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Mrs. John Shearman returned Thursday from Clarence where she was called by the death of her uncle, Jeff Brinker.

Miss Juliet Green went to Hunnewell Friday to visit Miss Hazel Turner.

Miss Della Gordon went to Ely Friday.

A DESIRE FOR BEAUTY

By NELLIE CONLAN.

"Well, that settles it!" sighed Loretta as she entered from the street and sank into a chair. "I've given up being beautiful."

"Dear me!" exclaimed her brother. "When did you stop? I can't say that I notice any difference."

"I've given up trying to be beautiful, of course, I mean," explained Loretta severely. "Goodness knows I worked hard enough at it. I bought all the women's magazines and for a time I was puzzled what course to pursue of all those suggested by the beauty editors. Finally I chose one in spite of the fact that no other beauty editor agreed with her on two or three subjects. The only thing about her prescriptions that I really minded at all was the olive oil."

"You had to take it internally or externally, or both?"

"Well, it's generally useful," said Loretta, with reserve. "What I minded was getting it out of my hair. It had to be rubbed into the scalp at regular intervals to prevent the hair from falling out. That was the idea."

"Was yours loose?"

"No, indeed, but it might bother me that way, you know. I wanted to be on the safe side. This editor said you could save any hair from falling out if you begin early enough. It took me a good hour the first time to get the hair in condition to go to bed, and then it was so sticky the next day that I had to have a woman come and shampoo me before breakfast. That was the day I was an hour late getting downstairs."

"I remember."

"Well, another thing recommended was egg shampoo, which you must put on yourself in order to have fresh materials used. It said to rinse the hair immediately with warm water, but when I did it I didn't like the effect."

"Poached eggs on Loretta," commented her brother. "What was the matter with that process?"

"I thought I should never get the tangles out."

"This is interesting. What trouble did you get into next?"

"The next was sort of funny," chuckled Loretta. "The beauty editor advised a certain kind of cream for the face, which I bought over at the hairdresser's. I used it for several days without looking any better and then went over to ask about it. The woman said I'd bought the cream sold to automobilists to keep off dust and tan. Then she wanted me to take the beauty lotion, but I wouldn't. I couldn't stand putting any more creams on my countenance."

"Next I took up a regular course of work recommended by the editor. Every night and morning I brushed each side of my hair 100 times, making about half a thousand strokes in all, massaged my scalp for fifteen minutes, spent a quarter of an hour on my nails, took a bran bath and massaged my face very carefully. Every week I had a special shampoo that took an hour and a half, and had a professional go over all I had been doing."

"Must have cost something." "Oh, it did!" moaned Loretta. "I never got out of the specialist's place without buying a lot of creams and powders, too. Then, of course, there were the exercises."

"The what?"

"Every night and morning I had to stand on my toes a certain number of times, swing my arms up and down for fifteen minutes, touch the floor ten times when standing, take twenty long breaths and jump a rope."

"Is that what cracked the ceiling?" queried her brother. "I wondered."

"No, I did it down cellar," retorted Loretta. "The exercises took so long that I never was in bed much before midnight, and I was always late to breakfast. I wouldn't have cared, but—"

"But what?"

"Well, just now I met that very frank old Mrs. Cooper, who knows our ancestors in the days before the flood. You know her?"

"To my sorrow. What did she say?" "She put up her lorgnette and then she asked me what on earth made me 'so peaked.' She said she never dreamed that I would look so dragged out when my years began to show. My grandmother, she said, was a beauty even when she was as old as I, but she certainly was disappointed in me."—Chicago Daily News.

Birth of the Press Agent.

The art of advertising is believed to be ancient, but, until recent years, was conducted on humdrum lines. With the first "arranged" robbery of an actress' diamonds, however, there dawned a fresh era. A new and glorious hope quickened the needlessly obscure—a new and profitable career was opened to the adventurous; and the machinations of Pusher Long became possible. The artist in publicity, by strange paradox, is one of the few figures in contemporary London life who has hitherto missed

his fair share of "the limelight."—"Disclosures of a Press Agent: Pusher Long," by Derwent Miall.

This May Be the Reason.

"Why is it that so many people keep on getting caught in mining swindles?"

"I think it must be because there is always somebody around who is willing to accept money from others who think the more apparent a swindle is the less likely it is to prove to be what it seems."

Share Your Good Times.

Share your good times if you can. It takes only a little while to read a story to a child, it takes only a little effort to draw the less popular girl into your own gay circle. You will be surprised to see what good fun even quite elderly people can be under the stimulation of "being wanted by the crowd."

Miss Kate Redd left Friday for an extended visit with relatives in Memphis.

Mrs. S. J. Robertshaw returned Friday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Victor Reid in Shelbina.

Mrs. Ray Sorrell and baby and Miss Fern Crawford went to Hunnewell Friday evening.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN TERM TIME.

STATE OF MISSOURI } COUNTY OF MONROE } ss

In the circuit court of Monroe County, Mo.

Martha Alice Sebring, William A. Scurlock, Patrick K. Scurlock and Amy Scurlock, Plaintiffs,

vs

Felix Scurlock, if living, and Andrew J. Scurlock, if living, and if dead, their unknown heirs, consort, devisees, donees, aliases or immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees, Defendants.

The State of Missouri, To above named defendant—greeting:

Now on this 1st day of December, 1913, November Term, 1913, of said Circuit Court, come plaintiffs herein by attorneys before said Court, and file plaintiff's verified petition in the suit therein, among other matters alleging that defendants, Felix Scurlock, if living, and Andrew J. Scurlock, if living, have absconded and absented themselves, from their former usual place of abode in this State, and have concealed themselves so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them, and if dead their consort, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases or immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees cannot be inserted therein because their names are unknown to plaintiffs:

It is therefore ordered by said Court that said defendants, Felix Scurlock, if living, and Andrew J. Scurlock, if living, and if dead, their consort, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases or immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees be notified by publication that plaintiffs by petition herein filed of date, Dec. 1st, 1913, have commenced suit against said defendants, the immediate object and general nature of which is to partition among the heirs of Alfred Scurlock, deceased, lot 1 and the West half of 64.5 in Block 2 of the original town, now City of Monroe, in Monroe County, Mo; which petition alleges that Felix Scurlock, if living, and Andrew J. Scurlock, if living, have each an undivided one sixth interest in said real estate as children of Alfred Scurlock, deceased, but if dead leaving issue or descendants, then there are persons who have an interest in said real estate, who derive their interest as consort, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases or immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees, of said Felix Scurlock or Andrew J. Scurlock, whose names cannot be inserted herein because they are unknown to plaintiffs, and alleging that defendant, Felix Scurlock in the year 1883, and defendant, Andrew J. Scurlock in the year 1897, while residents of this State, departed from this State in the years 1883 and 1897 respectively, and have been continuously absent from said State, since said dates respectively, without any information having been received for more than seven years past, that they or either of them were living at any time during said seven years, and alleging that plaintiffs believe said Felix Scurlock and Andrew J. Scurlock to be dead, and to have died single and without issue or descendants.

And it is further ordered that said defendants be and appear in this Court

on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the City of Paris, Monroe County, Missouri, on Monday the 16th day of March, 1914, and on or before the first day of said term to answer or plead to said petition, or in default therein said petition will be taken and adjudged as controverted, and judgment by default will be rendered against said defendants.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Monroe City Democrat a weekly newspaper duly printed, published and circulated in said Monroe County, and duly designated by plaintiff's attorneys, and duly approved by said Clerk most likely to give notice to defendants, the 1st insertion to be at least 30 days before said next term of said court.

STATE OF MISSOURI } COUNTY OF MONROE } ss

I, Chas. L. Dry, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a full, true and complete copy of the original order of Publication in said cause, as filed in the same remains and appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name and official signature and hereto affix the seal of said Court at my office in the City of Paris, Monroe County, Missouri, this 1st day of December, 1914.

[SEAL] CHAS. L. DRY,

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Monroe County, Missouri.

Meriwether & Meriwether,

Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

Mrs. Lula Watson, of near Huntington returned to her home Thursday after a visit with her sister Mrs. Otie Wilson.

A. J. Austin and wife, of Paris visited relatives here from Friday until Tuesday.

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The Heathen in His Blindness.

An Indian went hunting one day for deer. After tramping through the woods for some hours he came across a herd and managed to kill one. He shouldered it and started for market, which was some five miles away. Now of course, the longer he walked the heavier the deer got, and by the time he reached the deer market he was about all in. He hung the deer on the scales and stood looking at it with wonder. Finally he said to the man: "Ugh! Let him hang a while."

From Recent Books.

"It takes but very delicate shadings to mark evolution in the friendship of women—because women are so seldom friends."—"The Unknown Woman," by Anne Warwick.

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