

throbs galore. 'It would be regular mellerdrammer. That's why I didn't break it to him right away. I wanted time to stage it.

A remark let drop by the consul the other day made me think that maybe the dark-eyed senorita wasn't really away off in Mirimba. He said that if the ad were put in the paper from there it probably would have come through his office. It strikes me that maybe she is right here in town anxious to be on the scene in case he was discovered.

How to get hold of her was the next question. Why, through another ad., of course. So I hiked down to the newspaper office and put an ad. in the personals saying that if the "dark-eyed senorita in Mirimba wished to learn the whereabouts of Mr. Garavanza X. del Pistachio Tamales she should come next Friday at 2 o'clock to ——" and put my address.

That would get her, I felt sure, if she was in town. If not, it would be time enough to tell Mr. Tamales. I dropped him a formal note also to be there at that hour "on a matter of important business."

My, I'm so excited over it I can hardly wait.

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"Pshaw!" she exclaimed impatiently, "I'm sure we shall miss the opening number. We've waited a good many minutes for that mother of mine!" "Hours, I should say," he corrected crossly. "Ours? Oh, George," she cried, "this is so sudden!"

A CARPET TALK

A weak solution of oxalic acid applied very carefully to ink-stains on carpets will remove them. If this changes the color it may be restored with ammonia water.

Always follow the weave of the pile when sweeping thick carpets. The carpet will wear longer and look better.

Carpets should be lifted from the floor at least once a year and thoroughly cleaned. The dirt which collects beneath grinds and cuts the threads.

Wait until the floor has thoroughly dried before relaying a carpet. The tacks are liable to rust otherwise and injure the carpet.

Stair carpets should be heavily padded if you desire them to wear well.

ABOUT HICCOUGHS

Hiccoughs is caused by a nervous contraction of one of the breathing muscles. The underlying cause is nervousness.

The exciting cause is some reflex irritation, for instance, if something does not agree with a person. Ordinary attacks will be relieved by anything which diverts the attention and allows breathing to go on purely as an automatic process. If the attack is more severe, empty the stomach by sticking a finger in the throat.

As a rule it will be found that hiccoughing children are nervous children.

Startling a person often stops hiccoughs instantly.