

# Short Story

## DELAYED PROPOSALS.

By Clara Inez Deacon.

It was a village with a mineral spring. What kind of mineral it was makes not the slightest difference. The idea is to get a spring the water of which will cure anything that ever afflicted mankind, and the rest will take care of itself. That is, the old chaps who have been tied up in knots with rheumatism for the last fifteen years will take treatment for two weeks and then go home and swear they can jump over a six-rail fence, and be the means of inducing others to come.

There were five old maids in the village. This fact was not advertised with the waters of the spring. The owner thought it might hurt his trade if the fact got out. It wouldn't have, of course, for drinking mineral water doesn't make an old maid of a girl, but many a mineral spring has been killed by taking chances with it.

One of the five old maids in the village besides a spring was a young man who came from Boston, that the mineral waters might relieve him of some foreign substance which had got into his stomach by way of his throat and was playing hobs with his peace of mind. One doctor had told him that it was probably a frog. Another had strong suspicions that it was a mud turtle. A third contended that he was almost sure he could smell fish of some brand. The fourth doctor studied the case for two weeks and then said: "There is no use in ninnling matters about this thing."

"Then it may be a giraffe or camel?" was queried.

"Young man, you are a sleep-walker, though you may not suspect it."

"S-o-?"

"One night in your walks you picked up and swallowed a tooth brush. It is in your stomach today."

"But I haven't missed my tooth brush, and I gave my shears—"

"Well, it may be your shears."

"And nothing can be done?"

"Certainly something can be done. Go to a mineral spring for two or three weeks."

And that's what brought the young man who gave his name as Ray Hadley up to the spring. The frog, or the fish, or the turtle, or the shears, or whatever it was, vanished in a week, and then a fortnight was spent in making the acquaintance of the five old maids.

Mr. Hadley made love to all five. It takes a little more time to court five old maids than one, but aingle man at a mineral spring has the time to spare.

Each old man called Mr. Hadley a charming man. It was whispered about that he was a rich man. It was further whispered that he had never loved. Therefore he was worth winning, and each of the five won him. That is, he acknowledged before the fortnight was up that his heart was touched, and the day before his departure he said to each one:

"I am not going to say what I wish to say just now. I shall write it after I get home, and hope to receive a favorable answer."

"It will be so nice" simpered each of the five.

Besides the mineral spring and the five old maids, the village had a postmistress—Miss Grace Parsons, the daughter of an old soldier. She had held the place for three years when the tragedy of the five old maids came along to raise a row. Three days after Mr. Hadley's departure the five began to haunt the postoffice. They had not been rivals, exactly. While they knew that Mr. Hadley had been rather lavish of his affections, each had been rather solaced herself with the feeling that she was the chosen one.

After two days of haunting the postoffice, however, each one began to wonder if the other hadn't in some way got hold of her letter and suppressed it. From that they began to wonder if the postmistress, actuated by spite of jealousy, hadn't suppressed all five letters. The thought brought them together.

"She must have done it," said one.

"She don't like any of us," added another.

"Mr. Hadley must have written long ago," simpered a third.

"Men in love don't delay this way," sagely observed the fourth.

"Something should be done," was the firm conviction of the fifth.

Something was done. A complaint was made to the postal authorities at

# A TERRIBLE DEAL

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Washington. Five very important letters had very probably arrived at the postoffice and been suppressed instead of being promptly delivered. The matter should be given immediate attention.

The postoffice inspector for that route had been aken ill, and another had to be sent over the route. His name was Royal Dayton, and the complaint was handed to him with the remark:

"Here, look into this. I guess it doesn't amount to much, but it's in the day's work."

And that's how Royal Dayton and Miss Grace Parsons came to meet.

"Why, they charge me with suppressing their letters," she exclaimed.

"That's it."

"And they are very important persons in this community?"

"So they say."

"But what five persons should want to injure me by making such a complaint? There is not a word of truth in it. I did not know that I had a single enemy."

"Well, let us figure a minute," said the inspector. "It seems that five different persons have been looking for five very important letters."

"Yes."

"Such being the case they would have made inquiries very often. They are five people that know each other. Can't you place them?"

"Could one of them be Miss Johnson?" was mused.

"Old maid, is she?"

"She is, and—"

"Out with it."

"And there's Miss Beck, Miss Smith and Miss Taylor."

"All old maids, eh?"

"All of them, and none of them has a box. Why, they have inquired two or three times a day, and they have looked at me suspiciously when I shook my head."

"And those very important letters were or are—"

"They were flirting with a young man who came here to the spring, and perhaps he agreed to write to them."

"Correct, Miss Parsons. Well, don't worry about it. I think they'll get their letters in due time."

A rill was made on Miss Raynor, and she owned up what sort of a letter she and others expected, and three or four days later the five missives came safely to hand. The contents were alike. They read:

"My Darling: Excuse delay, Had the measles. My proposal is that we get married in the year 2000!"

"Did you ever?" asked Miss Taylor of Miss Johnson a few months later.

"What?"

"Our kick is going to get Miss Parsons a husband. She's just told me that she is engaged to the inspector who came here that time!"

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## ANOTHER ONE GETS SIX CENTS DAMAGES

METHODIST MINISTER SUES FOR ALLEGED SLANDER—LIKE ROOSEVELT VERDICT.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Special.—A similar verdict to that awarded Theodore Roosevelt by a jury in Marquette, Mich., last Saturday was returned in favor of Rev. Dr. George H. Dryer in the Supreme Court here today in his libel action against Henry C. Jennings, of Red Wing, Minn.; Edwin R. Graham, of Richmond, O., and the Methodist Book Concern, of Ohio.

Charges of unchristian conduct and that he appropriated for his own use money belonging to the book company were preferred against Rev. Dr. Dryer at the Genesee annual conference. The charges were not sustained, but the minister was suspended from active service.

His libel action was based on the publication of the unsustained charges in the conference proceedings, copies of which were scattered broadcast among Methodists and excerpts from which were published in some of the daily newspapers.

The jury awarded him six cents.

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# FROM QUICKSAND

WAS UP TO HER NECK WHEN FAINT CRIES WERE HEARD.

NEW YORK.—Special.—When Gilbert Baylis was leaving his cottage on Three Mile Creek, an arm of Jamaica Bay, early Monday he was halted by feeble cries for help. He traced the sound to the dangerous stretch of quicksand skirting the bay, and there found Mrs. Clementine Smith, sixty-nine years of age, of Springfield, L. I. She was imprisoned to her neck in the shifting sand and was sinking low in the every moment. Baylis saw it would be impossible to rescue her alone, so he roused several of his neighbors. By laying planks over the sand, the rescuers, after half an hour's work, dragged Mrs. Smith out.

Her strength was gone and she was carried to a bathhouse, where Dr. Stark was called from St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica, five miles away. He understood the message that he was to attend a half-drowned person, so he took a pulmotor along. The ambulance could get only within a mile of the bathhouse, so the doctor and his driver, John Comer, and a patrolman Fechin took turns in carrying the heavy reviving machine through the marsh. Then they learned that Mrs. Smith didn't need the pulmotor.

She was still too fatigued to walk, so the three men got into the ambulance and all right, rowed up the creek to within a short distance of the bathhouse. At the hospital she recovered enough to tell part of her story. She seemed to have only a vague idea of how she got into the quicksand, but she had been wandering all night, she said. She first recalled her danger when she sank to her ankles.

"I had been told about the perilous quicksands," she said, "and when I began to sink above my shoes I came frightened. I could scarcely pull my feet from the bog. I was shouting for help all the time, but the only answer was the croak of frogs. Suddenly I began to sink deeper. I struggled with all my falling strength, but it was useless. All I could do was shout. I was certain my end had come until I saw Mr. Baylis."

## THREE KILLED BY ANGRY HUSBAND

MOTHER-IN-LAW, HER DAUGHTER AND HIS BABY ARE SHOT DEAD.

CANTON, O. Special.—"I'm glad it's over with, and my only sorrow is that I killed my baby. For the rest I have no regrets."

This was the remark Friday of Robert Roach, the man who shot and killed his mother-in-law, sister-in-law and child and badly wounded another sister-in-law and a police sergeant last night.

Roach, after being subdued and captured in a desperate fight following his career of carnage, slept soundly all night in the county jail without evidence of a single trace of nightmare as the result of his bloody work.

He will be arraigned at the Criminal Court later today on a charge of first degree murder.

His wife, who left him and went to her father's home and was thus the father of his murderous course, went to the jail today and kissed her husband goodbye, but did not talk to him. A triple funeral for the three dead will be held probably Sunday. The dead are Mrs. Thelma Schatzman, the mother-in-law; Ruth Schatzman, nine years of age; and Dorothy Roach, sixteen months, daughter of the slayer.

## TICKET AGENT IS KILLED BY CLERK

DISAPPOINTED OVER FAILURE TO GET A PROMOTION, HE KILLS CHIEF.

PITTSBURG, PA.—Special.—Disgruntled over his failure to receive a promotion when changes were recently made in the ticket selling department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a clerk named Sauge, at a few minutes before noon today, shot and killed James McNair, chief ticket taker, and probably fatally injured Ralph Pauly, chief clerk to McNair.

The shooting occurred in the general ticket office of the railroad company at the Union Station here, and the shots were plainly heard by hundreds of patrons of the road in the big waiting room.

Sauge escaped through the baggage room and disappeared through the crowd in Liberty Avenue.

Sauge had been in the ticket office talking with McNair for almost a half hour when he drew his revolver and began shooting.

## NEARLY LAUGHED HIMSELF TO DEATH

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Phenix City, Ala.

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This old vaudeville quip found a victim in Julius Jewein, thirty-four, for Jewein laughed for sixteen consecutive hours after hearing it. Jewein attended a show in a downtown theater and when the "if you were my husband" fustianism came along he almost had a fit. He let out a roar that shook the building. The caloused audience imagined it kept on laughing until the act was forced to discontinue.

Jewein was remonstrated with, but kept right on laughing. Finally it was seen that he could not stop and he was removed to a hospital. There, although the physicians did everything in their power, Jewein still laughed for hours and could not stop for a second.

Finally morphine injections were given and still he laughed. More narcotics were administered, but the echoing sound of his wailing into mirth continued until he became so weakened that death may result.

## VIRGINIANS GET COVETED POSITIONS

President Late Thursday Afternoon Went to the Capitol With Long List of Diplomatic Selections—Informally Talks Them Over With Senators.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—President Wilson has settled upon a large number of diplomatic appointments. He went to the Capitol and conferred with senators from twelve States in regard to the filling of diplomatic posts.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page is slated for the Italian ambassadorship and Colonel Joseph E. Willard for the ambassadorship to Spain.

Among other men who are on the President's slate is Justice James W. Gerard, of New York State, who will be appointed United States Minister to Spain. Justice Gerard undoubtedly will have ambassadorial rank, as a bill was reported favorably yesterday by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, raising the mission to Spain to the grade of an embassy, with annual salary of \$17,500.

New York State is likely to have also the ambassadorship to France. It was understood last night that William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, still has the post to Paris under consideration.

Henry Morgenthau is another New Yorker who will be found eventually on President Wilson's diplomatic list. There is some doubt, however, as to whether it will be offered to him, but it is understood that he will go either to Constantinople or China.

The Probabilities.

Some of the lucky ones on the President's list are:

Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, to be Minister to Italy.

Justice J. W. Gerard, of New York, to be Ambassador to Spain, when the bill making Madrid an embassy instead of a legation is passed, probably within a few weeks.

Colonel Thomas H. Birch, of New Jersey, to be Minister to Persia.

Charles W. McAlpin, secretary of Princeton University, to be Minister to the Netherlands.

Willard Picked for Belgium.

Joseph E. Willard, of Virginia, to be Minister to Belgium.

Major E. J. Hale, of North Carolina, to be Minister to Costa Rica.

E. A. Stovall, of Georgia, to be Minister to Switzerland.

Former Governor Benton McMillin, of Tennessee, to be Minister to Peru.

Dr. B. L. Jefferson, of Colorado, to be Minister to a South American country, probably Argentina.

Henry Morgenthau, of New York, to be Ambassador, probably to Turkey.

Albert Schmedemann, of Wisconsin, to be Minister to Norway.

Frederick C. Penfield, of Pennsylvania, probably Ambassador to Austria.

## McCombs May Yet Accept.

Senators who talked with the President gathered the impression that National Chairman McCombs had reconsidered his declination of the French mission and had decided to accept. Mr. McCombs is new in Europe. The President has urged Mr. McCombs to accept this place, and it is understood that his will be among the first nominations sent in.

Other names which could not be definitely annexed to the list of twelve, but about which Mr. Wilson consulted Senators Kern and Shively, of Indiana, were those of former Representative John E. Lamb and Meredith Nicholson, the author. The countries to which they may be sent are undetermined.

# Woman's Department

## THE NEW FASHIONS AFFECT HOSE.

For several years the role played by hose in the scheme of smart dressing has been increasing in importance, and this season the shaded skirt has given to it a stellar part. Certainly it once decides to show the stockings through a slight slanting at the side, or to permit the drape to display the ankle, it is in better taste to wear hose matching the skirt than to invite further criticism by a strong contrast in colors. This idea has brought into prominence the colored stockings, and it is now possible to match almost any of the new shades used in dress materials. When stockings contrasting with the color of the skirt are worn they must harmonize with some feature of the outfit. They may, for instance, blend with the trimming of the hat or the color motif of the shoes, but there must be some connection with the costume.

While the woman with limited means can often produce successful results with her hose, she has long been accustomed to question the allowance for stockings on the carefully thought-out expense list. To begin with, it is always a variable amount, for the life of silk stockings—and one must wear silk stockings—is most uncertain, as one wearing will sometimes start runs and holes which can never be satisfactorily repaired.

While there is no security against this unfortunate state of affairs, still the chances of a prolonged life are better when the stockings are not too small and when they are not stretched by too tight garters. If a woman feels that she must pull up her stockings lightly by the garters by all means buy stockings with plenty of room in the calf. Some well known hose houses sell what are called "outsizes" for this very purpose. The like garter tops of leucis also save many a disastrous incident, the little feet, as a rule, wear longer than the silk. The guaranteed stockings, too, are safe.

So much for the practical ideas which should be heeded in buying hose; now for the new styles. For morning wear the somber effects are still considered good. They have not been popularized, probably because the price must necessarily be high, and this is in their favor. More conservative, however, are the deep blue stockings to wear with the suits of navy blue, and the equally good looking brown ones to harmonize with the brown and tan shades.

The gayest of all stockings shown this season are those with the cubist designs, boldly embroidered on the instep or above the ankle.

The stockings to match the afternoon and evening frocks are really lovely. The daintiest and prettiest are those displaying insets of lace.

## PRETTY GOWNS FOR JUNE BRIDESMAIDS.

Happily for the June bridesmaids this year the present fashions provide models which are delightfully picturesque and which can also be a serviceable part of a girl's wardrobe.

One such costume was shown recently at an exclusive Washington shop. It is an imported model in tulle, tulle, mousseline and lace. The silk was a charming one in tiny checks or pink and white, not sharply defined, but blending softly in tone. The distinguishing feature was the panier effect of the side draperies, which gave a Watteau character to the silhouette.

Satin, which was the material of most of the early spring bridesmaid gowns, will be used also at the June weddings, but there will be a tendency to veil it with chiffon, mousseline, net, or lace. The white lingerie frock (and it must be remembered that the lingerie frocks of this year are composed almost entirely of net and lace) will inevitably appear at many weddings. But even with the addition of color in girdles, hats and other accessories the general effect will appear to be inspired by having the bride in the only white figure.

If white is decided on for the bridesmaids, they should wear also the colored silk jackets, which are the height of chic this season. With a dress of white net mousseline, a belted jacket of flowered silk, with a godet back, would be more picturesque than a group of girls in these costumes, with broad, flat leghorn hats and carrying tall staffs.

Not less lovely are the simple draped gowns of chiffon. At any rate, they produce an illusion of simplicity, although something approaching genius goes into the arrangement of the first jacket, and the addition of a contrasting color note. This touch of color must have an arresting quality of unexpectedness as well as of exotic harmony.

At a Washington wedding the bridesmaids wore green brocade charmeuse with green chiffon coats. These colored colored frocks, by the way, are another charming accessory to the costume, and have also the added recommendation of being subsequently useful. The flowers carried with these green gowns were jonquils. The hats were of yellow leghorn, with crowns of copper-colored satin and trimmed with wheat and cloth of gold roses.

Most bridal bouquets include lilies of the valley. Some are composed entirely of these flowers; or they may be combined with white orchids and a few orange blossoms. One bouquet recently seen was of white lilies and white roses. But, on the whole, lilies are the most satisfactory.

At a recent wedding the bride came down the aisle on her father's arm, but at the proper moment her mother stepped from the pew and "gave the bride away," so that she had a share in the actual wedding.

A bride who wishes to have some part of her wedding bouquet for herself as well as toss part to the bridesmaids to catch, decided on a plan

which met the case both ways. This was to have the bouquet made in two pieces. Just before she passed and turned on the stairs to let it fall into the upstretched hands she loosened the ribbons, and threw her one-half of the bouquet. The other half she kept for a pot-pourri.

## A MEANS OF PREVENTION.

If you use a hot brick or an iron, put it in the bed a little beforehand, and then when you remove it, to sleep with the feet in contact with it has a tendency to make the feet tender. But better than both these, and to be used with or without them, is the foot blanket. This may be a square yard of domestic flannel, or anything else you like that is warm, soft, only have it nice and clean.

Fold this around your feet and ankles before you put them down into the bed. If not very cold this will often warm them, especially if you have used friction, and if warm it will prevent their becoming cold by contact with the cold sheets. It keeps the warm air around them. It does not make the feet tender and it is far more convenient than the hot brick or soapstone. Try it, and if you are troubled with cold feet you will be likely to keep it by you hereafter. Whatever you use, always be at full length. To "curl up" hinders free circulation.

## WORTH KNOWING.

To Revive Oriental Carpets.—These may be cleaned and the colors revived by washing them in sea water or a solution of sea salt. This is practiced with success in the far East.

To Wash Linoleum.—Never scrub with tepid water and a dash of soap powder. When done rub with furniture polish.

To Remove Ink Stains from mahogany furniture put a few drops of spirits nitre into a teaspoonful of water; touch the spot with a feather dipped in the fluid and immediately the ink disappears; rub the wood with a cloth wet with cold water; if this is not done there will remain an almost insupportable white mark.

## ANEMIA.

In the treatment of anemia there is need for a complete change of life. A patient should live in fresh country air and should have a generous diet, including a little Burgundy wine may be taken once or twice daily at meals. The remedy upon which reliance is placed by physicians is, of course, iron, this being administered by way of adding to the red corpuscles of the blood an element in which they are deficient. This iron may be given in the shape of the tincture of perchloride of iron or similar preparations to the extent of from 18 to 20 drops three or four times daily in water after meals. Divalysed iron is also given in similar doses.

## CLARIFY ICE.

Put one pound of sugar and one pint of hot water in a saucepan and boil the sugar until it is dissolved. When cold add the strained juice of three lemons and one pint of good vinegar and strain through a cloth.

A piece from the shoulder is cheap and good for this purpose. Wash and scald well with salt, pepper and flour. Try out a little suet in the bottom of a stew kettle (the kind known as Scotch kettle is best for this), or put in a couple of tablespoonfuls of butter. When hot put in the meat and let it brown on both sides, turning carefully. As soon as browned, for two hours or until thoroughly tender.

Then prepare dumplings according to the following rule: Put together a level teaspoonful of salt and a drop-half teaspoonful of sugar and a quarter teaspoonful of oil. Add a half cupful of milk, mix quickly and drop the batter in large spoonfuls on the meat. Be careful not to let them fall in the gravy, which makes them soggy. Cover closely, weighing them down with something heavy, and boil steadily for ten or twelve minutes. Arrange in a boiler about a hot platter, take up the meat and set in the center. Thicken the gravy with a little flour and strain over the meat, then serve.

## ENGLISH BISCUITS.

Sift together one and one-half pints of flour, one and one-half cups, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Rub in three teaspoonfuls of butter, add one well beaten egg, one cupful of milk, one-half cupful of currants and one tablespoonful of coriander seed. Mix in a smooth dough, roll out to one-half inch thick, cut in rounds and bake on buttered tins in a hot oven for twenty minutes. When done, rub over with a little butter on a clean bit of cloth.

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