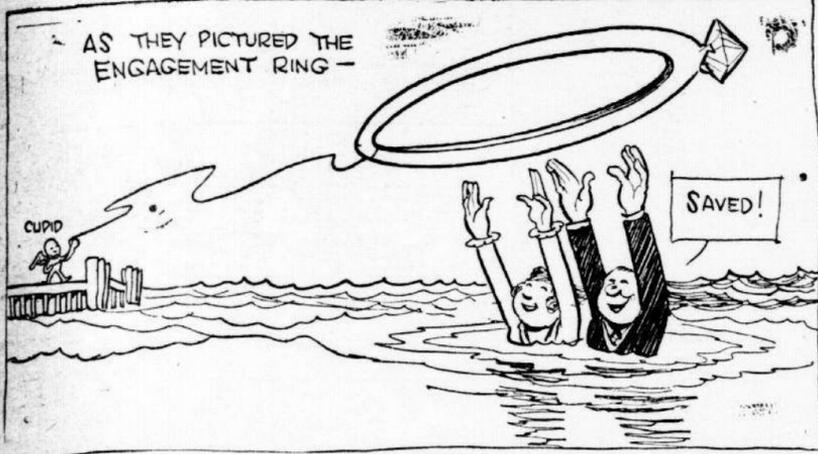


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CUPID'S DAYDREAM
By MARY J. HAYES.

"What right has this man to upset my home and induce my wife into a public life, when her duty is with her husband and baby?" thundered Mr. Merrill as he threw his paper aside and jumped up from the Morris chair. "But, Alec," his wife pleaded, "I'm just tired of this dingy little place, and baby is whining all the time. Mr. Merrill has made arrangements for my first appearance on next Tuesday evening. Mother is coming over in the morning to take baby, and I shall manage to get into the city before dinner and rehearse with Mr. Cardil in the afternoon."
"My dear girl, you are making a blind mistake in heeding this man's advice. You will be sor—" "It is useless," interrupted Marie, "for you to try to alter my plans, for when my mind is set I mean to carry it out."
Alec crossed the room and stood in front of the French window. The moon lit up his face as he glanced out upon his acres of golden wheat and corn.
"So Mr. Cardil has succeeded at last," he was thinking. "Yes, his own little innocent Marie had been persuaded by this miserable wretch." All his happiness was to be ruined, his little cottage, all his newly found joys and comforts of farm life, and baby—what was to become of him? He would grow up without a mother's love and care.
At length he turned toward where his wife had been standing, but she was not there. Shutting off the light, he went upstairs. As he passed her door he stopped. Perhaps at this very moment she was packing. Would he knock? No, he mustn't. He would let her carry out her plans, as she said, and perhaps some day she would realize her fault and come back to him.

The next evening found Marie in a handsome chamber in one of the most fashionable hotels of the city. She was thinking over the events of the day. She had met and rehearsed with Professor Cardil as had been arranged, and he had told her of the remarkable talent she possessed. Never before had she realized it. As she sat gazing at all the luxuries about her she acknowledged to herself how wrong she had been in partaking of such things that were all so unnatural to her; but her heart, swelling with pride, rebelled against these thoughts.
Every morning for nearly a week she spent with a dressmaker. Her afternoons were given for rehearsals, and in the evenings she joined Mr. Cardil in theater parties and dances. The night before her performance she retired early. These new excitements were all too much for her, and she lay awake thinking of baby and Alec, and how she longed to be with them now.
The next morning she arose earlier than usual, having spent a restless night. As she stood before the long mirror, and the dressmaker's skilled fingers worked busily with her costume, she longed for her bungalow apron and heaved a sigh of relief when the garment was finished and carefully tucked in her wardrobe. That afternoon she spent rehearsing, and at 5 o'clock with Mr. Cardil. Seven o'clock found her very much excited and nervous. Later in the evening Mr. Cardil called to accompany her to the theater.

She came upon the stage, her eyes beaming with success, but with an aching pain tugging at her heart. "If Alec could only see now, how proud he would be of her," she consoled herself.
The orchestra sounded the chord, and Marie, forgetting her troubles, began her selection. Her loud voice rang out clearly and sweetly and won the hearts of her audience. The applause with which her first selection was greeted delighted Marie, and in the height of her success, she reached for a telegram, which a messenger boy slipped into her hand, and in an audible whisper, she read, "baby died this morning, Alec." The audience looked from one to another in amazement, and Marie fell back in a dead faint.
Grandma Merrill, hearing the loud noise on the piazza, dropped the saucen of potatoes that she was paring, and rushed out to the front door, only to find Marie rubbing her eyes with one hand, and shielding the bump on her forehead with the other.
"... and it was only a dream after all," Marie was saying, as Alec appeared on the scene a few minutes later. Just then baby began to cry and Marie was spared the humiliation of explaining the dream, while all attention was turned to Alec, Jr. (Copyright, 1918, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Lennox of Baton Rouge—a girl.

A JOOLY TRUCK RIDE.
On Sunday last a jolly crowd gathered at the home of Miss Gwendolyn Glancey where they boarded a truck and proceeded to Kenner, La., where a most enjoyable day was spent cray-fishing. They made a successful catch and the crayfish were then boiled and later were enjoyed by all. They returned home late in the evening and all present had a good time.

Those participating were Misses Vera Hildebrand, Delia Killeen, Bernadine Hildebrand, Gwendolyn Glancey; Messrs. William Hildebrand, and Burnett Glancey. Mr. and Mrs. William Gauthreaux, Mrs. F. H. Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Glancey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kopp, and Mrs. M. Glancey, Sr., and little Betty Kopp, Earl Gauthreaux, Owin Killeen, Camille Glancey, Sadie Killeen, James Killeen, Pat and John Killeen, Warren Gauthreaux and Frank Killeen.

HOBBS-WILLIAMS.
The marriage of Miss Lorena Hobbs to Ensign Byron Williams, of Dallas, Texas, was quietly celebrated Monday at the rectory of Mt. Olivet Episcopal Church; Rev. S. L. Vail, officiating. The bride is the sister of Mrs. Ora Raeder of All St. The groom expects to leave today for Haiti.

DIED.
Barrosse—On Friday, April 4th, at 2:15 o'clock p. m., Alice Barrosse daughter of Catherine Foley and the late Eugene Barrosse died at the age of twenty-seven years. Deceased was a native of our town. The funeral took place Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock from her late residence, 317 Pacific Avenue. A requiem mass was sung at the church of the Holy Name of Mary. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Jones—On Wednesday last, Mrs. Henry Jones, nee Mary Sellen died at the age of fifty-two years. The funeral took place Friday evening at 8 o'clock from the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. Bevan, 512 Belleville Street. Interment was in Metairie Cemetery.

Nichols—On Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Richard F. Nichols, nee Agnes Anderson died after an illness of several years. Mrs. Nichols was born in Liverpool, England, sixty-six years ago and had resided here since she was only six years old. The funeral took place Monday at 3:30 p. m. from her late residence, 513 Belleville Street. Interment which was strictly private was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Lange—On Monday, at 2:30 o'clock a. m., Mrs. Theodore Lange, nee Eva Adams, died, after an illness of a few hours. Mrs. Lange was stricken with paralysis on Sunday morning. She was born here forty-eight years ago and has lived here all her life. The funeral took place Monday morning at 9 o'clock from her late residence, 337 Delaronde St. A solemn requiem mass was sung at the Church of the Holy Name of Mary. Interment was in St. Bartholomew Cemetery.

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Tidy American housewives admire the thorough way in which the Yanks over there are "mopping up."

When the enemy is weakening is no time to "hit soft." The mercy stroke is a quick, sure, deadly thrust.

"Spanish grip" is at least a less objectionably named epidemic than "German measles."

The public is again earnestly exhorted to remember that the first signs of influenza are not to be sneezed at.

A tax of 10 per cent on all men's clothing has been advocated. Just so they don't put a tax on patches!

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TROUBLE MAKING CANTEN TAKEN OVER BY PERSHING

Grants Earnest Request of Y. M. C. A. Head—Did Better Than Expected, Says General.

Chaumont (Special).—At the earnest request of E. C. Carter, general overseas secretary of the Army Young Men's Christian Association, General Pershing has officially taken over the army canteen, and in the future all exchanges, or "canteens," will be operated by the military instead of the Y. M. C. A., as was the ages-old custom before the present war. In replying to Mr. Carter's request, General Pershing says that as the reasons which impelled him to request the Y. M. C. A. to undertake the canteen work no longer exist, he is glad to approve Carter's suggestion. The general thanks the Y. M. C. A. for the manner in which it handled the canteen, declaring that, "handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army.

According to Y. M. C. A. officials and investigators of recent criticism coming from overseas, the canteen has been the cause of nineteen-twentieths of the organization's trouble. In his letter to Mr. Carter, General Pershing declares that "the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post exchanges at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting." Y. M. C. A. men everywhere are sure that with the canteen in the hands of the army, all criticism of the organization's overseas work will cease, because of the impossibility of a civilian organization, handicapped as the Y. M. C. A. has been, operating such a mammoth mercantile enterprise as the post exchange business proved to be.

General Pershing's letter to Mr. Carter follows in full:

"My Dear Mr. Carter:
"I have received your letter of January 29 asking whether in view of the present changed situation it would be possible for the army to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of post exchanges throughout the American expeditionary force. As you correctly state, the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post exchange at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting. As the reasons which impelled me at that time to request you to undertake this work no longer exist, I am glad to approve your suggestion. In reaching this decision consideration has been given to the new burdens in connection with the entertainment and athletic activities and the education that you have assumed. I have accordingly given directions that army units themselves take over and operate their own post exchanges. In making this change permit me to thank you for the very valuable services and assistance which the Y. M. C. A. has rendered to the American expeditionary force in handling these exchanges. Handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army.
"Cordially yours,
(Signed) "JOHN PERSHING."

Award to Blind Miner.
For the first time since it has been founded, the Pennsylvania state workmen's compensation board has made an award for compensation to an injured man, so that he can be re-educated. An order has been issued that the Buck Ridge Coal Mining company of Shamokin pay \$300 to Ben Tomashewski, one of its miners, who lost his sight. It is supposed that when cutting coal his pick struck an unexploded charge of powder, blinding him.

Work of Carnegie Pension Fund.
The United States Steel and Carnegie pension fund, provided by Andrew Carnegie and the steel corporation eight years ago for veteran employees, disbursed \$700,059.82 among retired workers during 1918, according to the annual report. Total disbursements for the eight years are \$4,367,107.55, which shows that in 1918 there were 2,961 beneficiaries.

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