

THEIR FIRST QUARREL

By JAMES BRANTON

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Miss Pinkerton always made a point of being down early for breakfast when she was close upon her heels. She had been described by a fellow woman as "ridiculously pretty and absurdly in love with her husband."

"Good morning, Miss Pinkerton. Come and help me sort the letters, will you?"

"Miss Pinkerton was only too delighted. They seem to be nearly all for your husband," she said. "I don't want to be inquisitive, my dear, but do you read all the letters your husband receives from his old sweethearts?"

"Young wives are proverbially inquisitive, and in the face of this question Mrs. Henshaw was almost upset. But she showed a smiling front, and opened one of her letters."

"This is from Kate—Mrs. Tracy. She writes such nice letters. Just listen to my darling Grace, if you can tear yourself away from the partner of your joys and sorrows, who will, I dare say, manage to exist without you for a bit. I should like you to come and lurch with me to-morrow (Wednesday) at 1:30. If you come I am prepared to overlook your comparative neglect of me since your marriage. If you don't, beware! Yours ever—Kate."

"Mrs. Pinkerton's face softened. 'I suppose you never have a name with Jack,' she suggested, almost timidly. 'Get him into a little temper, for instance, just for the pleasure of watching him get into a temper. He would think you quite clever if, for instance, you succeeded in frightening him with a name. I really don't—'

"Why, don't you see? Read the letter aloud again, will you? Mrs. Henshaw did so, but still looked bewildered. "Stupid! stupid! Just knock out the word 'Grace' and you have a most delightful love letter from an unknown woman."

"Mrs. Henshaw began to see. The idea was silly, but after all it would place this somewhat difficult creature, who had been so kind to her, in a position that would be a relief to her. Jack would only be too astonished for the moment. Meanwhile Jack Henshaw, blissfully ignorant of what was in store for him, proceeded quietly to read the letter which Miss Pinkerton had handed him, and he had regretted that his wife had thought it necessary to send her the invitation to dinner so persistently "fished" for ever since they had returned from their honeymoon.

"Jack Henshaw was by no means dull, and his foot had hardly crossed the threshold of his breakfast-room before he sensed something decidedly unusual in the manner of his wife and her guest. "What in the name of all that's wonderful is the matter this morning?" he said. "At that his wife, who had never frowned upon him since their marriage, now gave him a look which he found difficult to analyze, and which he had never even bewilderment than before. Then she rose hurriedly from the table and went to the window, only to return to the breakfast-room, where she looked at a pair of shoulders heaving convulsively. "Read it," exclaimed Miss Pinkerton. "A piece of paper fluttered to the floor and in a choking voice came the words— "I can't."

BEAUTIFYING ROADSIDES.

A Little Effort on the Part of Farmer Which Will Add to Value of Land.

There are some economic advantages to a well-shaded roadside. To a motorist, the extent the land in the adjoining field; there is a hindrance to the use of the moving machine in keeping down grass and weeds; in the winter there are no leaves, tend to hold the frost in the soil a little longer, and thus cause a shortening of the roadbed, and there are doubtless other arguments, says the Prairie Farmer, that may be mentioned.

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THE KATYVID EGGS.

What They Look Like and How They Are Attached to Pollen—Insect Does Little Damage.

The illustration shows a deposit of katyvid eggs on a grass stem. The insect is a common species throughout southern and central United States, but very seldom causes serious damage. The eggs are attached to the stem of the plant, and are held in remarkably regular, double rows, with broken joints as shown in the illustration. They are laid on the wings of trees in the north as well as on the stems of plants.

When the eggs are laid, the mother insect is then laid by another, the successive ones being pushed for a distance of several feet. The number laid by each female varies from 100 to 150. In the spring the eggs split along the top and the young katyvid emerges, very tiny. Mr. Scudder, who has made a study of the life of the katyvid, says the night song and the day song differ.

Two kinds of Fruit Growers. Roland Morrill, the great peach grower of Michigan, has never attended a meeting of fruit growers that he does not receive benefit. He represents a class of growers that are not as generally known. Another fruit grower said: "I don't care to attend these meetings. I know all I need to know about fruit growing. It represents a class of growers (generally unsuccessful) who imagine there is no knowledge outside of themselves."

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WHAT LITTLE CORN YIELD.

Low Protein Corn More apt to Do Well on Land Poor in Nitrogen Than High Protein Corn.

Regarding the yield of corn it seems quite possible that upon land whose protein capacity is limited by the supply of available nitrogen the low protein or high starch corn may yield better than the high protein corn. This is because the high protein corn requires more nitrogen for its growth than the low protein corn. In a half starved condition, any more than there is a keeping growing and a low maintenance ration. We should provide for maximum protein crop yields.

In this connection it may be stated that the evidence thus far obtained from soil investigations in the corn belt indicates that the supply of nitrogen is abundant in most soils, in fact that large amounts of nitrogen are annually passing off in drainage waters. It is not surprising, therefore, that the element which commonly limits the yield of corn is not nitrogen, but phosphorus. The fixation of nitrogen is a sufficient secondary importance. — Cyril G. Hopkins, University of Illinois.

HOME-MADE BATHUB. How One Made of Wood May Be Made to Do Very Good Service in the Home. Many homes are without bathtubs because of the expense necessary to acquire one and connect it with a water supply. Here is a suggestion offered by the Farm Bureau which may be made of wood. Paint it with several coats of white paint inside, and keep it well painted. Fit up a little room for it in the kitchen. If you do it with a piece of lead pipe from the tap out through the wall, using a stopper to retain the water when in use. A few feet of pipe and a hot water pump, and one or two from the hot water tank or kettle, will fill the tub sufficiently, and in less than five minutes.

Skim Milk for Calves. This is an exceedingly valuable feed for growing calves. It must always be fed sweet and must be warm at the mother's milk, about 88 degrees. Four quarts feed twice a day is sufficient for the first month or so. In addition to the skim milk, feed the calves oats or shorts and hay.

A Lucky Man. The man who owns a good farm, free from mortgage, and who invests most of his money in it, and who has a better living—the center of a financial world of his own. He's the king pin! And many a big city financier envies him his life of quietness and freedom from uncertainty.

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