

Wichita Daily Eagle

A WOMAN'S HAPPY LIFE.

She manages to live in comparative luxury on \$1,000.

How a Family of Six Enjoys Existence in a Suburban Village—A Small Home, Garden, Cow and a Cony Home—An Ideal Picture—Healthy Summer Outings.

One thousand dollars with economy, thrift and a sense of responsibility is abundant wealth and secures all the needed pleasures of living. How do I know? I have tried it and proved it so.

During nine years of married life, beginning on an income of \$500, I have had all the necessities, and many of the luxuries of life. I have four healthy, strong and handsome boys, the youngest 2 years old. We have that indispensable comfort of an American household, a cheerful and intelligent cook. One thousand dollars covers all the expenses of our family of seven and the "not infrequent guest."

My husband's life is insured in an excellent policy, which is all the provision we have yet made for the traditional "rainy day."

Our bills are all paid, and we can face the future lazeily and fearlessly. I was myself a college bred girl, and our friends all shook their heads in amazement at our unimpaired marriage. But it has proved to be the most genuine prosperity that could have overtaken us both.

But I must describe our "modus operandi."

In the first place our home is in one of the beautiful country villages where my husband is employed on a salary of \$1,000 a year. Of that we pay \$200 per annum for a sunny house of eleven rooms, with garden and stable adjoining; \$150 more for household help; \$20 for literary matter; our coal bill is \$90; our kerosene bill with kerosene on lamps and chimneys, \$15; interest on life insurance, \$25; church dues, \$10; and miscellaneous, \$50; postage for cow and feed during winter, \$25; traveling expenses, \$45. Total, \$800, leaving \$400 for fuel and clothes.

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST. In regard to clothing we buy only the very best, which we find to be the wisest economy. We buy nothing ready-made, I make everything that is worn by myself and the boys. And my husband's suits are custom made. The children are not only healthy, but well dressed. I cut down their father's suits for the older boys, sponge and turn them into a family wardrobe. I no longer remodel my gowns for myself. I can always get a knit or coat out of them for the younger children. A package of dye will readily change the color to any new and desirable shade. One year I buy for myself a black silk, the next a Henrietta cloth of some fashionable material, which I can renew at any time by dyeing black. By this means I have always two handsome street costumes.

My husband gets one new suit a year, for which he pays \$35. His other wearing apparel brings his clothing bill up to \$60, and he always makes a good appearance. I remove my street costume the moment I come into the house. I always wear soft flannels for house dresses—white in summer, dull, warm shades in winter. These are not expensive and make over beautifully for the children.

The shoes, stockings and hat bill for the boys I find the lightest of all, but \$150 a year covers our clothing expenses. I might remark in passing that I find it very satisfactory to buy the best grade of tailoring, hosiery, white or cream, for my husband and self, and bright colored stockings for the children. These I dye a fast black, and find them stronger and the color more durable than the most expensive grades of black cotton or lisle thread stockings. We have now \$50 left for table expenses. "Two hundred and fifty dollars for the table?" I hear you exclaim. "Why, that is but a government meat allowance." Yes, we live on \$5 a week and live well. I am sure there is not a more appetizing table set anywhere.

PLEASANT BEHAVOR. My children have never been sick for one day, and their rosy skins and strong white teeth give evidence of good health. We have an unvarying rule of never eat once a day. Our butcher's bill never exceeds \$6 per month. We buy the cheaper pieces of meat and cook them in a savory way, excepting our roasts, which are always of the best. A roast of five pounds makes us two good dinners. The second day the meat is cut from the bones and made up into meat pie, croquettes, or, if rare, we often slice it, fry it quickly in butter, spread on neatly trimmed toast and pour over all a rich gravy made of cream, browned flour and seasoning. The third day the bones are cooked, the marrow is added and a rich consommé is the result. We use a great many oysters, clams and fish in their season. Our breakfasts are all ways of fruit, cereals, brown bread or muffins, gins or the like, with honey from our bees, coffee for the adults and plenty of good rich milk for the children.

For ten months during the year we have from our beautiful Adirondack, which we have named Butterfly, all the milk we can use. Butterfly gives eighteen quarts of milk daily in the spring, averaging from eight to nine in the winter. We have fresh eggs the whole year through and plenty of spring chickens for table use. Our garden, which my husband spades up in the mornings a little at a time and to gether we plant and keep weeded, yields an abundance of excellent vegetables, so that during the summer and early autumn we can be really extravagant and have five or six different kinds of vegetables at the noonday dinner.

Our supper are fit for a king, though suitable to a peasant's purse. A pudding, a salad, berries or other ripe fruit in season, canned fruit during winter, with delicious cream, such as milk cream, never supplies; chocolate, scones or tea, and cake; with cream, butter and eggs of our own make is reduced to a minimum of expense, and in its ever changing forms is always a part of our evening meal.

My letters to you, I must tell of our summer outing. My husband is the fortunate possessor of a big tent. This we pitch on different parts of the Jersey coast during successive seasons—not with the "maddening throng," but off by ourselves in a quiet nook. There we have an ideal summer. With gun and rod we find the long days full of sport, and come back after two months with a fund of health and happy memories. During these two months "Butterfly" is rented out at \$30 per month. Our vegetables are sent down twice a week, and there is no accumulation of big black debts to take from our summer's pleasure.—Cor. New York World.

It didn't like the idea. In Ohio man who was traveling in Spain inquired to remark that the United States had probably had Cuba some day, and received three challenges from hot headed Spaniards within an hour. He got out of it by saying he meant the Sandwich Islands instead of Cuba.—Detroit Free Press

When baby was sick, we called her Castoria, When she was a child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

A TOO DEVOTED SERVANT.

A Girl Who Was Dismissed Because She Tried to Elevate the Family Name.

Mr. and Mrs. T., young married people of moderate fortune, recently had occasion to wonder at a new defiance that seemed suddenly to have crept into the bearing of their acquaintances toward them. It was a little inexplicable to be sure, but none the less delightful, and so they went on enjoying it even while they wondered about it.

Now a short time before the young housewife had engaged a demure looking maid, a very jewel of a servant and wholly devoted to the interests of the family, but this maid could have anything to do with the new state of affairs had not yet occurred to them.

On one of the warm days Mrs. T.—met a friend on the street, and passed for a moment's greeting.

"How very fortunate you are to have a luxury of a garden, whenever you wish this dreadful weather," congratulated her friend.

"Yachting whenever we wish!" echoed Mrs. T.—"I do not understand you."

"Haven't you a yacht of your own this summer?" asked her friend.

"No, I never had one, nor for any other summer," said Mrs. T.—"positively."

"Why," answered the friend, "a fortnight ago my husband and I called at your home on Sunday afternoon. Your maid came to the door and told us that Mr. T.—and yourself had gone out for the day in your new yacht."

Mrs. T.—smiled deeply, but she declined to say anything to the maid. A few days later, however, a woman friend calling said, "By the way, I have not yet seen you driving in your new carriage, I think."

"But I haven't a new carriage," replied Mrs. T.—"in amazement. 'What do you mean?'"

"Why," answered her visitor, "a short time ago when I called your maid told me that you had gone out driving to try your new horses."

A sudden light broke upon Mrs. T.—'s mind. On the instant of her guest's departure she thought of her faithful servant, "Mary," she said, "did you tell Mr. and Mrs. M.—not long ago that we had gone out in our new yacht?"

"Yes," said Mrs. C.—"that I had gone out to try my new horse?"

"Yes," said Mrs. T.—"and have you told my other things like that to other people?"

"Yes," said Mrs. C.—"and then it came out that not only was Mary devoted to the family fortunes, but was more ambitious for the elevation thereof than the family itself, and that upon every possible occasion she had given every bit of information to their friends. To some visitor she had said that they had gone out to refresh their country horses, and that they had been gone coaching with a party of friends, and to still another, who had called in the evening, that they were giving dinner at Delmonico's on that particular night."

"Oh, Mary, how could you?" moaned the little mistress. "Don't you see what you have done to me?"

"I didn't see you," responded the astute maid. "Everybody looks pleased and goes away and comes back quick again, and isn't that what you like?" And wasn't it a little unjust that Mary's devotion should have been rewarded by a prompt dismissal.—New York Evening Sun.

A Pretty Story.

The Germans have a story which the home loving people love to repeat. A father, when his daughter became a bride, gave her a golden casket with the injunction not to pass it into other hands, for it held a charm which her husband would be of inestimable value to her as the mistress of the house. Not only was she to have the entire care of it, but she was to take it every morning to the cellar, the kitchen, the dining room, the library, the bed room, and remain with it in each place for five minutes, when to carry it about.

After the lapse of three years the father was to send the key, that the secret talisman might be revealed. The key was sent. The casket was opened. It was found to contain an old parchment on which was written these words: "The eyes of the mistress are worth 100 pairs of servants' hands." The wise father knew that a practice of the inspection followed faithfully for three years would become a habit and be self-perpetuated—that the golden casket and the hidden charm would have accomplished their mission.—Somerville Journal.

A German Funeral in Germany.

An American as being a rather curious affair. It is invariably led by an elderly woman, clad in black, who is hired to carry a lugubrious wreath. This antiquated female is frequently followed by a number of men also hired to carry wreaths and other floral devices appropriate to the solemn occasion. Then comes the hearse, drawn by a man, black horses and driven by a man wearing a livery black robe and a low, wide brimmed hat. Beside the hearse walk the pallbearers and behind the hearse come the mourners, all adorned with black silk ties. Then follow the carriages, all empty, for it is an imperative rule that none except the driver of the vehicles shall ride in the funeral procession; moreover, no woman save only the old woman who precedes the hearse can participate in the procession. When the female relatives and friends of the deceased wish to see the burial they go to the cemetery, a few minutes before and return in an equally modest way. After the funeral the mourners ride home in the carriages.—Kansas Field in Chicago News.

Largest Sum Ever Paid for a Book.

The report that a syndicate of rich Jews has offered \$200,000, or almost \$300,000, for the Vatican code, which the Hebrew scholars are interested in the history of previous negotiations for the purchase of this very book.

In 1510, when Pope Julius II was desperately in need of funds to keep up the league against Henry VIII of France, he was approached by Jews as his successor in the chair of St. Peter is now. They offered a comparatively small sum at first, but subsequently increased the amount, tendering at the same time a blank order on one of their number in the amount of \$100,000 in ducats according to the weight of the Bible as against an equal weight of pure gold.

The pope got so far as to weigh the precious volume, and found that it scaled 355 pounds avoirdupois, or 438 pounds odd Troy, which at \$4 the ounce, then about the value of gold, represented the enormous sum of \$230,000 and a fraction. This amount in its equivalent value was pressed on the pope, who, however, either because he found himself unable to part with property in which he would not seem to have more than a life interest, or on account of the pressure brought to bear on him, declined to accept such a proposition with the volume. Should the present negotiations be more successful the amount now offered will be the largest sum ever paid for a book, whether in manuscript or in print, according to Pall Mall Budget, authority for the foregoing statement. The name of the Jew who offered the \$200,000 (or nearly \$300,000) and the German government in 1884 for the Bible formerly given by Leo X to Henry VIII, along with a parchment conferring on this sovereign the title of "Defender of the Faith." The Bible was given by the pope to the king Duke of Hamilton, in whose family it remained for more than 300 years.

A GREAT BATTLE ENDED.

THE HEIRS OF M'RA CLARK GAINES ASSURED OF A FORTUNE.

They Win the Final Struggle with the City of New Orleans and Are Now Entitled to Over Half a Million of Money.

The other day Judge Billings, of the United States circuit court, took action which practically ends the most famous lawsuit of the country. He overruled exceptions to the master's report in the Gaines case and gave judgment against the heirs.

Some time ago a New York paper told an anecdote of Mrs. Gaines that illustrates her character. It was in the last days of her life when she was so poor that she could not afford street car fare that a syndicate of speculators offered her several hundred thousand dollars for an interest in her claim. Mrs. Gaines stated one side of the case to them.

"The people who occupy this property," she said, "bought it in good faith from the city of New Orleans, which guaranteed the titles. Now, suppose the city should say that it has to go. We cannot come to the relief of these people because the northern carpet baggers have depleted the treasury, what would you do then?"

"We would take the property," was the reply.

"Then," Mrs. Gaines rejoined, "I decline your proposition. I have made a vow to my heavenly Father that if he would sustain me in this great battle of more than forty-six years' duration I would devote the remainder of my life to doing all the good I could with my money. He has answered my prayer, and before I would do anything and beg my bread from door to door."

The pictures of Mrs. Gaines herewith presented are from authentic sources, and show the famous litigant as she appeared when a girl, when the bride of Gen. Gaines and when a lonely but undaunted old woman of 73.

A VETERAN STENOGRAPHER'S DEATH.

The Long Career of Mr. McElhove as an Official Reporter.

Mr. John J. McElhove, who died at Atlantic City, N. J., recently from nervous prostration, was for many years at the head of the official stenographic corps of the house of representatives. The session of this summer was the forty-ninth in which he had superintended and directed the verbatim reporting of congressional debates. He was accounted the finest shorthand writer in the country, and was probably the only one who could work a wife and a family in the chamber, one of the most difficult and exacting of professions. He was necessarily perfectly familiar with parliamentary usage, and his knowledge of several foreign languages was occasionally of great advantage to him.

When a mere boy he reported debates in the senate, and his pen landed down to posterity the utterances of such men as Clay and Webster. From there he went over to the house as an employee of the Congressional Globe, which subsequently gave place to the present Record. He was the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record, and when that paper first started, and wrote letters for it for some time after he began taking the proceedings of the house. He was born in Philadelphia, and was a great friend of the late Samuel J. Randall, whose death affected him severely. Mr. McElhove left a wife and a family of ten children, one of whom, a young man of 30 years, is a good stenographer and has a position on the house corps.

The Soap Well Applied.

The leading lady of an amateur theatrical company at Bloomfield, Ia., has by one act achieved a sensational fame many a professional might envy. The other night she discovered some of the "Johnnies" of the hamlet peering into her dressing room. Lending a property point with a blank cartridge and a playman's indifference, she brought down a person named Fool. The young man, whose head was filled with soap and his soul with wrath, caused the girl's arrest, but on learning the particulars the justice dismissed the suit, with a severe rebuke to the young man, and intimating that he would feel satisfied that there was nothing more solid in the pistol.

The Thunder and Lightning.

Pointers on thunder storms now being in order following from the Cincinnati Enquirer by its interest: "If you can count three slowly—that is, one count to the second—between the flash of lightning and the peal of thunder, you may know that destruction has not been wrought in your own locality. The flash and the crash really simultaneous, only the light of the former travels much more swiftly than the sound of the latter. If it takes three seconds for the noise of the thunder to reach you then the storm is 3,270 feet—two-thirds of a mile—away. But when the flash and the peal come close together then shake yourself to see if you are hit."

Too Late.

"Madam," said the grateful census enumerator, "you have replied courteously and kindly to all my questions. Unlike nearly every person I have met since I began this work you have not treated me as if I were an enemy and an intruder. You have answered satisfactorily all the questions relating to my condition, and ownership of property. Your conduct meets my hearty approval not only as a government officer but as a citizen, and with your permission I will ask you a question not down in my list. Are you going to be married to any one?"

"I am, sir," replied the handsome widow, blushing and smiling.

"I feared so," said the census taker, with a sigh.

And he put on his hat and went out into the cold world again, his path in human nature was broken but his heart broken.—Chicago Tribune.

WHAT IS SAPOLIO?

It is a solid handsome cake of scouring soap which has no equal for all cleaning purposes except in the laundry. To use it is to value it.

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BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. THERE IS BUT ONE SAPOLIO. ENOCH MORGAN'S SONS CO., NEW YORK.

Two ladies of Lewiston, Me., take six milk bottles before breakfast for their health. Water solutions are difficult to mix with vasoline, but it is said this difficulty can be overcome by means of a little orange oil. Can American genius invent a pot for boiling cabbage without perforating the neighborhood?

Another admirable stimulant for exhaustion is a mixture of five drops of chloroform with a teaspoonful of red lavender in a glass of water. The official directory of the New York Central shows that of the 330 station agents on the road twenty-six are women.

A turtle tepid made of blue and white oyster ware, its upturned head and neck serving for the spout, is imported from Japan and costs \$1. Rolling water should not be poured on tea trays, japanned goods, etc., as it will make the varnish crack and peel off.

The magnificent and wonderful frosting with which the cakes are now decorated before the cake is set, so that it may be used again and again. Sponging the face with water containing a few drops of carbolic acid will drive away flies and other insect pests.

Although a man may be but once he always has as many wives as children. Every child inherits his wife as a new mother. Have you three children you have four wives. A novel lace pin representing the four faces, or different phases, of the moon is very pretty. The faces are enamelled on rolled gold and vary in color.

Navigation of the Mississippi. The first steam vessel which sailed on this mighty stream was in 1810, and the enterprise was conducted extraordinarily. In 1820 the steam navigation of the Mississippi had so improved in respect to facility and quickness that fifty-one boats, of 28,975 tons, were employed.—New York Ledger.

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