

Parting Forever

"Then I suppose there is nothing more to say," said the young man in a most dignified manner, arising from his seat.

The young woman in the chiffon gown shrugged her shoulders delicately. "Nothing," she assured him firmly.

"I'll go, then," he stated. "There is no object in lingering where I'm not wanted. And you've made it very clear that you wouldn't want me even if I came as a souvenir wrapped up with a box of candy."

"Your remarks were just as final," said the young woman. "There can't possibly be anything more to be added. Er—good night!"

"Good night!" said the young man, moving toward the door. As he reached the hall she spoke.

"I don't want you to think, Arthur," she said with great kindness, "that I am parting from you in anger; I shall always think of you as a friend!"

"Oh, thank you!" said the young man, smiling, coming back three steps. "I appreciate that! Only your idea of friendship is a trifle weird! You can't be very chummy with a person to whom you've said things you have to me!"

"We do not need to be chummy," said the young woman. "Only we can speak and—er—not make it noticeable to the public."

"Oh, I see!" agreed the young man. "Well, good night!"

"Good night!" said the young woman evenly. He advanced into the hall and then returned to the door. "I can't seem to find my hat," he explained. "I just wanted to say, Ethel, that you must not think I shall go through life hating you! I shall always remember you as I first thought of you—a sweet and lovely girl. I shall forget all the later developments which I hope were not your true self. Perhaps I told you my opinion a trifle harshly this evening and I beg your pardon if you feel that I did. I always want to be a gentleman even in an unpleasant situation not of my making."

"You are most kind," said the young woman. "But if you think you can lay it all off onto me you're mistaken, Arthur! I—"

"I never dreamed of doing so!" said the young man, advancing into the room. "I must be going, but I've got to stay long enough to defend myself when you make that insinuation! However, you can't deny you brought up the subject first! You wanted to know why I was lurching with Daisy Kittredge and that started it!"

"You started it when you took her to lunch!" declared the young woman. "Don't let me keep you—it's still early enough to stop in at Daisy's!"

"I'm just going," said the young man, turning toward the hall quickly. "Arthur!" she called when he had neared the front door. He came back coldly polite. "I don't feel right about your leaving in this frame of mind! We probably will never have another conversation again as long as we live and I want you to go away feeling right about it. You might shake hands!"

"If you wish," agreed the young man. He looked about uncertainly. "I can't find my hat!" he repeated, looking the hall over vaguely. Then he approached her. "I agree with you, Ethel," he said with great dignity. "We will not be so foolish as to end with a childish quarrel. We are man and woman of the world enough to realize that our engagement has just been an episode toward building up our characters and careers. We will not let its ending blight our spirits. Good-by, Ethel!" He held out his hand.

"Good-by, Arthur!" she said with a sad, yet brilliant little smile, as she put her hand in his. "That is my idea exactly! The world is too full of interesting things—and other men—and girls—for us to take this seriously!"

"I'm through!" said the young man cynically. "Girls don't interest me any more! I hope, though, that you'll meet some one with whom you can be h-happy, Ethel!"

"Oh, Arthur!" she quavered as he pressed the hand he held in his emotion, "as though I'd ever be able to care for any one but you!"

"Ethel!" he said huskily as he folded her in his arms. "That's just the way I feel about you!"

"Your hat," sobbed the young woman down his coat collar, "w-was on the p-p-plane all the t-t-time, Arthur!"

He Must Have Heard.

Polly—(to her sister's admirer)—"Guess what father said about you last night."

Adolphus—"Oh, I couldn't guess, really."

Polly—"I'll give you a peach if you can guess."

Adolphus (flustered)—"Oh, Polly, I haven't an idea in the world."

Polly—"Urri! You was listening."

Out of Harm's Way.

"If you had to go to war, what position would you choose?"

"The drummer, I think."

"Why so?"

"When a charge was ordered, I'd pick up my drum and beat it."

ROUGH ON RATS

The "Electric Chair for Rodents" Will Be Welcomed by the Rat Family.

From time immemorial we have employed all sorts of "rough on rats" methods to rid our premises of the devastating and repulsive rodent, and most of these methods were rough indeed. We have had powerful steel traps with merciless clamps, wire cages from which the imprisoned victim could read his fate in the sharp, shining teeth of the prancing terrier, the bob-nailed heels of hit-or-miss masculine boots, the horrible burning fluid and match method, and the countless poisonous pastes with which to spread the bait laid to lure the hungry rodent to his lingering demise beneath the barn or kitchen floor.

Now comes the roughest of "rough on rats" devices, and yet it is probably the most merciful. The humane way was discovered or invented, to free a Pennsylvania Railway station from a recent invasion of rats. The invention consists of the seductive baiting of an electric current in such a manner that the rat venturing upon the bait suddenly finds itself transformed in the missing link of a destructive circuit. Instant electrocution follows the sinking of its teeth into the decoying morsel.

This latest advice is one of great promise. It is simplicity and expediency itself compared with either the trap or poison. It is also a greater kindness to the rat to snuff out his life with merciful instantaneousness at a moment when he is all smiles of anticipation. Such seems to be the advantages of the "electric chair for rodents."

The idea was developed by the railroad men after rats had invaded the new station's basement by way of a coal chute. They constructed their "chair" of an iron plate with a steel spike suspended above it, both the plate and the spike being connected to the two wires of an electric circuit. The spike was baited with a turing upon the plate would reach upward for the cheese, thus completing piece of cheese, and the rodents vent the circuit. Death was instantaneous with the passage of the current.

TO UTILIZE THE WASTE COAL
Slack and Dust to Yield Oil, Wax and Ammonia.

Experts of the United States Bureau of Mines are much interested in private tests which will be made in Salt Lake City of a new method of extracting from waste coal various by-products, such as crude petroleum, paraffin wax and ammonia. This method of utilizing a large part of the coal which is now wasted was thought out by John D. Scott of Detroit.

Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, and his associates have for years called attention to the great loss of natural resources in the wastage of coal slack and coal dust, and if the method of utilizing this mine refuse is discovered they say, it will result in benefits both to the coal operators and to the general public.

Coal slack and coal dust now cost the owners of mines about 50c a ton to remove. The new method of extracting by-products from the material which has been called to the attention of the Government's mining engineers, will make this refuse worth from \$1.50 to \$3 a ton.

USE WIRELESS ON TRAINS

Cheaper Than Wire Telegraph and Less Liable to Break Down, Say Lackawanna Officials.

All trains on the Lackawanna Railroad between Hoboken, N. J., and Buffalo, N. Y., are to be operated by wireless. The regular telegraph system will be maintained only for use in emergency between the two points. The cheapness in operation when compared to the old wire system is given as the main reason for the adoption of the wireless.

A test of wireless on running trains, showed that all difficulties concerning the general installation had been removed. The Lackawanna officials agree that the wireless, in addition to reducing the cost of maintenance, will insure service at all times of the year. The metal towers in Hoboken and Buffalo are constructed to withstand all storms. Government experts have returned the instruments at Hoboken so as not to interfere with the wireless station at the navy yard.

All the Vowels in a Word

Two English words in which all the five vowels are to be found in proper alphabetical order are "abstemious" and "facetious."

A mechanic of St. Louis, Mo., has invented a "non-skidder" which is intended to prevent the possibility of accident to an automobile by making it impossible for the car to slide off the road. The attachment consists of two shoes fastened to the rear of the car, between the wheels. When the car begins to skid the driver touches a button and the shoes instantly drop to the surface of the road, stopping the car. The shoes are about eighteen inches long and three inches wide, made of hard metal with a corrugated under surface.

Resembling a pistol and controlled by a trigger is a new pneumatic tool for cleaning dirt from inaccessible parts of machinery.

The top of a recently patented table for use on shipboard is kept level by an ingenious combination of weights and levers.

Love couldn't be otherwise than sweet, as its principal ingredient is

Injured Romance

"It certainly looked as though Providence was helping us," said the woman who had just got back from her summer home in the country. "My youngest sister, Sallie, is at the romantic period that all girls live through when all you can do to save them is to lock them up in a dungeon, and the law won't allow that! I've been so worried for fear she would marry that man! The trouble is he looks so attractive! But I knew the first time I laid eyes on him that if he lost his money his wife would be the one who would have to slave and economize instead of him. I felt it in my bones that if the coffee was poor he'd make her wish she had died when she was young and happy! But there wasn't a bit of use telling Sallie that! I even listened sympathetically when she raved over his taste in neckties, the superb fit of his clothes and the way he looked at one when he talked. And yet they say that girls should be allowed to pick out their own husbands!"

"My heart sank when he came across the lake to visit us. Before his arrival I had hopes of John Derrick, who is so much everything that a girl should fall in love with that of course Sallie wouldn't pay any attention to him at all."

"Gerald was quite the most beautifully got-up individual," continued the woman who had just got back from her summer home, "when he came out in his white flannels, that you could hope to see, and he bent over Sallie like a duke when he handed her anything. John had to go fishing alone that evening, because Gerald kept Sallie on the porch. He said he was surprised that she would ruin her hands with hooks and minnows and such things. That settled it! A man who dislikes fishing has a kink of some sort in his character. Sallie just sat there drinking in his monologue on higher art and ethics of life and the poetry about her eyes. Meanwhile, poor John was down alone on the pier getting pneumonia maybe and mosquito bites certainly, with no one to sympathize with him. I could have slapped Sallie with good will."

"John came back to our place to dump what was left of the bait in the minnow tub and to say good night, and then he went home to his cottage like a soldier, leaving Sallie on the porch with his hated rival. He remarked casually that he believed he'd start early next morning on the canoe trip that he had spoken of and would be gone several days. I could see Gerald's eyes gleam with satisfaction, and Sallie seemed stricken dumb for a minute with surprise. However, she turned to Gerald the next second with a satisfied sigh that sent John careening off through the geranium bed, thinking it was a path."

"Finally I called Sallie in and said it was getting late. Gerald said he believed he'd walk down to the pier and smoke a last cigar and he held Sallie's hand longer than he had any business to when he said good night."

"I was nearly asleep when Sallie woke me. She said that there were queer noises in the yard below. We tiptoed to her window and listened. Now, you have to keep minnows in something big and we have ours in a tub out near the house. And the man who brought the load of stones for the rocky two days before had spilled them out near the same place. I could make out a white gleam and I whispered to Sallie that it must be Gerald returning. The white blot stopped suddenly with an awful 'woof!' and I knew he had run into the strip of chicken wire stretched between two trees to keep pedestrians out of a flower bed. He tried again and banged into a tree. Then quite distinctly I heard his opinion of people who did not have electric lamps and cement walks in the country."

"My goodness!" Sallie gasped, in horror. "Hush!" I told her. His exquisite sensibilities are hurt and you can't blame him! Then he came on in the dark again carefully. He stubbed his toe over one rock that had rolled out from the rest, and swore. Then in two seconds he plunged headlong into all of them. The carnage was awful and the language illuminating."

"Be quiet!" I ordered when Sallie moaned. "What can you expect when his beautiful ideals get bumped—that way?"

"Just as Gerald straightened up and struck out again he hit the minnow tub and went in head first. Those fish must have been surprised to shoot through the air as they did."

"Sallie was clutching me and weeping over his terrible temper, but I had presence of mind enough to remind her that his nature was very fine. Then I dragged her into a kimono and down stairs with me, because I wanted to complete the lesson. I had the lights on when Gerald finally got in. He looked like a cross bear and the victim of a steam roller and a drowning. I said sweetly we had come to see if he needed any help and then Sallie fled."

"She seemed sort of subdued during the rest of Gerald's visit and when John came back she literally fell on his neck. Yes, they're to be married at Christmas! Oh, mercy no! To John, of course."

JOHN BURRIS TO STAND TRIAL HERE

Local Officer and Man Burris Swindled Go For Him When He Gets Out of Elkhart Jail.

John Burris is in demand.

Just as he was turned out of the jail at Elkhart, where he had spent 60 days on a charge of attempted burglary, he was arrested by Constable J. W. Childers, of this city, who went after him in a car with James Snedeker, the Main street grocer, who had cashed a forged check for Burris. The check was for \$14. Burris will face a forgery charge here and should there be any hitch in sending him to the penitentiary, authorities from Illinois will come here for him and he will be tried there on a charge of attempted blackmail.

Mr. Snedeker and Officer Childers and their prisoner were expected here this afternoon, but a heavy rain which came up since noon may have delayed their arrival.

Virgie Man Wanted Pension On Strength of Father's Service.

It is learned that the cause of the arrest of Robert F. Williams by federal authorities at Virgie some two weeks ago was his efforts to secure a pension. Williams is said to be about 60 years of age and his father, who died some eight years ago, was an old soldier. Williams thought this entitled him to a pension and he made application, signing his father's name to the blank forms supplied by the government. He was arrested and may get a term in the penitentiary, although it is more probable that he will be released on his showing of ignorance of the law. He is said to have honestly believed that he was entitled to a pension because his father served in the union army during the civil war.

Emil Hanley and Jacob Moore are reported to have had an automobile accident near Kentland Thursday night, the car going into the ditch. No particulars have been received, the car having been taken to Kentland for repairs.

PUBLIC SALE.

As I am going to move away from Jasper county, I will sell at public auction at my farm residence, 1½ miles east of Gifford and 7 miles west of Medaryville, on

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1915,

Commencing at 11 o'clock, the following property:

One pair black geldings, 6 and 7 years, wt 2300, perfectly sound; 1 bay gelding, 4 years, wt 1000, absolutely sound.

One brood sow, wt approximately 240 lbs, and six shotes, wt approximately 75 lbs.

1 David Bradley sulky plow, 1 David Bradley 3-section harrow, 1 David Bradley harrow cart, 1 David Bradley riding cultivator, 1 7-ft. disc with truck, 1 Weber farm wagon, run 2 years; 1 heavy wagon with both pole and shafts and two seats, 1 double working harness, 1 single working harness and 1 single driving harness, several 8-whistle eveners, single and double whiffetrees, some never used; 1 Atlas platform double scale guaranteed to pass government inspection, maximum capacity 600 lbs; 1 woven wire fence stretcher, 1 wagon jack, 2 onion weed hoes, 1 onion drill, 1 Badger fire extinguisher, cream separator, 34-ft. extension ladder, 7-ft step-ladder, 60 cedar posts, 100 white oak fence posts, approximately 128 rods woven wire fencing and some barbed wire, one new building 18x24, 1 grainline 18x30x8 kitchen sink, 1 sanitary closet, 1 3-burner oil stove with oven, 2 stacks moved oats and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Location—1½ miles east of Gifford and 7 miles west of Medaryville on Medaryville road between Pinkamink and Gifford ditches, only house on north side of road.

TERMS—All sums of \$5 and under cash; over \$5 a credit of 12 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security; without interest if paid when due; if not paid when due notes will bear interest from date of sale at 8 per cent. No property to be removed until settled for. 5 per cent off for cash where entitled to credit.

J. W. GARNO.

Col. W. A. McCurtain, Auct.

C. G. Spittler, Clerk.

A seismograph invented by a Japanese scientist registers the velocity of all earthquakes 200 fold.

The first bequest in the will of Russell Greene, of Chicago, was a fund of \$5,000 for the care of his dog Nell.

Do You Want Lightning Protection?

I furnish the best lightning conductor that money will buy. I give a 5-year guarantee. If interested call and see me or Phone 568.

F. A. BICKNELL.

CASH.

We are forced to request our customers to pay cash for coal. In no instance can we grant more than thirty days' credit. It is absolutely impossible to handle the coal business on any other basis.

Harrington Bros. Co.
Rensselaer Lumber Co.
Grant-Warner Lbr. Co.
J. C. Gwin & Co.
D. E. Grow.
Hamilton & Kellner.

John McCurtain in Jail But Wants to Get Out.

John McCurtain, who was sent to the asylum following trouble with his wife at Parr, and for whom the local police laid out several nights after his escape from the asylum, surprised the local authorities Wednesday evening by surrendering at the jail, where he was locked up. He at once began making arrangements to get out by furnishing bond but so far has failed. He stated to a reporter that since his escape from the asylum he had worked a month at Streator, Ill., and that he then decided to return to the asylum and give himself up, but they refused to take him and he returned here. Since he left Parr his family have removed to Rensselaer and Mrs. McCurtain has filed a complaint for divorce.

McCurtain stated that he wanted to see his children and to talk with his wife about the divorce arrangements, but it will probably be better if he does not see her at all. Mrs. McCurtain is a good woman and an industrious worker and has employment that enables her to take good care of the children and McCurtain should be content to leave them alone, going wherever he can get work and contributing toward their support.

Troop of Fifth Cavalry To Pass Through Here Again.

Captain W. B. Scales and Troop B, of the Fifth U. S. cavalry, which passed through Rensselaer enroute to Fort Benjamin Harrison about three weeks ago, will again pass through this city Saturday, camping here over night and possibly over Sunday. It is probable that they will again camp in W. H. Randle's front yard and pasture, where they camped when they went south.

The troop spent two weeks instructing a squadron of Ohio cavalry and took part last Monday in the "War in Indiana" spectacle at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

THE WEATHER.

Local showers tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and cooler.

L. H. Hamilton attended the Indianapolis fair yesterday.

Mrs. Ed Fay went to Mt. Airy this morning for a visit of several days.

Cooney Kellner, Harry Newman and Leo Worland attended the Kankakee fair yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Crockett went to Hoopston, Ill., today for a visit of a week or ten days with her brothers, Alfred and Biga Reed.

Mrs. Charles Harmon returned to her home in Evansville this morning after a visit of five weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Harp have had the following as their guests the past week: Mrs. L. K. Boynton and son, of Lafayette, Miss.; Mrs. Thos. Fowler, of Lafayette; and Mrs. I. F. Gans, of South Bend. Mrs. Bownton and son left for their home this morning.

At the chautauqua Thursday evening Mr. Hightower, the platform manager, suggested that the aid given by the band which each evening formed up town and marched to the chautauqua tent, be given a hearty round of applause and this was done, the hand clapping continuing for some little time.

C. E. Prior and Chas. Leavel made a trip to Chicago today. Mr. Leavel recently established a cream buying station at Roselawn and went to the city to get supplies. It will be in charge of Frank Gorham. Mr. Leavel has taken in a local partner in the person of Holley Ramey. Holley and Frank Gorham each took the cream testers' examination at Lafayette recently and both made passing grades.

Henry Arnold and wife, of Pamona, Cal., are visiting their brother, Eli Arnold and family and will remain for several days. Henry was a former resident of this county but moved to Wabash a number of years ago and in 1907 went to California where he has since resided. He visited here five years ago but says Rensselaer has made so many changes in that time that he hardly knew it. He came here from Flint, Mich., where he had been visiting his brother, Charley, formerly of this county. Charley is doing well there and has three good farms. His son Chester is married and lives on one of the farms. His son Homer, the school teacher, is now teaching at Elkhart.

Dr. Gwin had his second auto accident within two weeks Thursday evening when a man from Monticello, driving a large car, ran into the doctor's roadster at the corner of Washington and Van Rensselaer street, just a block from the place where H. F. Parker and he collided. The Monticello driver went to turn the corner just as the lights came on and not being used to such bright lights in Monticello was slightly startled and lost control of his car for a second. Dr. Gwin's car suffered a fractured wheel, and the Monticello man acknowledged that the fault was his and gave the doctor a check for \$15 and said if that was not sufficient he would make up the deficiency when notified. These Monticello fellows are as square as you get them.

Scientists have figured that about 36,000,000 babies are born each year, or at a rate of about seventy a minute.

Try our Classified Column.

It's about time to torpedo the straw hat.

All four pages home print today. Be sure and read the inside also.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet with Mrs. J. H. Perkins Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reynolds came down from Chicago this morning to spend the day with his mother, Mrs. S. R. Nichols.

The paragraph in the Indiana Times thinks that "distance lends enchantment" was originally written of the onion. Not so in the case of Newland.

Mrs. Emma York returned home this morning from Isle Royal, Mich., where she spent several weeks. She also visited her sister at Grand Rapids and spent some time at other places.

Indiana University is to play Washington and Lee college a game of football in Indianapolis Oct. 30th and Senator Kern has extended an invitation to President Wilson to attend the game.

Miss Olive Pollard, who has clerked in the New York Store for two years prior to last spring when she was compelled to give up her work and have a serious surgical operation performed, has now sufficiently recovered as to be able to return to Indianapolis today to again enter upon her work.

FOR SALE—4 tons alfalfa hay in barn; 6 acres corn in field; 1 cow; 1 set double work harness; 1 spring wagon with new shafts; U. S. cream separator, not much used; new hay rake; McCormick mower; two horse wagon; 12 inch stirring plow, 7 shovel; single horse cultivator; spool bar wire.—John Clouse, R. D. 1, Rensselaer.

The attendance at the state fair yesterday as recorded by the turnstile was 49,233, which was 231 more than the same day last year. A drenching rain occurred and the capacity of tents, pavilions and barns was tested to care for those who made a hasty rush for shelter.

Miss Margaret Swangle, of Charles-town, Ind., who has been spending several weeks in the west, visiting the exposition at San Francisco, the fair at San Diego, and various other places of interest, arrived here today to visit the family of William Florence and other friends in the country near this city.

The extent of the loss of British vessels by the submarine attacks of the Germans will probably not be known until the close of the war. A weekly official dispatch from London tells of the losses for the week. The record for seven days ending Sept. 8th was ten vessels with a total tonnage of 37,826; also four fishing vessels with a tonnage of 94.

The Francesville schools will open Monday, Sept. 13th. W. E. Tengel is superintendent, E. C. Sites principal, and the following teachers: Florence Noel, assistant principal; Russell Dunkleberger, 7th and 8th grades; Hazel Parker, domestic science, 5th and 6th grades; Edna Stiller, 3rd and 4th grades; Mary Hubbard, 1st and 2nd grades. A course in agriculture has been added to the high school curriculum.

The Washington Post having noted Col. Roosevelt's utterances on the coast, predicts that the colonel will try to make national preparedness an issue for 1916. It requires no effort to do this. Preparedness is already an issue. All parties—except the one which Bryan will organize—will be for preparedness. In fact, all the platform utterances on this subject next year will be of such a nature that the voter who seeks to be guided only by such things will have a hard time to choose among republicans, democrats and the few progressives who will maintain that party's entity. The real test will come on the question of sincerity, on whether these platform pledges are mere "molasses to catch flies."—Waterloo Press.

Van Rensselaer Club to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Van Rensselaer Club Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Let every member attend at the club's new quarters in the rooms over VanArsdel's store.

VIRGIE.

Thomas Florence was a business caller in Rensselaer Saturday.

Miss Bertha Gasaway and Mary Reeder went to Rensselaer Saturday to spend a few days.

The Virgie school opened Monday, Sept. 6th, with Miss Minnie Homfeld as teacher.

Miss Nila Edwenson spent Sunday with the Reed family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Zellars autored to Lafayette on business.

Miss Lizzie Wiseman returned to Rensselaer Monday morning.

George Cover and family spent Sunday with the Wiseman family.

The Virgie and Kniman ball teams crossed bats with Fair Oaks Sunday. The score was 6 to 3.

The class meeting was held at the home of Miss Clara and Bertha Gasaway. Everybody reported a fine time.

In some parts of Germany alcohol is being made from chicory root.