

A CURE FOR ENNUY.

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At first, of course, she enjoyed it, but after the novelty wore off and she saw all the hollows and heartlessness, the hypocrisy and sham beneath the hospitable surface she resented and tired of it. And so she had come down to this remote village on the sea shore, far from the fashionable resorts to rest from the crowd of the Vanity Fair, and to commune with nature and live among simple folk who rounded out their lives in hard toil and simple pleasures.

She sat in the window of the little cottage listlessly reading a novel. The wind was blowing too strong to read, the porch in front of the cottage she threw down the book impatiently and exclaimed:

"Why don't we see men like this in our own country? What use of reading about them in books when they don't exist? Authors are dreamers, and they write their dreams. Heroism is dead, the heroes are all fictitious, the covers of the histories and romances. I would like to see a real man, just once—not a shallow, insipid, selfish, egotistical, but a man capable of great sacrifice and of absolute honesty of purpose."

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"How I love the ocean when it is aroused. It is so grand, so powerful. If I were a man I would want to be like the ocean and conquer all things that came in my way."

Her bell changed and a man and a woman came running past the cottage and on to the little government life saving station. She opened the door and called to one of the men:

"What's the matter?"

"Vessel gone to pieces on the reef," came back the panting answer. She caught up her hat and ran and joined the hurrying throng. Here at last was something real and thrilling. The life-saving crew, eight in number, were dressed for the occasion with the sea and stood about the great, clumsy boat, care to hand. They looked like grim, faint, but as Winifred looked at the angry sea, she became as pale as a paper boat.

"Where's Captain Will?" asked one of the crew.

"Over to his father's," replied one of the crew. "He'll be coming in a jiffy."

A tall, athletic figure bounded through the group knocking people right and left in his haste, and in an instant was in his sea top.

"What do you ask?" he asked one of the crew, who was gazing eagerly through a glass.

"Small steamer an' she's gone to pieces fast," was the reply. "Seems to be seven or eight people aboard, one woman's name is I can make out."

The captain seized the glass and in a quick look Winifred surveyed the vessel curiously. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood; tall, sinewy, compactly built and alert. His blue eyes were steady and piercing. The pose of his head was confident and commanding. His cheeks were bronzed with exposure and clear with perfect health. He dropped the glass and gave a quick word of command. The men sprang to their places.

"You can't get through that sea, Cap," remarked the weatherbeaten seaman.

"Well, try," replied the captain, cheerily, and in an instant the boat shot into the angry waves.

Instantly later it was thrown violently upon the shore. A few moments sufficed to place it in position again. It was evident the captain was determined to try again. The crew looked a trifle dubiously at the mountainous waves. Every face among the onlookers was grave. Many voices were raised in protest against this courting of certain death.

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BISHOP MAKES SLIGHT MISTAKE

Through Dog Was Coming near His Pup—But It Was Not.

Among the stories which Bishop Potter of New York, tells on himself in one relating to an Episcopal Bishop during the war, is the following: There he was preaching, as he was running over his sermon in the vestry, walking down a dog got into the church. The dog was barking and baying at his own. The bishop stood it for a while and then opened the door and the little messenger out into the night. In a few minutes the bishop went into the auditorium of the church. Before him wound a spiral light of stars, leading to an old-fashioned pulpit, high above the congregation. The bishop had just announced his text and was launching forth in his sermon, when he heard behind him a "paw" like the sound of the feet of an approaching animal. "There," he thought to himself, "is that dog again. I must have left the door open."

The situation was embarrassing. The bishop resolved on summing up, and immediately proceeded to the pulpit. He turned toward the approaching footfalls he waited until the shadow of the intruder made its appearance around the door. Then he looked at his leg and his heel caught—not the dog, but the old sexton in the pit of the stomach of the pulpit. The old man was coming up softly to hand the bishop some notices which were to be read to the congregation.

A SOM-WHAT SERIOUS DILEMMA

Embarrassing Position in Which a Stout Lady Was Placed.

Among the passengers on a Glendale accommodation train the other afternoon was an elderly lady who occupied an entire seat, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, as she was so extensive of build that there was hardly room for her. She was wearing a hat and a coat, and she was looking at the people around her with a look of interest. She was sitting next to a young man who was looking at her with a look of interest. She was sitting next to a young man who was looking at her with a look of interest.

PCST FOR IRON BRIGADE LEADER

Gen. Hertz of Wisconsin to Be Commissioned General at Havana.

Gen. Edward S. Hertz, who was appointed by President Roosevelt to be commander of the Iron Brigade, was commissioned general at Havana, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday two months ago.

Two Good Men

Henry Loomis, in an article in the Washington Post, tells of two men who were appointed to the position of representative of the light and shade of official life.

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