

THE NEW FABLE OF THE THROUGH TRAIN

The New Fable of the Through Train, the Two Passengers and Nothing Doing in the Way of Transfer.

Two High School Helicopters named Lib and Angie were very thick. They had themselves photographed with their heads together and used to dab themselves with the same piece of Chamox.

Whenever Lib got a new Patch for her Silk Cray Quilt she would divide with Angie on a 50-50 Basis. And whenever Angie got ready to sleep on a piece of Wedding Cake she would pinch out a good sizable Hunk for Lib.

Each Girl kept a Nightie at the Other Girl's House and, long after they had retired, the inmates would hear smothered giggles, interspersed with fragments of what He said to Her and what She said to Him.

The Period of their Adolescence was about 30 years ago, when Romance was still alive and Knighting was in flower around every Dancing Academy West of Pittsburgh.

The Two Chums had made a Pact. They were to be Friends forever and ever and ever and nothing was to hold out anything from the other.

Each carried in a Locket a Four-Leaf Clover presented by One to whom she had bared her soul.

After supplementing the Graded Schools with a full course of Mrs. Southworth and learning to play "The Maiden's Prayer" on the Melodion, naught remained for them in the way of passionate diversion except to go and get Married.

They waited three years for the Fairy Prince of their Dreams to come clattering down Main Street in his Coach all White and Gold, and then began to mistrust the schedule.

So they effected the usual Compromise, falling gracefully into the awkward embraces of the comfited Lizards named Otis and Wilbur.

In the Shake-off it befell that Angie got Wilbur and Lib drew Otis. The two Brides were somewhat ehivid, as Wilbur was a Good-Looker with raven Pompadour and large snappy Eyes, while Otis was supposed to possess the faculty of copying the names.

However, the purpose of this Fable is to indicate that each Gal found out

"Get me!" said Wilbur's wife, dropping wearily to a Divan in the Style of Louis Quatorze. "Pipes the Lid! It is a 1908 Model and no use in trying to get it out of Broom Straw. Take a Peek at the shins Tailor-Made and the Paper Shoes. Ever since they wished that they was an ornamental pair of Feet, I got a correct Imitation of Lizzie the Honest Working Girl. Each Evening he comes home to give me a Sweet Kiss and promises me a Trip to Europe and a Set of Gray Squirrels, and next Morning, when I get up to remove the Oatmeal from the Fritless Cooker, find on the floor a pair of large Rothknecht in a Sweater who has come to shut off the Gas or take away the Parlor Furniture. Then I think and think and think, hanging full of nutty Frocks and your Fingers crowded with Jewels and your Man rushing in every few Minutes to kiss you in the Face with a Hundred Dollar Bill. You can take it from me, Dearie, I would jump the whole Game. Were it not for the Children, I have interested in hiring cheap labor are getting nervous over the situation, and labor unions are taking up the matter with the promise of making it even better for cooie labor in Michigan than the Pacific coast unions did there a few years ago. The people who are promoting the deal are not gaining in popularity in northern Michigan at the present time.

It is said that a colony of 400 Japanese from the Pacific coast will locate in the upper peninsula of Michigan, settle in Alger county, and operate truck farms. People in that part of the state who are not directly interested in hiring cheap labor are getting nervous over the situation, and labor unions are taking up the matter with the promise of making it even better for cooie labor in Michigan than the Pacific coast unions did there a few years ago. The people who are promoting the deal are not gaining in popularity in northern Michigan at the present time.

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state are putting in alfalfa in large areas, some of them devoting a fair share of their total acreage to the grass that old King Nebuchadnezzar is said to have fed on when he was mad.

One of the Osceola county farmers who is a firm believer in alfalfa is R. H. Russell of Green township, who owns and farms 250 acres of good land. He has already cut the first 1914 crop of alfalfa from about fifteen acres and he has another patch of three acres on which he turned a drove of pigs over three months ago where they are making steady gains.

Wool Market at Clare. Twenty-five years ago the man who would have been so rash as to predict that the time would come when \$100,000 would be paid in a season for wool upon the markets of Clare, or any other north central Michigan point, would have been laughed at, yet such has been the development of that part of the state that a total of over \$30,000 has been paid to the farmers within the territory adjacent to Clare for this year. The average price has been close to 22 cents per pound. With favorable weather from now on the bean crop will prove to be another of the mainstays of the Clare country this year. Last fall an immense quantity was marketed, and

Michigan Bankers on an Outing. On the occasion of the recent trip of the Michigan Bankers' association up the lakes at their annual outing, the D. & C. steamer, Eastern States, called at Traverse City and spent several hours.

The people of Traverse City entertained the financial men and their wives with true hospitality, and, among other courtesies extended them, gave them an automobile ride over the famous Grand Traverse peninsula, one of the leading fruit regions in the world.

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ALFALFA IN OSCEOLA. Alfalfa experts, who have been touring Michigan during recent weeks, have been raising a howl because some of the Michigan counties have not been raising their share of alfalfa.

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POTATO EXPERTS IN THE FIELD. W. F. Bave, field agent of the Michigan Agricultural college, has appointed, under the direction of the state board of agriculture, two potato specialists to work in the upper peninsula of Michigan during the growing season.

The experts expect to make a fairly accurate census of the acreage and varieties planted, and during the growing and harvesting season they will be prepared to give instruction in spraying, sorting, grading and packing potatoes.

SEE FINE PROSPECTS. The farmers of Cheboygan county are highly pleased over the outlook for bumper 1914 crops. Never before at this time of the year have crops looked better. The recent rains and the warm weather have combined

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It is poor economy to neglect the ewes.

Effective All-Crape Costume



THE use of crape in the decoration of costumes designed for mourning wear led up to its use in the making of dress accessories. Then came the all-crape blouse and now we have the all-crape gown. This is an extreme of the style which is very striking inasmuch as it is so unusual.

For Little Sisters to the Mermaid. VERY little girl has a right to play in the water and to learn to swim as apt to learn to swim. Girls make splendid swimmers, and the mere knowledge that they possess this accomplishment keeps them from getting panicky when they are in the water sports of their companions.



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