

WHAT AILS NANCY?

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Miss Nancy Lee was a maiden of forty and dwelt in the village of Charlotte. She was thirty years old when her parents died, and then she and her brother Ben kept house together for seven or eight years. Then he died, and Nancy was left alone in the world.

Miss Lee could have rented or sold her cottage and boarded, but she elected to be independent by continuing to occupy the place. It was a peaceful village, with nothing to make her afraid, and for several years things went on without a break. Then, all of a sudden, an aunt in a town thirty miles away was brought to her dying bed and sent for Nancy. The spinster was absent two weeks. She smoothed the pillow of the dying woman and brought home a feather bed and half a barrel of pickles. No one noticed anything strange about her until she had been home about a week. She fed her hens and swept her house as usual.

The first one to discover that Miss Nancy Lee was in trouble was Deacon Haskins. He called at the house one evening to borrow a rat trap, and he noticed that she was very nervous. She kept shrugging her shoulders and hitching about, and now and then her mouth would give a twitch at the corners. He solicitously inquired if she had stepped on a carpet tack, and she replied in the negative, and he went home to say to his wife:

"Prudence, Nancy Lee is acting very queer tonight."
"Good lands!"
"Hitched around all the time I was in the house."
"You don't say!"
"Acted as if she wanted to back up to a tree and rub."
"Deacon Haskins! I'll run right over! Maybe she's been taken with a spell."
"Oh, I guess it don't amount to anything. Been eating a green apple like as not. If she gets wuss she'll holler to us from the kitchen window."
The deacon's wife didn't go over, but early next morning Mrs. Partridge sent her son Willie over to borrow three eggs for breakfast. He got them, and he returned home with his eyes sticking out to exclaim:

"Ma, Miss Lee was crying when I went in!"
"Is it possible?"
"Yes, I caught her at it."
"Was she just crying or boo-hooing?"
"She was crying and rubbing her back agin the edge of a door."
"Heaven save us! I can understand that she might be crying over so many deaths in the family, but what on earth was she rubbing her back for?"
"It itched probably," replied her husband.

"It probably didn't do anything of the sort. There's a mystery here, and I'm going to try to get to the bottom of it."
After breakfast Mrs. Partridge made an excuse to drop in and see for herself. The spinster's eyes showed that she had been weeping. She also began to hitch about.

"You are like a cow in fytine, Nancy. I've known you for fifteen years, and if you are in trouble I want to help you out."
"But I'm not in trouble. One feels lonely once in awhile, and then the tears come."
"Yes, I know how it is, and I'm glad it's no worse for you. Run into my house any time. You know you're always welcome."
Miss Lee had denied things, but she hadn't fooled Mrs. Partridge a little bit. The caller left the house ostensibly for home, but slipped into the house of Mrs. Goodhue and greeted her with:

"Ruth Goodhue, there's something going on in this town!"
"Anybody's clothesline been robbed?"
"No, but Nancy Lee is crying and hitching around and rubbing her back on the edges of doors."
"But what ails her?"
"That's to be found out. That's the mystery. She says it hain't nothing 'tall, but of course we know better. We must make her tell."
"Yes, she's got to."

The two women started out and called on nine or ten other women, and before night Nancy Lee was the talk of the village. She had been crying and hitching and yet had refused to explain. The good wife of Deacon Haskins had dropped in to borrow a nutmeg and then had made opportunity to say:

"Nancy, your mother and me used to play together as children. Why don't you tell me what ails you?"
"I can't—tell!" was wailed out.
"Nancy Lee, are you in love?" was sternly asked.
"No."
"Have you been jilted?"
"No."
The deacon's wife stuck and hung, but the mystery was not to be solved—not that day. It was three days later when twenty-seven women, headed by the minister's wife, called and put the spinster through the third degree. Then the awful truth came out.

CLARK MAY SEE WILSON

Speaker and Underwood Get Invitations

MAY VISIT LAST OF WEEK

Kentucky Is Solid, Says Governor McCreary—Many Others Call on the New Jersey Executive.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 11.—After 12 hours' restful sleep, Governor Wilson rose at 10 o'clock yesterday and prepared for a busy four-hour program, which included the laying of the cornerstone of the new Y. M. C. A. building at noon and an address of greeting to the national convention of building and loan associations at 2 o'clock.

In addressing those delegates, he talked of the necessity of working today for results to-morrow, and of the evil of individual and national extravagance. He declared America is recognized as a spendthrift country. He also praised postal savings banks, because they fostered the habit of economy, and hoped they will increase.

Prior to his departure for the cornerstone laying, Governor Wilson met Governor McCreary of Kentucky and Commissioner McChord of the interstate commerce commission, who are staying at the same hotel as Governor Wilson. "Kentucky is for you strong," Governor McCreary told the nominee. "We are going to help elect you."

James Woodrow of Columbia, S. C., Governor Wilson's cousin, was another caller. He was invited to visit the governor at Sea Girt. William J. Burns, who investigated the alleged councilman graft cases in Atlantic City, talked with the governor for a few minutes about the local situation. John Wana-maker, former postmaster-general and a patron of the local Y. M. C. A., was the head of the committee that escorted the governor to the building site and introduced him to an audience.

Speaker Clark may go to Sea Girt Friday evening for a conference with Governor Wilson. Both Mr. Clark and majority leader Underwood have acknowledged invitations from the governor and have replied that they would visit him when the business of the House permitted. If the House adjourns over Saturday this week, the speaker probably will make the visit then. Mr. Underwood will accompany him.

STYLES OF HARROWS.

An Instrument Whose Values Not All Farmers Appreciate.

Not every farmer is aware of the importance of the thorough use of the harrow in fitting the field for a crop, and sometimes we see a field gone over as quickly as possible and left very rough and lumpy. This is not the way that I want to see a field fitted. I believe it pays to harrow and cross harrow; and drag and harrow until the soil is thoroughly pulverized and a nice seed bed is made, writes E. H. Dow in the American Cultivator. The first harrow the writer used, then a boy, was a one-horse spike tooth. At that time the spike tooth was about the only one in use; since then we have witnessed the introduction of many improvements and different styles of harrow until now the number is quite large; the contrast between the wooden big tooth of early New England farming and the modern cutaway being very great, and while every harrow may be adapted to a certain kind of work there is nothing at the present time that for efficiency in various kinds of harrowing, meets the requirements of the general farmer like the cutaway in its different styles and sizes.

Everyone is familiar with the picture of the ancient brush or bush harrow, and occasionally, for the "brushing in" of grass seed it may be used even now to advantage, if the farmer does not own a smoothing harrow. There are perhaps more spring tooth harrows in use now than any other kind, which fact I have often wondered at, when the cutaway is so much superior. This is indeed a wonderful harrow. It is in many respects the best there is made—for orchard work, for killing quack or witchgrass land, even for fitting stubble ground for seeding without plowing; and there are sizes just right for cultivating berry plantations and gardens.

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POET SHOEMAKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Kept His Best Effort, Play on Words, Framed in His Work Shop.

Philadelphia, July 11.—Frank Tiede, Philadelphia's poet-shoemaker, was found dead in his shop with a tube in his mouth running from a gas jet.

Tiede is believed to have relatives in New York, where he was a member of Hiram lodge of Masons. For ten years he was an officer in the navy and then he followed his trade exclusively.

He was widely known as a writer of verse, and on the walls of his shop he had framed this verse, which he considered his best effort:

The shoemaker sang as he hummed away,
O, who is as happy as I am to-day!
I saved twenty soles when the parson saved one,
And I always heel when the doctor heels none.
I sit on my bench like a judge and I boot
The people who say that my measure don't suit;
I cut all my uppers. I care not for caste;
My very first pleasure each day is my last.
I'm always mending while others fall ill,
And when I'm thirsty with cobblers I fill.
I'll never peg out, for I always fill in;
For how can I lose when I am shod to win?
My goods are all soled before finished, and I
Can foot my bill without heaving a sigh;
In fact I am envied by great and by small,
For of this world's blessings alone I have awl.

A NEW PHASE.

In the Woonsocket, R. I., Murder Trial—Reward Offered.

Woonsocket, R. I., July 11.—Rumors that Mrs. Angele Parmentier Delmar is alive and would be produced in court next Saturday at the trial of Henri Des Louvre for the crime, led Detective Sergeant John E. Sutton to offer a reward of \$200 to anyone who would produce the woman alive. The police are firm in the belief that the headless body recovered from the Blackstone river is that of the woman who was Des Louvre's housekeeper, but that there is no conclusive evidence to prove the identity of the body.

FAIRCHILD IS THE PRESIDENT.

Chosen By Education Association After Hot Contest.

Chicago, July 11.—E. T. Fairchild of Topeka was yesterday elected president of the National Education association, after a heated contest wherein the New York members criticized the Chicago teachers for "behind the curtain tactics."

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LORIMER TO SPEAK SOON

All but Senator Spoke Yesterday

HE WILL SPEAK TO-DAY

Evidence Is "Based on Forgery," Declares Jones—Johnson "Saving His Honor" by Vote for Lorimer.

Washington, July 11.—When the Senate took up the Lorimer case yesterday it was indicated that all speeches, except Senator Lorimer's, would be concluded before night and that a vote would be reached yesterday. Senator Johnson of Alabama, a Democrat, who supported Mr. Lorimer at the first trial, opened yesterday's session with a speech in his behalf. He conceded a popular demand for Lorimer's unseating and said he knew he would be on the unpopular side, but declared: "I refuse to save myself at the sacrifice of my honor."

Senator Johnson declared that the number of printed copies of the Lorimer hearings taken from the Senate document room indicated that less than half the senators had read the evidence. He condemned as "un-Christian and un-American" Colonel Roosevelt's course in declining to sit with Senator Lorimer at the Hamilton club's dinner at Chicago.

Senator Jones of Washington, who opposed Lorimer at the first trial, but who supports him now, spoke after Senator Johnson. Mr. Lorimer indicated that he would not begin his speech at the close of a session, but would ask a recess until to-day if yesterday's debate were protracted. Senator Jones said that he had changed his convictions because he had personally heard the witnesses against Lorimer. He complained of public clamor in the case and charged it was having too much influence in determining the votes of senators. He admitted that there had been perjury on both sides of the case.

Senator William Allen Smith of Michigan referred to the recent law suit brought in Chicago by John Henning against Clarence Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, in which Henning charged Funk with alienation of his wife's affections. Henning lost his case and his wife is said to have confessed that the charge was a conspiracy to injure Funk for his testimony against Senator Lorimer. Senator Smith said he thought the suit had been brought to affect the Lorimer case.

"Do you think it affected the opinion of any member of the committee?" asked Mr. Jones.

"Yes, I do," responded Mr. Smith.

In the course of the colloquy, Senator Smith declared it to be "worth a man's life to antagonize certain elements in the Senate." He said he had run against that condition when first elected and had felt it since. No details were given.

References to perjury brought out a vigorous statement from Senator Jones.

"The case against Senator Lorimer is based upon and buttressed with forgery," he said.

Mr. Jones expressed the opinion that the money distributed by Lee O'Neil Browne had been contributed by whiskey interests.

"Isn't it just as reasonable to suppose that the corruption fund was used to elect Lorimer as to influence legislation?" Senator Pomeroy asked.

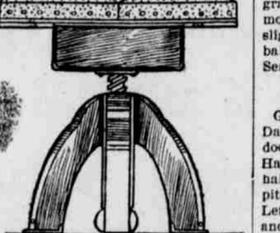
"I do not think so," replied Mr. Jones. "It was a legislative fund and there is nothing in the record to indicate that the money was for any other purpose."

Rich Girl's Experiences as a Worker in a Laundry.

In the July American Magazine, Ida M. Tarbell tells the story of Carola Woerishoffer, a rich girl in New York, who deliberately gave up the advantages and luxuries of wealth and lived a real life. This girl wasn't sure whether she had any courage or ability. She wanted to find out whether she had any "real stuff" in her, whether, for example, she could stand what working women have to stand. So she got a job in a laundry and worked at it for four months, at the tub or ironing, beginning at 7:30 in the morning. Nobody knew who she was. She ate the food all working women eat, and otherwise shared experiences. Before her death, which was a tragic death, she developed ideas for improving the condition of working women, and fought for them hard and effectively. When she died, at 26, she had really lived more than many at threescore and ten. She had "made good" all right—no doubt about it.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Single Piano Stool That Can Be Made Into Two.



A Chicago man has designed the piano stool herewith illustrated, which normally is large enough for one person only, but which can be made quite comfortable for two. A pair of seats are hinged together at one end and fold upon each other, cushion sides out. In this position they fit into an open box which forms the top of the stool and forms a single seat. When a dual is threatened, however, the seats are opened up into two, side by side, and the double seat thus made fits into tracks on the upper edge of the box, providing a perfectly firm and comfortable stool for two. A lock keeps the seats from moving in either case.

Rhubarb Wine.

Cut rhubarb into small pieces and put in stone jar. Pour on boiling water enough to cover and let stand three days and three nights, then squeeze the rhubarb through a cloth. Do not press very dry. Measure the juice and add three pounds of sugar (light brown) to each gallon of liquid. Put into the jar again and let stand in warm place. When it begins to work skim every day or two. Let stand in the jar about two weeks, then put into a jug, leaving any sediment that may have settled in the jar. Do not cork very tightly in the jug. As it may work still more if put into glass bottles, it is likely to break them.

Iron Rust Stains.

Use a bowl containing one quart of water and a teaspoonful of borax. Over this lay the cloth containing stain. Apply hydrochloric acid, drop by drop, until the stain brightens. Dip immediately into water. If the stain is not removed, use the same process until the stain disappears, then rinse very thoroughly, using either borax or ammonia in the rinsing water, thereby neutralizing any trace of acid that may remain.

Baked Beans and Sausage.

Let one pint pea beans soak overnight; wash, drain and cook until very tender, but not broken, in boiling water. Put the beans in baking dish with sausage here and there, using

about half a pound of sausage. Dissolve one tablespoonful salt in one pint boiling water and pour over the beans, adding more if needed. Bake five or six hours and serve hot with catsup or any other table sauce.

Chocolate Rice Pudding.

Cook in the double boiler a quarter cup of rice and a pint of milk until the rice is soft. Add a tablespoonful butter, half a cupful of seeded raisins, a square of chocolate broken in small pieces, one-third cupful sugar and a few grains of salt. Cook five minutes. Remove from the fire and add an egg slightly beaten. Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake twenty minutes. Serve with cream and sugar.

Sarsaparilla Tonic.

Get 5 cents' worth of the following: Dandelion root, sarsaparilla, yellow dock, mullein, sassafras and gentian. Have them mixed when you buy. Take half the mixture, put in stone jar or pitchers with two quarts cold water. Let it stand overnight on back of stove and nearly all of the next day steeping, not overnight, but in daytime. Then strain and add block or loaf sugar, half a pound or more.

Old Fashioned Election Cake.

Work half a cup shortening into a cup bread dough. Add a beaten egg, a cup brown sugar, half a cup milk and a cup raisins. Sift together and add one and a half cups flour, one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two teaspoonfuls of ground spices, half a teaspoonful salt. Turn into a well buttered bread pan, let rise till light and bake in a slow oven one hour.

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Mock Indian Pudding.

One pint of stale bread, two tablespoonfuls of butter, three and one-half cupfuls of milk and one-half cupful of molasses. Soften the butter and spread on the bread. Pour over the bread three cupfuls of milk and the molasses. Bake one hour. Stir and add the remainder of the milk. Bake one-half hour longer. Serve with cream.

Mustard Ham.

A slice of ham one and a half inches thick, cover with water and boil one hour. Put in baking pan, cover with one tablespoonful of dry mustard and one tablespoonful of sugar. Put in about one cupful of water in which it has been boiled and bake half an hour. The mustard gives the ham a delicious flavor.

Peach Tart.

For each large peach allow one tablespoonful of sugar and one of water. Fill baking dish with sliced peaches, add sugar and water, cover with pie crust and bake in a moderate oven thirty minutes. Serve hot with cream.

To Wash Silver.

The following mixture is excellent for washing silver: Take equal parts of common yellow soap and whiting. Melt the soap, then add the whiting and make it into a cake. Apply it with a piece of flannel and plenty of warm water, then well rinse and dry, and the silver will not only look beautiful, but will not require cleaning so often.

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