## PRUDENCE

of the PARSONAGE

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THE TWINS TRY TO EM-BARRASS FAIRY WITH SOME PRACTICAL JOK-ING WHEN HER BEAU COMES TO VISIT HER.

Mr. Starr is a widower Methodist minister with five charming daughters. Prudence, the eldest is nineteen. She keeps house. Fairy, aged seventeen, is a college freshman. Carol and Lark, twins, are in high school, and Constance is in the grades. Mr. Stark is assigned to the congregation at Mount Mark, la., and the advent and establishment of his interesting family in the parsonage there stirs the curiosity of the whole town. The story concerns the affairs of the parsonage girls. Prudence has her hands full with the mischievous twins and Connie. Fairy has just announced that her beau is coming to spend the evening. The twins decide to have some fun, and have made their plans accordingly.

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As soon as they finished supper Lark said, "Don't you think we'd better go they are clean and shining."

"Oh. no," disclaimed Fairy, goodnaturedly. "I can give an extra rub enough. I do appreciate the thought, fresh disaster, came running out. though, thanks very much,"

So the twins plunged in, carefully keeping Connie beside them. Connie had a dismal propensity for discov-

Then they all three went to bed. To be sure it was ridiculously early, but they were all determined.

"You keep your eyes open, Fairy," Prudence whispered melodramatically. "Those girls do not look right," And she added anxiously. "Oh, I'll be so disappointed if things go badly."

Fairy was a little late getting upstairs to dress, but she took time to drop into her sisters' room. They were all in bed, breathing heavily. She walked from one to another, and her breathlessly. stood above them majestically.

"Asleep!" she cried. "Ah, fortune is kind. They are asleep. How I door. Then she opened it, and thrust love these darling little twinnies-in her curly head inside. "Wouldn't you their sleep!"

covers, and Fairy, smiling mischlevous- said, "Oh, yes, indeed, Prudence-this ly, went into the front room to prepare is so nice of you." for her caller.

The bell rang as she was dressing. Prudence went to the door, preternat- the steaming stew. He gasped, and urally ceremonious, and ushered Mr. Babler into the front room. She did with more haste than grace. Then he not observe that the young man sniffed in a peculiar manner as he entered Prodence tasted also. Prudence did

"Tell her she needn't primp for me," he answered, laughing. "I know But Fairy did not notice, just how she looks already."

But Prudence was too heavily burdened to laugh. She smiled hospitably, and closed the door upon him. Fairy was tripping down the stairs, her spoon with a great clatter, and had in the house for a long time. That She pinched her sister's arm as she she shrieked. "It is poisoned!" passed, and the front room door swung behind. But she did not greet laughed until his eyes were wet. Pruher friend. She stood erect by the door, her head tilted on one side. sniffing, sniffing.

"What in the world?" she wondered. Eugene Babler was strangely quiet. He looked about the room in a peculiar, questioning way.

"Shall I raise a window?" he suggested finally. "It's rather-er-hot in here."

"Yes, do," she urged. "Raise all of them. It's-do you-do you notice aa funny smell in here? Or am I imagining it? It-it almost makes me Bick !"

"Yes, there is a smell," he said, in evident relief. "I thought maybe you'd been cleaning the curpet with something. It's ghastly. Can't we go somewhere else?"

"Come on." She opened the door into the sitting room. "We're coming out here if you do not mind. Prue." And Fairy explained the difficulty. "Why, that's very strange," said

Prudence, knitting her brows. "I was in there right after supper, and I didn't notice anything. What does it smell like?"

"It's a new smell to me," laughed Fairy, "but something about it is strangely suggestive of our angel twins,

Prudence went to investigate, and Fairy shoved a big chair near the table, waving her hand toward it lightly with a smile at Babbie. Then she dence's eyes were wet, too, but not one arm on the table. She wrinkled think of her, after this? her forehead thoughtfully,

"That smell," she began. "I am dence?" demanded Fairy, very suspicious about it. It was not at all natural-"

ease for the first time in her knowlsleeve was coming out?" Fairy gasped and raised her arm.

flushed

Fairy was unruffled. She sought her ly work! sister, "Look here, Prue-what do "Revenge, ye gods, how sweet,"

to drop off at a second's notice! Pru- good nature could stand almost anydence was shocked. She grew posi- thing. Even this did not seriously tively white in the face.

"Not a bit of it," said Fairy coolly. milk, aren't you, Babble?" "I remember now that Lark was looking for the scissors before supper, scope with it, please. I want to ex-Aren't those twins unique? This is amine it for microbes before I taste." almost bordering on talent, isn't it? But Prudence did better than that, Don't look so distressed. Prue. Eti- She made some delicions cocos, and quette itself must be subservient to opened a can of pear preserves, donsttwins, it seems. Don't forget to bring ed to the parsonage by the amiable in the ste - at a quarter past nine, and Mrs. Adams. The twins were very have it as good as possible-please, fond of peur preserves, and had been

use cream. Oh, those horrible twins i" | were doomed to disappointment! The come down, won't you?" And Fairy all, and their laughter rang out so in it.

ran lightly up the stairs, humming a Joften and so unrestrainedly that the

But Prudence did a poor job of en- and disappointment. tertaining Babble during her sister's right to bed, Prue? We don't want absence. She felt really dizzy! Such Babble, and the attractions of Fairy to faint the atmosphere of the par- a way to introduce Etiquette into the that he came to the parsonage again sonage. Of course Fairy will want to parsonage life. She was glad to make and again. In time he became the wash the dishes herself to make sure her escape from the room when Fairy best of friends with the twins them returned, a graceful figure in fine blue

A little after nine she called out to the ones we want to use-that is dismally, "Fairy!" And Fairy, fearing them by Prudence rankled in their "What now? What-"

eries-the twins had often suffered piping hot-but what is it you want must do all of her bedroom work, and ne to say?"

like. It doesn't make any difference do every bit of her darning!" what you say,"

What was it you said?"

culty, and said in a low voice, "Wouldn't you like a nice, hot oyster stew?" Prudence repeated it after

So Fairy returned once more, and soon after Prudence tapped on the like p little nice, hot oyster stew?" An audible sniff from beneath the she chirped methodically. And Fairy

The three gathered sociably about the table. Babble was first to taste gulped, and swallowed some water toyed idly with spoon and wafer until not gasp. She did not cry out. She "I'll call Fairy," she said demurely. looked up at her sister with wide eyes -a world of pathos in the glance,

"Now, please do not ask me to talk until I have finished my soup," she was raying brightly.

Then she tasted it! She dropped very tall, very handsome, very gay. jumped up from the table. "Mercy!" is true. And I made this fudge on pur-Babbie leaned back in his chair and



"Yes, There Is a Smell," He Said.

sank into a low rocker, and leaned from laughter! What would etiquette pressure. The Medical Record quotes

"What did you do to this soup, Pru-"I made it-nothing else," faltered

poor Prudence, quite crushed by this "Excuse me, Fairy," he said, ill at blow. And oysters forty cents a pint! "It's pepper, I think," gasped Babedge of him. "Did you know your bie. "My insides bear startling testimony to the presence of pepper."

And he roared again, while Prudence "Both arms, apparently," he con- began a critical examination of the tinued, smiling, but his face was oysters. She found them literally stuffed with pepper; there was no "Excuse me just a minute, will you?" doubt of it. The twins had done dead-

you make of this? I'm coming to chanted Fairy. "The twins are get- eat fruits and vegetables on certain pieces! I'm hanging by a single thread, ting even with a vengeance—the same twins you said were adorable, Babbie." Her sleeves were undoubtedly ready It must be said for Fairy that her disturb her. "Do you suppose you can "Oh, Fairy," she walled. "We are find us some milk, Prue? And crackers! I'm so fond of crackers and

"Oh, I adore it. But serve a microlooking forward to eating these on "I will," vowed Prudence, "Til-I'll their approaching birthday. They

twins shook in their beds with rage

It speaks well for the courage of selves, but he always called them "the dorables," and they never asked him why. The punishment inflicted upon memories for many months.

"The offense was against Fairy," "I forget what you told me to say," said Prudence, with a solemnity she whispered Prudence wretchedly, did not feel, "and the reparation must what was it? The soup is ready, and be done to her. For three weeks you run every errand she requires. More Fairy screamed with laughter. "You over, you must keep her shoes wel goose!" she cried. "Say anything you cleaned and nicely polished, and must

The twins would have preferred "Oh, I am determined to do my part whipping a thousand times. They felt ust right," vowed Prudence fervent- they had got a whipping's worth of ly, "according to effquette and all, pleasure out of their mischief! But a punishment like this sat heavily upon Fairy stifled her laughter with diffi- their proud young shoulders, and from that time on they beld Fairy practi cally immune from their pranks.

Prudence did not bother her head about etiquette after that experience "I'm strong for comfort," she declared "and since the two cannot live together in one family, I say we do without etiquette."

And Fairy nodded in agreement, miling good-naturedly.

Practicing Economy. It was a dull day early in December. Prudence and Fairy were sewing in the bay window of the sitting

CHAPTER VI.

"We must be sure to have all the scraps out of the way before Connie gets home," said Prudence, carefully fitting together pieces of a dark, warm, furry material. "It has been so long since father wore this coat, I am sure she will not recognize it."

"But she will ask where we got it, and what shall we say?"

pose to distract her attention. Poor child!" she added very sympathetically. "Her heart is just set on a brandnew coat. I know she will be bitterly disappointed. If the members would just pay up we could get her one. November and December are such bad months for parsonage people. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas now. and forgets that parsonage people need Christmus money, too."

Fairy took a pin from her mouth. "I have honestly been ashamed of Connie the last few Sundays. It was so cold, and she wore only that little thin sum-

There are a lot o. us careless about providing for the preacher and his family. Some of us seem to forget that his needs are just as real and urgent as our own. Are you prompt with your tithes?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

MANY CAUSES OF HEADACHE

Sufferer From Annoying Complaint Can Generally Make Correct Diagnosis of His Particular Case.

Early morning headaches may be due to many causes-eye strain, kidsmoking, overeating of proteins, excessive mental labor or too high blood yard is not, however, recommended tor Renon, which extended over 13 years, and in which he found in many cases excessively high blood tension,

so severe that they unfit the sufferer sary, with only the necessary for see- afford to take part in the competition for work, it is generally found that his ling that the hive is placed with an and there is a certain air of distinction heart is enlarged and his kidneys are affected. Such cases often speedily terminate fatally, but intensive treatment will alleviate the symptoms. The Medical Record says coal-tar derivatives and tobacco must be shut off. The patient must have mental rest; he must go on a purely milk diet for at least a week, after which he may days for two weeks more. A light, low protein regimen follows for sev-

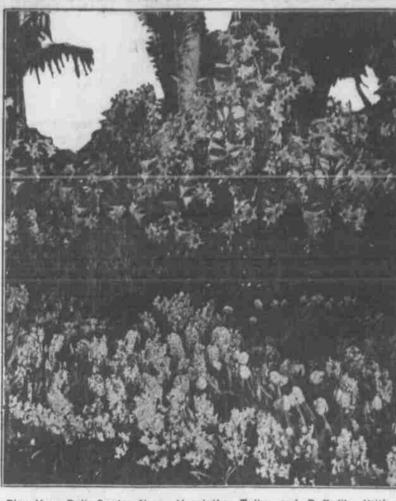
Sounded Like It. Clergyman-You ought to get work, my friend. Satan finds employment for idle hands. Hobo-Yer not suggestin' dat I ge

ter the devil, are yer?-Boston Evening Transcript. Neutral Question High-There's Frent Scads over

last year. Lows-Honestle? Righ-I don't know; but he made it.—The Lumb.

there. He made a million in the street

It is better to be able to turn your "Go in and entertain Babble till I three had a merry little feast, after hand to anything than to put your foot TO KEEP YOUTHFUL MOTHER! LOOK AT Flowers and Shrubbery - Their Care and Cultivation



Plan Your Bulb Garden Now. Hyacinths, Tulips and Daffodils, With a Background of Lilies Makes an Effective Arrangement.

PLANNING THE BULB BEDS

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN There is no more profitable pastime for the winter days and nights than the planning of the bulb beds that are to come with the new season. Everyone knows just how large a place in the lawn the beds can have. There is no question as to the location of the beds. Why not plan an arrangement that will make your beds attract attention as the distinctive work of a person of

First, measure your lawn space and decide how many beds you will have. Then take a sheet of paper and lay off on it the entire lawn and draw into it a number of designs. The more you practice making drawings for the beds the easier it will become and the more apt you are to get something that will make the passers pause to admire not only the flowers but the genius of their arrangement. Hyacinths, tulips and daffodils, with a background of lilles, makes a fine combination. There is no limit to the number of designs and arrangements that can be made, and every shape and angle known to the geometry can be utilized in the plans.

As an item of home pleasure and instruction some slight regard might be offered to the children for the brightest suggestions. It will create a new interest among them in the flowers and will prove of material value as well as having educational elements.

There are so few things about the management and making of a home where the children ever get a chance to take a hand in suggesting work that they usually like the dignity of being consulted.

THE BEE AS A GARDEN AID

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN. All persons who are interested in

the garden should study the question of keeping bees. The relationship of the bee to the culture of flowers, fruits mer jacket. She must have been half and vegetables is so important that it ought to have much more attention than is usually given to it. I do not know anything that is of more moment than an intelligent understanding of the bee question.

They not only fertilize, but they serve to produce. It is not by any means necessary to start the keeping of bees upon a large scale. One may make a start with one or two colonies and from the beginning can ascertain whether or not the project is going to Tchigantus class. find favor.

As a rule it is better to buy in frame not important the box hives may be to offer little for the person with the taken and the new owner will soon small garden because of the care and learn to transfer the bees without the amount of outlay that seems to be trouble.

It is even possible to keep a few it. colonies in the backyard of a city home opening at a window or through a hole in being an exhibitor in this class.

in the wall that will permit the free novement of the bees.

Among those who have had experience in bee raising in connection with farm and garden work the Italian bee is preferred. But the fact that black bees are only available need not offer any obstacle. If an Italian queen is procured and placed in the black hive she will transform the black colony into Italians in such a short space of time that one will be surprised. Nature offers no other instance of the power of a queen as one finds in the ready handling of a strange hive by a queen who not only enforces her sway but impresses her characteristics upon her followers.

The use of the bees is not confined to pollinating flowers and vegetables. A couple of colonies will provide honey enough for the table and then leave ome for sale.

And it is not a difficult matter to learn how to handle bees. One soon learns how to treat them so as to have the minimum risk of stings. Another interesting thing is that the bee handler after a time becomes immune to a large extent from the effects of stings until a "bite" counts for less in the form of annoyance than the avwill not appear on the hand of the old-

Riere is some merit also attached

Purify Water in Lily Ponds.

To purify water in the lily ponds and to destroy insect life in it, slake fresh stone lime in water, making a liquid as for whitewash, then stir some of this into the water until it becomes thoroughly incorporated. If not effective add a little more. The lime must be fresh and sharp.

### A FLOWER OF THE RICH

Everyone of the recent flower shows in the East has been marked by the keen competition displayed among the wealthy patrons for awards in the

Much time, care and attention are rehives, but where the item of cost is in the culture of this plant. It seems necessary to get the best results with

Undoubtedly, it presents a rich apney trouble, dissipation, too much where they will not annoy the neigh- pearance and is worth all the care that bors. The keeping of bees in a city may be bestowed by those who possess the means, but most of the average excepting for the most enthusiastic readers will find something else in the some observations by the French Doc devotee and it had its obvious draw- garden that presents just as rich an backs that do not in any way apply aspect with less requirement of labor to the resident of the country, or to bring it to perfection. The chief even of the small town. There a bee reason why it is a society favorite is When the persistent headaches are colony may be kept in an attic if necest that only the best equipped places can



This is the Tchigantus, a Plant That Has Become the Fad of the Rich.

ALWAYS MIX WITH YOUR WORK A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PLAY.

New York Expert Physical Director Tells How to Avoid Growing Old -His Treatment for Tired Business Menz

An advocate of play as a prevention of old age is Dr. Louis R. Weizmiller, Side Young Men's Christian association, says Hawthorne Daniel in the World's Work.

"A man was in here just this morning," he said in answer to my question as to what he did to keep men young. "who is in the 'old man' class, and in years he is young. Let me see," and he looked at a card covered with data concerning the man in question. "He was born in '84. That makes him thirty-two, but he is as old as most men of fifty. With him it is overwork, most impossible to concentrate. When he starts along a certain line, when he wants to run along a single track, so to speak, he finds that his mind is continually turning switches that put him on to the sidetracks. I am going to make him play. I am going to make him play until he stays on the main line. I'll give him a medicine ball and teach him to become so interested in that ball that everything else is out

He stopped for a moment, and looked out on to the busy gymnasium floor. "Then some other men," he continued, "get into a rut and can't get of fungi. She knows more about mushout. Instead of being switched on to every sidetrack by their minds, they microscopic fungi which cause plant

are kept diligently at work on the main line. You have seen business men government service. Her writings on who could not forget their business. All the time their business problems the scientific libraries. Mrs. Patterare uppermost in their minds. When they come to me I make them play. hobby. When her husband died the get them interested in something else. "Did you ever see a filter cleaned by eversing the flow of water? The wa-

ter going in one direction leaves sediment behind it until the filter does not operate at it should. Then, when you reverse the flow, the sediment 'bolls out, and always you are surprised to ee how much was there. That's what play does. It reverses the flow, and it takes out of you all the grouchiness and worry. "When I find that I am getting short

and crusty in my answers to the boys round here, I go out and play handball. When I come back I feel younger. I believe that a man is as young as he acts. He grows old because he does old things. You must have noticed how the mother of a large family stays young when her husband grows old. believe the reason is that she plays young games with the children, while he sits with his newspaper and his troubles.'

The Armenians.

The New International Encyclopedia erage mosquito sting. After a time says: "By language the Armenians, the swelling that follows a bee sting or, as they call themselves, Haik, are entitled to rank as a very old branch of the Aryan stock, in some respects intermediate between the Arvans of by tradition, whether correctly or not | Europe and the Aryan peoples of mid-I shall not attempt to discuss, to the die Asia. Physically also they are of sting of bees. One of the ancient ideas a primitive type, short and thickset, is that rheumatism may be cured by dark-skinned, and of exaggerated submitting to the gentle attentions of brachycephalism, in part artificially the bees. But my mission is to aid in induced. They are thought to be rethe culture of flowers and in the suc- lated, on the one hand, to the 'Alpine' cess of gardens and does not even stock of Europe, and on the other to remotely lead to the practice of medi- the Galtchas, etc., of central Asia. rine, even in the most incidental form. They inhabited in early prehistoric times a considerable portion of Asia Minor, and have contributed to, or borrowed from, Aryans of other types. Semites, Caucasic peoples, and later intruding Europeans and Turks. Prof. F. von Luschan (1911) is of opinion that the modern Armenians are the Brooklyn, Manhattan, Delancey street descendants of the pre-Semitic popu- and Queensboro spans, among the lation of the region, whom he identifies greatest in the world, represent, with with the old Hittites. He also believes the real estate requisite for their apthat from this same Armenold race proaches, an investment by the municicame the so-called 'Alpine race' of Europe."

Women Win In Russia

Moscow university, the oldest and most authoritative university in the empire, has ever kept its doors fast against feminine ingress. Now, at last, this barrier has been swept away, quired to get in the blue ribbon class and the Russian ministry of education and the faculty council of the university have announced that hereafter women will be admitted in full equality with the men, in all courses,

The faculty council, in providing forthis new arrangement, has stipulated that the woman students desiring to matriculate into the university, must do so by examinations held in the boys' gymnasia. The gymnasia, in Russla, cover the curriculums undergone in America by the high school and the freshman and sophomore years of col-

The women's institutes are not as rigid as the gymnasia, and it is for mands that the women be put on absolutely the same standard as the surrounding skin.

Poisoned Eggs for Snakes.

An inquiry recently received by the poultry department of the University of Missouri states that the writer had found a snake swallowing an egg in the henhouse and had killed others near, but that eggs continue to disappear both at night and in the daytime, and asked how to poison eggs so as to kill the snakes. Prof. H. L. Kempster replied: "Insert a few grains of arsenic through a small hole in the large end of each egg or get your druggist to do it for you. Be very careful that each egg is so marked that it cannot possibly be gathered up by mistake and sold or used on the table. It must be placed where the snakes can reach it readily, but where the egg-eating hen cannot touch it, even by poking her head through a small opening and reaching as far as she can."

Like a Miracle. Willis-I took up golf to reduce. Gillis-Did you succeed? Willis-Yes, I reduced my bank account, my hours at the office and my reputation for veracity.-Puck,

# CHILD'S TONGLIF

If cross, feverish, constinated give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick chits tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with physical director of New York's West | waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't est heartly, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's allment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorresulting in 'nerves.' He finds it allough "inside cleansing" is offtimes all that is necessary. It should be the first trentment given in any sickness. Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

> Authority on Mushrooms. Mrs. Flora W. Patterson of Washington, D. C., will never die of eating a toadstool thinking it is a mushroom. Mrs. Patterson is a government scientist whose specialty is a knowledge rooms and tondstools, as well as the diseases, than any other person in the the subject are the standard works in son began the study of fungi as a government offered her a place in which she could use her special knowldge for the public good. Her studes of the fungous diseases of plants

#### 64 YEARS YOUNG!

have had an important effect upon

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man, who says that freezone dries in this reason that the university de- a moment, and simply shrivels up the corn or callus without irritating the If your druggist hasn't any freezone

corns was introduced by a Cincinnati

tell him to order a small bottle from his wholesale drug house for you.-adv. Must Be Profane.

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Just How. "The world is getting actually mo-

"Yes, and guto-matically."

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an duty and the other 23 off.