

# What the Lightning Did

By ALAN HINSDALE

It was a terrific storm. Yearley stood at his window looking at the lightning, which was followed in some instances by almost instantaneous thunder. He was a fearless fellow, and no matter how near the bolts, he kept his place, admiring the battle of the elements.

Clara was below in the drawing room with Hammersley. She was engaged to Yearley, but was in love with Hammersley. Yearley possessed a fortune, and Hammersley was poor. The wedding between Yearley and Clara was to come off that day week. Clara had insisted that he make a will in her favor before the wedding. Settlements are not common in America, but Clara argued that her fiancé had a lot of relatives who in case of his death would make trouble. Without a will she would receive only a widow's third, and that would not content her.

Yearley had a cousin, Lucia, who had been left an orphan, and he had since then provided for her. When he made his will he left a small income to Lucia. But Clara objected to this, preferring that a clause be put in instead stating that the testator expected his widow to support Lucia out of the income of the estate "in every comfort." The bride to be convinced her expectant husband that this would be the better way, and since she promised him to obey the injunction faithfully in case he died before her, he yielded the point.

During the storm Clara, who had a nervous dread of lightning, was so agitated that Hammersley put an arm around her to soothe her. While they were in this relative position there came a blinding flash, and amid the roar of the thunder they heard something fall in the room above. Hammersley went quickly upstairs, followed by Clara. Yearley was lying by the window motionless. Help was summoned, and he was laid on the bed. The doctor came and pronounced him dead. The room was closed and the body left alone.

The thunder was muttering in the distance when the door of the death chamber opened and Hammersley and Clara entered. Approaching the bed, they looked down on the marble face. Then they went to the window and stood looking out, talking in a low tone. Hammersley drew Clara to him, and her cheek rubbed against his. After a few minutes they went out, closing the door softly behind them.

Hammersley and Clara went back to where they had been standing when the storm broke. Clara tried to look like a girl who had just lost her fiancé, but failed. Hammersley did not even try to look mournful. Indeed, a smile hovered about his lips. Clara would now be his.

Later Lucia entered the room and, approaching the bed, sank on her knees, buried her face in her hands and sobbed. Then she arose and looked down through her tear dimmed eyes upon her cousin. In another moment she passed out, sobbing convulsively.

Two hours after Yearley had been stricken an electric bell rang out sharply. The register indicated that it had been rung from his room. What could it mean? If any one was there who wanted anything, surely he would not have rung the bell.

The butler was sent up, and presently returned with his eyes wide open. "Mr. Yearley isn't dead!" he exclaimed.

"What do you mean?" cried Clara. "He's sittin' up in bed."

All agitated by the staircase, and before entering the room saw, through the open door, Yearley in a sitting posture. "What's been the matter with me?" he asked, in a dazed fashion. "I feel as if I had been keelhauled."

Clara ran out of the room. Hammersley followed her. Lucia came in and, seeing her cousin alive whom she thought dead, seized his hand and kissed it.

Electricity is a curious antagonist. Sometimes it kills outright, sometimes it will strip a coat off a man's back with but trifling injury to him, and sometimes it will throw him into a coma for hours. Yearley's bodily faculties had been temporarily paralyzed.

Clara returned to the room where her betrothed lay and expressed her joy that he had returned to life. But it is difficult to express joy when one feels regret. She explained that she had been so suddenly cast down and relieved that she could not control her feelings.

Nobody ever knew whether Yearley had been struck by the bolt or stunned by its proximity. The question now uppermost in his fiancée's mind was whether he had retained consciousness. But she dreaded to ask him, and he refrained from speaking of the matter.

The next day Yearley was all right again. He sent for his fiancée and told her that he had decided not to make a will before his marriage. He had made a vow to leave his property to found an institution for the study of electricity and methods to protect human life from its bolts.

Clara saw the handwriting on the wall. He had retained sufficient consciousness to be aware of her actions in his presence when she thought him dead. She made no objection to his plan for the disposition of his property, but told him she had discovered after all that she did not love him well enough to marry him.

Yearley was married on the appointed day, but to his Cousin Lucia.

## WAITSFIELD

Waitsfield Stage to Run Through to Montpelier. The Mad River Valley stage will run through to Montpelier every morning, beginning July 2, 1917, and will not wait for the 9:30 train at Middlesex. The stage will leave the Montpelier house at 8:30 a. m. for Middlesex, Moretown and Waitsfield. Frank Bettis, stage driver.

## EDUCATION AND THE WAR.

### There Should Be No Lowering of School Efficiency.

"It is of the utmost importance that there shall be no lowering in the efficiency of our systems of education," says Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, discussing education and the war.

"Schools and other agencies of education must be maintained at whatever necessary cost and against all hurtful interference with their regular work except as may be necessary for the national defense, which is of course our immediate task and must be kept constantly in mind and have right of way everywhere and at all times. From the beginning of participation in the war we should avoid the mistakes which some other countries have made to their hurt and which they are now trying to correct.

"If the war should be long and severe, there will be great need in its later days for many young men and women of scientific knowledge, training and skill; and it may then be much more difficult than it is now to permit them to attend school. Therefore no school should close its doors now or shorten its term unnecessarily. All young men and women in college should remain and use their time to the very best advantage, except such as may find it necessary to leave for immediate profitable employment in some productive occupation or for the acceptance of some position in some branch of the military service, which position cannot be so well filled by anyone else. All children in the elementary schools and as nearly as possible all high-school pupils should remain in school through the entire session.

"When the war is over, whether within a few months or after many years, there will be such demands upon this country for men and women of scientific knowledge, technical skill and general culture as have never before come to any country. This world must be rebuilt. This country must play a more important part than it has in the past in agriculture, manufacturing and commerce, and also in the things of cultural life—art, literature, music, scientific discovery.

"The United States is a nation of new life and are on the eve of great industrial development. They will ask of us steel, engines, and cars for railroads, agricultural implements, and machinery for industrial plants. They will also ask for men to install these and to direct much of their development in every line. England, France, Italy, and the central empires have thrown into battle a very large per cent. of their educated and trained men, including most of the young professors and instructors in their universities, colleges, gymnasia, lyceums, and public schools. Their colleges and universities are almost empty. The young men who would under normal conditions be receiving the education and training necessary to prepare them for leadership in the future development of these countries are fighting and dying in the trenches. All these countries must needs go through a long period of reconstruction, industrially and in many other respects. Our own trained men and women should be able and ready to render every possible assistance. It should be remembered that the number of students in our universities, colleges, normal schools, and technical schools is very small as compared with the total number of persons of producing age—little more than one-half of one per cent. The majority of these students are young men and women who are becoming more mature and fit for service. The older of the 60,000,000 men and women of producing age are growing more unit and are passing beyond the age of service. It should also be remembered that the more mature the young men who volunteer for service in the army, the more valuable their services will be.

"Therefore a right conception of patriots and teachers. The salaries of great value to remain in college, concentrate their energies on their college work, and thus be all the more ready and fit when their services may be needed either for war or for the important work of reconstruction and development in our own and other countries when the war shall have ended.

All schools of whatever grade should remain open with their full quota of officers and teachers. The salaries of teachers should not be lowered in this time of unusual high cost of living. When possible, salaries should be increased in proportion to the services rendered. Since the people will be taxed heavily by the federal government for the payment of the expenses of the war, teachers should be willing to continue to do their work, and do it as well as they can, as a patriotic service, even if their salaries cannot now be increased. All equipment necessary for the best use of the time of teachers and students should be provided, as should all necessary increase of room, but costly building should not be undertaken now while the prices of building material are excessively high and while there are urgent and unmet demands for labor in industries pertaining directly and immediately to the national defense. Schools should be continued in full efficiency, but in most instances costly building may well be postponed.

"During school hours and out of school, on mornings, afternoons, Saturdays, and during vacation, all older children and youth should be encouraged and directed to do as much useful productive work as they can without interfering with their more important school duties. This productive work should be so directed as to give it the highest possible value, both economically and educationally. For children and youth in schools of all grades there will be need of more effective moral training, and provision should be made for this. While the war for the safety of democracy is in progress and when it is over, there will be greater need for effective machinery for the promotion of intelligent discussion of the principles of democracy and all that pertains to the public welfare of local communities, counties, states, and the nation. To this end every schoolhouse should be made a community center and civic forum with frequent meetings for the discussion of matters of public interest and for social intercourse."

**A Peacemaker.**  
Tommy—Dad, what is a peacemaker?  
Dad—A peacemaker is a man who would rather read the death notices in a newspaper than the jokes.—Exchange.

**Gleomy Prospect.**  
The Suitor—What will your father settle on the man who marries you?  
The Girl—All the rest of the family, I suppose.—Puck.

God bless the good natured, for th bless everybody else. — Henry War Beecher.

# GIRLS! MAKE A BEAUTY LOTION WITH LEMONS

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream, one can prepare a full quart pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is truly marvelous to smoothen rough, red hands.—Adv.

## PLAN NOW TO TAX LIQUOR OUT

### Senate Leaders Consider Programme to Bring Food Bill Situation to Head

Washington, June 30.—To bring the prohibition fight to a head and possibly dispose of the bill to-day, the leaders considered having Chairman Simmons of the finance committee offer, as a substitute for the prohibition sections, the finance committee's provision in the war tax bill for prohibitive taxes upon distilled beverages and increased taxes on malt and vinous beverages.

In the efforts to expedite the bill the leaders also discussed a plan to hold the Senate in continuous session last night in the hope of a final vote to-day—a measure suggested also in fear of a "wet" filibuster. Administration leaders proposed to curtail debate as much as possible among their supporters and leave the field to senators opposed to the bill, including the prohibition provisions.

Senator Hardwick, Democrat, occupied the afternoon with an attack on the bill, those whom it will affect. He declared the country in three months had gone further in concentrating autocratic power in the hands of the executive than the European belligerents had in three years.

"Let us preserve one of the liberties of the people just for a keepsake of what our fathers gave us. If for no other reason," the senator said, "it is treason to say these things, then I am guilty; if it be unpatriotic, then I am guilty."

## TO SUPPLY WOOD.

### National Foresters Are to Furnish Fuel Next Winter.

To meet any possible coal shortage in the West next winter, more extensive use of fuel wood from the national forests is urged by the government's foresters, who are advising both ranchers and town dwellers to be beforehand in making arrangements for the supply of their fuel needs.

The supervisors of the 153 national forests will be instructed to afford all possible facilities to local residents wishing to obtain fuel for their home use and which is sold at low rates to persons cutting and hauling in order to sell to others. Since the material thus utilized is mainly dead timber, its removal, it is explained, helps clear up the forest and thus lessens the fire menace. Timber which is insect-infested, or old and deteriorating, or otherwise damaged or undesirable from the forester's standpoint, is also disposed of for fuel purposes.

The demand in the next 12 months is expected to break all records. There is a possibility of a coal shortage because of the increased demand for coal by industrial plants and the lack of sufficient means of transportation. It is believed that it will be quite feasible and economical for many western communities to utilize an increased quantity of national forest wood for fuel next winter. When dead and down timber or other timber which is deteriorating is not available for cordwood, the cutting of mature living trees will be permitted to the extent necessary to meet the demand.

While wood as a fuel is less economical to handle than coal, it is in many parts of the West cheaper, even at normal price levels. Stoves and furnaces, however, equipped to burn coal usually require different grates to permit of the substitution to advantage, and this is pointed out as one reason why the householder will do well to look ahead and decide beforehand how he will keep warm and what he will feed the kitchen stove next winter.

Where saw-mills are operating in the woods at points within hauling distance of towns, there is a chance to obtain slabs and other material that ordinarily goes to waste. Since green or wet wood is both poorer fuel and heavier to transport and handle than dry, mill waste as it comes from the saw is relatively undesirable for immediate use. For this reason, as well as in order to be sure of a supply, the government foresters suggest that good-sized woodpile in the back yard or under cover before winter sets in may be found a thrifty provision.

During the last fiscal year over 30,000 permits for the free use of national forest timber, mainly in the form of fuel wood, were taken out by local residents. The amount of timber involved approximated 250,000 cords. Additional supplies of cordwood were obtained from the forests at a nominal price by others who were not entitled under the law to the free use of timber.

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# RUSSIA WILL BE A REPUBLIC

### Mission to Washington Forecasts Action that Will Be Taken

## BY THE SLAV CONSTITUENT BODY

### Any Other Form of Rule Is Virtually Impossible

Washington, June 30.—A Russian republic was forecast yesterday by members of the Russian mission in the clear exposition yet received here of the enormous problems of reconstruction facing that country. Any other form of government, it was stated, was practically impossible, and would be in direct contradiction to the spirit and principles of the whole Russian upheaval.

The constituent assembly, which is expected to open on Sept. 30, will have in its hands the building of the whole new political structure of Russia. The provisional government, which has ordered its call, has not only given its absolute powers as to Russia's future government, but has also entrusted it with all its own executive powers. Thus when the new assembly meets, the provisional government will pass out of existence, and the executive power of the nation during the convention period probably will be delegated either to the government revived or to a special committee.

The assembly will decide finally on the form of government, both federal and local, the fundamental laws, the rights of citizens and of nationalities and the methods of taxation and election. It is expected also to discuss fully the land question so as to destroy the abuse of large holdings by apportioning the land more equitably among those who till it, to arrange a new system of taxation with proportionally heavy taxes on the rich and a lifting of the enormous taxes from the poor, and act on general social relations between labor, capital, agriculture and the like.

The assembly will consist of not more than 800 members, chosen on universal, direct, secret, equal suffrage, including women, as outlined recently by Prince Lvoff, head of the provisional government. Russia, of course, will be divided into election districts, each entitled to so many representatives, according to population. It is very probable that some system of proportional voting will be adopted, in order to secure representation of the various minority parties, according to their number.

The army will probably vote as a class as it would be obviously impossible to segregate its various members because of political belief or residence. One of the most difficult questions now is to arrange for the voting there without disturbing the military situation.

A new election machinery will have to be evolved for the whole of Russia, it was stated, as the old system for the Duma election is entirely inadequate. Elective committees probably will be set up in every locality and arrangements made for the nomination of candidates.

All details of this reconstruction is in the hands of a committee of sixty named about two months ago by the provisional government.

**Evidence Inconclusive.**  
New York, June 30.—The indictment against Benjamin Sternberg, accusing him of the murder of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hilair in the Hotel Martintine here last March, was dismissed by the court order yesterday. The district attorney agreed to the step on the ground that the evidence against him was inconclusive.

# Topics of the Home and Household.

### Make paper funnels out of pieces of wrapping paper and use them for pouring sugar, tea, coffee, cereals, etc., into their proper receptacles. These are very useful in preventing waste.—Woman's World.

### An easy way to keep silver bright is to moisten a small sponge with water, and after rubbing it full of silver powder let it dry; then, when washing dishes, use the sponge, just as it is, to rub over any silver that needs cleaning, having the silver damp. In this way the small pieces may be kept in good condition with very little work.

### Don't be careless about your dishcloths. Never use one longer than two days without washing it. Then see that it is thoroughly boiled. Just take a sniff at your dish cloth when you have used it a few days and you will put it right in the washbub.—Woman's World.

### An old-fashioned rule for testing jelly, to see if it has cooked sufficiently, is to try it with a spoon. If it runs off the spoon in one straight stream it has not cooked long enough; but if it runs off in two drops, side by side, it may safely be taken off the fire.

### A paper bag for wild flowers will keep them fresh until you reach home, so before taking a short trip to the woods provide yourself with a large one. Put the flowers in this and fold the top over two or three times, thus excluding light and air. If the flowers have grown in moist places sprinkle them before closing the bag.

### Save the rose-petals and dry them quickly in the sun; then put them in small silk or muslin bags for sachets to be used in the linen-closet or bureau drawers. If the petals are dried carefully and quickly their colors may be preserved, and then if they are placed in a Swiss muslin cover they will make a pretty and sweet pillow. The leaves of the rose geranium and lemon verbena also may be dried for sachets.

### A white linen parasol may be cleaned by opening it wide and scrubbing it with a little scrubbing brush and good soda made of white soap and lukewarm water. After it is well cleaned pour several buckets of clean water over it, and last of all add a little bluing water poured from a watering pot; then leave it to bleach and dry in the sunshine. All the work may be done outdoors, and the parasol will be clean and white in the end.

### A small flash light will prove useful in many ways. In looking in the oven to see if the baking is browning properly,

**GOING! GOING! GONE!!!**

I WAS somewhat peeved  
LAST NIGHT. George got  
SENTIMENTAL about my hair  
AND I told him that having  
NICE HAIR was a duty  
BUT THAT having something  
UNDER THE hair was in a  
MEASURE A privilege  
AND I felt myself  
IN THE privileged class.  
I BELIEVE that men don't  
THINK OF anything but a woman's  
LOOKS, BUT I thought  
GEORGE WAS different.

Yours for beautiful hair,  
*Herpsicide Mary*

a flash light will prevent the necessity of removing the dish from the oven so the light will fall on it. It will light the way up and down the cellar-stairs, and perhaps save one a fall or misstep. Flashed in the apple or potato bin, it will often save the lighting of a lamp or lantern. It will also reveal the contents of the canned fruit cupboard. It will be useful when anything is wanted from the garret or attic; if medicine is needed at night, it will prevent one from getting the wrong bottle from the medicine shelf.—Woman's World.

## Giving Mother a Vacation.

Perhaps it's a little early to be speaking of vacations. But any time is the right time to bespeak a let-up for those who scarcely know what let-up means. And we are not talking about the mere persuasion either, buster now than ever with what a day's work plus a war garden. It's mother we're talking about. Mother always did do a day's work plus a score of chores she couldn't crowd into the period men call working hours. The word let-up isn't in mother's vocabulary. And as an achieved fact it is only too often realized not until her strength gives way, outpatient not in service of herself, but of others.

Now mother doubtless hasn't given a vacation a thought and won't. Therefore, it's up to you, father, and to you older children to do mother's vacation thinking for her. Start early with the plan, for mother is too busy a woman to have things sprung on her suddenly. Talk the idea up, get the place picked out where mother is to find rest and quiet, and perhaps before the summer is over she can be persuaded to leave you folk to shift for yourself a couple of weeks.

And another thing: Maybe you would be as happy as mother if you thought less of your own comfort and more of the comfort of others. It's to remind you of this opportunity to gain a measure of happiness, quite as much as to give mother an outing, that we open the subject of vacations thus early.—Rutland News.

## Physical Preparedness.

The Irish World prints a few general rules for preparedness along the line of exercise and good health:

Water—Drink all you like half an hour before breakfast, but no drinking with meals. Drink half an hour before any meal, or two hours after.

Blister—If you should get a blister, put a corn plaster or bunion plaster over it, with the opening over the blister, and fasten firmly with two strips of surgeon's plaster, over the ends but not covering the opening.

Five glasses of water a day, none with meals, will make you free of the doctors.

Warm feet and a cool head need no physician.

A bath, cold if you please, hot if you must, with a good rub, starts the day right.

Your nose, not your mouth, was given you to breathe through.

Walk two miles every day.

See how high you can hold your head and how deeply you can breathe whenever you are out of doors.

Hot water quick is the best thing for a sprain.

Short shoes and shoes that don't fit cost a lot in the long run.

Getting mad makes black marks on the heart.

Envy, jealousy and wrath will ruin any digestion.

When you rob the trolley company of a nickel by walking, you add a dime to your deposit of health.

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