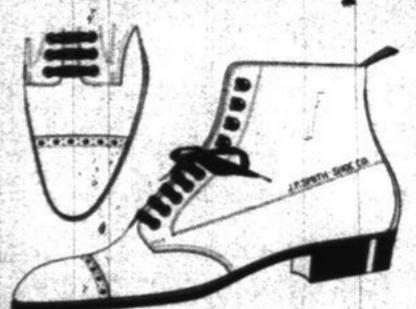
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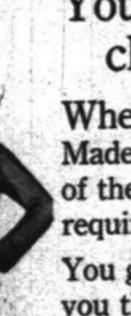


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# FORTUNE

Stood Between Me and

By EILEEN BRENNAN

While traveling on the continent and been members of the same party traveling together in Italy, with long stop at Lake Como, in Switzerland, and in France. Mr. Sayles singled me out among several other girls of our party, and so marked were his attentions that we were soon considered to this condition which had led me to

that girls are liable to let desirable there was no home in it for me. parties slip away from them till they | 1 did not meet my husband's sister

return to America.

Just before sailing I was handed a ica. Her husband was wealthy; they leave me all his property.

passing effect on me. If my husband posed had accompanied me to America the after parting with a man I had known but a few months, it caused regret.

the face of one or both of the happy securing him pair up to the point where the knot is | My standing in dead men's shoe

ter out of my head. I was married, stances, we two women could get and that was all there was about it together under the same roof. This or a foolish step.

promised to write something every day vor, but if his wife permitted it to reto my husband and mail what I had main she was not the woman I sup written on arrival. I wrote him of the posed she was, offer I had received, and on reading In my distress I wrote to my sister over what I had written it occurred to in-law, pouring my troubles out to ber me that possibly what I had said might | She wrote me a sympathetic letter, re had lost the power to decide between | was | twenty-four-and would likely him and a prospective fortune. I would | marry. She suggested no plan for me have rewritten this part of my letter, but said she would write again soon the rest. Besides, the letter was all her inviting me to make her a visit

who lived in the west, that I had been determined to accept the invitation. married abroad and, of course, could I found Miss Sayles living in modest ed my epistle written on the steamer. After that I heard nothing for several days, when I received a brief note from him stating that he had been ill, but was now better. He would write again soon. A few days later I receivthat my husband was dead.

I confess I was much shocked. Betion to me. I learned that my affect to live with them and inherit your un myself for my regrets. I felt that if could only have my husband back again I would not exchange a prospec-

in hand. The cablegram had advised me to remain where I was and await a letter. When the letter came I was informed that my husband had requested that I should not on any account return to England as a result of his death and give him for having through a friend that his body be buried abroad. He had very little property to leave and had often regretted having done so and to a sister. This was entirely satisfacting stood between us

tory to me My aunt and uncle, being informed

made a will in my favor, and and had outlived most of their intimate friends. They were certainly no

As to enjoying the society of per was not satisfied. I had become and a fortune after my patient's death, or, rather, after the death of two per-

And now that I had experience gret my marriage I turned longingly to The party broke apart in Paris, I go- what would have been my lot if my ing to London. My admirer followed husband had lived: I pictured a little me. He had proposed to me while we house that I would have made cozy were in Lucerne and had during our and an interest in husband and chilsubsequent journeying together impor dren-an interest which is paramount tuned me to marry him. It was not a to all other interests. I do not except case on my part wherein a girl feels those cases where the husband and that she has met her fate-that is, that wife quarrel or separate. The interest the proposer is absolutely necessary to is there, but it has become, so to speak, her happiness. Nevertheless I liked diseased. I had all the comforts wealth him well enough to consider his prop could bring, but there was no soul in osition, and I was sensible of the fact | them. I lived in a splendid bouse, but

have become old maids, when they are who inherited what little property he left. She wrote me offering, inasmuch Mr. Sayles was so persistent that I as it was mine by right, to give it up at last yielded, but so late that we had to me, but I declined to accept it. Sh barely time to be married before we was very sympathetic, and somehow were obliged to endure a separation | through her letters I conceived a decid-I was about to sail for home, while he ed liking for her. I would have liked was obliged to remain temporarily in to see her, but she lived at a distance, England. Yielding to his solicitations, and neither could well go to the other I consented to do what I afterward She and I became regular correspond considered an unwise thing. I agreed ents, and I confided in her my dissatis to marry him before going aboard the faction at the life I led and my regrets ship, reserving our honeymoon till his that I could not have had a home of

To this she replied that the day letter from an aunt of mine in Amer- would come when I would be wealth; and I would then be satisfied that fate were getting old and had no children. had kept me from marriage withou If I would agree to abide with them adequate income and had given instead so long as they lived my uncle would the power and comfort that money brings. But to this I replied that, hav-Had I been desperately in love with ing become familiar with wealth, it the man I had married I doubt if this | did not seem so much of a blessing as offer would have had more than a those who saw it from a distance sup

I had lived with my aunt three years inevitable, the association of marriage, when she died. Then my troubles bewould have brought the same result. gan in earnest, for I had the whole re-But, receiving this offer immediately sponsibility of bolstering up my uncle in his old age. A woman left desolate can 'accommodate herself to the new We see marriage on the surface, situation better than a man. My uncle There are the happy pair, the wedding could not accommodate himself to get gifts, the shower of rice and old shoes on without his life partner. I endured The first month of wedlock is called his misery with him for the greater the honeymoon and savors of sweet part of a year, when I saw evidence ness. What we do not see are the balk- that he was intending to marry again ings that may take place or certain A woman about half his age had se regrets that may thrust themselves in her cap for him and was not long in

tied. Yet it is possible such may occur had been a failure. I knew we in the case of those who are destined enough that this new wife would se to become absolutely necessary to each | riously object even to sharing her hu I confess I should have put the mat- not believe that, under the circum But I fancy, as I have already said, turned out as I expected. The lady that I am not the only person who soon made it plain to me that I was has just been married to wonder not desirable and set my uncle against whether he or she has taken a wise me. What should I do? I had no place However, by the time I had reached were limited. My uncle was soon got port I had made up my mind to cease under the thumb of his wife, and she to think about the proposition I had would not even permit him to give me received, but to write my nunt, telling an allowance. I knew nothing about her why I could not accept it. I had his destroying the will made in my fa-

be interpreted to express regret that I minding me that I was still young-

but could not very well get it out from | Later I received another letter from ready to mail, and so I dropped it in We dould then talk over what it was As soon as I landed I wrote my aunt, hit upon some plan for my comfort.

not accept her proposition. I received comfort and took her into my heart on loving letters from my husband till sight as I had through her letters. She about the time be should have receiv- made me feel at home from the moment I entered the house. She was older than my husband had been and seemed to have looked upon him more as a son than a brother.

"I have a surprise for you," she said, "of such importance that I fear to give ed a cablegram from a friend of his it to you without preparing you for it. You remember that you wrote Win throp while coming from England of sides, the message brought a revela- the proposition of your aunt and uncle tions had been more completely engag. cle's wealth. In your letter you show ed than I had supposed. I blamed ed regret that you had been married and must consequently decline their proposition. Winthrop-a very sensi tive man-was much burt by your lettive fortune for him nor even a fortune | ter and determined that he would not stand between you and the life you

"What did he do?" I gasped A door opened, and my husband en

It was some time before I could for sent word to me that he was dead 'He

KILLED IN BATTLE

When a German soldier falls in bat

The British use an aluminium fication, the soldier's church affiliation oldier wearing three disks, one around third in his boot. The Russians wear

The United States army uses a cloth the tunic. The French use identification cards stitched inside the tunic. ages whom the French faced in Afri-

Turkey has no identification badges explained this omission as follows: "A Why, therefore, trouble with him?"-

Spectators Sit on the Floor.

Many of the motion picture theaters n Japan, particularly in Tokyo, where as some to be found in any American the foor in characteristic Japanese fore entering, and an attendant takes

Both American and European ple traction is a long Japanese play, which is presented in a very unique fashion. In fact, it may be said that the Japanese have real talking pictures. The film is produced in the same manner as a stage play, with every portion of

When the picture is projected an actor and actress stand on each side of the screen and repeat the dialogue in full view of the spectators. The two reciters share the parts played by the different characters. As their spoken words keep strict time with the li movements of the silent artists, the result, as may be imagined, is very effect tive.-Popular Electricity.

Shelley Was a Queer Boy.

The poet Percy Bysshe Shelley as a He used to dress his four sisters to stove with some inflammable fluid and setting it affame, he would marshal the As a boy at Eton he would watch the livelong night for ghosts and consulted his books how to raise one. His diet in after years was meager enough to bring him weird fancies. Bread became his chief sustenance, and his pockets were well stored with it.

A circle upon the carpet, clearly defined by an ample verge of crumbs, often marked the place where he had in contact with his book, devouring bread at intervals amid his profound abstractions. Sometimes be ate raisins with it, and his sweet tooth was im-

Absolute Zero. In the absence of all heat the temperature is zero, not the zero of the thermometers, but what is called "ab. solute zero." In other words, where there is no heat there is no temperature. Absolute zero is supposed to be about 274 degrees below the thermometric zero of the Centigrade scale and about 461 degrees below the thermometric zero of the Fahrenheit scale. Absolute zero might, imaginatively, be defined as molecular death, because a substance which has lost all temperature has necessarily lost all molecular, or internal, energy and has become entirely inert.-New York Journal.

Wood In Flying Mechine.

Flying machines are made almost entirely of wood. The propellers of the aeroplanes are in most instances made of selected ash, which, in addition to being strong and light, will not split under vibration or shock. Built up layers of spruce with mahogany centers are also in use. Spruce is used in the construction of the frame because of its markedly straight grain and freeiom from hidden defects.-Washington

Bill-Thought you said roing to buy a cow? Jill-Well, I'm doing Bill-Where is it?

Jill-Over at my neighbor's. I'm buying it on the installment plan. I've bought a lot of the milk already,-Yonkers Statesman.

Investigating His Credit. "Say, Brooks, can I borrow, a little money from you until next pay day?"

ed to satisfy myself that my credit was good,"-London Standard.

I worked with onlience, which mer almost power.-Mrs Browning

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