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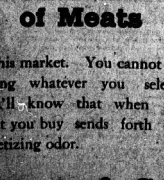

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Taking a Chance

"It's little less than outrageous, Leslie, for you to squander your hard-earned money on a worthless lottery ticket," said Leslie's wife in a burst of indignation. "I haven't heard of anyone being so shallow-brained in years."

"Never mind, if $1175 wins you'll be able to buy all the luxuries your little heart craves for and I've always desired you to have. Don't be too skeptical but—wait—" replied Leslie.

"I'd prefer any day to have the two dollars you've wasted for some real necessities instead of imaginary luxuries. A pair of gloves, a rug for the hall, silk for a waist, and a thousand and one things."

"Let's not quarrel over the money until we get it," broke in her husband.

After the above conversation Mrs. Leslie tried to forget all about the lottery ticket, but impossible.

Meanwhile her husband, occupied with the cares of business, had forgotten completely about the little blue ticket. Matters of much greater import occupied his mind.

"Bolinda," he said one night, "the bills for the last month are simply enormous. My income does not warrant these expenditures. There's more money going out than coming in. I'm neither parsimonious, miserly nor stingy, but there's a limit to all extravagance."

For once Mrs. Leslie was silent; she simply smiled and kept on sewing. When she looked up she was startled to notice the silvery tinge to her husband's hair. He looked tired and old he looked, while she seemed to grow more youthful in appearance every day.

"Don't you feel well," she questioned, anxiously.

"Can a man feel well and happy," was his curt answer, "when he's continually harassed with financial troubles?"

The wife, wishing to end the discussion, proposed that they go to the "nickel show."

"Astonishing that you did not suggest a box at the opera," grumbled her husband as he assented.

Mrs. Leslie finally threw all caution to the winds. She seemed to have been bewitched by the "demon of joy." The old portieres in the little parlor were replaced by elegant new ones, which made the parlor carpet appear so shabby in contrast that it was not long before a new rug adorned the floor.

The comments of their friends were numerous. When they noticed the mahogany bookcases and the piano which had been purchased on the installment plan and Mrs. Leslie expected to pay for when the lottery money was distributed. "Mr. Leslie must have made a great deal of money," they said.

After three months of apprehension and anxiety Mr. Leslie gave vent to his pent-up feelings. Opening the newfangled desk to look for a bill, he burst forth in a voice of anger, dismay and exasperation, "Bills, bills, bills, that's the only kind of correspondence I'm this house nowadays. None of them receipted and—I'll have to borrow money on my life insurance if this continues."

"Yes," answered Mrs. Leslie with tears in her eyes. But I figure it will be all right if we only have a little patience."

"What do you mean?"

"It's rather inconvenient just now, but I fancy it will be all right when your lottery ticket comes due. Didn't you maintain vociferously that the lottery money would eventually pay for everything. Maybe then you can take a vacation and rest up a little."

"What cobwebs of your brain are these vivid imaginations?" said Mr. Leslie as he sprang to his feet, giving his wife one long look as if he had never seen her before. After a tense silence which seemed aged to his wife, he exclaimed, "The lottery money! What do you mean? I suppose it's a woman's prerogative to change her mind, but didn't you distinctly assert that you wouldn't touch one penny of that money?"

"Yes, but—"

"That's the reason why I never took the trouble to inform you that the drawing was weeks ago and our number was not among the lucky ones.

Mrs. Leslie turned pale. "What a foolish woman I've been," she said. "I thought so much about it that I didn't realize we could lose."

"Mother," called a sweet, young voice, "where are you? I've some wonderful, glorious news to tell you."

"What is it, dear?" she asked, as a young girl entered the room.

"Don't look so gloomy, mother mine," she replied, as she wound her arms around her mother's neck. "Bill Thorsch is coming tomorrow to ask father's consent to our wedding. Oh, I'm deliciously happy."

"I was not prepared for this great surprise, my dear, I didn't know he was even courting you," said her father.

"Oh, he's been coming here all winter. He said the parlor was so comfortable he simply couldn't stay away."

"Leslie," said Mrs. Leslie, taking her husband's hand, "it was a good investment nevertheless. Of evil good will come. If Bill, who is my ideal of perfection in a young man, hadn't enjoyed our pretty parlor and felt the atmosphere of affluence around he might never have proposed to our daughter."

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Sills of Mason, Ohio, will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." The only this quick, safe, reliable compline for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by the Barrington Pharmacy.

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GEORGE W. SPINNER
Administrator.

Waukegan, January 22nd, 1912.
C. T. Heydecker & Son
Attorneys for Estate.

AT THE CHICAGO THEATRES

McVICKER'S.

"Mother," which comes to McVicker's theatre, Chicago, Sunday, February 4, for two weeks, including a special Lincoln's birthday matinee on Monday, February 12, is not a play of sentiment, unless it be that sentimentality that encourages happiness, joy, wholesomeness and hearty laughter, making all of us better for having had a bit of eternal gladness. It is true there are tears in this intensely human play. What story of the typical American home could be devoid of the disappointment incident to raising a family? But it is the bright side of the family life "Mother" deals with mainly. Mrs. Wetherill, in this play, has the ordinary number of olive branches. One of her sons marries an actress, and to keep her in luxury forces his mother's name to a note. His actions cause her much sorrow and heartache. Another son is about to marry a frivolous creature, but Mrs Wetherill prevents that match by telling the girl of her son's lack of wealth. There are the girls of the house with their little love stories. The ubiquitous twins must not be forgotten. They have a naval battle in the bath-tub, a real nose-bleeding fight in the parlor, and make much trouble for their mother.

The beauty of "Mother" lies in its simplicity and charm, and the audience leaves the theatre wishing for another act. William A. Brady is directing the engagement of "Mother" at McVicker's, and he has engaged Katie Putnam to play the title role.

MAJESTIC.

Another of those remarkable bills which have become the rule at the Majestic theatre, Chicago, is arranged for the week of February 5th. The headline feature, or one of them, will be Paul Armstrong's "Romance of the Underworld". It is a wonderful bit of dramatic painting with more than twenty well drawn characters to give it reality, and a plot which is quite worthy of the author of "Alias Jimmie Valentine" and "The Deep Purple."

Another big act is "The Dancing Lady" in which Marguerite Haney appears as the central figure in Rolfe's tabloid musical comedy of that name.

Chesterfield Cadinos De Luke is a feature act employing some of the most wonderfully trained dogs ever seen on the stage. Nana, the wonderful Parisian Whirlwind dancer, with the assistance of M. Alex. Hill, presents a remarkable exhibition in dancing. Another headline feature will be Joseph Howard, the famous composer and singer who, with the assistance of Mabel McCane, will appear in a musical singing act. Mr. Howard has probably written more popular music for musical comedies than any other composer. Harry Breen, the singing comedian, is another feature of the bill, and Al and Fannie Steadman, the singers and dancers and comedy plastic will add their quota to the occasion; Pastia, the wonderful flutist returns to repeat her former success, and Hoops and Prince, Europe's funniest comedy acrobats, with their remarkable skill for pantomine humor will add another element of interest to the bill.

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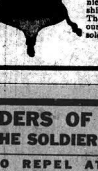

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