

The Waiting Room

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The notes of a popular song echoed sentimentally through the big station waiting room. With one accord the dependent occupants of the benches turned to look in the direction where it came. A young man had entered at the south door and was making his way across the floor. His clothes were those of the well-to-do, and over his shoulder was slung a canvas bag. Behind him came a porter bearing a step ladder.

The young man paused beneath the big station clock and glanced up at the dial. The hands pointed to nine, in open disregard of the fact that the afternoon sun was streaming in through the western windows. "Darling," taken to going two hours fast a day," explained the porter.

"But the ladder here," said the young man, "and will soon see what's gone wrong." Still, carolling, he mounted and began observations. He glanced round the room, then crossed over to the full length mirror, which hung on one of the walls. After a critical survey of herself she opened a satchel and drew out a hand-glass, a comb and a perforated powder bag. Raising her spotted veil she combed to a still greater height her already exaggerated pompadour, readjusted the angle of her hat, carefully powdered her face and stood in the hand-glass the result of her operations. Finally satisfied, she pulled down her veil, returned the articles to the bag, and shut it with a snap. She smoothed down her jacket, hitched out of place by the raising of her arms, and with exasperation of the fashionable gait, she sauntered to an empty bench and seated herself.

The clockmaker had finished his job by his liking, and was stowing away his instruments, preparatory to descending the ladder. At the sound of his singing the girl started, and looked nervously round.

"Jim," she murmured incredulously, rose and stealthily moved toward him directly in front of the clock.

He caught sight of the girl and pressed abruptly.

The girl was elaborately gazing in a direction away from the clock, and had assumed a pose calculated to show a nice line of her figure, and the abstraction of her mind.

"Nelly," said the clock-maker, stane glumly before her, "Nelly," she slowly she forced her thoughts and her eyes from the clock, and for a moment a little bewildered, from her seat she withdrew together, then a smile of enlightenment brought a simple plan to her.

"Why, if it isn't Jim Morris!" she exclaimed joyfully.

"I came to fix the clock," she explained. "I'm a clock-maker, you know. But I suppose you've forgotten them."

"I've such a lovely young man," she said, "and I've such friends, and it's so long—"

"Only three months," said the young man, reproachfully. "All aboard," called the official with a tone of finality.

"Oh, well," she replied, "I don't want to marry you, Jim," cried the clock-maker, and he held on there, "he shouted to the gate men, "we're going." Throwing his arm round the girl's they ran together toward the closing ticket.

"What Does It Matter," Helen's lips are drifting down, "I've such a lovely young man," she said, "and I've such friends, and it's so long—"

"I see the Bowie knife has been abandoned down in Texas," "Yes," she said, "that's what those things were too slow." Milwaukee Sentinel.

ART IN THE HOME

DAY OF OVER-FURNISHING HAS GONE FOR GOOD.

Simple Decorative Effects Are Now in Vogue—Directions for Recovering Upholsterer's Articles of Furniture.

Upholstery demands more knack than strength. In recovering anything as a chair or sofa, first remove the fabric which holds the edging firm, then take off the plain outside.

This will reveal the tacking. Cut the tacking threads, remove the buttons, noting how they are applied, and loosen all the edge laces, take off the old cover, mark the middle of it, brush it well and press very smooth.

Spread out the new covering flat and smooth, doubling it lengthwise, right sides together. Fold the old cover likewise and lay it on as a pattern, taking care to make the threads run the same in old and new.

Cut with very sharp shears and send up wherever seams are needed. Follow the lines of the old cover, finishing that is free or either bind the bottom and leave it free or either bind the bottom and leave it free or either bind the bottom and leave it free.

Next, put the middle of the new cover to the marked middle of the frame, tuck it lightly with temporary tacking, straighten sides and arms, then begin tacking straight down the middle, pulling great pains not to pull the new cover away.

The tacking requires upholsterer's needles and twine, to be had at any shop. Thread a needle with three yards of twine, double and knot it, then stick it into the back of the seat.

FOR THE SUMMER HOME. Wicker Furniture to Fill up a Recessed Window.

The little sketch shows a pretty place for recessed window for the summer home, and a gracefully shaped wicker chair and table.

Here is how one man solved the problem of limited space in the pantry. He took a piece of wood of the width of the largest cover and sawed slits in it and put up on the wall with brackets, like this:

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Then another good way is to saw these slits in the shelf itself. You can saw slits in a half circle of wood like this:

A Satisfactory Working Dress. My morning dress was apt to be very plain and simple, with this solution. Put up in cutting lines or pattern.

To clean and whiten the skin take the juice of a lemon and a dash of salt in a glass of cold water every morning.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY. Application of zinc ointment will take away the scars and red spots left by severe pimples.

Director's Coats. Director's coats are much seen in the plain and striped effect. The jacket suits seen recently the lines of the jacket run perpendicularly while those on the skirt were diagonal.

Round About New York

Gossip of People and Things in the Great Metropolis

RYAN TO RAISE PEANUTS IN HIS CONGO DISTRICT

NEW YORK.—When Thomas F. Ryan interests himself in anything he is more than likely to get something out of it.

When the tuffing is finished lay the edge in proper plait, tack down and cover with new gimp.

When the back first with a cover of paper stretch and over that with a smooth stretch of the furniture stuff. It is as well to practice upon something else among the raw things easier said than done.

The age of over-furnishing is dying the death and even in flats, those of the old-fashioned gim-crackers, as they are called, the hideous era of decorative art seems to be at an end.

Virginia is a great peanut state. The soil conditions in Mr. Ryan's Congo district are peculiarly well fitted for peanut raising.

Mr. Ryan is going to raise jumbo jumbo peanuts in the Congo district. These jumbo peanuts will be instrumental in breaking many a corner for the variety, a large, rich nut, abundant in oil and general all-around nutrition.

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The Evolution of Household Remedies.

The modern patent medicine business is the natural outgrowth of the old-time household remedies.

EVERY FAMILY HAD ITS HOME-MADE MEDICINES. Herb teas, tinctures, laxatives and tonics, were to be found in almost every house, compounded by the housewife, sometimes assisted by the apothecary at the family doctor.

Probably the most useful patent is what is called the Spanish, an offspring of what was formerly known as the 70,000 acres in the Congo district.

When the crop is short in Virginia the original Spanish is imported from Spain, but in fact it is grown in the Virginia soil.

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Corey rents house and will soon wed actress. show he is resolved on asserting himself not only in business but in society.

City Man is Worst Bore. It is a moot point which particular kind of "golf" is the dullest for a man to listen to.

Don't Grumble at Trifles. Twenty-five bushels wheat and forty-five bushels oats and five bushels corn in Western Canada.

Squad of Spies Trail Police Force of City. \$2,000 in cash was uncovered, was the result of information gathered by one of the members of the new force.

SKIN SORE EIGHT YEARS. Spent \$300 on Doctors and Remedies I but got no Relief—Went to a Cure in a Week.

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