

DOBLEYS GO A-FLATTING.

On a Hunt for a Novel Way to Spend the Summer—They Plan to Spend the Time Camping Out in a Harlem Flat—They Visit the Out-of-Sight Apartments and Inspect the Attractions—A Janitor's Tyranny.

"I have a charming idea of spending the summer," said Mrs. Doble, clapping her hands delightedly over the breakfast table.

"It is a coaching trip through Germany or a houseboat on the Thames, you may count me out," said Mr. Doble, who had grown to fear those exuberant outbursts of enthusiasm on his wife's part.

"It is nothing so commonplace," said Mrs. Doble. "It is simply a gypsyish plan of doing exactly as we wish or going away indefinitely without caring anything about having to leave a big house. We'll close up the house."

"Do you propose that we shall carry away like the Indians or establish a permanent camp under canvas somewhere?" asked Mr. Doble.

"Neither," exclaimed Mrs. Doble, triumphantly. "I propose that we take a flat somewhere; furnish it up with sumptuous Japanese rugs and bamboo doors and wicker chairs just like a summer cottage."

"You mean that we should live a double life, having one home here and a flat elsewhere? Let me understand you, please."

"Nothing of the sort," said Mrs. Doble. "Don't you remember that last year we agreed that the coolest, pleasantest place we found was New York, and how lovely it was to take a day off from the seaside?"

"Oh, then you mean to establish a cheerful summer home in New York?" asked Mr. Doble. "But what is the objection to remaining right here in our happy, high-priced home?"

"That's just it," said Mrs. Doble. "We could economize all through summer. Besides it wouldn't be any fun to stay here! We'd just have to keep on being respectable. We have to live up to the house and keep regular hours for meals. It's too monotonous."

"If you summer in a flat you'll find respectability exciting in the fall," said Mr. Doble. "That is I've heard Franklin say so."

"My idea is," said Mrs. Doble, "to have just one Japanese man who will do all the work and who will be prepared to get up dinners and supper in change a dish at a moment's notice. We will dispense with all ceremony. Don't you see what a complete change it will be? We won't even have to dress for dinner unless we wish. Then people won't know where we live and can't call on us."

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"It reminds me," said Doble reflectively, "of a man who advertised for a place as gardener. He stated that, being a neat, capable, experienced, reliable, educated, refined man who could speak three languages; understood pruning and trimming hedges and the care of horses. I did not want a gardener, but it seemed to me at the time as though this man would be a good, all-around sort of a man to have in any capacity."

"Your judgment is so keen and correct in all cases," said Mrs. Doble, while her husband inclined his head slightly and seriously, "that I want you to go with me to look at this flat. If you approve of it I think we had better take it and camp there for the summer."

So the Doble proceeded northward and across town by various transfer routes until they came nearly to the city limits.

"I shouldn't be at all surprised," said Mr. Doble, "if we could get fresh eggs, vegetables and good roads up here. And it's so interesting getting here. We have experienced every mode of travel except the underground system, and I think a tunnel would be an improvement on that out across flats. But it is positively sylvan once you get here. Look at the oak tied to a stake over there in the offing and the goat poised on the crag against the sky. It makes me feel as though we were in the Alps and I long to yodel."

"The air is beautiful!" said Mrs. Doble, sniffing delightedly. "It's so different!"

"And there's so much of it!" said Mr. Doble. "You get that peculiar bracing effect that one gets on a mountain top."

"It makes you wish to drink in great draughts of ozone," said Mrs. Doble delightedly.

"Yes—I have often experienced that mountain peak thirst with not a restaurant within fifteen miles," said Mr. Doble. "It's a unique experience!"

The Out-of-Sight was an imposing building which Doble said looked like a Home for the Blind because the decorations jarred him somewhat. There was a view of the river and the Palisades in the distance. A man in a blue denim suit, came from some underground depth of the flat and jingled keys while he looked over the Dobileys.

"I want to see the flat," he asked.

"We shouldn't like to observe its numerous and unaccounted beauties," said Mr. Doble. "We have been lured from a yacht or taken a cottage somewhere. No one will really know where we are and we can enjoy the idea that people think we are away when we are really right in town."

scarlet circles over its surface set in green leaves.

"What a charming summer effect!" exclaimed Doble. "A tomato and lettuce salad as I live! With a bottle of mountainous water in one of these rooms would be ideal for a dining room."

"These is the parlors," said the janitor, and then he pointed to a room. "The lady who lived here had green brocade satin furniture with gold legs and she had the room done up in this way."

"Let me see that kitchen, please," said Mrs. Doble. "After all the kitchen is the most important room in a house. Show me the kitchen and I can tell you what sort of people live in a place."

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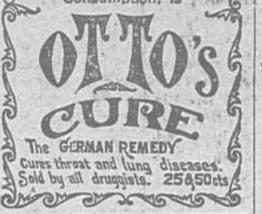
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