

"Things Worth While"
By VINCENT G. PERRY

Things, dances, house parties, masquerade balls, golf, yachting, motoring—Kathleen was tired of them all. No pleasure had one finished than another started. Her aunt had accepted invitations for her that extended months ahead. There was hardly a day that she could count on as her own. The thought of what lay before her bored her. There would have been some vacation if Aleck had been going to see there, but she was sure he would not. Something terrible had happened to Aleck, she was convinced. She had heard nothing of him for nearly a month, and to think that they were engaged, too! He had probably met some other girl he liked better, and had, perhaps, married her. She couldn't help acknowledging that she was artificial—her every movement and word had been part of a pose while in his company. No wonder he had wanted of her. Oh, how she longed for the little country girl she had known before she went to college! Oh, how she longed for the dreams she had had then! Never college course was not to blame, she told herself in fairness. It all



"You Bet I Am Aleck."

of the things worth while. What was she best suited to? There was not a thing that she had learned at college or since that would help in any way in the winning of the war. Then her mind traveled back to the days before she went to college—the good old days on the farm. She jumped to her feet with a little cry of joy as she thought of it. She would go back to the farm, where help was needed the most! She would show these shallow-brained women that she was a real person after all. She would show Aleck Beauty that she was not the artificial girl he had mistaken her for. The thought of Aleck caused the triumphant smile to fade just a little. Aleck was really one of the shallow brains, too, though she hated to admit it. Two weeks later found Kathleen milking cows. She had insisted upon being put to work almost upon her arrival home. How fine it was to be back at the old farm again! She wondered how she could have left it for the life in the city. As the milking progressed, Kathleen became conscious of the fact that some one was watching her. She realized, too, that it was the man whom she had noticed working in the next field, when she first started to milk. Trying to make it appear quite accidental, she looked up. When her eyes met his she almost overturned the pail of milk. "Aleck!" she cried excitedly. "What are you doing here? You are Aleck, aren't you?" After she had spoken she was afraid she had made a mistake, for the man before her was in overalls and was as brown as a berry, but if he wasn't Aleck he was his double. "You bet I am Aleck!" he replied, as soon as he could gain his voice, "and the most surprised Aleck in the world!" He climbed over the fence, without waiting for an invitation. "You look sweet in that milking costume, and you are really milking! Where did you learn to do it?" She told him as hurriedly as she could, for she was eager for an explanation, too. "That is just why I came to work on the next farm," he said when she finished. "I was sick of being dressed up all the time and not getting anything out of life but a bored existence. I wanted to enlist, but they wouldn't take me because of my stiff knee, so I came out here to help with the crop. I am a soldier of the army behind the army." "You are wonderful!" she told him, breathlessly. "Why didn't you write to me and tell me all about it? You didn't let me know whether you were dead or alive." "I didn't think you would care, and, besides, Kathleen, I made up my mind to give up the old life forever and, you see, you were part of it." "I understand," she said quietly, trying to choke back the lump that had risen in her throat. "Perhaps it is for the best. I am really just a butterfly." "No, you are not," he cried. "You are not a bit like a butterfly, and you never were. You just pretended. It is all changed now, for you have left the old life, too. It was harder to give you up than anything else, for I really love you. Let me tell you how much, dear."

How the Trouble Began.
It was a bright, sunny Tuesday morning and Mrs. Brown was on the roof preparing to hang out her wash when Mrs. Jones appeared on the scene carrying a basket of clothes. "What are you doing here?" demanded Mrs. Jones. "Monday is your day for hanging out clothes." "I know it is," replied Mrs. Brown, removing the clothes from her mouth so she could articulate more clearly. "But it rained yesterday, and I'm hanging 'em out today instead. Tuesday belongs to the fourth floor back, and that's vacant, so I guess I've got as good a right here as anybody else. What is it to you, anyhow? Wednesday is your day." "Wednesday is my day, all right," admitted Mrs. Jones. "But the paper says it's your day to rain tomorrow, and I ain't taking any chances. You take them rains of yours downstairs again, or I'll throw 'em off the roof!" "And that's how the trouble began—St. Louis Post-Dispatch."

Lock Canals.
The Egyptians had canals before the days of St. Paul, but the lock canal which made it possible to cross mountains in a boat came only a few years before Columbus discovered America. To be told that Raphael in his spare moments when not painting a Raphael was constructing a locomotive would scarcely surprise you more than to be told that Leonardo da Vinci was a pioneer canal lock builder. But the hand that put upon the walls of that historic church in Milan "The Last Supper" also designed the locks for Milan's canal. That was just five years before another Italian from the nearby town of Genoa sailing a Spanish ship came to anchor at San Salvador. Before the lock system was born canals had been on level ground, although in China they had them on slight inclines—Philadelphia Ledger.

Green Flash of Sunset.
One of the most rarely witnessed of natural phenomena, but one that has often been discussed at scientific meetings and that always awakens wonder when seen, is the so-called "green flash" occasionally visible at the moment of the disappearance of the sun behind a clear horizon. The observer's eye must be fixed upon the rim of the sun as it disappears in order to catch the phenomenon. One authority tells us that he has seen the green flash, although rarely, at the instant of the setting of a bright star. Among the experts who offered one based upon the optical principle of complementary colors. If one looks at the sun and then closes the eyes a green disk will be perceived. A sensitive eye might be similarly affected by a brilliant star.

Theft in Ancient Wales.
In some ways which might nowadays be called "sentimental" the laws of ancient Wales were in advance of those of today. J. E. Lloyd in his "History of Wales" mentions that in some of the codes which were, as a rule, very severe on theft) a remarkable provision exempted from punishment "the starving man who, after begging for three days and receiving nothing, helped himself to the food which he needed in order to keep him alive. That every man had the right to live was a principle of the law, and the sentiment of the country demanded that every person of substance should keep open house not only for ordinary travelers, but also for the destitute and the friendless."

African Grosbeaks.
The social grosbeaks of South Africa live in large societies. They select a tree of considerable size and literally cover it with a grass roof, under which their common dwelling is constructed. The roof serves the double purpose of keeping off the heat and the rain, and 400 or 500 pairs of birds are known to have the same shelter. The nests in this aerial dwelling are built in regular streets and closely resemble rows of tenement houses.

Sure Bait.
"How did you manage to sell that piece of goods that's all out of date to Mrs. Hill?" "Clerk—I told her it was a great bargain, but I thought Mrs. Hill would had it laid aside for one of her daughters. Then she took it right off." "Happiness." "There is an instinct in the heart of man which makes him fear a cloudless happiness. It seems to him that he owes to misfortune a title of his life, and that which he does not pay bears interest, is aroused and largely swells a debt which sooner or later he must acquit."

Only on the Outside.
"Why, Ethel, you don't mean to tell me you want to marry that bald-headed Professor Wiseman?" "It is true he is bald," said Ethel, "but think how many young men of today are bald on the inside of their heads." "Its Risk." "A kiss may often have deeper meaning than appears." "Perhaps, but it is a thing you have to take on its face value."—Baltimore American.

Earth Used in Making Bread.
It is not generally known that in the village of Ponol, on the White sea, a peculiar substance, made of earth, is used as an addition to flour in the preparation of bread. An analysis of the substance showed that it was unfit for digestion. Some of the people of Persia employ a similar substance in making bread. The substance which they employ, however, is of considerable service in correcting defects in the bread. The Persians make their bread of sour dough, and the earth which they use has somewhat the effect of a baking powder and neutralizes the acid of the dough.

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