



LUCIA'S CHOICE

Robert Merton had made a million and was retiring from business. He had been a liberal and indulgent employer, and when the establishment he had founded was transferred to others he summoned four of his former department heads to his home.

"Boys," he said familiarly and affectionately, "you have helped me make my business successful and profitable, and I am going to make each of you a present of \$10,000. I am going to do something else. You are all young, unmarried, have worked hard, need a rest, and I invite the four of you to join me in a trip around the world at my expense."

"That's just like your dear old generous self!" exclaimed Walter Morse, always exuberant and talkative. "The idea is fine. It will give a variation and will broaden us young ones."

"You have been a regular father to us, and we will be just as responsive and as much pleased were Newton Lund and Randal Wickersham, who expressed their appreciation and acceptance of the invitation in the room where they sat was a full-length portrait of a beautiful girl, the daughter of the house. Four pairs of eyes more than once strayed to this, and Mr. Merton secretly noted this and chuckled. From Morse, the aggressive and boisterous, down to Wickersham, quiet and unobtrusive, each one of the quartette was in love with Lucia Merton. If Mr. Merton had been fatherly, Lucia was sisterly, and her invalid mother as well looked upon "the boys," as he called them, with friendly interest. Not one of the quartette was over twenty-five, their lives had been clear and clean, and father and mother believed that some one of the group would some day win the love of their only child.

As to Lucia, life was to her the golden dream of a prettier, happier girl, kind to everybody and saddened only by the confirmed illness of her mother. Mrs. Merton had been under medical care for nearly five years. The greater part of the time she was so weak and nervous that she was confined to her room, and her physician was not only puzzled, but in despair over her case. She had taken a marked fancy to young Wickersham, and his sympathy and solicitude for her welfare had somehow drawn Lucia closer toward him than to the others.

There was a farewell dinner, and Mr. Merton and his animated fellow-travelers started out to circumnavigate the globe. Each of us is going to bring you back a famous memento of the wonderful trip we contemplate," announced the buoyant Morse. "We shall ransack both hemispheres for something worth having."

Seven months later, bronzed, travel-worn, but pictures of radiant health, every one of the little group returned. They were each bringing stories to tell of what they had seen and exciting adventures to relate. Thus, Lund, who had visited an ostrich farm, had been chased a mile by one of the powerful birds, and Wickersham was lost in the mountains of India for a week while looking up a famous Hindu doctor said to have effected some remarkable cures of disease.

Morse had brought Lucia a string of exquisite pearls set in a fine east fishery. Adams presented some seal fur trimmings from Alaska. Lund tendered some ostrich plumbs, Wickersham had brought a dainty Florentine carved pin, simple but precious. Lucia welcomed these true and cherished friends with warmth and gladness. As soon as the first greetings were over Wickersham said to Lucia: "I would like to see your mother. Is she better or worse?"

Lucia led the way to an upper apartment, saying that there was little change in the condition of Mrs. Merton. She left the two together. There was a pleased, excited expression on Wickersham's face when he returned downstairs, and Lucia looked curious. With the following day her mother was in improved condition, and this went on until by the end of the month she was able to be about all of the time, and a few weeks later all her ailments had disappeared.

"Oh, mother!" spoke Lucia one day, "what does this happy transformation mean?"

"It means Randal Wickersham," replied Mrs. Merton. "We have both held a secret. I shall now disclose to you. While in India, Mr. Wickersham heard of a wonderful native doctor who had performed some incredible cures. He nearly lost his life in reaching the remote home of the man, to whom he described all my symptoms. The Hindu diagnosed my case as a poison of certain nerves, gave him a

precious phial of medicine, and I am perfectly well again, thanks to the thoughtfulness and faith of Mr. Wickersham. We did not tell you or the others for fear of disappointment."

The day came when, within a few hours Lucia Merton knew that she must decide which one of her four lovers she would accept. She looked with pleasure at the beautiful ostrich plumes, the seal trimmings, the string of pearls, and then at her mother. The gift of quiet, unassuming Randal Wickersham had been life, health, happiness for her dear mother. Gratitude, devotion, love directed her girl's choice without hesitation and her parents were content.

O. PILGRIM HEART

(Theodosia Garrison, in Poems.)

Whence go you, O, my heart! in pilgrim gray:  
What journey bids you forth so long and late?  
When white arms beacon, red lips bid you stay:  
What quest is this that will not let you wait?

Ever I go through many a night and day  
Through many a day and night to find my mate.  
Nay, but the way is long, O, pilgrim heart!  
See where the deserts burn and waters roll:  
What token have you that one waits apart.

A joy uncertain at an unknown goal?  
Long since I heard the voice that bade me start  
With that strange word wherewith soul calls to soul.

O, pilgrim heart! when ended is the quest  
And one stands welcoming upon the steep,  
Now, by what token is she first and best,  
Now, by what sign shall love his promise keep?

O! her red lips will laugh when my lips jest,  
And her sweep eyes will weep when my eyes weep.

BEES STEAL SUGAR.

Near the station of Fontainebleau, France, a carload of crystallized sugar was held up and within four days the entire load had disappeared in spite of the guards. There are large bee farms, and while the bees covered the car in swarms no one supposed that they could carry away the crystallized sugar. Nor could they. But industrious and ingenious they betook themselves to nearby basins and fountains and carried drops of water to melt the sugar. The dampened sugar formed a syrup that was easily transported to the hives.

SIMPLE CURE FOR HICCUGHS.

This is the method of treating obstinate hiccoughs that Dr. D. Francisco Vanegas employs. He describes it in the Revista de Medicina Cirurgica Practica (Madrid). The patient lies down and draws up his knees until his thighs are pressed tightly to his abdomen, the lower part of the legs being pressed against the thighs by bending the knees. The position is held for several minutes.

The effect of this is to press the abdominal organs up against the diaphragm and to sustain the pressure until the diaphragm ceases its spasmodic contractions.

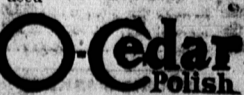
THE EXPENSIVE SEX.

Oh, yes, we have learned much about the way wives spend so much more for their clothes than their husbands, but listen—  
The U. S. department of labor in-



Your Furniture is worth more—

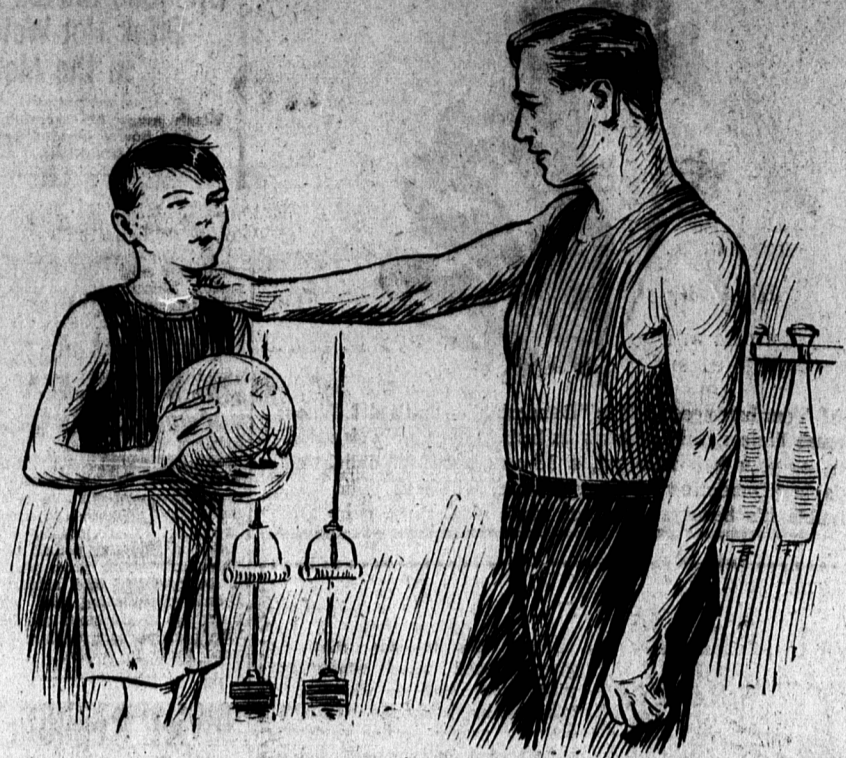
Furniture prices have risen nearly 50%. Is it any wonder that thrifty women are trying to avoid the purchase of new furniture? Many have found a way to make the old furniture look like new. They have used



and discovered that it gives to their furniture new life, new charm and a satiny lustrous finish that lasts.

With the aid of an O-Cedar Polish Mop—it will preserve your floors, and give them a polish such as they have never had before. Try it on hardwood, painted floors, or on linoleum. You will find O-Cedar Polish (in 25¢ to \$5.00 sizes) and the Mop (either alone at \$1.00, or at any Grocery or Hardware Shop.

Chamell Chemical Company Limited Toronto



"You Are Under Weight, My Boy"

"YES, sir." "Do you know what that means?"

"No, sir." "It means that your body is not properly nourished. You are not getting the right food, or else not obtaining full benefit of the food you eat! Are you easily tired?"

"Yes, sir." "How are you getting along at school?" "Not very well."

"Now, I am going to send a report to your parents, so that they may know your condition, and I want you to do what I tell you, so as to regain your normal weight."

"All right, sir." "You can never expect to get far in athletics, or school either, so long as your blood is thin for lack of proper nourishment and your nerves starved and exhausted."

"We shall go a little easy on exercise, and I have asked your parents to see that you eat plenty of plain, nourishing food. I have also suggested the use of Dr. Chase's

Nerve Food, so as to enrich the blood and tone up your nervous system."

"Is that a medicine?" "Yes, I suppose you might call it that, but it is entirely different to most medicines, because it builds up tissue instead of tearing it down. It is what is called a restorative. It sharpens the appetite, improves digestion and helps you to obtain full benefit of the food you eat. We are not much on medicines around here, but Chase's Nerve Food has helped so many under-weight boys whom I know that I never lose an opportunity to recommend it."

"I hope it helps me, for I would like to be able to do 'stunts' like the other fellows, and I don't seem to have the strength now."

"You are ready to do your part then? That is what I want to know."

"Yes, sir, I am."

"We will weigh you every week, and I am sure, we shall soon have you all right." Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 for \$2.75, all dealers, or Edmansson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Investigated with this result: Husband's clothing, average \$68.33; wife's clothing, average, \$55.75. That for northern cities. Husband's clothing, average, \$75.59; wife's clothing, average \$62.08. That for southern cities. Proving that all husbands spend more coin on their own raiment than upon their wives', and that southern husbands are the more liberal.

POOR ALEXANDER

The teacher was telling his class about the conquests of Alexander the Great. He made the tale a stirring one, and at last reached the conquest of India. Wishing to impress the children he said: "When Alexander had conquered India, what do you think he did? Do you think he gave a great feast to celebrate his tri-

umphs? No; he sat down and wept!" "Now, why do you think Alexander wept?" he asked. Up went a little hand, but when its owner saw it was the only one in view he hurriedly withdrew it. "Come on now, Tommy," said the teacher in his most persuasive voice, "why do you think Alexander wept?" "Please, sir," said Tommy unhesitatingly, "perhaps he didn't know the way back!"

A Gigantic Competition

The Charlottetown Candy Co.

in order to brighten up the pre-Christmas season and give everybody an opportunity to secure their confectionery at a moderate price and at the same time be in line for a big cash prize, are offering the following unique inducements:

Lowney's Bars Sold Everywhere

Lowney's Bars, one of the finest and purest confections in the world, is on sale in every retail grocery and drugstore in the city.

The Offer

To the person guessing the nearest to the number of Lowney's Bars sold by us during the year 1919 we will give \$25 in gold; to the second nearest, \$10 and to the third \$5.

Every customer who purchases twenty-five cents worth of Lowney's Bars between Monday, December 1st and Saturday, December 13, at any of the retail stores in Charlottetown is eligible.

Your Chances

Every twenty-five cent purchase entitles you to a ticket on the stub of which you register your guess. This stub is left with the retail merchant and at the close of the contest is taken in charge by competent judges appointed to determine the winner.

Your Money's Worth Anyway and a Chance for the Prize

LET IT BE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD, every contestant is entitled to a guess for each twenty-five cent purchase and the LOWNEY BARS can be obtained from every grocer and drugstore in the city.

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ROBIN HOOD FLOUR advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a hat and a barrel of flour. Text: "It bakes Great, Big, Golden Brown loaves of nut-like flavor that only a genuine hard spring wheat flour can produce."

VIN MORIN advertisement. Text: "STRENGTHEN YOUR LUNGS and preserve yourself from the Grippe, Bronchitis, Colds, by taking VIN MORIN. It is the best tonic for all those suffering from Weak Lungs and subject to Colds. On Sale Everywhere. DR. ED. MORIN & CO., Limited, Quebec, Canada."

Charlottetown New Universities Dictionary COUPON advertisement. Text: "How to Get It For the Mere Nominal Cost of Manufacture and Distribution 3 Coupons and 98c secures this New, authentic Dictionary bound in black flexible seal grain, illustrated with full pages in color and duotone. Present or mail to this paper three Coupons with ninety-eight cents to cover cost of handling, packing, clerk hire, etc. MAIL ORDERS WILL BE FILLED Adds for Postage: Up to 20 miles 6cts. Over 20 miles 14cts. For greater distances, ask Postmaster rate for 3 pounds. 25 DICTIONARIES IN ONE All Dictionaries published previous to this one are out of date."

CORRECT WEDDING STATIONERY advertisement. Text: "It is advisable to place your orders in good time. We supply highest grade materials and correct forms by skilled workmen. An inspection of our samples will facilitate placing your orders. THE GUARDIAN JOB PRINTING DEPT. CHARLOTTETOWN"

Dustbane advertisement. Text: "Makes sweeping easy. It kills germs. Brightens floors and carpets. Always have a tin of genuine Dustbane on hand when you sweep. Sold by leading grocers Packed in barrels and kegs for large consumers. A. Williamson Representative Carvell Bros General Distributors Charlottetown"

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