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Heart and Home Talks
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THE GIRL WHO IS SHY.

Marjorie Gould, whose recent wedding to a son of the Drexels was the social event of the New York season, was characterized by one of her intimate friends as "adorably shy." So the girl who is shy need not think that she wants to cease looking forward certain degree of shyness is sometimes a charm, especially in these days when many young girls are too forward and bold.

The girl who is shy, however, is apt to see no charm in it. She looks upon it as a defect and wants to know how to cure it.
To begin with, the girl who is shy wants to do all she can to forget it. She wants to cease looking forward to parties with dread because she can think of nothing to say or with envy of other girls because they have plenty to say. She should think of the reverse side of the picture—that she is going to have a good time.

Then, let her talk of the little, commonplace things of everyday life. The girl who is shy often is so because she thinks she must be bright, witty, clever. But this is not essential to a good time. Boys like to talk about their school or college affairs, their baseball or football, the little, commonplace incidents of business or the home. One does not want to descend to trivialities or to gossip, but the human interest things of life are always entertaining. The girl who is shy can help train herself out of shyness by starting in with old people. The old folks are often neglected and they appreciate a

Barbara Boyd

How Names Die Out

GREAT FORTUNES AND A LAW OF NATURE.

In colonial times over one-tenth of the population of this country was Huguenot. This strain is hardly discernible today. In all our commercial cities these French Calvinists were represented by dynasties of merchants. Where are their descendants today? Where are the Bowdoin, the Faneull, Jays, Boudinots, Hegers?

If you have ever browsed in that portly tome, the roster of the Sons of the American Revolution, you have perceived that a number of the sons bearing English names take membership by virtue of descent in the female line from New York or Philadelphia Jews who helped finance our infant government. But why are there no persons bearing the family name of these men? Why do they seem to be without male descendants?

You have known before that there were Jews in the colonies, that Granville, Mass., was a Jewish seat, that there was a Jewish cemetery in Newport, with no living Jews in the state for decades. Now and then some New Englander, Yankee and orthodox congregationalist, tells you that he has some blood of the New England colonial Jews, but always by descent in the female line.

What became of these rich Huguenots, those prosperous Jews? Why did they vanish?

They didn't vanish. They are here. Their blood is here though their names have gone. Their families ran to girls in the later generation. And just here is an agency in the dispersion and reduction of great fortunes that has been little considered.

In new countries, and in unhappy countries, in warlike, disturbed countries, among anxious, harassed, oppressed people the male birth rate is high. In times of war and calamity, it is high. Nature struggles almost as if consciously to compensate the ravages war and hardship make in the ranks of the males. In old, calm orderly countries, in peaceful times, when men are not exposed to dangers, the proportion of female births increases.

In the fighting disturbed countries of the Balkans, the percentage of male infants is the greatest of all Europe. In our oldest and most comfortable states it is lower than in our newer states. It is quite small in the older countries of Europe. Luxury tends to bring girls, hardships tend to bring boys.

Kings and the English nobility seem to offer an exception to this rule. Still, very few of the English and French nobility are of very ancient creation. The nobility that began centuries ago are gone. It has been customary to explain this disappearance by saying the war of the roses and the war of the league wiped them out. It is doubtful if this tells the whole story. In later centuries they doubtless began to run to girls.

The British nobility of the last century has in general had a more ad-

HE ONLY HALF READ.

(New Bedford Standard.)

When asked why he attempted to raise money on checks with forged signatures, a young man who was arrested for this offense the other day explained that he had read in the newspapers of the success of men who had engaged in this operation, and that he thought he could imitate them. Those good people who attribute much of the crime in the land to the suggestion of the newspapers will find in the boy's affirmation proof of their theory's correctness. Nevertheless they are mistaken as he was mistaken. What he really proves is the folly and danger of careless newspaper reading, not the success of forgers. Had he read with carefulness and attention, he would have seen that while occasionally a man does delude an unsuspecting victim into the acceptance of a forged check, there is scarcely any crime of which detection is so certain. Here and there, certainly, the check goes, and the money comes to the forger; but the story followed to the end is, with rare exceptions, that the forger falls into the hands of the police. What the newspapers tell, if one reads intelligently, is not of the success of the forger, but of his foolishness. When the reader strikes the story of the forger, he needs to read it through to the end, and not stop, as the habit of too many newspaper readers is, somewhere about two inches from the beginning. After that, there will

generally be small temptation to making a living by the imitation of other people's signatures.

This is a fair thing to say, too, about the general treatment of crime and sin by the newspapers. When the great Jewish lawgiver told the children of Israel, "Be sure your sin will find you out," he only anticipated by a few thousand years what the newspapers are now telling the people every day in the year. Newspaper accounts of wrong-doing are chiefly records of the terrible wages of sin. Those misguided persons who offer the excuse that they saw in the paper how somebody else committed a crime, and were thus tempted to imitation, prove themselves heedless in that they did not read to the end. There they would have found no encouragement for evil. He that reads, let him understand, is an appropriate injunction to those men and women who think they find in the newspapers reasons why they may safely wander into by and forbidden paths.

We make no plea for any defense of morbid and hysterical treatment of crime, and we believe that so-called humorous treatment of wrong-doing is too apt to degenerate into cynical flippancy not to be encouraged. Yet even those perversions which occasionally blot journalism tell the same story—that the worst investment a man or woman can make is in letting impulse or passion lead to putting time and energy into the wrong. Over every story of crime, whatever the visible

headline may say, is written "It Did Not Pay."

PUZZLES OF SCIENCE.

The scientists are having a hard time of it. Halley's comet put the learned astronomers into dire confusion of mind by failing to perform according to the rules and regulations set down for it. Now another theory has exploded. In the Yellowstone National Park, a geyser has been discovered which throws a stream 125 feet high of ice cold water. The usual boiling hot water. The accepted hypothesis has been that heat and steam generated by subterranean waters coming in contact with lime and certain chemicals are the causes of the eruption. Why a stream of ice cold water should spout out in that manner is a mystery. Was it produced by the same causes, becoming cold in its passage through the earth, or brought about by the actions of totally different forces? Such questions can only be answered after diligent study and investigation. Yet in due time probably that problem will be solved as well as the comet mystery. The scientists no doubt like to have these little episodes to prove themselves capable of working out correct theories on any subject.—New Bedford Standard.

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