

## BIBLOMANIA IS ODD DISEASE

Shrewd Business Men Often Waste Thousands of Dollars in Making Collection of Books.

A man, shrewd, far-sighted, having evolved a career and a fortune out of a tested and exact training, will take up book collecting and plunge into it to the depth of thousands of dollars on the strength of a more puny acquaintance with the subject than he would bring to bear on the purchase of a necktie.

A senator commissioned a book dealer to supply his shelves with standard sets, the only proviso being that books and space should come out even.

A lady signed contracts to the tune of many thousands for what was represented as a set of first edition Dickens in de luxe bindings, only to discover after she had paid more than half that the books were late editions and the bindings stuffed paper. The dealer is now about half through a genuine edition of a prison cell.

A man unfamiliar with language paid several hundred dollars for a set of Italian novelists in translation because he wanted to read the stories that went with some very daring illustrations, only to find that the conclusion of the liveliest anecdotes slid into French.

I suppose to the average normal mind there is no folly quite to equal that of paying a hundred dollars for a first edition when a later and better edition cries at one from the 25-cent stand, writes Stanley K. Wilson in the New York Sun. That the fact of a mistake in the pagination of the "Hikon Basilike"—the transposition of one bracket or figure—enhances by many dollars the value of the book seems to us too fantastic for belief. That a collector will cheerfully give for Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with the "Stave 1" double what he will pay for the "Stave One" issue, both first editions, would appear to qualify that collector for a blank page sojourn in an asylum. Yet these are among the mournful manifestations of the disease.—Stanley K. Wilson in New York Sun.

## WHEN SNAKES ARE POISONOUS

Reptiles That Are Dangerous Have Diamond-Shaped Heads, Much Longer at Jawbone Than Neck.

Poisonous snakes have a diamond-shaped head, about four times larger at the jawbone than at the neck. They also have blunt tails. Nonpoisonous snakes have sharp heads, which are nearly the same size at the neck and sharp tails. All snakes, however, are poisonous during the "shedding" period of seven days. They go blind two days before shedding.

The Gila (pronounced heela) monster is so called on account of being found near the Gila river in Arizona and New Mexico, says the World-Wide Magazine. Its bite is deadly, and it is much feared by the Indians, as no remedy is known for the bite. They are very peculiar creatures, having the shape of a large lizard, with feet marked like those of a monkey. Some scientists say that the bite of the Gila monster is not poisonous in itself, but that their breath, blown on the wound, is fatal. If their breath is blown on a person with a weak heart the person will faint away for an indefinite time. In captivity the Gila monster is fed on warm milk and chopped meat every six weeks.

### Gen. Funston's "Artillery."

In all his campaigns the late General Funston carried a 45-caliber pistol that extended from his waist to his knee—not a long way, at that. When he came ashore at Vera Cruz to take command of the city, Admirals Fletcher and Badger, with their staffs, were drawn up in line to greet him. They were in white, with shining swords and accoutrements. The general was in his olive drab uniform without a blouse, and had his enormous pistol strapped to his waist. The British consul was there with his staff, too, and, failing to see any resident officer with gold and lace, he asked: "Where is the general? Is he the little Chinaman at the head of the column, or is that just an American artillery regiment?" General Funston often told the story himself.

### Digestibility of Cheese.

In investigating the digestibility of cheese it has been shown that much depends on the special physical characteristics of the food. All fat cheeses are said to be dissolved and digested with great rapidity, because of the molecules of the casein—the nitrogenous part of the cheese—are separated only by the fat, and so the gastric juice can attack a large surface of the cheese at one time. Whether the cheese be hard or soft does not appear to influence digestion, and there is no connection between the digestibility and the percentage of water present in the cheese.

### The Schoolgirl's Mind.

The mind of a schoolgirl does not proceed like the mind of an adult; it imitates the motions of a grasshopper. It sings in the summer, it dances in the winter, it transforms values, it doubts axioms, it is dogmatic upon impossibilities or what seem such to the adult mind, it compresses dreams into a creed, it has intuitions like the flash of an electric candle, or it plays the bat, shuts its eyes tight in broad daylight, folds its wings, looks on to any convenient excuse, and goes fast asleep.—H. D. Sedgwick in the Atlantic.

## GOLDEN HEARTS

By Walter Joseph Delaney

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"Uncle Cyrus is coming," announced Robert Sloan, home from the office for the day.

"Oh, dear!" murmured his helpmeet, dimly enough.

"That does not betoken a very cheery welcome," suggested her husband. "There is worse to come, from your apparent point of view."

"And that is?" questioned Mrs. Sloan anxiously.

"Uncle Cyrus is coming to live with us permanently."

"Oh, Robert," Myra Sloan collapsed quite. There was a humorous twinkle in her husband's eye as he remarked:

"You do not seem to covet the company of your nearest relative in the world?"

"Oh, Robert, it is for your sake," Myra hastened to say, "and that of the children. I feel that I have no right to saddle you with a new responsibility. Again, Lucy is engaged and we must bend all our energies to starting her out in life respectably, and Nelson must go to college. Uncle Cyrus would jar on them, and on you, too. He is full of whims, irrational, and, while as his niece I would fulfill my complete duty towards him patiently and willingly, I must first consider those nearer and dearer to me, you and the children."

"Always loyal to the home crowd, little woman!" applauded Robert approvingly, "but I don't think you quite comprehend the situation. I am going to tell you something you never knew. You wondered years ago how I ever got out of the load of debt incurred

range for the wedding of pretty, lovable Lucy to a very estimable young man, and father and mother were elated at their ability to give her a trousseau and a start in married life that would always be with her a pleasant memory.

With the fall, too, Edgar would begin his college education, but—Ah! that "but," a stunning break in all their plans. Father and mother, son and daughter, held a serious conference.

"We must be more attentive and considerate than ever," suggested Mr. Sloan, "now that the poor old man has lost his all, and we must try to keep that knowledge from him."

"You don't seem to be planning so much for Lucy's wedding and for Nelson going to college," remarked Uncle Cyrus a few months later.

"Why, you see, we have somewhat modified our original plans," explained Robert, but in an embarrassed way. It was a month later. Uncle Cyrus was doing on a rustic seat in the garden when in the vine-covered summer house adjoining the sound of voices aroused him.

"Yes, it is all settled," Nelson was saying. "I am to give up the college scheme. Going to work in a law office and study an educational course evenings."

"Harold is very patient," said Lucy, alluding to her fiancé. "He has consented to postpone the wedding for a year. Meantime, I am going to teach a class in the seminary."

"I wonder what Uncle Cyrus will say when he learns that his money is lost," resumed Nelson. "It was a great disappointment to father when his last check was dishonored and he found out that the bank had failed. Most he thinks of, though, is the effect it might have on Uncle Cyrus when he knows the truth. Poor old man! He needs't worry, though, as to us, for father says he is welcome to a home with us the rest of his life, free and willing."

"Hold on, there!—come back here!" vigorously shouted Uncle Cyrus, springing to his feet, as brother and sister moved away. "I happened to overhear some interesting conversation between you two and I want further details. Come, out with it! What's all this gloom and mystery about my losing all my money?"

"We have no right to say a word about it," in an embarrassed way declared Nelson, but Uncle Cyrus was persistent. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan were spending a few days with a relative in another town, and Lucy asked Uncle Cyrus to await their return for the particulars he demanded. The old man would not have it so, however, and bit by bit he wormed out the facts of the case.

"So I'm a pauper, eh?" he chuckled. "Bank busted and my ten thousand dollars gone? Well, my young friends, that was a special deposit and its loss don't quite beggar me. In fact, the bulk of my resources is in safe trustee hands. Lucy, you send for that fine young fellow who wants to marry you and tell him you don't have to postpone the wedding."

"Why, Uncle Cyrus—"

"No whys or wherefores with your bothersome old relative! Just do as I direct and I'll pay the freight. If I'd dear Robert, dear Myra, thinking only of my peace of mind and glad to give me a free home for life? Think I'll let such golden hearts slump? No sir-ree! Nelson, make your arrangements to start for college the day it opens, with tuition and expenses paid in advance for the full course. Why, this discovery of genuine, unselfish friends makes me happy all over!"

"Why, what is this, Lucy?" inquired her mother surprisedly, as, returned home, she noted various boxes and bundles on the dining-room table.

"Part of my trousseau, mamma," replied Lucy modestly.

"And what are you up to with all those books?" challenged Mr. Sloan, greeting Nelson, who sat surrounded by a great pile of new volumes.

"My college first term curriculum, sir," explained Nelson.

"Why—" began the amazed Mrs. Sloan.

"But—" joined in the puzzled husband.

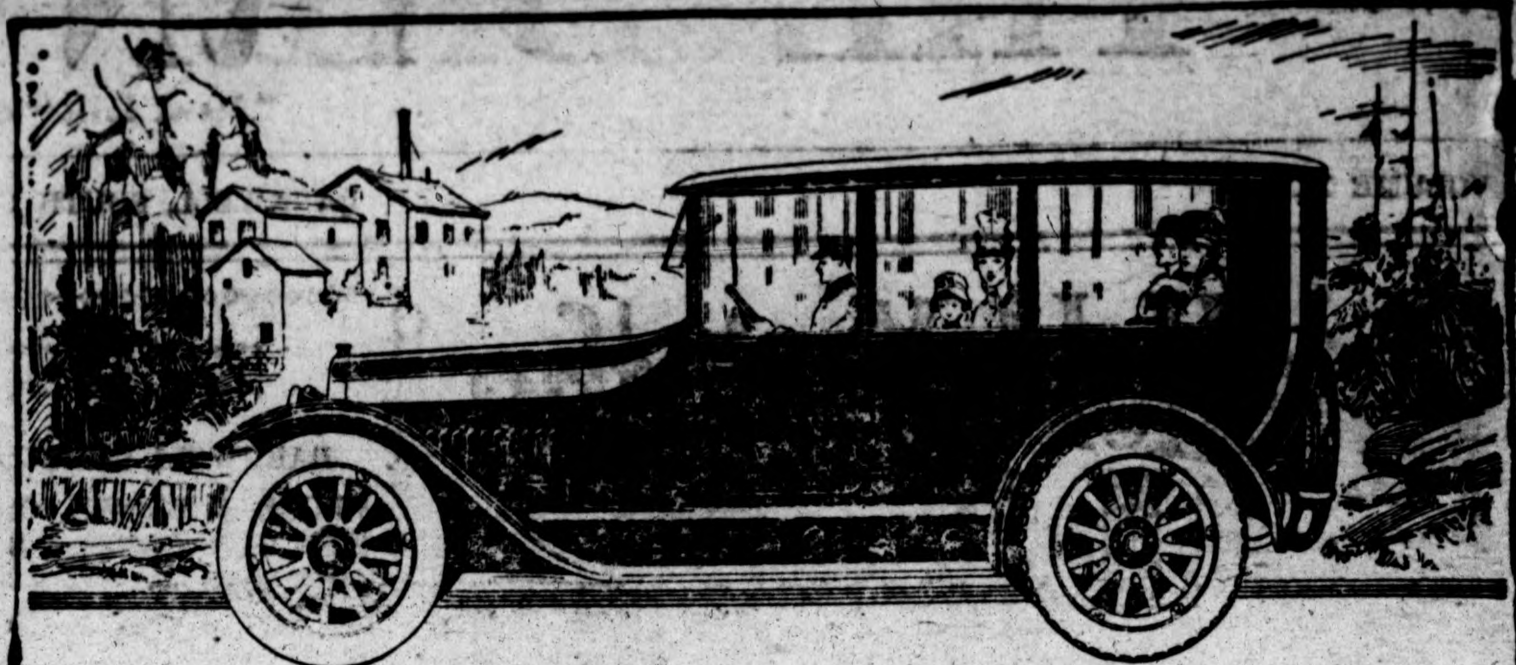
"Uncle Cyrus will explain," intimated grateful, happy Lucy sweetly.

"And what have you got to say about it?" demanded Uncle Cyrus himself, appearing on the scene. "I'm going to be boss in this house until Lucy is settled in her own home and Nelson is started at college. Bank busted? Old man a pauper! Ha! ha! It would be cheap at ten times the cost to learn that you people are truly my people, and here I camp down for life, and everything I've got is yours."

**Blew to Tourists.**  
The state supreme court has ruled that fruits and nuts from roadside trees belong to the owner of the abutting property. This matter has for years been held in doubt, but now that the court of last resort has spoken it is well for vandals who step from passing autos to swipe fruit to know that they are guilty of theft, says the Los Angeles Times.

Under the law one owns all on or under or above his land from the deepest depths delved to as far as he can reach up in the ethereal blue. If roots from his trees or plants reach into your land they are yours; cut them off. If fruit or flowers or foliage sticks through or over the fence or line they are as much yours as if the trees grew on your soil—pick them.

**A Modest Program.**  
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