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HOMETo Pump or
not to Pump?
—the Questionby
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AUTOCASTERHypnotizing
Anne

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Anne Porter was forty, plump, comely, and a widow. Naturally she had suitors. But Anne Porter proposed to surrender her liberty to no man, not even to Cyrus Boggs, who was fifty, plump, uncomely, and a childless widower.

For six months Cyrus Boggs had sat beside the Widow Porter every Saturday night, watching her knit and yearning to take that fair, plump hand in his and hold it forever.

The Widow Porter had one special virtue. She had inherited eight thousand dollars from the late Ephraim Porter, whose virtues are recorded on a squarish slab with rounded corners, standing bolt upright, and engraved very large, so as not to be missed when a certain trumpet sounds.

Cyrus Boggs had had twelve thousand—once. That was before the Pekin smash. Haliburton Pekin was the shrewdest company promoter that ever came out of Cyrus Boggs' home town, which had given birth to several. It was suspected that more than one of the home folks had been stung by Pekin's land schemes. But they kept very, very quiet.

Cyrus did anyway. Nobody dreamed that his twelve thousand had gone into Pekin's bottomless bags somewhere down the lower reaches of the Mississippi. But after that the Widow Porter seemed like a ripe, sound peach, a little too high on the tree.

We now shift to Monsieur Eleazar, the hypnotist, who spent one night in Farmer Eli Jenk's barn, at twenty-five cents a head, and held his audience spellbound.

How they laughed when mean old Ebenezer Briggs handed out million-dollar bills to all and sundry! What roars of laughter went up to the owl-infested rafters when old Miss Skinner, seventy-four and lame, hobbled up and down the planks, under the impression that she was crossing Niagara on a tight-rope!

What roars resounded when the Rev. Philo Spratt, who had incautiously lent himself to the experiment, embraced a dozen non-existent wives, in the belief that he was the Grand Turk.

At the end Monsieur Eleazar stepped forward.

"What I have done," he said, "any man can do. It is not the virtue in me, it is a power possessed by all."

Cyrus Boggs did not remember the rest of Monsieur Eleazar's speech, but he remembered the methods that he had used. And that night a wild hope was born in him, and the next Saturday night he said to the Widow Porter:

"You wasn't at the show last Tuesday, was you, Mrs. Porter? Say, you oughter have seen it! Gosh darn it, I nearly split my sides with laughing. Let me show you, Mrs. Porter."

"Oh, please do, Mr. Boggs," said the widow, looking up from her knitting. "May I hold your hand, Mrs. Porter—jest out of scientific feelings? You see, I take it so, and I look into your eyes. Now watch me steadily. I make three passes, so. Now your eyes close."

And, by heck, the Widow Porter's eyes closed. Cyrus Boggs felt all the thrill that comes to a masterful man. "You can't open 'em," he said. "I can't open 'em," repeated the

Widow Porter, softly.

"I am your master," said Cyrus Boggs.

"You are my master," whispered the Widow Porter.

"You love me," said Cyrus Boggs, feeling an extraordinary sense of power. "You've always loved me, only you've been hiding your feelings out of coyness."

"I've always loved you," murmured the Widow Porter.

"You're fast asleep now, and yet you can see me," said Cyrus Boggs. "You can see the love light in my eyes. When you wake up you will see me as the handsomest man you've ever seen. You will be crazy to marry me. You will marry me as soon as it can be done."

"I shall marry you tomorrow," whispered the Widow Porter, and Cyrus Boggs was aghast at the success that attended him. He waved his hand across the widow's face.

"Wake up, and remember Jennie," he said huskily.

The Widow Porter opened her eyes, stared, and flung her arms about Cyrus' neck.

"I love you, Cyrus," she murmured tremulously.

"I cannot conceal my feelings any longer. May I be yours?"

"You may, Jennie," responded Cyrus as he embraced her.

"Oh, Cy, it's like a miracle," said the Widow Boggs. "I've been so miserable with that wretched Mr. Pekin taking my eight thousand dollars for his schemes, and I don't believe I'll see a penny of it again, and if it hadn't been for a strong man's love that come along when life seemed worthless—what's the matter, darling?"

"N-n-nothing, darling," said Cyrus Boggs.

Source of Eskimo Vigor.

Rev. Dr. John Marquis, explorer and missionary among the Eskimos, attributes their hardihood, vigor and great endurance to the fact that they get sufficient vitamins through eating almost the whole carcass of their kill, including brain, nerve and glandular organs. Otherwise it is hard to conceive, he says, according to the New York Times, of their being able to make such good use of an almost purely meat diet, and one so freighted with fat. Dr. Marquis says that, as the white man's white bread, refined sugar and canned goods gradually penetrate into the Far North the white man's diseases are likely to accompany them.

Not very much is known about the origin of the 50,000 or more Eskimos who live in a region where the temperature reaches and remains for long periods at from 40 to 70 degrees below zero.

Almost the only edible plant growth in this frozen land is the reindeer moss, the food of the great herds of reindeer that inhabit northern Siberia. This moss and occasional patches of coarse, wild grass are not considered palatable and are seldom eaten by man.

To Secure Clouds on Negative.

Amateur photographers are delighted to find, sometimes, that they have natural clouds upon their negatives, and they imagine that these have occurred by a lucky chance. Really the result is a proof that they have made a correct exposure.

In order to secure clouds on the negative, it is necessary to remember an old rule—"Expose for the shadows, and the high-lights will take care of themselves." In other words, one must look for the darkest part of the picture, and give that part sufficient exposure. Usually, clouds are lost because the sky, being bright, is much more exposed than other parts of the picture. On development the image becomes dense there before the darker parts are strong enough. Hence the sky will not print.

Lost Forty-eight War Vessels.

During the period when the United States was actually at war, April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, the loss of navy vessels was 48 of all classes. On these vessels 1,150 lives were lost. The list includes one battleship, the Minnesota, transports, tankers, submarine chasers, yachts, etc.

Detecting Remade Milk.

Because of the increased use of remade milk, manufactured from powdered or condensed milk and sweet-cream butter, it has become necessary for chemists to devise some test that will indicate its presence in milk products. If the curd from remade milk is dissolved in sodium hydroxide, it shows a characteristic yellow color, after standing, while natural products, or products containing only a small percentage of remade milk, do not show this color. As little as 10 per cent of remade milk can be detected by this test when carefully made.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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'FOR LOVE, NOT BY PURCHASE'

New Attitude Toward Marriage Is Seen to Be Awakening Among the Women of China.

Closely related with the new home idea in China is the new idea on marriage; that is, individual choice rather than family choice; "for love, not by purchase."

Like the new home this will be a matter of slow evolution. For in China the individual is not thought of or looked upon as an entity; he is but a part of a family which is the unit, the entity and which at all costs must be preserved and perpetuated. Hence, individual desires must be subsidiary to the wishes or the benefit of the family. The practice of this principle throughout the long centuries has instilled in children a submissiveness to parents, to family, that is engulfing of personality, though it is the steel that gives strength and form to the structure of the Chinese nation. The submissiveness is more than a conscious obedience; it is involuntary surrender.

Consequently, though the new young woman may advocate the theory of personal choice in marriage, only the most radical really desire it or would dare wholly to follow it. Emma Serepta Yule writes in Scribner's. In matters touching the soul centers, inheritance and tradition are always stronger than imported ideas, no matter how forcible their appeal to reason. Miss China still feels that in the matter of a mate the parents' judgment is the better.

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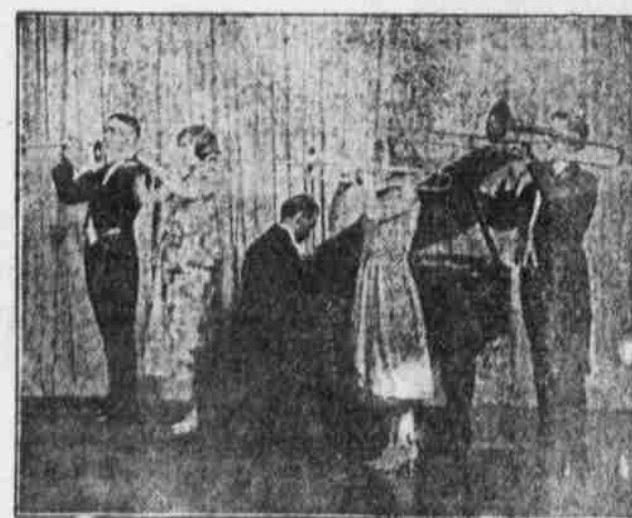
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