

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Having received, from time to time, letters asking information on difficult questions, we have decided to answer some already received, as well as those received hereafter. We furnish this information free, therefore, you need not get your back up if the answers don't please you.

"Will you please tell me why a woman can't throw a rock or other missile as straight as a man can?"
KATIE."

Well, Katie, you have asked us a question that we know to be a fact. Some years ago we told a girl she could not hit a tree about six feet in front of her with a rock. She doubted our assertion and offered to prove it by throwing the rock. We were young, then, and inexperienced, so we got behind her. After going through some calisthenic exercises, she turned loose the rock. The result was, we now carry a small hole in the back of our head, the place where the rock hit. But to answer your question, the reason, in all probability, is, that while most girls can talk about a dozen things at the same time, few can think of two things at once; therefore she cannot keep her mind on the object thrown and the object aimed at. But if a woman can't throw a rock, she can throw a man over as quick as the next one.

"Will you tell me how to set a hen?"
EVANGELINE."

Certainly we will, Evangeline. By the way, your name sounds familiar; we must have heard it somewhere. But you didn't say what kind of a hen. Some hens, you know, have more sense than others. We once had an old hen that once sat for three months on a china door knob without any visible result so far as hatching out any little knobs was concerned, and we think she would still be trying to hatch that knob if she hadn't frozen to death. The way to set a hen is to set her on about 12 or 14 eggs. This year's eggs are best. Don't run the hen off the nest every fifteen minutes to see if the eggs are hatched, but give her about three weeks, and if the weather is warm enough, your eggs fresh, and the hen attends strictly to business, she will very likely hatch some of the eggs.

"Will you tell me if it is easy to fall in love? I am 14 years old, and I think I am in love."
SUSIE."

Well, Susie, you have certainly come to a sheep's house to get wool. Yes, for some people, it is easier than slipping down on a banana peeling, and it hurts about as bad sometimes. When we were quite young we used to fall in love on an average of about once a month; now the average is greater. But unfortunately, love is like the measles—the older the subject the more severe the case. But you have started early, Susie, so we advise you to go slow. The man you "think" you are in love with will probably be a grandfather before you are old enough to marry. But don't let this discourage you, for you will "think" you are in love about two hundred and thirty-five times before you really are. Just try and get your head, not your heart, full, and when your time for falling in love comes you will know it, and not "think."

"Is it a difficult matter to get along smoothly with a mother-in-law?"
WILLIE."

That depends, Willie, my boy; or, at least I suppose you are a boy, for a girl wouldn't ask such a question. I say, that depends upon what kind of a man you are, and what kind of a mother-in-law you get. There are several kinds of mothers-in-law, but any are a necessary evil to some men. If you are a sober, industrious young man and can secure a good-natured mother-in-law, by all means get one; yes, get two. But if you are one of the sort who likes to "paint the town red," and who five nights out of the week can't tell the difference between a sardine-box and the front door, then, by all means, let mothers-in-law alone, and if you must marry, then marry some

girl who never had a mother. Anyway, Willie, it's not necessary to live with your wife's mother, unless, like your namesake, "Wandering Willie," you have a chronic distaste for work. It has been said that marriage is a lottery, anyway, so try your luck, my boy, and in six months you will be able to answer your own question.

"Should a girl kiss the man she is going to marry?"
FANNIE."

Why, Fannie, you make me blush. I hardly know what answer to give you. If you had asked "Does" a girl, etc., instead of "should," I could have answered without consulting my inner feelings. You don't say how old you are, but you must have passed the kissing stage. A young man once asked an old lady, 80 years old, the question, "Grandma, how old do ladies get before they dislike kissing the men?" The reply, without hesitation, was, "young man you will have to ask someone older than I am." Now, Fannie, making the matter personal. How do you know you are going to marry him? Are you sure neither of you are going to change your mind? If you are, then I will tell you this, that if you don't kiss him the chances are against your marrying him.

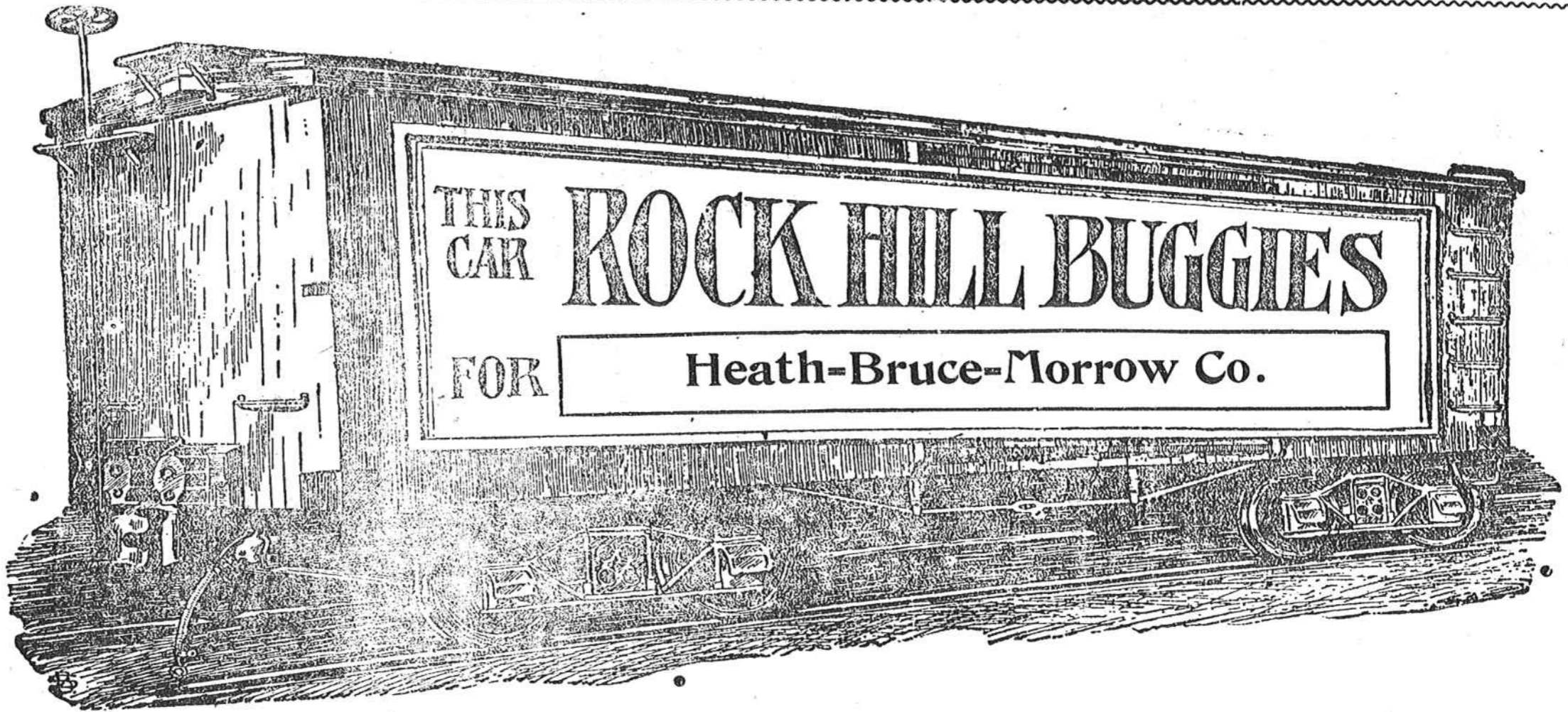
"Is it necessary to devote a great deal of my time to studying French?"
EDITH."

Well, French comes in very handy in some instances. For example, if you are very wealthy, you may marry some impecunious French nobleman, or, to put it plainer, he may marry your money, and you may go to France to live, and then French will come in very handy. But if you haven't any money, and expect to marry some fellow up here in the Piedmont country, we would advise you to "devote a great deal of your time" to learning how to make up beds, sweeping the floor, and turning flapjacks, for should you marry a poor man, these little acquisitions would discount all the French in France.

Washington May 21—The American minister to Chile, Mr. Hicks, has notified the State department that the Chilean government has accepted the invitation of the President to participate in the naval and marine exposition in Hampton Roads next year commemorative of the Ter-Centennial of the settlement of Jamestown. Minister Hicks writes that the Chilean navy will be represented by the cruiser Baquedano.

On May 22nd Lieutenant Governor John T. Sloan, of Richland, filed his pledge with the State Chairman Willie Jones, and formally entered the field as a candidate for governor. His platform will be announced later.

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