

## 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. Eh—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, acidly, 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 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 lunching 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!"

"Tim 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.

"God-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 b-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-w-was on the p-piano 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—"Urr! You was listening."

### Out of Harm's Way.

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

"The drummer's, 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 decoyed 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 went 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 Likely 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 taste.

### Injured Romance

### 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 Sneiderker, 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. Sneiderker 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, 1 1/2 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 3-horse eveners, single and double whiffle trees, 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 grainaire 18x30x8 kitchen sink, 1 sanitary closet, 1 3-burner oil stove with oven, 2 stacks mowed oats and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Location—1 1/2 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. Spitzer, Clerk.

**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.

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**J. C. Gwin & Co.**

**D. E. Graw.**

**Hamilton & Kellner.**

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

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### 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 layed 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. Ayr this morning for a visit of several days.**

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

**Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Crockett went to Hoopeston, 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 Ruleville, Miss.; Mrs. Thos. Fowler and 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 Pomeroy, 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**