

Heart & Home Problems

by MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I have been engaged for over a year. My fiance was put in a deferred class because he is in a war industry. To tell the truth I was disappointed in him to think that he was not eager to go to war and do his part.

We have not been getting along very well together lately and a week ago last Sunday night we broke our engagement. That night I thought I would die without him and I cried all night long. The next night he came over and said he wanted me still and asked me to remain engaged so I consented and for two nights we got along better together. But the last time he came over we disagreed so that we broke our engagement again. Now I feel just the same way. I do not sleep nights and I am waiting all the time for him to call up or come over. What can I do to win him back? BROKEN-HEARTED.

It will be well for you not to see each other for a few weeks or months. In that time you will find out more definitely if you are deeply enough in love to marry. Go on with life as if you will never see him again. Force yourself to be brave and optimistic and soon you will be happy without any effort.

Do not condemn the man for remaining on his job here in America. He is doing very necessary work or he would not be deferred. The country needs the products from war industries just as much as it needs its fighters. If a man is working conscientiously and to the best of his ability he is not by any means a slacker.

THE STRUGGLE

BY ZOE BECKLEY

THE NEW PARTNER.

Join one heart to another and the result in courage and strength is more than two times one. With the new consciousness of having in Edith an active partner in his business problems, John Ferrol felt more aggressive in his plans for getting out of his economic rut than if he had taken some man into partnership. With Edith and their \$500 savings behind him he cast about for a way out of the treadmill of salary existence.

He had noticed a bespectacled woman coming for various conferences with the head of the publishing firm for whom he worked. The Monday after his talk with Edith Ferrol noticed this woman come out slowly and dejectedly from his employer's office, with a package of manuscripts under her arm. He had seen many a one come out so from that inner office. He knew what had happened. It was just another volume rejected for publication. That this woman had come so often meant that the fate of the book had hung in the balance for a long time before it was turned down.

With an impulse strange to him, but which he must have caught as men sometimes do catch qualities congenitally from women, he stepped up to the disappointed writer.

"Please excuse my personal question, madam," he said, "but are you about to submit your manuscript to some other publisher?"

"Why, yes," she answered, "I little flattered, that is I hope to, if I can find another. You see, I have shown it to others before I brought it here!"

"I thought so," said Ferrol. "That is why I am going to make a strange request. I am only one of the firm's salesmen. But would you consider letting me look at your manuscript? It may be, if the book seems to me promising, I may have a proposition to make you!" Ferrol was surprised at his own nerve.

The woman held out the package to him eagerly.

"Oh, I shall be so glad to have you look at it!" she said. "I am a teacher of physiology at the high school, and it occurred to me that since so many children come to me after school and ask questions along the same lines, questions they are ashamed to ask their mothers, I thought that a book giving answers to these questions

either hushed him up when he asked those questions or evaded them by foolish myths which only made him distrust their word thereafter and sent him seeking for explanation among boys as ignorant as himself. They gave him explanations as fantastic as those his parents supplied, but infinitely more debasing in character. Ferrol's own children would soon begin asking these questions. It struck him that such a book was needed if it properly treated the subject.

That evening and for several evenings John and Edith read the manuscript together. It struck Edith at once as something which she as a mother had always wanted.

"But, John, while this woman knows what she is writing, and has, in the main, the right idea, she lacks something—something, I don't know just what—to make her book exactly right. Let me see what it is!" she said, when they had finished the manuscript. "I have it!" she cried a little later.

"What is it?" asked John, who had also felt the lack and did not know what it was.

"The mother's point of view!" cried Edith.

"Exactly!" John exclaimed. "The very thing! I wonder if she would let me co-operate a little in rearranging the book. If she will, we'll make a pool and publish it!"

(To be continued.)

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JUDGMENTS GIVEN.

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Reliance Foundry company to Jenkins Vulcan Springs, lots 25, 36, 37, 38, Elizabeth Starr addition 7, lots 50 and 51 Sarah Sanders addition, part

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northeast section 32, township 14, range 1, part 97 official map Richmond, \$5500.

Thomas B. Jenkins to Ray K. Shively, trustee, lots 5, 6, 7, J. P. Smith addition, Richmond, \$1.

Mary E. Warfel to Hagerstown Improvement company, lot 16, block 43, part

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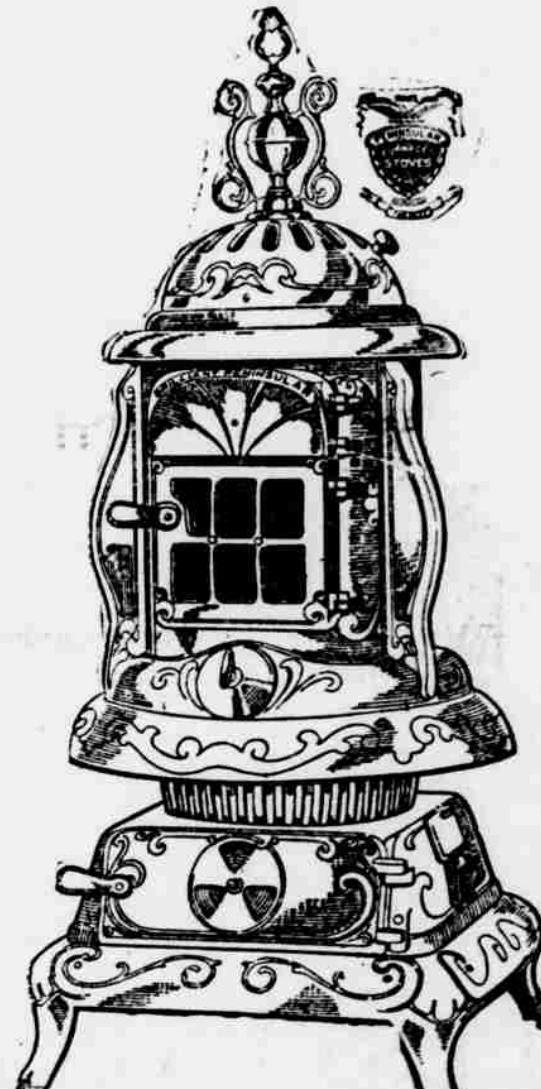
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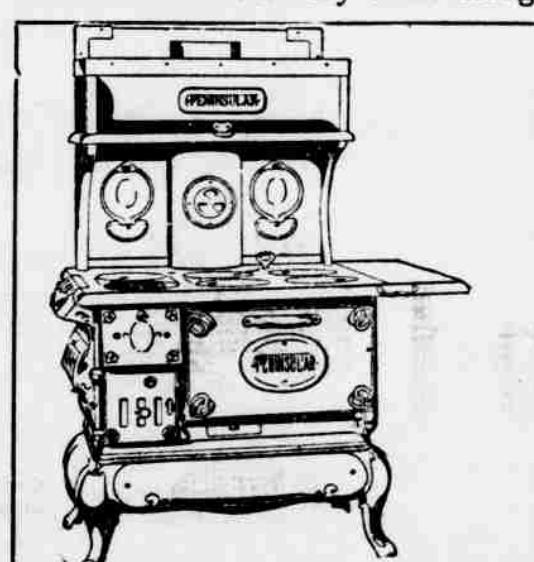
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