

The Hedley Informer

MOREMAN BUYS INTEREST IN HARDWARE

A deal was made this week whereby T. R. Moreman became part owner in the Johnston Hardware Co's business in Hedley.

Mr. Moreman has taken charge and will move his family down from Clarendon as soon as he can secure a residence.

Chas. Kinslow, who has been managing the business, will continue with the firm for awhile to close up the business of the old firm.

The Informer in behalf of the Hedley and vicinity people extends a cordial welcome to the new manager, and best wishes to the retiring manager.

TRIED TO CATCH A TRAIN, BUT----

Why is it that people always get so amused at any one trying to catch a train? Such is invariably the case. One day this week the north bound passenger whistled for the station, and a portly stranger who had been transacting business with some parties, ran into a store, grabbed his grip and hot footed it for the station three blocks away. He went at

a 2:40 gait for a piece; (Can't a fat man deceive his looks when he really tries to run?) this 2:40 gait gradually came down to a running fox-trot, but he kept up a full head of steam. Would he win? Well, he stands a good show. The conductor signals the engineer to start. The runner puts every ounce of energy into one last burst of speed. Cranky engine, though, acted like a race horse at the starting, pulled out at the signal, and the runner in fifteen yards of the desired conveyance, but just that many yards too far away to catch it. He stopped and as he mopped the perspiration from his face, and muttered between breaths something that might be interpreted into any of several strong United States words. Did the onlookers laugh? Certainly, but sympathized with him as well.

Dayton Shelton sold an interest in the meat market and restaurant to Oz McKinney. They expect to make improvements in the business and be able to handle the business better.

Mr. Lloyd Orme and family have been in the city several days. Mr. Orme is looking for a location and so far is well pleased with Hedley. He says Hedley should make a town of fifteen hundred inhabitants, as she has the trade territory to support such a town.

BANK CASE HAS BEEN DECIDED

If due diligence is exercised by a bank in accepting a draft instead of money in payment of a check received by it for collection, and if the bank's action in so doing is sanctioned by a custom among other institutions of the same kind, the bank will not be held liable, according to a decision that was handed down by the court of civil appeals in Fort Worth Saturday.

The decision grew out of the following case: The First National Bank of Memphis, Texas, sent to the First National Bank of Clarendon a check upon the Citizens Bank of Clarendon. The collecting bank presented the check for payment and in lieu of cash accepted a draft drawn by the Citizens Bank up on another bank in Amarillo. On the day following the Citizens Bank closed its doors on account of insolvency and the draft given by it upon the Amarillo bank proved worthless by reason of such insolvency of the drawer.

Prior to a notice of this insolvency the First National Bank of Clarendon had mailed to the First National Bank of Memphis its check on the Fort Worth National Bank to cover the amount of the check which it had undertaken to collect. The Memphis bank had collected the check which it had thus received and the original suit was instituted by the First National of Clarendon to recover the amount so collected, the suit being brought against the National Bank of Memphis. In the lower court judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, and this judgment was affirmed by the court of civil appeals in Fort Worth Saturday.

The question decided was whether a bank receiving a check for collection would be liable if it accepts payment of the check in a worthless draft instead of in cash. The decisions of other states are in conflict upon the question, it being held in a number of states that the collecting bank has no authority to receive in payment of checks received by it for collection anything but cash while in other states it is held that the bank which accepts a draft instead of money is not liable of its act in so doing is sanctioned by a custom among banks, and if it exercises due diligence. The latter view is held by the court in this case as being the more equitable rule. The question seems never to have been decided in Texas prior to this decision.—Hall County Herald.

The Informer would like for the school reporter to send in notes as the people are all interested in the school, and reports from school would make interesting reading.

LIQUOR GETS IN ITS DEADLY WORK

A tragedy occurred at Pampa last Saturday night which resulted in the death of Will Murchison, a ranch hand who was employed on a ranch near LeFors. Mr. Murchison came to Pampa on Saturday night to celebrate the Christmas day in a manner in keeping with his own wish. He proceeded to imbibe quite freely and about 2 a m Sunday started out to take in the town. He came to the house of C. P. Sloan and attempted to gain entrance to the house first by way of a door that led to the chamber of a daughter of Mr. Sloan and later to enter the door to the room where Mr Sloan was sleeping. Mr. Sloan asked who it was repeatedly and got no reply. He then opened the door and Mr. Murchison was standing so close that Mr. Sloan could not use the gun with which he had provided himself. He attempted to hit Mr. Murchison but missed him and the gun was accidentally discharged. Mr. Sloan went to call help thinking he had killed the man or hurt him badly but at the time did not who the offender was. While he was after help Mr. Murchison got up and left the place but returned again in about ten minutes. That time Mr. Sloan told him to leave the place or he would kill him. Mr. Murchison refused to go and Mr. Sloan shot through the door. The shot took effect in Murchison's body though he left the premises and was not seen again until Sunday morning when he was found about two hundred yards from where he had been seen to go under the fence at Mr. Sloan's residence after the shooting. Life was not extinct when found but death came about noon on Christmas day.

Thus a very sad chapter has been closed in the bright little city of Pampa and all the country side regrets it. Mr. Sloan is a well known and highly respected citizen of Gray county and at the time of the shooting did not know whom the offender was. Mr. Murchison was drunk and probably did not know what he was doing. Neither of the men have the reputation of being quarrelsome.—Canadian Record.

SENATOR JOHNSON TO HAVE BILLS

Austin, Texas, Jan. 7.—Senator W. A. Johnson of Memphis arrived today for the Thirty-Second Legislature and has a number of bills which he will introduce. First of all, he will make an effort to have the Legislature establish a Court of Civil Appeals at Amarillo. Then he wants a larger

appropriation for the maintenance of the State quarantine on cattle and for carrying out Commission. He would like to see the work of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission. He would like to see the appropriation given in the appropriation bill, but if he cannot get it there he will introduce a bill calling for a special appropriation.

He has been and is a member of the Board of Regents of the university and he will introduce a bill looking to the creation of a special university tax for the maintenance of the institution.

He is also imbued with the idea that a statute regulating private employment agencies is necessary and that the State should have a State employment agency, consequently he will introduce a bill along such lines.

ODD FELLOWS ELECTED OFFICERS

Hedley Lodge No. 800, I. O. O. F., met in regular session January 7th and elected the following officers:

- O. C. Hill, N. G.
 - W. H. Deboord, V. G.
 - J. L. Grimsley, Treasurer.
 - U. J. Boston, Secretary.
 - Past Grand, Dr. J. S. Stidham
- was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge of the State which meets at Waco in March.

Informer for information.

LOST---A BLIZZARD IN THE ROCKIES

Reports went up and down the line Tuesday evening that a blizzard was on the way and would arrive in north Texas Wednesday morning. The thermometer was to go to ten above zero. The railroad officials wired to the agents along the line to take care of everything freezable. Now this week has been regular summerweather, and Wednesday was very warm. But look what a fix the report left us all in. No blizzard showed up and we have all been afraid to venture out without overcoats and over shoes, and it summer weather. It must have been "hot air" and the forecaster thought it was a blizzard. Anyway it was a hot weather "frost."

J. T. GRAHAM MOVED

J. T. Graham traded his place south of town to Mr. West for Memphis property. They moved this week, the former to Memphis and the latter to the Graham place.

We regret to lose Mr. Graham and family, yet there is consolation in the fact that their place is now occupied by a splendid family.

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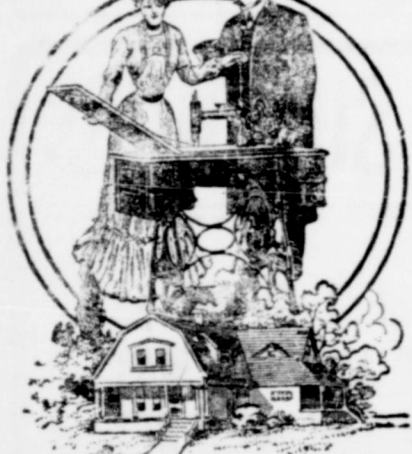
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THE HEDLEY INFORMER

J. CLAUDE WELLS, Editor and Publisher

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Entered as second-class matter October 28, 1910, at the post office at Hedley, Texas, under the act of March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$1.00 PER YEAR STRICTLY CASH
ADVERTISING RATES FURNISHED ON APPLICATION

Boost for your home town at every opportunity; it helps.

This has been a fine week, warm and pleasant; some wind and dust. It has been cloudy for the past three days and indications are good for wet weather, though it won't do to prophesy in this country.

There may be some who are not taking the Informer because they have not been asked personally. If a newspaper is not wanted bad enough for people to subscribe for it without personal solicitation is not appreciated as it should be when people have to be begged to take it.

Not a day passes hardly that prospectors are not in Hedley. The Hedley country's fame has gone abroad and people are now beginning to come in to investigate and to invest, which is a natural sequence, for when they investigate and find it good, it is good business judgment to invest. Where can be found a better farming country than this, and where can better business openings be found than at Hedley, the town with a future.

Editor Johnson of the Iowa City (Ia.) Citizen says that the country subscription ruling is all a bluff is liable to get slipped upon. Editor Johnson personally knows of several publishers of country weeklies in the state who have been hauled upon the carpet by postal officials. One publisher came within an ace of losing second class privileges because he was absent when the notice came and the office force paid no attention to it. He had to make a trip to Washington, and also had to clean up his list in double quick time. The subscriber who gets in arrears and pays no attention to a statement, does the publisher an injustice. If the publisher conforms to the ruling—which he did not make—he is compelled to discontinue the subscriptions of many good friends. And that is the last thing he desires.—Publishers Auxiliary.

GOVERNMENT TO QUIT PRINTING ENVELOPES

Postmaster General Hitchcock has announced that after next January the government will discontinue the printing of stamped envelopes and recommends that the same be done by the local newspapers in every town where there is a newspaper and by special permit for the towns nearest the newspapers where a town has no paper of its own. No large town will be allowed to have a monopoly on the printing of the envelopes to the detriment of the smaller newspapers.

A uniform scale of printing will be prepared by the post-office department and insisted upon or the newspaper will not be sold stamped envelopes for printing. The scale of printing will be such that a reasonable profit can be made by the office printing them. The department will also soon make a ruling that no first class mail will be allowed transmission through the mails until it has a return card written or printed thereon. The above

means that the envelope printing business will take on a big boom soon, which is sure to continue.

The order relating to the printing of envelopes is a correction for an evil of long standing and against which the newspapers throughout the country have fought many years, for the reason that the price charged for the envelopes was far less than the stock could be purchased by printers and the rate charged was such that a profit on the printing could not have been made by the government. Hundreds of millions of stamped envelopes printed by the government are used annually throughout the country and the contemplated change will be greeted with pleasure by every printer and publisher who has felt the loss of the class of business.—Randall County News.

FREAK NEWSPAPERS

A newspapers which can be eaten after the information it contains is absorbed, thus affording nourishment for the body as well as the mind, is being published in Paris, and is called "The Regal." It is printed with an ink guaranteed non-poisonous, on thin sheets of dough.

Another freak newspaper, "The Luminaria," is published Madrid. The ink with which it is printed contains a small percentage of phosphorus, so that the letters are visible in the dark, and the reader does not need to make a light to enjoy its contents.

At two French seaside resorts newspapers called "Le Courier des Baigneurs" and "La Naide" are printed on waterproof paper, so that the subscriber can take his morning paper with him into sea and read it while taking his bath.

In Paris a paper called "Le Mouchoir," or the handkerchief, is printed on paper of which the so-called Japanese napkins are made, and may become useful in case the reader has forgotten or lost his handkerchief or napkin.

The climax of utility is reached in Norway, where some of the newspapers use so tough a quality of paper that it can be cut into strips and twisted into serviceable rope when all the news is read.—"The Messenger."

HAVING A PICTURE MADE

Why is it we appreciate kodak pictures of our friends, and not infrequently declare the picture taken by an amateur is good. Because the amateur, in nine cases out of ten, catches you in a characteristic pose, and if his camera is in focus, the result is a clear, natural picture of you. The writer stepped into a photographer's a few day ago, and asked to have her picture taken natural. When the instrument was pointed at us, the artist commanded: "Put that hand behind you;" we obeyed; "now turn your body this way and then look that way," adding "raise your chin." We began to get scared, never having taken lessons from a contortionist; but being in the hands of the enemy, offered no remonstrance. That old joke about "breaking the camera," should be revised to read, Victim's desires smashed. What was the result? Well, we

never carry a gun in our hip pocket, so the "hidden hand" was out of its natural position; we sometimes "rubber" but when we are knowingly looking toward our friends and acquaintances or doing business at our desk, our face and body are in the same direction. Naturally, nose is far from the approved Roman type, and when we "raise our chin" the result is too much of a bull pup effect. Oh, yes, we our money and took the customary number of the finished product, without a murmur—that's due to training, but our love for the amateur over the professional is greatly increased.—Ida M. Farrell in San Marcial, (New Mexico) Standard.

THE EDITOR GONE

W. A. Johnson, editor of the Herald, left Thursday for Austin, where he will be for sometime to come in the capacity of senator of this, the 29th senatorial district. He went down a few days ahead of the meeting of the legislature to attend to some detail matters in connection with the University of Texas, of which he is a regent. It will be necessary for him to resign this before he can be sworn in as a member of the senate. He will accordingly close up all matters as far as possible of his administration in the affairs of the institution in the next few days, taking his seat in the senate upon the convening of the legislature Tuesday. There is one thing certain in this connection and that is that he will be up and doing for the Panhandle and the Upper Red River Valley. Our readers may expect to hear from him in weekley letters as the winter runs on.—Hall County Herald.

Locals

Be informed by Informer.

Dean Kirk of Amarillo was in Hedley Tuesday.

L. O. Lewis of Clarendon was in Hedley yesterday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shelton, a boy, Jan. 11th.

Frank Clark transacted business in Memphis Wednesday.

E. C. Kerley made a business trip to Memphis last Saturday.

R. G. Dye of Claude was here transacting business Wednesday.

Edwin Thompson of Memphis transacted business here Monday.

Mrs. R. A. Callahan has been very sick several days with the grippe.

Bond W. Johnson left Tuesday night for Fort Worth on a business trip.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Robinson at Giles, a girl, January 9th.

Mrs. G. I. Street and children went to Mansfield last week to visit a while.

J. A. Johnston of the Johnston Hardware Co. came up from Estelline Tuesday.

E. R. Shipman of Mangum, Oklahoma, was in Hedley last week prospecting.

J. R. Williams, a real estate dealer of Wellington, Texas, was in the city last Saturday.

E. H. Willis and two little sons went to Clarendon Sunday to see his mother who is sick.

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January 31

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Our Dry Goods department is full of seasonable goods that we can't afford to let go through the Spring and Summer season, and in order to move this surplus of winter merchandise we will put prices on it that will move it. Our business has been so heavy during the fall and winter months that we have been forced to buy several times instead of one time, as is usually the case, hence the cause of our being overloaded with merchandise at this season of the year. Our overbuying is your gain, for the surplus must go.

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We have over one hundred beautiful pictures--fruit and scenery--with good frames that we will give one FREE with each \$5.00 purchase.

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Locals

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Dr. A. M. Sarvis made a professional trip to Memphis last Saturday and again Sunday.

Rev. J. B. Wood will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday morning and evening.

If you owe us anything we must have a settlement by January 15. Johnston Hardware Co.

Dug. Plaster of Hastings, Ok., has been here several days visiting his niece, Mrs. A. N. Wood.

Roy Kendall and daughter who live about eight miles north of town went to Memphis Wednesday.

E. Z. Hart came down from Claude Tuesday to show the business men his splendid line of 1912 calendars.

Miss Florence Norman who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Willis, leaves tonight for her home in Cook county.

A. S. Woodring of Texola, Okla. was here this week visiting relatives. Mr. Woodring was a resident of Hedley a few months ago.

Rev. R. C. Dial of Clarendon preached here Sunday morning and Rev. C. M. Shuffler, Panhandle Missionary, preached Sunday night.

We are requested to announce that the regular appointment of Rev. J. W. Hembree, Baptist pastor, is every fourth Sunday and Saturday before.

O. E. Stuart and O. S. McDonald were in town several days this week in the interest of the Commonwealth Bonding & Casualty Co. of Fort Worth.

I am agent for the Troy Steam Laundry at Amarillo—the best laundry in the Panhandle. Let me have a share of your laundry. E. L. YELTON, the barber.

Mrs. Henry Petit and son Baisel returned Sunday from Gainville where they had been visiting. Mrs. Bud Matthews, daughter of Mrs. Petit, returned home with them.

I am not making any big display by advertising, but will cut most all goods 25 cents on the dollar for the next few days. I am sure I can save you money. Come in and see. J. A. ADAMS.

H. R. Airheart, real estate dealer of Clarendon, was here Saturday interviewing Ex-Confederates about a trip that is being planned to California and other points by the old soldiers of the Panhandle.

ABOUT BANK BOOKKEEPING

Comptroller of the Currency Murray, who last year issued an ironclad ruling that national bank directors must get to directing or at least find out enough about the business to know what was going on, now demands with equal emphasis that the banks keep their books in a way to reveal the actual condition of the business instead of concealing it. Either gross incompetence, lack of system or intentional juggling with the loans and discounts recently caused the enforced liquidation

of a national bank, and this is supposed to be the immediate cause of the general order for better bookkeeping. It is entirely safe to say that the ruling will not cut much figure with the banks as a whole, for the great majority of them no doubt maintain a system of accounting entirely acceptable to the department and the examiners and as good as any the comptroller could suggest; but for the scattering and occasional concerns—which must be few indeed—that don't know how to keep their own business and that of their patrons straight or that don't try to do this if they know, the peremptory order to "get right inside of thirty days is a good thing not only for the protection of the public but for safeguarding stockholders who have no active share in the management. Developments during the past few years furnish signs plain enough for anybody to read that slam-and-jam banking operations must go, and it is folly of the worst and most dangerous kind for men in this business to temporize with or try to evade the issue. If the books of banks or trust companies handling other people's money are not understandable by competent accountants, they must keep books that are. If the men in charge don't know how to get the business on this basis, they would do well to get out of the business before they get into something worse. If there is any one place where the record should be kept straight with especial straightness, it is in a bank of deposit. Comptroller Murray has shown himself the right man in the right place in several matters signally conducive to sound and correct banking, and his latest action is notably in line with this wholesome public policy.—Star-Telegram.

FOUR WORDS COST WOMAN \$4,000

New York, Jan. 12.—Talk is said to be cheap, but not in White Plains, N. Y. Four words hissed into the ear of Miss Grace Raymond will cost Mrs. Naomi D. Ring, 70 years old, \$4,000 by the verdict of a jury and by so ruling the jury cut the price of talk in half, for at the previous trial Miss Raymond was awarded \$8,000.

Miss Raymond testified that she had acted as secretary to the late husband of the defendant. A short time prior to the marriage the bride-to-be met Miss Raymond on the street and made the remark on which Miss Raymond sued for slander. When the jury heard the alleged four words repeated it immediately returned a verdict for the plaintiff.

Donley county now has three papers. The latest is the Panhandle Methodist Advocate by S. E. Wasson, published at Clarendon in the interest of Methodism in the Panhandle.

The Woodmen of the World had an oyster supper at Leila Lake Wednesday night. A big time is reported.

Fatality of Camel Fights.
Camels are usually peaceable beasts, but at certain times of the year they become aggressive and provide the Arabs with a sport as cruel and picturesque as the bull fights of Spanish countries. The combat is always of the fiercest description and one camel is killed before the fight ends. The fatality in every fight is due to the fact that camels fight with their necks and knees, never with their teeth. Each camel endeavors to twist his neck around that of the other in a manner that will suffocate, to catch his adversary's neck between the knees and choke off the breath or to crush the body between the knees. The hold that wins the fight is exerted until the loser is dead.

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FIRST STATE BANK

at Hedley, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of January, 1911, published in the Hedley Informer, a newspaper printed and published at Hedley, State of Texas, on the 13th day of January, 1911.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$43,151.08
Loans, real estate.	4,047.00
Overdrafts.	2,300.48
Real Estate (banking house).	1,408.75
Furniture and Fixtures	1,341.68
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	\$19,041.15
Cash Items.	99.03
Currency.	5,774.00
Specie.	\$26.90
Stationery.	130.00
Interest in Depositor's Guaranty Fund.	352.08
Total	\$78,472.10
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.	\$20,000.00
Surplus Fund.	4,800.00
Undivided Profits, net.	941.94
Individual Deposits, subject to check.	46,678.65
Time Certificates of Deposit.	4,250.00
Cashier's Checks.	1,735.23
Reserved for Taxes.	66.28
Total	\$78,472.10

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Donley, We, W. T. White as president, and G. A. Wimberly as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. T. WHITE, President.
G. A. WIMBERLY, Cashier.
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THE COMING OF PEARL

When the Besingers tell the story of Pearl they always apologize. As Mrs. Besinger says, you really can't expect people to believe anything which sounds so much like a cheap farce made out of whole cloth. "If I really did make it up," she adds protestingly, "I'd have invented a story that sounded more reasonable. And how could it ever be reasonable for any girl to be named Pearl Blossom? But she was.

"Arthur brought her first letter home to show me so I'd know it was all real. He said he was afraid that otherwise I'd insist he simply had an intoxicated imagination. You see, Pearl wrote from some little village out in Kansas that she wanted to come to Chicago and study music at Arthur's musical college. She said she knew she had talent, because every one told her so, and she was going to make it her life work and would he write her prices? As if he were selling suits or hats wholesale, you know!

"Arthur had quite a correspondence with Pearl. He attended to it himself, instead of turning it over to his secretary. He said he needed mental recreation, anyhow.

"Well, Pearl wrote that she would come and asked Arthur to get her a place to board, as she was a stranger in the city. I had become interested in her, for, in spite of her cheap notepaper and cramped writing and general ignorance, I could tell from her letters that she was sincere. So I found her a room in a nice, reasonable boarding house on a side street near us and Arthur sent her the address.

"Then he got a short note from his prospective pupil. She said she would arrive at the Union station the next Wednesday evening and would he please meet her, as she didn't know anything about street cars and where to go?

"That was a pleasing prospect spread out before him—dashing madly from gate to gate of the big station all evening trying to watch six or seven trains at once! As Arthur said, the catalogue of the college did not offer the services of the president as train porter for all arriving pupils. Still, I told him that he just had to meet Pearl.

"I knew the wife of an official of one of the roads running into the Union station, so I called up that official on the phone and he was very nice and accommodating. When he found the name of the town where Pearl lived he got out folders and time tables and figured that she had to come on one of two railroads. The evening train of the likeliest of the two roads got in at 8:10.

"We were due at a card party that evening, but Arthur met the train, with a taxicab waiting warranted to break the speed limit! Pearl was not on the train. Therefore Arthur hastened to the card party and dismissed her from his mind.

"Meanwhile Pearl arrived on the unlikeliest train about nine o'clock. Somehow—goodness knows how—she got to her boarding house. She had that address, you know, though she didn't know the name of the owner. Therefore when the door was opened to her ring about 10:30 she brushed right in past the maid, and when they began asking why she came she merely said that she had come to study music.

"So they decided she was crazy. She was dead tired and scared, you know, and her face was all over train soot and she carried a cheap little bag and wore a badley cut coat and skirt. The more they questioned her the more tangled and bewildered she got and the more they were afraid of her.

"Finally she mentioned Mr. Besinger's name and the maid told her where our house was. The boarding house owner was not in, so nobody knew about the room I had engaged. "When Pearl rang the door bell at our house and got the maid out of bed that scandalized person, of course, refused to let her in. However, Pearl begged so piteously to be allowed to wait till we came home that the maid finally admitted her and sat up in the kitchen waiting with a carving knife in her hand till we came.

"Arthur let us in with his latchkey. When I stepped into the library and switched on the lights I jumped two feet and shrieked because I saw somebody curled up on the couch. It turned out to be Pearl Blossom asleep.

"Well, when Arthur had calmed us both, I turned Pearl into the guest-room and then I couldn't sleep. The shock of discovering her was too much for me, so an hour later I got up and began to prow around, as I've a habit of doing. As I passed the closed guestroom door I had an uncanny feeling that something was wrong so I opened the door. Then I made one wild rush to fling the window wide and shake Pearl.

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HER GOOD JUDGMENT

Crossing one foot over the other with the air of settling down to stay indefinitely, the young man with the high collar remarked: "If there's one thing I believe, it is that a man should be the head of the home. Don't you agree with me?"

"Yes, indeed," said the young woman upon whom he was calling.

"I thought you would," he said in a gratified tone. "That's what has always especially appealed to me in you—your quickness to see a point in an argument."

"I didn't know it was an argument," returned the young woman with a little smile.

"The young man coughed. "Well, of course it isn't exactly that," he admitted. "What I meant was that you are so reasonable-minded. Many women aren't. I've noticed that, for I'm a keen observer of women. I think a man who isn't foolish. How can he judge a woman otherwise? Why, it would be like taking a jump in the dark for him to marry, wouldn't it?"

"It's a lottery, you know," said the young woman. "He might possibly hit upon the right one accidentally. Such things have been known to happen."

"I don't believe in being reckless," said the young man. "I believe in knowing what you are doing."

"Going back to my first remark," he went on, "don't you think a woman should always depend upon her husband's judgment and wait for his decision in everything?"

"That depends," said the young woman. "If the house were burning down and she didn't know whether to waste time telephoning the fire department or to run out on the street and yell for help, she might be burned to death while waiting to hear from him as to what she should do. He might have gone fishing or something. You see, there are times when a woman really has to think for herself."

"That," said the young man in an annoyed tone, "is an extreme case. Such an exception might not occur in a lifetime. I am afraid you are not especially interested in what I am saying."

"On the contrary, I am greatly interested," declared the young woman. "Your views are at once novel and entertaining."

"They shouldn't be novel," said the young man. "The world would be happier and better conducted if every one shared them. In the first place, why should any woman marry a man whom she did not feel was her superior in intelligence and on whom she could rely implicitly?"

"Dear me," said the young woman, "I'm sure I don't know. Maybe because she fell in love with him."

"Nonsense!" said the young man, distinctly. "She should have enough discrimination not to lose her head in a case like that. She should control her affections. It is unkindly to care for a man who doesn't know as much as or more than yourself. If you are a woman. What kind of a future has she before her?"

"You sound like a lecture," protested the young woman. "I really don't think she stops to consider that side of it at all. If she likes a man she likes him, and that's all there is to it. And if she doesn't she just doesn't

It takes away all the romance to analyze things so!"

"That's the absurd feminine point of view!" said the young man. "What is romance? Use common sense and half the world's troubles vanish. I've studied it all out and I believe if men would assert themselves and do away with all this foolishness and bad judgment of women and simply ignore all their whims and eccentricities and conduct their households in a sensible manner it would be immensely better."

"Don't you think," suggested the young woman, "that you are a little hard and uncompromising? There's so little happiness, anyway, in the world—"

"Woman's foolishness," said the young man, with an indulgent smile. "She really likes a strong hand and a firm will over her, though she will not admit it!"

"What I have been trying to get at," went on the young man, "is that I have decided that, taking it all in all, you have a docile nature, which would adapt itself readily to my views and submit to my guidance. I am going to ask you to marry me. May I hope—"

"You may not," said the young woman, with discerning calmness. "For I certainly will not marry you!"

"The young man stared at her disbelievingly. "You'd better think it over," he said. "But—well, why won't you?"

"I could give you a lot of reasons," said the young woman sweetly, "but one of them will do. I'm not in love with you and never shall be."

"Well," said the young man rather dazedly as he looked about for his hat. "I must say I'm surprised. I thought you had good judgment!"

"I have," said the young woman.

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