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AN OLD MAID'S SCHEME

There was a situation. There is always a situation when there is an old maid around. They exist to make situations. Young Dr. Charles Westover had set up practice in the suburban village of Roselands, and Miss Helen Flint, aged somewhat over thirty, and living in her brother's family, three miles away, had heard favorable reports regarding his looks and family connections. She was only doing her duty in hearing reports of newcomers. No old maid worth a pinch of salt will shut her eyes to a good thing after she had reached thirty.

Seeing no chance to meet the doctor socially, Miss Helen got up a sore throat and drove into Roselands to have the young M.D. examined and prescribe for it. She was a patient, but an agreeable one. The sore throat, for which a gargle of hot vinegar was prescribed, did not in the least hinder her from being enterprising. As she drove home, aware that she could almost flatter herself that she had made an impression.

Old maids are credited with being sharper than a serpent's tooth, but there are exceptions. This was one. A quarter of a mile from the Flints lived the Rowlands and there was Miss Kitty with her hazel eyes and brown curls to chum with Miss Helen. Young girls do chum with old maids sometimes, and the two talk ramblingly together. As soon as Miss Helen reached home she flew over to her chum to tell her all about the doctor. It was interesting. It was palpitating. It was romantic. It never occurred to that young woman of over thirty that she might have a rival in her chum. She just laid her cards on the table, face up, and gave away her plans.

After all, it can't be said that any act of Miss Kitty's brought about the state of despair and the desire for revenge that finally raged through the old maid's system. Miss Kitty sprang her ankle while racing after the family rooster over the snow and Dr. Westover was sent for to apply liniments and bandages. That's the way he came to know her and come to a certain decision. The "chum-talk" was now on the other side, and although Miss Helen smiled she had a feeling way down in her heart of tomahawks and butcher knives. And to maintain her grip she got a cinder in her eye and drove in to have the doctor pick it out. He found it and extracted it and was very friendly, but at the same time he praised Miss Kitty's eyes instead of those of the patient, also her face and her curls.

And now, what does an old maid do when she swears by the beard of her father and the eyebrow of her mother that she will have a dire revenge on a good-looking girl half her age? She doesn't send poisoned candy or lurk in ambush with the bread knife. She waits for providence to come along and help her. Miss Helen waited. While waiting she drove into the doctor's to have her right ear examined for a little deafness, and her left lung tested for decay, and the M.D., was invited out to the Flint mansion to dinner, and found time to go. It was afterward he found it and extracted it and was very friendly, but at the same time he praised Miss Kitty's eyes instead of those of the patient, also her face and her curls.

NEW INDUSTRY ESTABLISHED ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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Poor Crop. The City Farmer—Shucks, I've planted three cans of tomatoes and not a sign of anything yet!

A Mean Trick. The reported breakdown of the Germans' food supply at the front recalls a story told in connection with the siege of Kimberley. The officer in charge of the mess one night announced to his brother officers that there was a shortage of meat. "The joint before me," the colonel said, "is beef. The joint at the other end of the table is horse-flesh. Please say which of the two you will take. For myself, I shall take some of the other joint."

After dinner one of the lieutenants remarked to the colonel: "Well, I suppose it will be horse-flesh for us all to-morrow?" "No," replied the colonel, "not necessarily, I made a little slip at dinner. I ought to have said that the beef was at the other end of the table, and the horse-flesh before me!"

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DUTCH NUNS NURSING WOUNDED GERMAN SOLDIERS. The Red Cross Hospital at Maestricht, where German soldiers are being ministered to by Sisters of Charity of Holland. The ward adjoining the one shown in the photo is filled with Belgians, the two nations being kept apart.

OIL LEASES EXTENDED

The Minister of the Interior Agreed to Plan. Calgary, Sept. 25—Because of the depression caused by the war, oil leases to gas and petroleum rights are to be extended one year. The movement to secure the extension was started by Robert Goodwin, who circulated a petition among the leaseholders, which was forwarded to Mr. Bennett, M. P. The member took the matter up with the minister of the interior, and was assured that extensions would be granted.

Toronto Railway Decrease. Toronto, Sept. 25—The gross earnings of Toronto Railway company for August were \$507,912, or a decrease of \$30,409. This is the first decrease on monthly earnings for the year. The figures for July were \$515,883. Dividend Passed. New York, Sept. 25—United Light & Railways Co., which has passed, or, as an officer of the company expressed it, indefinitely postponed the dividend on its \$6,898,700 common stock, due October 1st, operates a number of electric light and power, street and interurban railways and gas plants in Illinois, Iowa, Tennessee, Michigan and Indiana. In 1912 it took over control of the Tri-City Railway & Light Co.

Ohio Copper Falls. New York, Sept. 25—The Ohio Copper Mining company, a main corporation with authorized capital of \$8,000,000, in which F. Augustus Heinze was one time a guiding spirit, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy this afternoon. The assets of the petition recites, are \$1,243,000; the liabilities, \$1,568,000. A Large Deficit. New York, Sept. 25—It is estimated that the net earnings of the Steel corporation for the third quarter will be around \$21,000,000, or about \$500,000 more than reported in the second quarter. If this forecast proves correct, then the corporation will again have to report a deficit of around \$5,000,000, which would mean a total deficit of approximately \$16,500,000 for the first nine months of 1914.

Directors Voted \$2,500 to Fund. Montreal, Sept. 25—Directors of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber company yesterday voted the sum of \$2,500 to the Patriotic fund. This with the amount already subscribed by the company's employes, makes a total of \$6,783. Beet Sugar Crop. Washington, Sept. 25—The agricultural department estimates that the beet sugar crop this year in the United States will be 4,873,000 tons, against 5,659,000 tons last year. Want New York Funds. New York, Sept. 25—It is estimated that close to \$100,000,000 has been sought in New York since the beginning of the war by Canadian railways industries and municipalities.

Financial Notes. At New York it was decided at a meeting of the directors of the International Harvester corporation not to declare the usual dividend on the common stock of the corporation in view of the existing European conditions. During July the exports of agriculture products totalled \$15,846,000 as against \$11,497,000 for July 1913. Exports of animal produce also jumped from \$5,412,347 to \$7,391,397, and manufacturers from \$4,507,000 to \$5,857,000. One of the largest incorporations at Ottawa for some time was that of the International Petroleum company, Ltd., of Toronto, which is asking wide powers in regard to the development of natural gas, oil, chemical and mineral fields. It has a capital stock of \$4,000,000. The Winnipeg Paint & Glass Co., Limited, has postponed the payment of the half-yearly dividend on its preferred stock. Major E. C. Norsworthy, Montreal was elected a director of the Canada Cement company. Major Norsworthy is at Valcartier with the Royal Scots and is shortly leaving for the front. The Ames-Holden-McCreedy company has deferred the quarterly preferred dividend due October 1st. The directors will await the result of the fiscal year before making any further disbursements.

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