shout it. She found her "Righty dollars!" she exclaimed, "That old man, Heaven bi

family, but they had one pecul- the latest sheaf of papers from the "I've got a grand idea for a Wild West

Myrtle frowned impatiently. "Ma did. But she says I needn't go to take care well with this work she wants me

But Elvira know that Aunt Lettle be likely to feed the flames with more would not wish to hire anyone and also that her parents would insist upon her Mrs. Godey herself excused her extra- wolng if Myrtle did not go. Bhe wished vagant love for the finest china by that they were more like Myrtle's mother. declaring that she would never be "penny Myrtle never had to do things she did

Bure enough, the Godey family council that the family never dared to use them. decided that Elvira was to set forth the but had to be content with viewing them following morning. "Blood is thicker thun water," said Pa, "and virtue is its As for Elvira Godey, who had studied own roward. You'll have to go, Elvie." And when Elvira still frowned little solemnly, "You must consider the aunt,

she decided that she should have to earn | For the first few days Ellvra found herself busy caring for the invalid and the twenty dollars a week." The Godeys always settled things in bright, cheery little cottage. But that family conclave. One night after supper was not hard, and before the end of the to write any more. Y-it doesn't come they sat about the sitting-room table week time began to hang heavy on the natural to me, Aunt Lettie. I've been discussing Elvira's future career. Mr. girl's hands. She should-or thought thinking it over, and-can't I stay?" Godey, stretched his slippered feet com- she should-have written a scenario. If Aunt Lettle had not talked all the time. "Well. I've always said woman's place but in her heart the girl knew that she in and out, in and out with this little was in the home, but I suppose times was rather glad of an excuse to neglect hook. Won't you tire of it?"

Aunt Lettle was a cheerful little woman the way most things are done, fan't it with snappy black eyes and checks that Aunt Lettle?" Pa's sock. "My stars!" she exclaimed. ful pattern of roses carefully fashioned by industry." "A scenario writer! How do you get to pulling loops of flannel through a burlan foundation with a little steel hook, Elvira Elvira drew a treasured page from her had seen dozens of such rugs,-they that had taken on new significance.

"You take a course," she mother, -and she did not think them explained. "You send ten dollars, and nearly so pretty as the velvet rugs in the they tell you what to do. Then you get stores. She wondered how Aunt Lettie could sit all day so contentedly pulling roses bloom beneath her hand.

her fame and fortune the old lady sat like to work in Miss Green's millinery with a funny half miller upon her lips; legions of little ones. her hands never ceased their quiet task Elvira smiled patiently. "O Pa, that's "Umm," she observed. "And when do you

"Oh, soon," sald Elvira. "They've got imagining the money and fame that were Mrs. Godey dropped the darning into to be hers for a few hours' work, she her lan and raised dazzeled eyes. "Fifty looked rather pitingly at Aunt Lettle:

· Elvira ushered her into the little sit- although of varying thickness, extended ting room bright with sun and with over the whole area upon which he "A movie star?" inquired little Elien the gerantums at the window. In her planned his building to stand, Wren had Ellen was only fourteen years old-fashloned wing chair sat Aunt Lettle successfully carried his foundations round old, but she had a disconcerting kind with a small rug across her knees. At three sides, when, to his dismay, he dissight of it the visitor's eyes brightened. covered that at the northeast corner the "A star is what I said," repeated Pa "How perfectly beautifull" she cried. pot-earth had at some remote, probably · firmly. "All right, Elvie, I'll give you "Oh, forgive me for exclaiming so, but I Roman, period been quarried, leaving the money that you need to-morrow, couldn't help it. I'm Mrs. Eillot from nothing but sand and gravel beneath his New York, and I took the liberty of wall. Elvira's enterprise was soon noised coming here, Mrs. Rudge, because they

the girls had a great time discussing eagerly inspecting the charming stranger. fore ordered a pit to be dug, about to write. The lessons were not difficult, sell," said Aunt Lottle. "But I've been up by timbers. Forty feet down he came but Elvina found it rather, hard to apply selling rugs for a year now, people drive upon water and shells, and boring again, herself to the work for many hours of up and ask for them from time to time. did not begin to build until he came to the day. She was not naturally fond You can have the large one over there the clay.

the lovellest modern one I've seet" she fifteen feet of the surface, he threw At last she finished her first scenario, declared. "And so large, too, almost a an arch to the interrupted foundation. to the complete destruction of the village carpet, I'll give, you eighty dollars for According to one authority, this excava-

Aunt Lettle looked pleased. "Well, sand pounds.

have you send me a great many. Can the masons engaged upon the founda-

When the lady had gone after leaving neighboring village, Since life at Aunt her check Elvira helped Aunt Lettie derfully," wrote the grateful woman. "A Lettle's was very quiet, neither of the work upon the rug, which was to be month ago I was so weak'Y could not finished and sent off next day. The girl spank the baby. Two bottles of your

is an awful lot of money for a rug, Aunt ALL METAL AIRSHIP PLANNED

Aunt Lettle smiled. "But nothing to what you're, going to make scenarios," she reminded her niece. enough for me, though, and enough is the "skin," an aluminum alloy which as good as a feast. You're right handy with this work, Elvira."

such ships as the Los Angeles. Elvira walked to the village for the mall that evening, and found a letter design and construction at Massachufrom her mother. Alas, her mother wrote, the scenario had come back! Come back without a single word of apology too! Mrs. Godey thought it atrange. airship, believes that the ship such a nice story! And Myrtle's had miles an hour, compared to a maximum of 80 for other dirigibles. The MC-38 writing for folks who didn't appreciate will offer no resistance to the passage of

Elvira did not tell Aunt Lettle: nearly scalped by Indians. She has long at the square of starry sky outside her virually gas tight and will not absorb window. She didn't believe that her But for once Elvira was not interested, story had been so good after all. And "Did you hear from Aunt Lettle?" she she had not found it easy to do, not half so much fun really as using her capable slim hands to weave bright bits of color her, and now that I'm getting along ways been clever with sewing and fancy stick to it. She said you needn't go "tasty." With the rugs she reflected you either. Aunt Lettle can hire some one," could see that you were producing someshowed. And you got paid for it! Elvira began to doubt whether she should ever

> The next morning she got her hook help with the rugs. "Aunt Lettle," she sald slowly, "do you s'tosse, if I stayed here a while and helped you make hooked rugs and went buying them from other folks too for Mrs. Elliot, that I could earn any money?"

Aunt Lettle shoved her glasses down her favorite quotation presently became Ellen clinched the matter by saying and looked over them at Elvira; her black eyes were keen. Then she chuckled. "Not any such money as scenario Aunt Lettle had her ankle in a cast. writers make," said she, "but you could make some of course-maybe ten to

"Well," said Elvira, "I've decided not Aunt Lettle looked pleased. "Well, it's tedlous work." she warned her. "Just

Kelloggis Elvira shook her head. "No. And myway, even if I do, I'll keep on. That's

with vast determination. "I'm going to Bhe hated idleness, and as mon, as she ly, "Yes," she agreed. "That's the way was able to sit up she asked Elvira to most worth-while things are done in this Mrs. Godey was so startled that she bring her work. She was making an world. One little thing at a time one broke her needle on the darning egg in old-fashioned hooked rug with a delight- after another without stopping. That's

Elvira bent over the crimson petal of a rose. She was smiling at a maxim

Miller's Worm Powders can do no injury to the most delicate child. Any the little hook in and out, making the child, or infant in the state of adolescence who is infested with worms can "Tell me about your screen stories." take this preparation without a qualm of the stomach and will find in it a sure While the girl recited the thrilling relief and a full protection from these Pa pursed his lips thoughtfully. "Well," details of her story that was to bring destructive pests, which are responsible for much alckness and great suffering to

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

When St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, was being built, according to the plans and under the guidance of Sir Ohrlstopher who was content to sit quiet and make foundations. Wren made a geological examination of the strata of the site A knock at the door interrupted them. for the future church. Numerous wells "And it only costs ten dollars to take Peering from the window, Elvira saw a were sunk to test the subsoil. A stratum the course! Pa, we mustn't be panny beautiful shining limousine outside. She of pot-earth was discovered, which lent opened the door to face a smiling young great stability to the sand and gravel Mr. Godey preferred to settle 'ne lady in clothes that had "city" all over about it. To what lengths the architect "This is Mrs. Rudge's house?" inquired is told in a book by Henry Hart Milman.

His subordinates advised him to rest was little moisture, and Wren knew that Aunt Lettie's dark eyes twinkld. "Elvie, wood unsubmerged is liable to rot, while, to use his own phrase, he built "for Elvira got the chair and sat quiet, eternity" so far as he could. He there-"Well, I was not making this one to eighteen feet square, and its sides shored

Mrs. Elliot clapped her hands. "It's ten feet square, from which, when within tion and pier alone cost seventeen thou-

the architect was laying out his ground .. "But that tan't all," continued Mrs. plan upon the site, he called to a worktions; and it was esteemed a propitious Aunt Lettie looked thoughtful. Elvitra omen that the stone carelessly selected by the man should be an inserlied frag-"Well," said Aunt Lettie, "I think I ment of a slab bearing the single word

"Your medicine has helped me" woncure and I am now able to thrash the

TRADE AND COMMERCE RE CENSUS

The chief departure from the old style dirigible contained in plans for a new airship in the making at Detroit, Mich. will replace the fabric now covering William Hovgaard, professor of naval questions will be used for this purpose setts Institute of Technology, and cononly. Enumerators and employees of the ulting engineer in the projected construction of the MC-38, a metal-clad information collected about any individual able to maintain a speed of 100 or 125

3. Meet the census-taker courteously. You will save time for yourself and render the Government a great assistance by co-operating with the enumerator

when he arrives at your home. 3. If you do not have exact informa tion about such questions as the value of your home or the amount of your earnings, give the best estimate you can. 4. The "woman in the home" should

in advance, for she is the member of the family who will be in many cases called upon to answer the inquiries. 5. Persons living alone should fill out promptly any individual blanks left by the enumerator who may have called in their absence, and families away from

to prepared for the census questions

home on visits should be careful to see that they are counted in the district where they maintain their "usual place of abode." 6. Do not hestitute to ask the census

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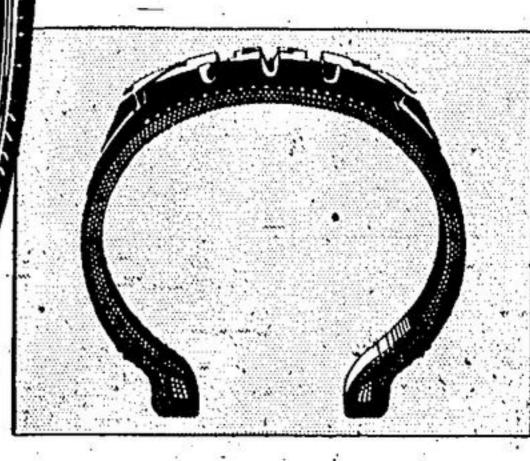
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