WHY SHE LEFT THE FLAT.

She Could Submit to Snubs, but "Neighboring" Was Too Much for Her.

They were coming down town together in a Broadway car, and the woman in the plush jacket was remarking her sad woe into the sympathetic left ear of her neighbor in the seaskin sacque.

"Yes, I've moved," she said. "We've given up flat life and are going to live in a hotel for awhile. No, it wasn't the traditional reason that drove me out, either. I'd grown used to the dumb-waiter, had established fairly friendly relations with the janitor, and my servant agreed beautifully with the other servant, who wanted on the same day she did.

"We had lived in the flat almost six months. No one had called, and I, being used to the ways of smaller cities, had decided that the people meant to snub me. I didn't mind it. Harry and I were very comfortable. I had another with no part of the time, and—well, everything was lovely.

"One evening I was in the bathroom, which opened off the court. I had a severe cold in my head, and I confided the fact to Harry, who sat in our sitting further down the hall. I suppose that I must have raised my voice just a little, when Harry suggested that I use goose grease and I replied that I hadn't any in the house.

"Well, my dear, in just ten minutes the bell rang and my maid came in me with a saucer and a message from the old lady who lived in the flat above me. The saucer contained goose grease and the message was to the effect that the dear old lady had heard me express a wish, etc., and begged I would accept it.

"I was pleased. It was so sweet and nice of her that tears came to my eyes as I took the saucer and retreated into the bathroom again. The door had hardly closed when—another ring, another maid, another saucer, this time from the young married woman on the top floor.

"Tears magnified I had been. How kind and truly good were all these people! My meditations were interrupted by another ring, another maid, another supply of the goose grease. The maiden lady who kept house for her brother had sent it up, and would I please rub it in well and go to bed at once. Then the Irish servant girl across the hall brought some in and gave it to the queen of our kitchen, and I had to take in, and shelve two more containers of it while they were exchanging the courtesies of the evening.

"All were represented before the evening was over, except that the offerings varied. The widower on the first floor sent me Mother Bailey's cough syrup for cold on the lungs, and he sent me a bottle of the Consumptive Sufferer's Relief, which she had found very soothing in her last hours. A sweet old grandmother on the second floor sent me a mustard plaster all ready for application, and the widow who boards with her contributed a box of four-grain quinine pills and a medical journal.

"Martha and I spent the entire evening receiving these neighborly offerings, while Harry sat still and chuckled. By 11 o'clock we had ample stock for a small apothecary shop.

"From that night everybody in the block regarded me as a being snatched from death by his or her remedy. I gave them all a common interest to discuss. Harry was waylaid in the hall, Martha was intercepted on her way to and from the clothesline, I myself was subjected to various medical questions by the widower, the grandmother and the young married woman on the top floor.

"I was growing thin and pale. I simply had to have a change of scene—and people. So we moved. No, I'm not exaggerating. I haven't even done the subject justice."

But the woman in the sealskin coat thought she had.—New York World.

Fooled by a Painted Tree.

In some manner a cat found its way into a cyclorama building several days ago. The man in charge attempted to chase the trespassing feline through a door, but the cat evidently thought there was a better way of escaping the rising temper of the irate man. It looked cautiously about, as if to avoid stepping on the prostrate forms of heroes slain in battle. Finally its eyes caught sight of a tree. A projecting limb hung very low, and here the cat thought to find a place of safety. It gave one leap, and no doubt was the most disgusted cat in Portland when it learned by sad experience that the tree was on the canvas. It picked itself up and slowly sneak through the door, down the stairs and out of the building.—Portland Press.

An Aromatic-eating Conductor.

An elderly lady, a member of Springfield's Four Hundred, boarded a Central street car the other day, and upon arriving at her destination ask if the conductor to assist her in getting off, as she had difficulty in walking. The conductor stepped to the ground and offered to assist her, but she wanted more substantial aid. Placing her hand on his shoulder, she exclaimed, "Lift young man, lift!" The polite conductor placed both arms around her, and lifted her gently to the ground, with applause from a carload of passengers.—Springfield (Mass.) Homestead.

A Reason for It.

He caught her to his manly bosom with a wild, impetuous, tumultuous, tempestuous hug and held her there for as much as a minute.

"What a hugger you are," she said admiringly as he released her.

"And why shouldn't I be," he replied proudly, taking a velvet case from his pocket. "haven't I brought the prize ring with me?"

She opened the case joyfully and her eyes rested upon a solitaire which was really a corker.—Detroit Free Press.

Equipped for Travel.

Boston Maid (in Bull bookstore)—I am compelled to go to New York for an extended sojourn. Have you a New York guide?

Clerk—I regret to say, madam, that we have not.

Boston Maid—How unfortunate! Well, give me a dictionary of American slang.—New York Weekly.

A SADDLING GLADIOLUS.

The New Snowbrooke Rose White Which Is Attracting Favorable Notice.

There are many beautiful varieties of the gladiolus family. Among them is the new rose white saddling gladiolus originated with J. F. C. Hyde of Hoosbrooke, and illustrated in the cut. This gladiolus has won several prizes at the best saddling. For a description we

THE NEW WHITE GLADIOLUS.

cannot do better than to quote from the report of the Massachusetts Horticultural society:

"The plant throws up a strong flower stem four feet in height, crowned with a remarkably full spike of very large, well expanded flowers facing boldly to one side. Many of the terminal flowers are monstrosities. The growth is peculiarly vigorous, giving an average of three stems to each bulb, none of them have fire and no mildew has with seven stems, indicating a remarkable profit. A number stands will readily and well in favor with the public. Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that it is the best white gladiolus yet introduced." Any equine desirous of trying this early can secure the bulbs or corms from any leading dealer in gladioli.

Gooseberries versus High Pruning.

In a paper read before the California Pomological society, B. G. Clark said: "Late pruning of fruit trees has the advantage over high pruning. 1. There is no danger of the trunk and larger limbs becoming sunburned and infested with borers, which will in time destroy the usefulness of the tree, if not kill it. 2. The fruit is nearer the ground, a saving of 50 per cent in the cost of harvesting the crop. 3. The lower branches are the oldest and produce fruit fruit, if cut away to raise the 'head' of the tree it does not come into bearing as soon. 4. A low branched tree will furnish the largest bearing surface in a given time, it will be the largest tree as given age. 5. It is best at the mercy of winds, and is likely to have its branches broken and it will never blow over. 6. When the outermost inclined branches of the main limbs are trimmed off as they should to, the glove and cultivator can work as close to the tree as is possible under any other method of pruning."

Kenilworth Ivy.

This plant is very well known as a hanging plant for hollow decoration. The last year "Very few understand that it is perfectly hardy in our climate and that it will serve to ornament old walls just as well as it ornaments the walls of the celebrated Kenilworth abbey, from which it takes its name. We have seen some on an old wall along a roadside which has evidently been on the wall for a number of years. It was quite as beautiful as anything seen in the Old World."

Fruit Notes.

In transplanting nursery grown trees in the orchard cut back the tops to make them correspond with the size of the roots.

A west Michigan fruit grower fertilizes his orchards with ten loads of ashes, two barrels of lime summer and one barrel of lime to the acre.

G. H. Leighton claims that pear blight invariably sets in on the ninth day after a sudden drop of 30 degs. in temperature in spring.

The Fellenberg, Lincoln plum, Lovett raspberry and Japanese wineberry are included in the list of attractive novelties in the way of fruits.

Professor Taft, of the Michigan experiment station, prefers to prune orchard trees soon after the leaves have fallen. T. T. Lyon gives his preference for early spring, when the fruit just begins to draw out of the ground.

Two years ago the New Jersey State Agricultural society, balloting for the best three grapes for general use, one of each color, decided in favor of the Brighton red, Worden black and Niagara white. American Gardening says that this list cannot be easily improved upon today.

Good authorities pronounce the Anjou pear one of the most profitable of winter varieties.

Liquid Manure for Plants.

In a recent meeting before the California State Floral society, a member present gave the following directions for making manure water for chrysanthemums: In a large tank or cistern place one bushel of cow dung, well mixed down in a thin tub, and add a barrelful each of fresh cow and horse manure. Fill with soft water, dilute to the color of weak tea.

A Nice Way of Drying Shoes.

As soon as you come in from bad weather take off your shoes and fill them with dry oats, which will quickly absorb all the moisture and prevent the leather from being injured. Be particularly careful not to put your shoes near the fire.

The oats may take on the rain, which may be dried and made to serve again. If you do not like the idea of using oats, stuff your shoes with fine paper, which answers the same purpose.—New York Herald.

The Hunter Anderson.

We have the authority of a man who has spent several years among the Andersons, and who has called them so they have never been studied before. No railway has ever invaded the domains, and there are no telegraphs, no carriage roads, no canals, there is not a single wheeled vehicle, no steam engine, no written laws, no standing army, no public debt, no papers, no coinage, no postage stamps, no newspapers, no literature, no societies, clubs or institutions, no asylums, no public organizations, no dissent from the Roman Catholic religion, and no foreign commerce.—All the Year Round.

Use of Scaling Ladders.

There is generally a misconception as to what is meant by a book and ladder company. The use of the ladder is at once understood and the necessity of it. The book is an implement used to pull down portions of buildings with. The book ladder is among the oldest of implements used for scaling walls and throw back from moderate times. The scaling ladders are made of a single length of much wood, with the rungs at right angles with it and passing through it. Its upper end terminates with a metal hook, which permits it to be attached to the window sills or projections of a building. Scaling ladders were formerly used, but there are many fires where in order to obtain access to the upper portions of a house the scaling ladder becomes a necessity. Ladders are not always high enough to reach the desired heights and then the scaling ladders supplement them.—Harper's Weekly.

Not The Same Name.

A lady who prides herself upon always remembering the name of a person whom she has once met had a droll experience the other day.

At a railway station she encountered a man whom she was familiar to her and whom she soon remembered having seen at the house of a friend some months before. With the utmost graciousness of manner she turned to the stranger and said:

"Isn't this Mr. Tomkinson, whom I met at Mrs. Lyman's?"

The stranger looked at her with a baffling expression of commiseration.

"I may have met you at Mrs. Lyman's," he said, "but you have seen what treated my name. I am Mr. Stonegrave."—Youth's Companion.

A Vision of Wealth.

Mr. George Augustus Sala is always known by his white waistcoat. "I have worn a white waistcoat," he says, "for five and twenty years, every day, winter and summer. Once, in Paris, at a shop where I used to buy my gloves, a serving woman said to me:

"'You always wear a white waistcoat, Mr. Sala.'

"'Yes, I wear one all the year round.'

"'All the year round?' she exclaimed. 'A clean one every day?'

"'Yes,' I said.

"'Oh,' she exclaimed, raising her hands, 'if I had only been your washerwoman!'—London Tit-Bits.

Nonexplosive Petroleum.

A German scientist has invented a method whereby petroleum and similar liquid hydrocarbons can be rendered nonexplosive. This is accomplished by adding to the petroleum small quantities of a compound made up of 41 per cent chloride of sodium, 2.77 per cent bicarbonate of sodium, 1.84 per cent, oil ammonia, 1.11 per cent, water, .22 per cent, sulphate of magnesia, .32 per cent, sulphate of lime and .2 per cent of aniline.—New York Journal.

They Take Up Much Room.

In Germany, when the Herr Ober Inspector A—— meets his friend, the Herr Chor Verein Director B——, on the street, the prudent saurer by allows them a wide berth, otherwise the majestic sweep of the inflated cylinder hats is likely to bowl him over into the gutter.—Youth's Companion.

The Correct Reply.

At an examination held at the Agricultural college the question was put: "When is the best time to sow barley?" The "examinee," a sharp country lad from the district of Altenburg, promptly replied:

"Three days before a gentle rain, sir."—Tagliche Rundschau.

Economical Proposition.

Lycurgus set about the extermination and alteration of the state of Sparta, and was advised by one individual to reduce everything to an absolute popular equality. But Lycurgus astonished him by saying, "Suppose you begin the reform in your own house?"—Exchange.

Making Shoes Impervious.

A way to keep out water is to heat the soles of your shoes slightly, then rub them with equal varnish and let it dry one day. Repeat this operation three times and you can go into the wet with impunity.—New York Herald.

The Wife of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Sir Walter Raleigh married a beautiful girl eighteen years his junior, and she adored him with increasing ardor to the very last.—Writer.

Old Wedding Rings.

Speaking of wedding rings, we learn that those imperial wedding rings have not always been manufactured from the precious metal, gold. We are told that in lieu of a ring the church key was often used, and Wolpole tells of an instance where a certain ring was employed. The Duke of Hamilton fell suddenly in love with the younger of the celebrated Miss Gunning at a party in Lord Chesterfield's house that two days after he sent for a parson to perform the marriage ceremony, but as the duke had neither license nor ring, the clergyman refused to act.

Nothing daunted, Hamilton declared he would send for the archbishop. At last they were married with a ring of the curtain ring which had served night at Mayfair charge. Fourteen brass pennies have been hollowed to greater scale that the ceremony could be performed, and on the rim of the moment to be cut out of a piece of lead from the bride's glove.—Finger Ring Lore.

"A great manor with unprotected sides on three sides and a" is what this country has been called, and it is the truth.

The average income of agriculturists was shown by the last census to be only $390 a year. This fact explains several movements among the farmers.

"German Syrup"

G. Gloger, Druggist, Watertown, Wis. This is the opinion of a man who keeps a drug store, sells all medicines, comes in direct contact with the patients and their families, and knows better than anyone else how remedies sell, and what true merit they have. He knows of all the failures and successes, and can therefore judge: "I know of no medicine for Coughs, Sore Throat, or Hoarseness that had done such effective work in my family as Boschee's German Syrup. Last winter a lady called at my store, who was suffering from a very severe cold. She could hardly talk, and I told her about German Syrup and that a few doses would give relief; but she had no confidence in patent medicines. I told her to take a bottle, and if the results were not satisfactory I would make no charge for it. A few days after she called and paid for it, saying that she wouldn't ever be without it in the house a few doses had given her relief." 3

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