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LIFE IN NEW YORK

ONE GREAT BLUFF

THAT'S HOW RESIDENT OF METROPOLIS VIEWS EXISTENCE IN BIG BURG.

Life in New York is one great bluff, declares one of its more recent dwellers, who evidently makes good use of eyes and ears. You think your next door neighbor is rolling in wealth, yet more often, if you only knew it, he is wondering how the deuce it happens you are so much better off than he is. You imagine he is rich because you see him coming home in an automobile every afternoon, while he gets his ideas of your wealth by the fact that your wife wears expensive furs and never goes out except in an automobile or carriage. You are both making a bluff. So is half of New York, for that matter, and the trouble is that it's something difficult to avoid. Appearances count for much there, and it isn't always convenient to have enough money on hand to make good. But there's credit—or, at the worst, there are places and institutions which will assist you to put on a good front that nobody not in the secret can detect.

Suppose you are going to give a dinner. You haven't any silverware, and the linen, you discover, is full of holes. You haven't the money to buy new things with, so you phone to the caterer and he attends to the rest. He furnishes you with a fine layout of table linen, silver and glassware, and everything with your initial on it. Besides, he sends you a waitress or a butler, whichever you desire, who lets you call him or her by name and pretends that he has been in your employ for years. It doesn't cost much, either.

Then, again, if you want to make people think you have an automobile, you can hire one by the hour, and the chauffeur will swear up and down, if you ask him, that it's your car and that he has been in your employ for a long while. You can dress well, too, on a bluff, by hiring things, or buying them second hand, or, if you have credit at the big stores you can have things sent home on approval and wear them one night, only to return them to the store the next day.

It is also possible to rent a baby, complete with outfit, too—perambulators, crib and baby clothes—all ready for a christening. Why, one of the children's societies turned heaven and earth to break up the baby renting business. It seems women beggars found out that if they crouched on the sidewalk with a baby in their arms people would drop coins into a hand that was not stretched out, but was accidentally posed so that a coin could be dropped into it.

These beggars who had no babies of their own to torture rented them on a percentage basis, either from baby farms or heartless mothers. The beggars, it was found, pinched the little ones, or did other things to make them cry or moan, and the societies got busy.

Yes, New York is a bluff, all right, in more ways than can be named, for new methods of turning the favorite trick are thought out daily.

Stubborn as Mules.

are liver and bowels sometimes; seem, to balk without cause. Then there's trouble—loss of appetite—indigestion nervousness, despondency, headache. But such troubles fly before Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best stomach and liver remedy. So easy. 25c at B. F. Hughes.

Easy at First.

"Love at first sight is easy," remarked the young widow.
"Just so," rejoined the old bachelor.
"Few people can stand the test of a long-drawn-out acquaintance."—Chicago News.

Facing a Soldier's Life.

Facing death from shot and shell in the civil war was more agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Tex., than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "developed a cough, that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. I now weigh 178 pounds." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, hemorrhage, hoarseness, croup, whooping cough and lung trouble, its supreme. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by B. F. Hughes.

Her Average.

"Yes," explained the summer girl, "I had nine chances and accepted eight of them."
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"I found afterward that he was the most eligible of them all."
"Too bad."
"Yes, I suppose I must be charged with an error."—Ex.

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HAS MANY FAULTS.

BUT THE NAVAJO IS NOT TO BE JUDGED BY THE WHITE MAN'S STANDARDS.

In many ways the Navajo Indian is not a bad fellow. His peculiarities are faults when judged by the white man's standards, but why should we presume to measure the red man's oats in our half-bushel basket? For one thing, he knows no distinction of meum and tuum, and would rather steal than buy from any person or at any time. Again, the truth is not in him—or if it is, it is so deeply buried that it never reaches the surface; and ingratitude is so universal that its opposite is inconceivable in the conduct of a Navajo. Then his weakness for many wives may be counted against him; but perhaps this should be considered a lack of wisdom rather than a moral lapse. Two wives is the common allotment, but some have been known to have 12. Sometimes it happens that a man's wives quarrel. Then he separates them, building for each a Hogan, or hut, separated, if possible by a rock, a hillock or a convenient butt, which neither is supposed to pass. If all tales be true the wives are not always careful to observe their appointed metes and bounds; and many a lively scrap has taken place, witnessed only by wondering jack rabbits and wide-eyed papooses, when the lord of the divided hogans was away from home.

The mother-in-law joke of the newspaper paragraphs is as old as civilization; but among the Navajos it is a grim and ever present tragedy. For a man to look in the face of his mother-in-law is believed to be certain precursor of a long train of inconceivable evils. As his wife's mother frequently makes her home in his Hogan (after the custom of mother-in-law,) it requires some lively dodging to avert catastrophe. When he returns home, after marketing his wool, or visiting the nearest trading store for a supply of tobacco, or giving chase to the nimble jack rabbit, or sojourning for a time with another wife, he gives warning of his approach by a loud "ki-yi," and the old lady scurries to cover, remaining out of sight as long as he is in the neighborhood.

AN INSPIRING TRIBUTE.

TOUCHING SCENE THAT OCCURRED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

From a volume by Hon. A. E. Stevenson, "Something of Men I Have Known," is taken this account of an incident which deserves a place in memory.

A touching scene occurred in the house of representatives a number of years ago when an aged member from New Jersey arose and for the first time addressed the speaker. All eyes were turned in his direction as he stood calmly awaiting recognition. He was tall, spare and erect. His venerable appearance and kindly expression, coupled with most courteous manners, at once commanded attention. As in husky tones he again said "Mr. Speaker!" there came from the farthest end of the great hall in a whisper, but distinctly heard by all, the words, "Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt." A moment later and from the floor and gallery many voices blended in the familiar refrain: "Don't you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt?"

The ovation which immediately followed was such as is rarely witnessed in the great hall. Business was suspended for the moment and the hand of the new member warmly grasped by the chosen representatives of all parties and sections. It was an inspiring tribute, one worthily bestowed. The member was Thomas Dunn English, author of the little poem, sung in palace and cottage, which has found its way into all languages and touched all hearts.

A committee of German aviators has figured that it would cost \$100,000 to build a dirigible balloon big enough to carry 18 passengers in addition to its crew, and \$75 a day to operate it.

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SHOE SIZES.

HOW THE STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT WAS ESTABLISHED.

It is most difficult for many persons to remember the sizes of their different articles of wearing apparel. Collars, shirts and gloves are easy enough, because in the case of these it is a matter of actual inches. But the hat and shoe numbers are what puzzle most people. To say nothing of the mystery why a No. 11 stocking goes with a No. 8 shoe.

This last puzzle is, however, easily explained. Stockings have always been measured by the inch from heel to toe, but the numbering of shoes was fixed a long time ago by a Frenchman. The Frenchman permanently fixed the numbers of shoes for all Europe and America. He arbitrarily decided that no human foot could possibly be smaller than three and seven-eighths inches. So, calling this zero, he allowed one-third of an inch to a size and accordingly built up his scale. It follows therefrom that a man cannot find out the number of his own shoe unless he be an expert arithmetician. Even then he is likely to go wrong, because all the shoe experts allow for the weight of the individual and the build of his foot before they try to determine what size shoe he ought to wear.

As far as women's shoes are concerned the problem is still more difficult, because many of the manufacturers instead of keeping to the regular scale have marked down their numbers one or two sizes in order to capture easily flattered customers. For this reason most dealers ask out of town customers to send an old shoe with their orders. The system of measuring hats is much simpler. Any man can tell what size he wears simply by adding the width and length of the inner brim and then dividing by two. Orders can also be sent to the shopkeeper by stating the circumference of the head.—Boston Globe.

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APPLYING SUMMER MULCH

Ground Should Be Worked Over Fine and Deep and Left Free from All Weeds.

Before applying the mulch the ground should be worked over fine and deep and left free from all weeds. The clippings should then be spread evenly over the surface, working it under the leaves of low growing plants and well up around the stems of tall ones, as lilies.

Once placed the mulch should not be disturbed, as its object is to exclude light and hot air and retain moisture. Left undisturbed under the influence of rain and dew it settles into a feltlike mat that effectively discourages the growth of weeds, while retaining the moisture, coolness and friability of the soil so essential to the welfare of the plant.

The mulch must be added to from time to time, as the drying out of the grass renders it much thinner. When applied and beds much exposed will require much heavier mulching than those in partial or complete shade. So, too, beds of fine, low growing plants will require much less mulching than tall, robust plants, as the cosmos, clover, dahlias, or perennial phlox, which may be kept mulched to a depth of eight or ten inches to advantage, and in a season of normal rainfall will require little, if any, watering.

Where a part of a bed has been mulched and the remaining part left uncovered and watered it has been discovered that the weeds grow abundantly, needing constant attention, and that no amount of water seems to assuage the thirst of the soil under a brilliant sun, while the soil of the protected portion of the bed would, on turning back the mulch, be found cool, moist and free from weeds.

It is well in the interest of some liness, to add fresh grass an often as twice a week on those beds most in evidence. Where white clover forms part of the covering of the lawn the effect of the beds covered with the green grass and dainty blossoms and crowned with bright flowers is charming. Such a mulch, if left on the ground during winter, will protect the soil and prevent its leaching, and in the spring will have decayed and may be worked into the ground, adding a valuable element—humus—to the soil.

TO CATCH A SMALL ANIMAL.

Catcher Invented to Capture Elusive Little Beasts with Comparatively Little Trouble.

Any person who has tried to catch a pig or other small animal in even a comparatively restricted space will appreciate the value of the animal catcher invented by an Oklahoman. By means of this device the capturing of elusive little beasts is made comparatively easy, and it will no doubt be much in demand among farmers.



Jaws Seize the Leg.

and butchers. The contrivance consists of a pair of grappling tongs with pivoted curved jaws and foldable arms. One of these arms fits over a pole and a rope is slipped through a ring at one end and passed through a ring at the end of the other arm, at the same time being slipped through a short chain at the intersection. In using the catcher the operator seizes the animal's leg with the jaws of the instrument and pulls the rope, which closed the jaws tight. The big advantage derived is that the pursuer need not continually stoop and hurl himself at the fugitive to grasp the leg with his own hands, a proceeding maddening in its frequent failures and loss of dignity.

Transplanting Tomatoes.

Tomatoes are too tender to transplant until all danger of frost is past. Let the ground get good and warm; nothing is gained by transplanting to places in ground that is cold. The idea that tomatoes do best on rather poor soil is a mistake; they will ripen a little earlier on such soil, but will not produce as many or as fine tomatoes as when grown on good, rich soil. If the soil is so rich that they are inclined to run to vine, be a little rough with them and so check their growth.

What Hog Cholera Costs Illinois.

Hog cholera costs Illinois one to four million dollars annually in animals destroyed. This disease can now be controlled through immunizing serum discovered by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, and the Illinois Farmers' Institute has asked the general assembly to authorize the state board of live stock commissioners to prepare and furnish this serum free to the stock man of the state.

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