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Ended Love Trail of Man Who Played Fair

Alexander loved the ladies and he played fair with them. That is, he always proposed to them.

"I am so sorry," said Helene, when he proposed to her. "So sorry, but you see I am engaged to George."

Eunice said "yes" promptly, when he asked her, but she was surprised when he reminded her of it the next time they met. "Surely you were not serious," she said. "Anyway, I was not."

Dolly cuddled close to him and whispered "yes"—but in the morning she had forgotten.

Anna Margaret promised to consider it and let him know, but she never did.

Mary Jane let him kiss her hand and she talked quite awhile about the beauty of love. The next week she moved away and left no address.

Henrietta was sure she could have loved him had she not already decided on a career.

Thora, the pretty divorcee, cried and wished she had met him first—before she lost her faith in men.

Sally was a sweet little debutante, and he thought he might as well be her first sweetheart. Alas, he was not. He only thought he was—but he was her last, for she married him, and that was the last of Alexander. Well, just about the last.—Kansas City Star.

Many Legends Treat of Woman's Creation

Woman's first appearance has been a popular subject of legends. The Phoenician myth of creation is founded on the story of Pygmalion and Galatea. There the first woman was carved out of ivory by the first man, and then endowed with life by Aphrodite, says the Kansas City Star.

The Greek theory of the creation of woman, according to Hesiod, was that Zeus, as a cruel jest, ordered Vulcan to make woman out of clay, and then induce the various gods and goddesses to invest the clay doll with all their worst qualities, the result being a lovely thing.

The Scandinavians say that as Odin, Vill and Ve, the three sons of Bor, were walking along the beach they found two sticks of wood, one of ash and one of elm. Sitting down, the gods shaped man and woman out of these sticks, whitening the woman from the elm and called her Ernia.

Dusting Off an Old One

The honored guest arose to speak, and was greeted with a cheer that shook the room. Some way or other, after that cheer, he never could get some of the guests quieted down again. A half dozen or so of them insisted in talking loudly among themselves. The speaker could scarcely make himself heard. All at once, one man who had had more than enough to drink and had fallen asleep, began to snore loudly. There were laughs, and the speaker looked greatly annoyed. Reaching for his gavel the toastmaster rapped upon the table for some semblance of order. But in his enthusiasm he rapped entirely too hard and the gavel broke in two. One piece bounced across the table and struck the sleeping member squarely on the head. He roused a bit, looked about him, and then shouted:

"Hit me again! I can still hear him!"—Journal American Medical Association.

Easy to See That

The young man had taken his old grandmother to a picture gallery. She had never been in such a place before and accordingly she was very critical of all that she saw. Together they wandered round looking at the paintings with interest.

Finally they stopped before a canvas which showed a man seated in a high-backed chair. Tacked to the frame was a small white card.

"What does it say on the card?" asked the old lady.

"A portrait of F. E. Jones, by himself," replied her grandson.

The old lady went closer to the picture.

"What folks these art people must be!" she muttered. "Any fool can see that the man is by himself; there's no one else in the picture."

Man's Chief Interest

She had gone out to dinner with her suitor. She had felt in particularly gay and sprightly mood, and had talked, she felt, quite entertainingly of this and that. Many had been the amusing incidents she had told.

But toward the end of the evening her suitor seemed very dejected and unhappy.

"What has been the trouble? Did anything happen today to make you blue?" she asked. Surely the evening had been a success.

"No, the day was a very good one," he said.

"But tonight? Haven't you enjoyed it?" she asked, surprised.

"Well," he returned, "you know a man likes to talk about himself when he takes a girl out, and you haven't given me a chance all evening."

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Kindness Made No Kind of Appeal to "Rhino"

Peter, the two-and-a-half-ton rhinoceros who lived in the elephant house of the Zoological gardens, in London, is dead.

He was an uncouth fellow, savage and untractable. Church, his keeper, had many a narrow squeak. Peter would charge heavily at a set of human ribs and bring up against iron bars with a thud.

People who say you can do anything by kindness did not know Peter's winsome ways.

He had been very "phthisicky" of late. Chest trouble, Church said it was. You might give him a couple of bucketsful of cough mixture and it made no difference. Aniseed and licorice lozenges only caused him to wheeze the more.

Jennie and Eliza, the young cow rhinos next door, one from India and the other from Peter's own home, Nairobi, used to shudder when Peter hacked and groaned.

Then pneumonia set in. The morning before he died, when the rains were doing their worst, Peter lay with his head to the open railing, gazing with glassy eyes toward the south and the homeland.

He made strange noises. His keepers said that they were his final hymn of hate against mankind, but it is possible he was muttering of his childhood fifteen years ago, and talking strangely of the African deep undergrowth, the hot, muddy beds in which he used to roll, of the Arab hunters, and of glorious freedom.

Then he was suddenly silent. His great, ponderous bulk yielded the ghost.

This Time, Good Yarn Is Told on Scotsman

One good old yarn that is exhumed from time to time, or rather reincarnated, since it appears in a slightly different form, concerns the Scottish land law known as tenure by feu, which consists in the tenant performing certain services, or making certain payments, failure in which may result in forfeiture of the tenancy.

Some time back it was decided to abolish feus on the Sutherland estates, substituting therefor a generous form of lease which would have the effect of making the crofter the owner, in all but name, of the land he tilled.

To his grace's surprise, however, the first Highland farmer to whom the new terms were explained resolutely declined to entertain them.

"But, consider," said the agent, "the rent you will be called upon to pay is merely nominal, and we are giving you a lease of 999 years."

The old man shook his head. "Na, na, time soon rins away," he retorted.

Famous Fraternity

Phi Beta Kappa is an honorary fraternity and the election of members is optional with the chapters. Active membership varies in its details with different chapters, but, as a rule, it is extended to members of the senior class studying for a baccalaureate degree in arts or science as distinguished from those studying for technical or professional degrees. Usually also not more than one-fourth of a class standing highest is elected, and in many colleges eligibility is further restricted to those who reach a certain percentage. Sometimes elections are made in the junior year as a mark of special distinction. Alumni members are chosen from distinguished alumni and honorary members are selected from those who have achieved eminence in some branch of learning.

Bird Does Scavenger Work

The adjutant bird is a voracious carrion-eating East Indian stork, sometimes 6 feet in height and 14 feet in expanse of wings, with a large bill, the skin of the head naked, and a pouchlike appendage on the interior surface of the neck. The plumage is black or ash-colored, and furnishes the marabou-feathers of India. The adjutant feeds on frogs, fish, reptiles, etc., and is the scavenger of Indian towns. It derives its name from the comical gravity with which it stalks along.

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