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"For Each Other---Not Against Each Other."

## Court Notes

Since the first of September many cases have been tried in Judge Miller's court for game law violation. People go hunting and learn the laws in the court.

The following cases were for hunting without license:

L W Richards, J. Grovinazzo, F Engarth and A J Wallace each received a fine of \$10. Geo. Maher and G. Duelling were given 15 day suspended sentence. W E Overell, Lorenz Fishback, Lawrence Fishback, Adolph Hartman, N B Keyes, J J Haynes, W H Carter, O M Runyan and G A Nilsson were given 10 day suspended sentences. A Squadrilli, 60 days, suspended.

For over limit of doves, T H Liebe and Wm Carter were fined \$25 each. J M Segle and E E Cooper \$50 each. G B Eshelman and W H Lalleu, dismissed.

For over limit of dove and quail J A Piuma L G Peterson were each fined \$50.

P G Fish for overlimit of clams, was given a 30 day suspended sentence.

J Ascota was given three fines: \$25 for overlimit of quail, \$25 for shooting non-game bird and a \$10 fine for hunting without license.

T M Ruu paid a \$25 fine for shooting desert plover.

For shooting game out of season H G McVey paid \$25 and also received 30 day suspended sentence.

T J Hamilton and Tom O'Rourke were each fined \$12.50 for peddling without license.

## Married

Announcement is made of the marriage of Ross Stone of this place to Miss Edna Connelly of San Fernando. The bride has been employed for some time in the Pacific Southwest Bank in San Fernando, but was formerly bookkeeper for the Newhall Mercantile Company and has many friends here. The groom is one of our prosperous farmers.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the beautiful flowers and the loving sympathy extended to us in our hour of bereavement.

L. D. Boeckman  
Fred Haskell  
J. C. Haskell  
Bertha Taylor  
Eugenie Moss  
Harriette Macnider  
Helen Haskell

## Jerry Ryan Passes On

Jerry Ryan, of LaJoya, San Francisco Canyon, was found dead at his home on the morning of September 4th, the cause of his death being given as arterial sclerosis.

The funeral was held Monday at Nobles' undertaking parlors in San Fernando, Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by C. H. Edwards, of Azusa, and attended by a large number of friends of the deceased. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery.

Jerry Ryan was born in New York state about 1854. He came to California before he was of age, and embarked in mining which was so popular during the 70s in this western country. He was identified with the early history of Camp Body in Mono County, also Virginia City and other mining camps of national reputation.

When about the age of 33 he was sent to Korea, by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco to install mining machinery for the Korean government, after which he spent four years in the employ of an American mining company operating in China. After severing his connection with this company, he spent some years traveling in Egypt, the Holy Land and Europe before returning to San Francisco, the city of his adoption. Later he became identified with the construction of the Los Angeles aqueduct, and on its completion in 1912 made his home with Herbert M. Hammett in the San Francisco Canyon, where he resided until found dead on the morning of September 4th, supposedly having passed away on the 3rd.

Jerry Ryan was honorable and industrious, a faithful friend, and highly esteemed by those who knew him well.

We wish to correct the report of the death of Jerry Ryan as given in a daily paper. Mr. Ryan died of arterial sclerosis. He had many friends and no enemies. Among his acquaintance it was thought that he was a pauper, which is incorrect, as he has a small bank account which is sufficient to pay all expenses.

H. M. Hammett  
C. H. Kingsbury

Mr and Mrs F A Mitchell and Richard Mitchell of Soledad Canyon have just returned home after a months vacation spent in the high Sierras.

## Newhall Woman's Club Meets

The Newhall Woman's Club held its first meeting of the year Wednesday at Hap-a-lan Hall. Mrs Woodard, president, opened the meeting with singing America, the Beautiful, and salutation to the flag. Prayer read by Mrs Agnes Taylor. Mrs Mary Penhorwood presented her resignation as recording secretary and Mrs Blanche Gibson was chosen as her successor. Mrs Haskell then presented her resignation as chairman of Mother's Bureau. Her successor has not been named.

Mrs Agnes Taylor gave an impromptu talk on things worth while accomplished by women of today, and their importance to the world. Miss Romania Ray of Happy Valley gave a musical reading "The Long Handed Dipper" and responded with several encores.

A fifteen minute report on biennial notes was read by Mrs Nina Wright. A flag standard was presented to the Club by Mrs DeGro, to whom a vote of thanks was given.

Mrs Edith Lane, chairman of Social Committee, assisted by Mesdames Frew, Dawson and Kingsbury served refreshments of cake and punch.

## Saugus Community Club

A new club was given life and ushered into the realm of clubdom where it is expected to affiliate with the great work of thousands of other clubs, when an informal gathering of women collected at the Saugus school house last Monday afternoon.

All the nearby canyons leading into Saugus were represented by women all anxious to help organize a club that will be of benefit to the community.

Mrs chas H Toll, District President G F W C was invited to assist at the launching of this worthy society, but owing to a series of previous engagements she was unable to attend. However, she was represented by Mrs Daniel Campbell, Past President Tuesday Afternoon Club of Glendale. Mrs Campbell will be known as "mother" to the newly formed "Saugus Community Club.

Mrs Campbell urged co-operation among members and also said members should be interested in their husbands work. Said the field of work should be along definite lines such as school ground (Continued on last page)

## Presbyterian Church Notes

Preaching services will be conducted by the pastor on Sunday morning. There will be special music by the choir.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson is "Jesus Driven from Nazareth." The golden text is, "He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel."

The evening service will be held at 7:30. There will be bright song service, the C. E. lesson, and two short talks by members of the missionary committee of the society.

A large audience greeted Col. Dan Morgan Smith, Sunday night and he held the attention of his hearers throughout his lecture on "The Spirit of America."

Every one who attended the meetings conducted by Adjutant and Mrs. Jewell and children will be pleased to know that they have promised to come up again in a few months. They also invited our C. E. Society to conduct a meeting for them in Los Angeles.

## Mary Weiss

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Weiss was held in the Noble chapel, San Fernando, Wednesday morning, Sept. 1924, conducted by the Rev. F. W. Wilman, assisted by Rev. W. H. Evans. Others attending the services from Newhall were: Mrs Agnes Taylor Mrs J. T. Gifford, Mrs A. H. Wilkie, Mrs P. J. Coyle and Mrs Mabel Taylor.

Miss Weiss was connected with the Presbyterian church, and was the first secretary of the Newhall Ladies' Aid Society. She moved to San Fernando about six years ago.

## Happy Valley Wedding Bells

The fine new home of Charles W. Ray in Happy Valley was the scene of a beautiful home wedding Thursday evening, when Mr. Ray and Miss Margarete H. Conrad, of Los Angeles were united in marriage, the Rev. W. H. Evans officiating. A large number of relatives witnessed the ceremony which took place under a canopy trimmed with ferns and flowers. Delicious refreshments were served, after which the happy couple departed for San Diego on their wedding trip.

Mrs S. L. Curtis of Safford, Arizona, is visiting her son, W. N. Curtis.



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The Maine election establishes the one fact that close observers have believed for some time, namely: that the democratic candidate for president is at least second in the race. There is no test of the LaFollette strength in Maine, but indications from other points are that he is far ahead of Davis. One gratifying fact from Maine is the emphatic repudiation of the League of Nations advocate for Senator.

There are some peculiar and at the same time highly important questions before the American people today, and some of them are full of danger to our national life. One of the most important of these is that of so-called militarism and its opposite question of so-called pacifism. Neither term is to my mind correct, for I much doubt if there are any either soldiers or civilians who really believe in aggressive warfare without reason, or in absolute non-resistance under all circumstances. But there are many who in their fear of war and endeavor to find a remedy are apt to forget some important facts, in their study of the question, and come to wrong conclusions. They are apt to forget that for two thousand years the rule of selfishness has continuously warred against the forces of peace, and but for the sturdy resistance of the lovers of the right, would have put

the world back to the depths of savagery, from whence it has been raised. We may come to the time when our government's power will be exerted on behalf of wrong, but I believe that time has not yet come. It would be ideal if the whole world would talk only in terms of peace. But human selfishness is strong in the world, and the only successful resistance so far in the struggle against armed injustice is armed national resistance to oppression. Beyond this, we should all be pacifists. But in a war to resist oppression all should be patriots. Any other rule will result in national extinction. A. B. T.

Smith and Nelson having proved the utmost capacity of the airplane as now constructed, it is up to the engineers and inventors to improve the machine enough to enable a flyer to go nearly straight around, and to carry fairly heavy load. And they owe it to those brave flyers to see their pioneer trip has not been in vain. A flight that gives American aviation its rightful place at the top, should be made one of a series of record events and efforts to keep America in the lead, and best of all it is incumbent on American aviators to make the service the most useful and reliable of any. Smith and Nelson will from now on be authorities on aviation, and they are certainly deserving of the honor and distinction they are sure to attain.

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**Dots and Dashes.**

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<sup>cell</sup> A Lane left Wednesday on a business trip to Boston, Massachusetts, his old home. He expects to be gone until about November.

Mrs R. R. Thompson visited relatives and friends in Los Angeles a few days this week.

A representative of the Pan-American Oil Company was in Newhall Monday. It was understood the objective of his visit was near Saugus.

"Admission Day" was observed Tuesday by the closing of the bank for the day. There was no observance so far as known.

"No Hunting" signs for sale at this office.

McPeck & Anderson have been in charge of the Pleasant Cafe but a short time, but in that time have made it known to the public as one of the neatest, cleanest and best eating places on the road. It is certainly a pleasant place to eat and merits the best of success.

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An item overlooked last week was the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Long from Verona, Pennsylvania, for a visit at the John Shaffer home on the Clampitt Oil field.

Mrs. Bowman of Happy Valley, won two prizes on Ford day at San Fernando last week, as the mother with the largest family driving her own car. Mrs. Bowman and her six sons constituted the load, and the prizes were a 50 pound sack of flour and a 12 pound ham.

**NOTICE**

Strayed to my ranch at Lang, Calif. Aug. 26 1924, small Jersey bull. Owner can have same by paying for his keep and this ad.

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Mrs Adele Urfer has returned after spending two weeks with her sister in Oaklane.

Mr and Mrs F C Clark left Wednesday for a two weeks vacation at Pismo and El Capitan.

Mr and Mrs L B Taylor returned Sunday from a trip to San Francisco and the Bay district. They spent three days at the State Fair and during their trip home visited the Fd Harts at King City.

A bunch of San Fernando boosters with decorated cars and lots of noise making apparatus passed thru town Thursday, advertising their Merchants Exposition which takes place Sept. 22-27.

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<sup>cell</sup> **Saugus Items**

Sammy Haskell, son of Fred Haskell left for Stockton Monday nite, where he will attend school. He will live with his aunts, Mrs D. C. Moss and Mrs Harriett Maenider.

Mr and Mrs A. R. Culver spent the week end with relatives in Santa Ana.

Mr and Mrs L. V. Chacanaca and Mrs Anna Helvey left Sunday for a week's outing at Pismo Beach.

Saugus Well No. 1 being drilled by the Union Oil Co. located one mile north of Saugus is going right along.

The Associated Oil Company has leased land from the Newhall Land Co. and will commence work at once. This lease is west of Castaic about two miles.

Friends of Mrs Penhorwood are glad to see her out again after a ten day siege of the La Grippe.

The Saugus school is having a thorough dressing up for the opening day, next Monday, Sept. 15.

Agricultural representatives from Chambers of Commerce by the nine Southern California counties, at a meeting called by the advisory council of the Los Angeles Chamber, Friday, August 29, strongly endorsed the Division of Subtropical Horticulture from Berkeley to the Southern Branch of the University. This is in line with the policy of consolidation and universal development as recommended by the Governor's Commission of Seven which investigated the status of colleges of agriculture throughout the East and Canada. This Commission was headed by A. C. Hardison of Santa Paula, State Farm Bureau president, who attended the meeting Friday and strongly urged the action taken. The Division of Subtropical Horticulture has never been satisfactory as conducted at Berkeley. Members of the faculty of this Division have long urged that it be transferred to the south.

**The Jin-Jer Jar**

Joseph Aloysius Diller  
Used a quart of 'old rye' as a "filler"  
Sixty miles to the hour—  
Met a man with a star—  
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# "NEEDLES"

from a Whispering Pine

Edited by THORNTON DOELLE

Santa Barbara National Forest, Ridge Road Division.

## Good Timber

(Author Unknown)

The tree that never had to fight  
For sun and sky and air and light,  
'That stood out in the open plain  
And always got its share of rain,  
Never became a forest king,  
But lived and died a scrubby thing,  
The man who never had to toil  
To heaven from the common soil,  
Who never had to earn his share  
Of sun and sky and light and air,  
Never became a manly man  
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease;  
The stronger wind the tougher trees,  
The farther sky, the greater length,  
The more the storm the more the strength.

By sun and cold, by rain and snows,  
In tree or man good timber grows.

Where thickest stands the forest growth,  
We find the patriarchs of both;  
And they hold converse with the stars  
Whose broken branches show the scars.

Of many winds and much of strife,  
This is the Common Law of Life.

Albert W. Prewitt, whose body was recently found by the police near Torrance, and who is said to have been murdered several months ago, was formerly owner and manager of the Prewitt Publishing Co., of Fresno.

The editor of "Needles" was foreman of Mr. Prewitt's job printing plant in the northern city for several years and has worked hand in hand with his employer in the editing of "The Pacific Planter," the first farm paper ever published in Central California.

When "The Pink Sheet" was first published in Fresno, the "Needles" editor was its "daddy" and the kindly influence and suggestions of Mr. Prewitt were often reflected in its editorial columns.

It is hard to think of Mr. Prewitt as a victim of murders, for he was very considerate of his fellowmen, doing a great deal of good for others, often to his own disadvantage.

Mr. Prewitt was one of the first members of the Masonic Lodge of Philip, South Dakota and was at one time postmaster of that city. He came to Los Angeles from Fresno, several years ago and established a printing plant on Vernon Avenue, near the family home.

A person has to be an astronomer these days to drive a car among all the Moons and Stars.

More than a thousand fires in the national forests of California from January 1st to date. And this is the critical month. We may expect some

very serious conflagrations during September, even with the Forest Service doing its utmost to prevent them. It is everyone's duty to co-operate in every way to keep the "red plague" down to the lowest possible minimum.

Draining the trunk case of an automobile on the highway, is a very dangerous practice and punishable by a heavy fine. It is extremely difficult to "ride" oil spattered on a paved boulevard, especially with a motorcycle. As one proof of this statement, we cite the case of one of the Ridge Road motor police, who recently ran thru some oil drained on the highway about a mile south of the National Forest Inn. The machine skidded and the officer was thrown to the pavement. Aside from being knocked unconscious, he received painful sprains and head lacerations. We feel sure that the first person this particular officer catches draining a crank case on the highway, will be especially sorry he ever tried it.

Captain Cannon, head of the County motorcycle police, is to be congratulated for detailing several of his men to night duty on the Ridge, recently. The two officers assigned to this work have been doing a heap lately in enforcing the headlight and speed laws. More power to them. We trust Captain Cannon will keep the good work up. There is work for a detail of four men on the Ridge constantly, two for the day time and two at night. There is no reason why the public shouldn't get this protection 365 days out of the year. We believe if Captain Cannon could himself spend a couple of 24-hour days on the Ridge, he would realize that we are talking from actual observation of existing conditions.

All Forest Service "special use" cabin sites at Hughes Lake have been taken up. Nothing further is available in that particular locality except a few choice lots belonging to Clarence Austin. Hughes Lake gives every promise of being a real live community in a few months to come and people who get in on the ground floor will never regret it.

All the prizes in the world, red and blue ribbons included, for highest honors in dampfoolishness, go to the dizzy headed "Ridge racers," who drive the grade at 30 to 40 miles an hour, pass one another on blind curves, attempt to drive the curves while drunk and think that one headlight is plenty.

After a wild four-mile chase down the Ridge, Margarita Carillo was arrested September 4 by a forest

officer, for leaving a camp fire unextinguished near National Forest Inn.

### SIGN ON BACK OF FORD

Miracles sometimes happen. I may get there!

Speaking of animal tamers, we have a few of them up here at National Forest Inn. Frank Lambert, one of the proprietors of the establishment, doesn't even bar "wild cats." He should worry how catty they are.

Twelve more Edison men joined the regular crew at the National Forest Inn camp Monday, bringing the total number of "live wires" up to thirty-five. A finer collection of real "hem-men" would be hard to find, every one a real red-blooded American, from the ground up. Time doesn't get a chance to drag with a bunch of Edison boys around. One is always safe in betting his old straw hat on that! Hold 'er Newt!

Dewey Southard, of Los Angeles, driving a Ford roadster, in attempting to pass a truck on the highway, two miles below National Forest Inn, Sunday, was hit by a second truck, northbound, and knocked thru a guard fence. The Ford was badly demolished. Southard escaped with minor injuries. He admitted traveling at a high rate of speed and was trying to pass a truck on a blind curve.

Another "crazy Ridge racer" brot in on a dolly! Some day they'll learn.

To avoid hitting a Ford Coupe, a Lang Transportation Co. truck ran in on a fruit truck, about one mile north of National Forest Inn, Sept. 8th. The Lang truck was loaded heavy and seriously crippled the fruit truck. G. A. Waddell, a police officer of Central station, Los Angeles, who was operating the coupe, tried to pass the fruit truck on a blind curve. The Lang truck

turned into the fruit truck to avoid a head-on collision with the lighter car.

**FOREST FIRES** in the National Forests of California, up to August 20, 1924, numbered 1,168 with a total burned over area of 404,768 acres. The total cost of fighting these fires was \$424,500. Of all the fires that started, 47 per cent were caused by smokers and campers. Is it any wonder that the Forest Service is "clamping the lid on," and closing hazardous fire areas?

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Sever the hate that sears the soul.  
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LESLIE WRIGHT, Soledad Division, Lang  
ELI MUNZ, Elizabeth Lake Division  
THORNTON DOELLE, Ridge Road Division,  
National Forest Inn  
Piri-Creek Division, Co-operative Protection

Free camp fire permits for this district may be secured from any of the above forest officers or from any authorized National Forest agent.

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1420  
Blue  
line





## Mint Canyon Juleps

Mrs Veta Geddes of Los Angeles and instructress in the University of California was the guest of her brother Earl Gardner and family over Sunday.

Mr and Mrs John O'Connor and the latter's mother, Mrs Councilman, all of Los Angeles enjoyed the week end at their ranch located near the famous "Vasquez Rocks."

Had Mr and Mrs William Heim registered as such on Ford day at San Fernando, they would have received first prize as the oldest couple driving a Ford, in addition to the one they got as owners of the second oldest Ford, as heretofore stated in the Signal.

The doors of the new school house were swung open for the first time last Monday to admit pupils of the district. Mrs Glen A. Wright is instructress.

This is the last call for your presence at the big benefit dance for Mint Canyon school, located 10 1/2 miles from Saugus on the Mint Canyon boulevard. Dorris Johnson will furnish that peppy music for which he is well known. Everybody is invited to come and try the new floor on Saturday night Sept. 13. We have not forgotten your generous patronage at our first benefit, so our confidence in you is full. Everybody welcome. Sat. night, Sept. 13, '24. Thank you.

Mr and Mrs G. A. Wright had as their guests over Sunday, Mr and Mrs Ruben Stephens of Palmo and Mr and Mrs Leo Lewis of Los Angeles. The ladies were college chums of Mrs Wright.

Miss Lucy Meissner of Hollywood is spending some time with friends in Mint.

Mr and Mrs Ray Walters and Master Jean enjoyed Admission Day at the Prickett home in Sterling.

Mrs Laura Brown of Los Angeles, Mrs Louis Mannaugh of Graham, accompanied by her house guest, Mrs Bean of Maryville and Mrs E. Hilton of Glendale, were luncheon guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs F. A. Wright.

Operations have been resumed on the oil well located on the Hilton lease.

C. A. Tegler and family of San Pedro were visitors at the home of relatives on Admission Day.

The corner stone of the new club house at LaJoya Lodge was laid last Sunday. The fire did not do as much damage at th's popular lodge as was first reported. Plans for an 18 hole golf course are being consummated.

A. E. Tysall our efficient mail carrier returned to his post of duty after a two weeks' vacation spent in the Sequoia National Park.

Odell W. Petty of Fullerton and Miss Billie Clark of Anaheim were guests of relatives in Mint and Soledad, Tuesday.

The H. W. Balestier place was the popular resort last Sunday for many picnic parties.



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## LOVE IN THE CLUB'S COMMITTEE

By IANE OSBORN

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There were thirty-one members of the Oakwood Players' club and only eight parts in the play they decided to perform for the benefit of the Oakwood Day Nursery. The remaining twenty-three, not wishing to be entirely out of the activities that furnished Oakwood with such a pleasant deal of amusement every evening, were assigned to all sorts of duties. In fact, everything that could possibly be done in connection with the giving of an amateur performance was spun out to provide occupation for the various members not given a part in the cast of eight. Young Doctor Walker and Tom Yates, promising lawyer, were ushers, a dignified professor was assigned the duty of passing glasses of cold water during the performance, the rich and round Mrs. Henslet was given supervision of the lights behind the stage—a good sedentary job for one of her proportions.

"And I think you and Tom Benham," the president of the little club—the genial Lan Mason—informed Maud Fay at the country club, one afternoon—"your jobs is to provide the furnishings for the different scenes. The first is a garden scene. Of course, the only furniture that we'll need—aside from the actual scenery—will be a bench or so, a chair, or something of that sort. Then there is a scene on a desert island—likewise merely a mat for the scenery and then the just act, which represents a homelike living room—open fireplace, easy chairs, books, cheerful hangings, etc. That's your job. You'll have ten dollars to buy things for that scene. The rest you will have to beg, borrow, or steal."

"But aren't we to have any definite instructions—opinion differs so as to what constitutes a cheerful living room! My own taste is rather decided," Maud told him.

"It wouldn't be any good if it wasn't," said Len. "Go ahead with your own ideas as far as Tom Benham will let you. You'll make a good pair on a job like that. You're awfully artistic and all that—and Tom is just an average. A lot depends on the effect of that living room, so do your darndest."

Tom Benham and Maud Fay met shortly thereafter in the frigidly correct Fay drawing room. Although Maud Fay and Tom Benham had "played around" with the same crowd there in Oakwood and regarded themselves as quite well acquainted, this was the first time that Tom had ever called on Maud.

"Of course we don't want to have anything like this," Tom said, waving his hand to indicate the Fay drawing room. "This is much too magnificent—you know what I mean?"

"Oh, of course," agreed Maud, eyes sparkling with eagerness. "You know I've quite set my heart on having cream walls with hand-blocked, flowered chintz at the windows—and a window-box of geraniums, and—"

"Hold on," warned Tom, wondering why he had never noticed the mellow sweetness of Maud's voice. "We've only got ten dollars to spend. Hand-blocked chintz costs dollars a yard—and it isn't likely we can borrow any curtains that will just fit."

The discussion continued. At the end of thirty minutes Tom Benham had come to several conclusions. One was that Maud Fay was a much more attractive girl in her own home than

she had ever appeared to be elsewhere. Likewise she had wonderfully good taste with regard to homelike living rooms. It was a great shame that she had to languish there in the Fay drawing room, obviously the work of an interior decorator, when she had such excellent ideas on the subject. Moreover, Tom concluded, her taste was very much like his own. They had agreed that in order to get the various necessities for the scene they ought to go shopping. The following Saturday had been planned for the time to squander the ten dollars appropriated by the club. It must be spent very carefully, much more thoughtfully than if the sum were their own. Maud had agreed to come to town and a little hesitatingly, to have luncheon with Tom before going on their shopping tour. "We can talk things over at luncheon and so save time," she assured herself and Tom.

So on the following afternoon they shopped. They looked at several shops for hand-blocked, flowered chintz, and settled on one that filled both Tom and Maud with delight. It was, however, four dollars a yard. At least sixteen yards would be needed.

"Hang it all," said Tom. "we've got to have it. It will make all the difference in the world." He took out his wallet and extracted therefrom several ten-dollar bills—until he had covered the price of sixty-four dollars that the chintz would cost. "I can use it afterwards in my room," he excused. In passing down the street Maud's attention was attracted to a lamp with a charmingly colored shade in a shop window. She stopped suddenly. "Wait," she commanded Tom. "There is the lamp that would make the living room perfect. It's just the sort of lamp I'd like in my own living room."

"That's great," agreed Tom. "It's exactly the sort of lamp I'd want, too. Funny how we seem to agree."

Maud led the way into the store, learned that the lamp plus the shade cost only thirty dollars, and before Tom could protest had ordered and paid for it with a check made out on the spot.

Gradually, in one way or another, the furnishings of that living room were collected. Both Tom and Maud had spent rather more than a hundred dollars each on little details for its perfection. The furniture itself they had been able to have lent to them by a furniture concern. And this furniture had not been selected until after due and deliberate consideration. It was exactly what Maud would want for her own house.

The night of the rehearsal and the nights of the two performances of the play Maud and Tom acted as scene shifters for the first act, so anxious were they that everything should be placed correctly in this living room scene that had caused them so much concern.

Everyone exclaimed with enthusiasm about that room. "How in the world," asked Lan's wife, "could they get all that for ten dollars?"

"Tom bought some of the things," Maud said, and Tom said that Maud had supplied more than he had.

"What in the world did you do that for?" Lan's wife asked. "What can you do with chintz curtains and things now? It would never do for your house, Maud, and hardly for your bachelor bedroom at the boarding house, Tom."

Neither Tom nor Maud volunteered an answer, at least not then.

On the way home in Tom's car that night they carried the lamp and the chintz curtains, tenderly folded. Several other bits of furnishings had been left at the clubhouse to be gathered up.

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"It's too bad that wasn't a real room," said Tom. "I mean after we'd gone to all that trouble and everything it's too bad it had to be broken up so soon."

"Yes," said Maud; "but, after all, it probably didn't appeal to anyone just as it did to us. It's the kind of living room we'd like, but—"

Tom looked at Maud as ingeniously as was possible while he drove the car and carried the lamp and while she was in partial eclipse by chintz curtains. "Maud," he said solemnly, "it is our living room. It's the living room we could have in our house—if—if you'd marry me. We must be tremendously congenial, and goodness knows I love you—"

"Why, Tom?" said Maud from behind her curtains, "why didn't you tell me so? I had an idea you couldn't stand me—"

"Tell you so?" Tom had interrupted. "I'm telling you now—but don't let's talk about it any more now, or I'll run into a lamppost and smash this precious lamp."

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