

LOVE MAKING.

These Days Is Done in the Open, Without Any 'Arriet and 'Arriet Business.

Billing and cooling are as much a part of summer time diversions as eating ice cream or drinking soda water.

In fact, ultra-smart romancers romance so elegantly that unromantic daws find little chance to peck at their hearts.

Climb as high as you may the heights of common sense and you will fail to discover wandering in the date of amatory foolishness a single couple belonging to really good society willing to afford the slightest chance to the curious for funmaking.

Sentimentality gazes in amazement at the latest victims of love's dream. There is a blissful maid, an enamored lover. The pair eschew shadowy corners. They court electric lights. They are the center of the gayest midsummer groups.

Why? Because shying away from friends and relatives, watching feverishly for a chance to look into each other's eyes, hold each other's hands and whisper silly nothings into each other's ears has too much of 'Arriet and 'Arriet mannerisms to suit these immodish young people.

This late century love-making is delightful to those who must fill the unenviable position of onlookers. There is no greater misery than being obliged to put up with the selfishness of a spoony fair polite society.

The new order of affairs may well cause interested people to rejoice. A reserve so excessive that a match may be made and the wedding arrangements completed without anybody being the wiser brings a distinct blessing to all parties concerned.

ELECTRIC LOVE ALARM.

How a Suspicious English Father Detected the Filtrations of His Daughter.

The ingenious father of an estimable young lady in Sheffield recently rigged to a clever contrivance by which he discouraged a certain young man who had been accustomed to make love to his daughter, says Pearson's Weekly.

"I don't see how it can be done, for I'm pretty close figurer myself. What do you want for the pointer?" "I'll take a box of berries. The secret is this: You want to grade your fruit."

He was a bit suspicious, and decided not to trust the girl's promise, so he called in an electrician to carry out a little scheme of his. A contact plate was tted just under the cushion of the sofa and another to the bottom of the frame in such a way that when the weight of two persons bore down upon the plate it would touch the other and close the circuit.

Wire were run from the plate to the old ma's bedroom, where, as soon as the circuit was closed, a small bell would ring. All this was done without the knowledge of the girl.

The next night the young man called again, and everything was as it should be until the old folks retired, about ten o'clock. About half an hour later the bell upstairs rang furiously. The old ma sneaked downstairs and caught to lovers snuggling very close together on the sofa.

The young man equipped with his life, fortunately, but the poor girl is locked up on a bed of bread and water.

THE ATE-STAYING CALLER.

He Absolutely Forces Host and Hostess to Utter Falsehoods and Tings Uncomplimentary.

Frien Staylate makes a call in the evening conversation blithe and joyous, an repeated requests for him to remain at a little while, lead him, not at all willing, to prolong his visit, writes Robert J. Burdette, in Ladies' Home Journal.

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"For goodness sake give us a chance to get killed first," rejoined the officer. "Lieutenant, I am going to bury the dead that have already fallen," responded the chaplain, whereupon the lieutenant quickly replied:

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CHIPMUNKS IN A CEMETERY.

They Are Increasing So Rapidly in Brooklyn's Greenwood That a Trapper May Be Called In.

Greenwood cemetery is suffering for the second time in its history from a too great increase in its colony of chipmunks. Eighteen years ago they became such a nuisance that a trapper was employed, and 28,000 small, striped pelts were the results of his first year's work, says the New York Sun.

This year it was noticed that an unusual number were about, even in the early spring, when the chipmunks first appear after a winter's sleep. Now it is estimated that there are at least 20,000 chipmunks in the cemetery, and a great deal of damage has been done, though their burrowing habits they have undermined the gravestones, and even in many cases caused graves to sink in, when rainwater has helped to hollow out their burrows.

The chief enemies of the chipmunks are the florists, for the animals nip growing plants at the roots to reach the sap. One Brooklyn florist says that since Decoration day he has had to put in 250 new plants to keep up an original plat of 150. Florists with contracts to keep graves in condition have entered strong protests, but outside florists, who work by the piece, have been making money.

The eight special policemen on the grounds have been furnished with poisoned nuts to scatter about. No diminution has yet appeared in the chipmunk army, as they reproduce three or four times a year and increase fourfold in a season if not checked. But if poison fails another trapper may be called in.

A Tricky Dealer in Fruit Pays Dearly for a Lesson in Sorting His Berries.

"Fairrest side to Boston," suggested a young man who stood watching the proprietor of a downtown fruit stand who was engaged in repacking a case of strawberries, placing the small and decayed ones in the bottom of the boxes, the large and luscious ones on top, says the Chicago Chronicle.

"We have to do that, young fellow," was the reply. "Everybody expects to be cheated a little and I hate to disappoint them."

"Come now," said the loiterer, as he approached the stand. "I worked last season in a South Water street store and can show you a trick that will double your profits."

"I'll take a box of berries. The secret is this: You want to grade your fruit." The young man emptied six boxes upon the stand and rapidly filled one of them, selecting the larger berries. "Out of a 24-box case you can get four boxes that you can sell for ten cents each. See?"

"And how will I dispose of the other 20 boxes?" "You'll have to consult a peddler on that point; it's out of my line. I'll take these," and the dispenser of South Water street secrets seized the box of selected fruit and hurried around the corner.

One night Chaplain Jones, of the Texas, heard volley firing on the Cuban coast, which was being guarded by the blockading squadron, and was told that marines were being landed from the Marblehead. The next morning, says the Buffalo Express, Capt. McCulla came alongside of the Texas in his launch and announced that four of his men had been killed and that there was still fighting. Chaplain Jones then approached Capt. Philip and said that he would like to go ashore and look after the wounded and read the services for the dead. Capt. Philip gave instant permission, and the chaplain prepared to go ashore with a boatload of marines that was in charge of a young lieutenant. As the worthy chaplain clambered over the side of the Texas the lieutenant looked up from the boat and called out:

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Japan's Sacred City. Kioto, Japan, formerly regarded as the sacred city of the mikado, is being thoroughly westernized, having adopted the overhead trolley and electric lighting.

Married couples in Norway are privileged to travel on railways at a fare and a half.

HE DIDN'T LIKE THEIR ATTIRE

A Plain-Spoken Young Man Doubts the Sincerity of Two Chicago Street Preachers.

Two itinerant "preachers" in a wagon, elaborately attired and silk hatted and accompanied by a dozen or more women of assorted ages, caused a partial street blockade at the corner of Madison and Dearborn streets on a recent evening. Attracted by the singing and the powerful voice exhortations of the preachers, a crowd of boys of several hundred soon gathered about the vehicle, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

A prominent feature of the "service" was a collection taken up by half a dozen of the youngest of the women as soon as a considerable number of people had congregated.

Near the close of the meeting a well-dressed and intelligent-looking young man in the crowd created something of a sensation by stepping to the front and requesting permission to ask a question. The "preachers" seemed to have a suspicion that his intentions might not be honorable and sought to ignore him, but he persisted, and, pointing at the portly pair whom he was addressing, inquired in a loud voice:

"Say, do you fellows ever try to help anybody except by preaching? Did anybody ever hear of your feeding the hungry or clothing the naked? If I caught either of you doing that once, instead of singing hymns in a white vest, swallow-tailed coat, and plug hat, I for one would feel a lot more like accepting your invitation to be a Christian."

Neither of the persons addressed attempted to make any reply to this eccentric broadside, but took their seats and the wagon quickly departed in search of pastures new.

SUPERSTITION OF SAILORS.

How It Was Manifested by British Tars at the Albion's Launching.

It has been said that, next to the savages and the infidels, sailors are the most superstitious portion of humanity. A few weeks ago, writes a London correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, when the new British warship Albion was launched, the bottle of rosewater—not of champagne, remember—with which the duchess of York was to christen England's proudest vessel, failed at the critical moment to break against the ship's bows. Immediately there was an end of ominous talk among the sailors about this abortive attempt at baptism. Mr. Ivey, the mayor of the place of launching, in commenting upon this fact, observed:

"I have been a sailor myself, and I know what sailors are. There are plenty of them who would rather have three months of hard labor than serve on board that ship. If anything happens to her, they are sure to say at once that it was because she was not christened, and, in a way, it is quite true that accidents do follow evil omens. Suppose there is a storm. It is a critical time, and there is a superstitious man at the wheel. He needs all his nerve and coolness, but just at the critical time he remembers the bad omen. 'Ah,' says he to himself, 'that bottle didn't break. Something is sure to happen.' He loses his balance and something does happen. It is in that sort of way that these 'unlucky' incidents do really bring ill-luck."

PAID IN LIKE COIN.

How Pennsylvania Troops Are Even-ing Up Things with a Practical Joker.

A "practical" joker, well known downtown, is at present taking a good, hard dose of his own medicine. About two weeks ago he packed a dry goods box with old shoes, empty tin cans and other rubbish and sent it off to Tampa, Fla., consigned to one of the companies of the Third regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, with express charges collect. The soldier boys thought it was a box of supplies sent by some kind friends, and gladly paid the charges. Their chagrin in discovering the contents of the box may be imagined, says the Philadelphia Record.

But they have since been turning the tables with a vengeance. They learned the name of the joker, and for some time past nearly every man in the company has been writing a letter of thanks every day to the sender of the box. The letters are mailed with the soldiers' privilege of sending mail without stamps, postage to be collected from the receiver. The "joker" is paying two dollars a day in postage for the letters of thanks he is receiving, and he's wondering how much longer they will continue to come.

Odd Curative Treatment. A Transvaal doctor is credited with the discovery of a new curative treatment. He asserts that he can cure persons of smallpox, fevers, diphtheria and many other maladies by simply wrapping them in milk sheets. The patient is laid on a mattress covered with blankets, and is packed in a sheet just large enough to envelop the body. The sheet has been saturated in a pint and a half of warm milk, and is applied to the body without wringing. After lying still for an hour thus swathed, the patient is sponged with warm water, or put into a warm bath for a few moments to remove the milk. The treatment is based on the germ-absorbing power of milk, and the idea of it is said to have been suggested by the fact that milk absorbs poisonous germs from a bucket in which it has been standing.

Favors to Married Couples. Married couples in Norway are privileged to travel on railways at a fare and a half.

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