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JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

(BY DELLA A. STEWART)

The desire for beauty is universal. Not many of us but have at least a childish memory of clothespins painfully endured at retiring time on pug noses, or the faithful application of some lotion declared to be a "sure cure" for "freckles and all other facial blemishes." "Fess up, now! We do remember, do we not?"

As we get older how many hours we spent before the mirror smoothing or curling each recalcitrant lock, as the case might need. And don't you ever think that we are the only ones who have stood before the mirror with anxious thought. Every mother of a growing boy knows that when the lad first began to be conscious of "her" he also became the devotee of the mirror. She would not let wild horses drag her out of her to an unsympathetic family, but she knows. She has seen.

A desire so universally implanted in the human heart must have some foundation of logic. And it has. But it doesn't do to rely too much on good looks. If we have them, we are fortunate. If we have not, we need not despair. Beauty is by no means essential to charm. Some of the best loved women and men have seen the ugliest ones.

The real mistake is in keeping the childish attitude as we gain maturity and trying to apply our coating of beauty with pencil and brush and powder puff. The beauty of maturity does not need these adjuncts. It is something that lies deeper—in the expression of a kindly spirit, intelligent thought, helpful living.

The real secret of popularity is not beauty, but unselfishness. Beauty may attract; kindness holds. Eyes that show the soul count for more than those that depend on pencilled eyebrows for their charm. The face with a sunny smile discounts the one that would attract by means of "mink's blue" (applied with a rabbit's foot). Try it and see.

Live on Houseboat Beat H.C. of L.

By James J. Montague

The way to reduce rent is to live on a houseboat. The houseboat is immune from taxes. You anchor it off a shore, put up an awning to keep out of the summer sun, and laugh at the assessor.

Houseboats cost all the way from fifty dollars to fifty thousand. Ours cost fifty. It was a used houseboat. The family believes that it was used by Noah, but I am not so sure about it. Noah's houseboat must have been a pretty substantial craft.

The man who sold us the vessel guaranteed it. Moreover, he gave us a bill of sale for it. He said all we had to do was to nail on a few patches, and it would be ready for the water. He didn't tell us that here are things called seams on houseboats which open up when the craft is left out in the sun on the shore. But that was probably due to absentmindedness.

We fixed our new dwelling up nicely before it was launched. There were five rooms in it, including a kitchen. A bath was not necessary. Once afloat that boat would be surrounded by the biggest bath in the world, and I can hardly say that it was a hundred and fifty dollars. But I haven't got a hundred and fifty dollars. The last hundred and fifty dollars I had I gave to a real estate agent as the first payment on a house I have rented for the summer.

a bad thunderstorm, but is sufficed. The awning held for a while, then arose like a sausage balloon and fell.

Presently the anchor rope, which must have been much older than the houseboat itself, parted.

Propelled firmly by the keen offshore wind we went out into the bay. As soon as we slid off the mud the waves came in through the seams for another visit.

But we had survived them once, so they didn't worry us. Outside where it was rough they made a little more trouble. The way they knocked the tables and chairs about was disconcerting. But we dodged them nimbly till we could get outside, where by means of the ladder we climbed to the roof.

It was a beautiful storm, but we didn't seem to enjoy it. A storm is like a tiger; it is a far more entertaining spectacle when you are not in it.

After an hour a man with a motor-boat came along and took us off. He asked all sorts of questions, but as they appeared to impugn our sanity, we didn't answer many of them.

He charged us eighteen dollars for setting us on shore. He said that if gas was not so high he would only have charged us seven-fifty, which was quite consoling.

I do not know what has become of the houseboat. I have been notified by a tug-boat company that it has been salvaged and I can have it by paying a hundred and fifty dollars. But I haven't got a hundred and fifty dollars. The last hundred and fifty dollars I had I gave to a real estate agent as the first payment on a house I have rented for the summer.




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DR. C. P. MCKAY WINS HIS CASE AGAINST MEDICAL BOARD

HALIFAX, May 30.—In the city civil court yesterday afternoon the case brought against Dr. Chas. P. McKay, the well-known chiropractor, by the Nova Scotia Medical Board, was decided in favor of the defendant. The stipendiary decided that Chiropractic was not practicing medicine within the meaning of the Medical Act, even if it meant manual adjustment of the patient for reward with the object of curing disease or when it follows upon a close enquiry from the patient as to his symptoms, and as he could not take judicial notice of what "practicing medicine" was, he was bound to decide in favor of the chiropractor, Dr. McKay, and he therefore dismissed the action with costs.

The case has excited great interest among many Halifax people and the fact that chiropractic has been decided as not being the "practice of medicine" affords a very interesting point to many sufferers who do not believe in the virtues of drugs.

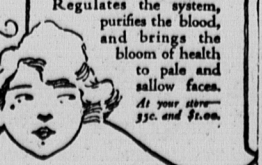
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