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The Times' Daily Short Story.

Beating About ... The Bush

[Original.]

"Why didn't ye ever marry, Mr. Parker? If ye'd 'a' taken a wife ten years ago ye'd 'a' had a nice family now instead of livin' alone on yer fine farm."

"I came very near marryin' onct, Sally. I mismanaged the thing at the start."

"How's that?"

"I was workin' fur Mr. Noble at the time, and one day he said to me, says he: 'Parker, I wish ye'd git married, 'cause a woman would be handy about the place. I don't mean a servant; one to call on occasionally for a job.'

"I was just a-startin' out to trim the hedge and stood with the shears in my hand thinkin' on what he'd said."

"I reckon that's a good idee, Mr. Noble, I told him, 'an idee that's occurred to me quite frequent of late. Fact is, thur's a young gal I been thinkin' of askin' to marry me fur some time."

"Have ye done any courtin'?" he asked.

"Why, no. I hain't no good at courtin' nobow. Anybody marries me 'll hev to do it without courtin'."

"Well, Parker, in some cases where practical women are concerned I don't know but it's just as well to tell yer story offhand as to beat about the bush. Who's the girl?"

"The young schoolteacher that started in last fall—Miss Field."

"What! he says, surprised like. Miss Field?"

"Yes, I says. 'D'ye think she's too good fur me?"

"She's the one to decide that, Parker. It wouldn't be right fur me to express an opinion. The only way ye can do is to put the case to her and let her tell ye herself."

"He went into the house lookin' sort o' queer, and I worked on the hedge all day. That evenin' I concluded to try my luck with the schoolteacher. So I puts on my store clothes and starts roun' to Deacon Weeks', where she was boardin'. The twilight was still on, and she was a-sittin' on the porch all alone. Thur was a smell o' roses in the air and a half moon in the sky. She was a-readin' a book, but when she see me she laid it down and give me a welcome'n smile."

"How'd do, Mr. Parker?" she said, with the sweetest voice in the world.

"I stood kind o' awkward-like, and to help me on she asked who I'd come to see, and when I told her I'd come to see her she asked me to sit down. Then, rememberin' what Mr. Noble said about not beatin' round the bush, I begun."

"Miss Field, I says, 'I was a-talkin' with Mr. Noble 'bout my takin' a wife. He thinks one'd be handy 'bout the place. He advised me to go right to the girl I wanted and tell her. I told him that you was my choice, but that I thought you might be too good fur me. He said you was the one to decide that!'"

"Just of she turned sort o' pale; then the color come rushin' up into her cheeks 's if a cock had been turned on inside her. Cur'us, I thought, how some wimmen 'll be taken aback by anything sudden. After all, it might 'a' been better to 'a' done a little prev'us beatin' 'bout the bush."

"I hope I hain't said nothin' that I shouldn't 'a' said," I stammered.

"Not at all," she answered me, gatherin' herself together. "You have paid me a very high compliment, but I confess I don't like Mr. Noble's taking it upon himself to instruct you in the affair."

"I'm sorry I mentioned him."

"There's no harm done. After all, Mr. Noble has nothing to do with the matter; nothing at all. You have made me a proposition and are entitled to an answer. You can tell Mr. Noble, who has thought proper to attempt to secure me for a handy person, that a previous—"

"I thought ye said Mr. Noble hed nothin' to do with it."

"You're right; so he hasn't. Well, then, while I feel very much complimented, I must decline your proposition. I shall always think of you kindly and remember how you have honored me."

"Then I went away. I was dead certain that I'd made her mad by bringin' in Mr. Noble. After all, that was beatin' about the bush. The next mornin' as he was drivin' out o' the place I told him I'd done the job. He pulled in and asked me all about it. I repeated what we said as well as I could remember

and told him I'd made a mistake by bringin' him into it.

"Perhaps you did, Parker," he said after listenin' to it all mighty interested, "but since the lady has a previous attachment that would have beaten you anyway."

"He drove off lookin' mighty glum. Fact is he seemed to take my failure as bad 's if he'd made it himself. I'd seen 'em more or less together that spring, but never ag'in till the next fall. Then I see 'em walkin' down by the river side. Mr. Noble was a-bendin' in over her and talkin' mighty earnest, while she was a-lookin' the other way."

"He's a-tryin' to undo what he done fur me as well as himself," I said. "Mebbe he'll fix it up, and I'll have another chance. Next time, you bet, I won't go beatin' 'bout the bush."

"That winter I left Mr. Noble, havin' bought a farm, and didn't see him or Miss Field fur two years. Then I found 'em married."

"Now, I've told you how I blundered once before. I ain't goin' to beat 'bout the bush ag'in. Sallie, will ye marry me?"

"Yes, I will."

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DR. LORENZ'S METHODS

Bloodless Surgery Discussed by Congress of Doctors.

NOT APPROVED BY ALL.

General Sentiment, However, Seems to Favor Vienna Specialist—Several Deaths After Operations For Congenital Hip Disease Are Cited.

Washington, May 14.—Fifteen of the component societies of the congress of American physicians and surgeons held meetings, some of them concluding their work.

The methods of Professor Adolph Lorenz, the Austrian surgeon, in the treatment of congenital hip disease and clubfoot furnished the feature of general interest at the meetings of the American Surgical and Orthopedic associations. To the Surgical association the case of Charles Willett, operated upon last November by Dr. Lorenz for clubfoot, was presented. Although one of excessive difficulty, the operation was pronounced a perfect success.

No discussion specially condemnatory of Lorenz's methods was elicited, but some of the more conservative members of the association were adverse in their criticisms. The statement was made that the operation of Dr. Lorenz upon Lolita Armour, daughter of J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, to perform which the Austrian surgeon had come to the United States, had not proved entirely successful. It was evident from the tone of the discussion that a majority of the surgeons in attendance were supporters of the Lorenz methods. No action, however, was taken.

The storm center of the discussion of the Lorenz method was at the session of the American Orthopedic association, before which Dr. A. J. Steele of St. Louis cited the case of a boy eight years old afflicted with hip disease who had been operated upon by the Austrian surgeon and subsequently had died of meningitis. He did not attribute the death directly to the operation, but warned his colleagues that the Lorenz methods ought to be employed with great care.

Dr. Wilson Defends Lorenz.

Dr. H. Augustus Wilson of the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, presented a report upon twenty-three cases observed in the hospital, eight of which were operated upon by Dr. Lorenz. Dr. Wilson made a defense of the Lorenz methods, and, as he had assisted the Austrian surgeon in all the cases presented, his judgment carried great weight.

Dr. W. M. L. Coplin of Philadelphia reported the case of a seven-year-old girl who died after Dr. Lorenz had operated upon her, death in the view of Dr. Coplin, being due to shock.

Dr. G. W. G. Davis of the University of Pennsylvania read a paper in which he maintained that the Lorenz methods were too severe and that they had been accompanied by injuries, paralysis and death.

Dr. E. H. Bradford of Boston, while he did not quite approve of the Lorenz practice, expressed a great admiration for Professor Lorenz. One of his objects in attending the meeting was to offer resolutions of thanks to Professor Lorenz for coming to this country and demonstrating his methods.

Maek Not Working For Cleveland.

Buffalo, May 14.—National Committeeman Norman E. Maek has given out a statement denying that he favors any particular candidate for the presidency, either ex-President Grover Cleveland or any one else, and asserting that all he said in St. Louis was that Mr. Cleveland was accorded a cordial and spontaneous reception there and that at the proper time he would favor the candidacy of a Democrat from New York state for the presidency.

Germans Learn How to Farm.

Chicago, May 14.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Ames, Ia., says that the party of titled German farmers touring America to investigate agricultural conditions has reached Ames and visited the Iowa Agricultural college and experiment station. Members of the party expressed the feeling that the trip had revealed wonders to them in the way of methods in agriculture which would be introduced in Germany.

More Excitement In Cotton Market.

New York, May 14.—Tremendous excitement pervaded the cotton market as a result of the sensational advance in Liverpool, which came about 10 to 16 points higher than had been expected. The local market started 18 to 27 points higher on the near months and 4 to 14 on the late months under a rush of shorts to cover.

Fined For Adulterating Wine.

Berlin, May 14.—Dr. Schlamp, the wine grower of Nierstein, who has been on trial at Mainz charged with wholesale adulteration of his products, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$375 or undergo 300 days' imprisonment.

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IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products That Are in Demand.

Boston, May 13.—There has been a check to the downward turn of prices on butter, though receipts are still increasing. The demand has improved somewhat. Northern fresh, round lots, 22c; western, 22c; Vermont dairy, 18c; 20c; renovated butter, 17c@18c; jobbing, 1/4c more.

Old cheese is cleaning up well at firm prices. Receipts of new are increasing, but as yet the quality is not entirely satisfactory. Round lots, 14c@15c; new cheese, 13c@13 1/2c; jobbing, 1/4c higher.

Eggs show very little change. Receipts are liberal but prices are well sustained with a good demand. Western fresh, 16c@17c; storage packed, 17c@18c; eastern, 17c@18c; jobbing, 1c to 1 1/2c higher.

Beans are quiet in demand with prices fairly steady. Carload lots, pea, \$2.20@2.35; medium, \$2.30@2.35; yellow eyes, \$2.70@2.75; red kidneys, \$3.10@3.15; California small white, \$2.55@2.60; jobbing, 10c more.

Apples are in steady demand, with prices firm on choice stock. Baldwins from cold storage, \$2.25@2.75; fancy Baldwins, \$2@2.75; No. 1 Baldwins, \$1.50@2; No. 2, \$1.25@1.50; greenings, \$1.50@2.25; russets, \$2@2.75; northern spies, \$2@3; Maine Ben Davis, \$1.50@2.25. Small lots and jobbing, 50c@51 per bbl more.

Strawberries were in heavy receipt, with prices lower. Later, however, the market was poorly supplied, prices advancing, the quotations being 15c@18c.

Potatoes are rather quiet, with prices easier. Houlton Green mountains, \$3@3 1/2c; hebrons, 75c@78c per bu; York state, Green mountains, 65c@70c; western white, 60c@65c; Dakota reds, 55c@60c; New Floridas \$4.50@5 per bbl; Jersey sweets, barks, \$1@1.25; southern white sweets, \$1.50@2.

A little bunch celery is offering at 75c@81.25 per lb.

Onions are firm at: Egyptian, 65c@70c; Bermudas, \$1.75 per crt.

Hothouse tomatoes are quoted at 35c per lb; southern, \$2.50@3.50 per crt, with mushrooms at \$2 per bx. Rhubarb sells at 2c per lb for native.

Cucumbers sell at \$2.50@3 per 100 for hothouse, all sizes.

Yellow turnips sell at \$2 per bbl; white French, \$2.50 per bbl; white flat, \$1 per bx; beets, 50c@55c; carrots, 50c@75c; parsnips, 50c@75c; egg plant, \$3 per crt.

Cabbages, new southern, sell at \$1.50@2.17 for large crts; Norfolk, 1 1/2b, \$1.25.

Squashes are quoted at \$40 per ton for Hubbard.

Lettuce sells at 50c@55c per doz; radishes, 30c per doz; uirt, 85c or doz; cress, 35c@50c per doz; salsify, \$1.50 per doz; leeks, 75c per doz.

New string beans sell at \$3.50@4 per crt for wax and \$2.75@3 for green.

Asparagus is quoted at \$3@3.50 for southern large bunches, and \$1.50@2.50 per doz for native.

Spinach is quoted at \$2 per bbl for southern, and 85c per lb for native; kale, 15c per bx for native; arcticokes, \$1.50 per bu; parsley, hothouse, \$2.50 per bx; dandelions, 50c per bu; beet greens, 40c@50c per bu; new native beets, \$1.50 per doz bebs; bunch onions, 50c per bx.

Bermuda potatoes job at \$5.50 per bbl; Florida potatoes, \$4.50@5; horse radish, \$8 per bbl; peppers, \$3 per crt.

Pork provisions are easier, with lower prices quoted on some cuts.

There is a firmer market for fresh beef and higher prices are expected. The receipts for the week were a total of 154 cars.

There is a very firm market for lambs, with some Brighton stock selling at 14c and above; muttons and veals are steady and unchanged. Spring lambs, 12c@13c, with some fancy higher; yearlings, 9c@10c; muttons, 9c

10c; veals, 9c@10c, with some fancy higher.

There is a very quiet market for poultry, with prices steady as quoted: Western turkeys, frozen, 18c@20c; feed, 10c; western fowls, feed, 13c@14c; frozen western fowls, 12c@13 1/2c; western frozen chickens, 14c@16c; fresh killed northern chickens, 14c@16c; fresh killed northern fowls, 15c@16c; broilers, 20c@25c; squab broilers, per pair, 75c@80c; spring ducks, 25c@30c.

Hay has been a little more active, with the best grades selling readily; poor grades are slow and hard to move; millfeed is firmer and was marked up again. Choice hay, \$21; No. 1, \$17@19; low grades, \$13@15 and up; rye straw, \$16@17; oat straw, \$9@10.

Speculative wheat shows a slight decline for the week, and scare over possible damage to the winter wheat crop having lost much of its force. Armour has cut quite as much figure in the market as have crop advices, for he was credited with dumping out about 7,000,000 bushels of July wheat and is now understood to have cleaned out his line in that month, although later his actions seemed to denote fresh purchases around 72c. He is generally credited with being short of considerable September. Exporters have taken only a moderate interest in cash wheat. Abroad the crops have shown general improvement, as reflected in declining French and other prices, but stocks are also decreasing rapidly from week to week, under large consumptive drains. In the west, receipts for the week have been a shade smaller, and the seaboard clearances are also less than last week.

There is no special feature about the flour trade. Aggregate sales were probably not equal to the increased production. At best, flour was quiet, buyers still taking the view that wheat and flour are too high. Consequently they took flour only as they needed it to meet a consumptive trade.

LIKES MANILA AS A HOME.

Visitor From the Philippines Talks of Cholera and the City.

Brewster Cameron, one of the leading American merchants of Manila, Philippine Islands, has been staying in Kansas City as the guest of his brother, Colin Cameron, the Greeley (Kan.) stockman, who came to the city on an errand of business, says the Kansas City Star. Mr. Cameron formerly lived in New York. He went to Manila three years ago and has since made that city his home, having removed his family there.

Mr. Cameron says that the reports of the ravages of cholera in the Philippines are true. Last year, he says, about 200,000 people, the great majority of whom were natives, died of that dread disease in the islands. The official reports of the deaths showed but 100,000, but fully that many more deaths, Mr. Cameron says, were not reported to the health authorities. The greatest precautions must be taken at all times by those in the Philippines, he says, or the number of fatalities from cholera will be greatly increased.

"We have to boil all the water we use and cook everything we eat," said Mr. Cameron. "Boiling kills the cholera germ. It is best to have very large, airy, cool houses in which to live and to have covered vehicles for traveling about. I have lived in a number of cities in the United States," said Mr. Cameron, speaking of Manila, "but I know of none which would suit me better than Manila. I have been there three years and shall stay there."

TRADE WITH MANCHURIA.

How the Commercial Interests of the United States in Manchuria may be safeguarded against future international complications and our trade in that country maintained and increased is told in a report received at the state department in Washington from United States Consul Miller at Newchwang. He says that Russia in the end will practically dominate the commercial and industrial affairs of Manchuria unless other countries have in every way equal facilities. American trade in Manchuria today consists principally of cotton goods, kerosene and flour and largely in excess of that of any other country. It is estimated that our exports to Manchuria will equal 8,000,000 taels, or 35 per cent of all foreign imports. In order that this commercial supremacy may be maintained Consul Miller has made the following recommendation to the department:

First.—Establishment by American manufacturers of an expert agent in Manchuria who shall sell direct to native firms instead of to Shanghai and Hongkong.

Second.—That the Washington government urge the opening of all of Manchuria to the trade of the world "as free to us as to Russia or any other country."

Third.—That a new consul general be added to the American consular service, its head to be known as the United States consul general for Manchuria.

Foreign imports into Manchuria have increased during the past ten years at a rate ranging from 100 to 500 per cent, reaching the high water mark in the year just past. Free exportation of all products for the future, Mr. Miller says, would increase trade development for years to come as greatly as in the past decade, and if, in addition, Manchuria could be made free to commerce and industry of all people and their mines opened there would be, he predicts, a growth of prosperity astonishing to China and the world.

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