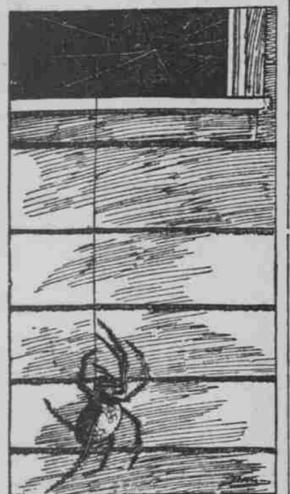


# INSTRUCTION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMBINED JUDICIOUSLY

## THE FLAW IN THE WEB

By... Alberta Platt

ONCE upon a time there was a spider that grew tired of spinning his web in the dark, dusty corner of the old attic and decided to adopt the outdoor life. Whether, at that time or in that place,



THE SPIDER LOWERS HIMSELF TO THE GROUND.

open air residences were unpopular with the spider race I am not prepared to say, but when he announced his intention to his relatives they were very much shocked.

"Be a gypsy just like those big green moths that fly about at all hours! It is perfectly horrid."

But the little spider was used to shocking his relatives. He didn't mind. "You'll catch your death of cold," suggested the spider who spun in the chimney corner.

As the weather was sultry this was an extremely pleasant thought. "If you live outdoors where there are no flies or mosquitoes or other insects, how can you expect to make a living?" triumphantly queried a third.



THE SPIDER WENT TO WORK.

"Till hustle for it," declared the little rebel, and forthwith he prepared to hustle out of the attic window as fast as his eight lively legs would carry

him while all his relatives groaned aloud. It was a lovely moonlight night, and one of the first things that Master Spider noticed was that there were a great many more mosquitoes outdoors than in. That there was nothing wrong with their flavor he proved in short order by gobbling a particularly large and clumsy one.

To reach the garden that spread its wealth of cool foliage and glowing flowers around the great rambling old house that contained the attic, he spun a long, silken strand by means of which he lowered himself to the ground. This was a most exciting experience for a spider that had always lived in an attic. He was somewhat dazed when he found that the plants formed quite a wilderness, but finally he found a location that suited him. It was out beyond the garden in a patch of red clover. This field appealed to him be-

cause a friendly gypsy moth told him that many insects visited the clover blossoms during the day. He had used up some of the silk in his spinnerets in making the journey, but there was still enough material to make a web, and so he went to work constructing one in the angle formed by the branches of a low weed. Some of his neighbors came out to watch him, and their comments on his work were rather disconcerting.

"Did you ever see such an untidy web?" commented the orb web weaver, who made beautifully symmetrical traps that looked just like a silken wheel. "Never, indeed," retorted the triangle spider, whose pride was great because of his knowledge of woodland geometry. "If he would only add a few decorative touches," the simple curled thread weaver said to his geometrical cousin. The curled thread weavers never spin simple strands like the other spiders, but overlay the framework of their webs with bands of curled or fluffed combs attached to their hind legs and are able to make some elaborate designs in spider lace work.

"Nothing comfortable about that," the funny web weaver granted disparagingly. "I like a cozy retreat for cold days and a shady one for sunny weather."

The little emigrant felt somewhat disconcerted. He had hoped for appreciation in the great beautiful world beneath the attic window, but he found it quite as unsympathetic as the little company in the chimney corner. However, most of the spiders soon had affairs of their own to take them elsewhere, and they did not remain long to criticize.

A fog drifted down from the river, a mist descended from the hills, a light rain descended from the sky. The raindrops made the web dance as though a hundred flies were becoming enmeshed in it, but the insect was abroad. They were too fastidious to fly about in the rain. Finally it began to pour, and away went the web under the strain of the downfall.

When the sun arose and the grass shone as if it had been wreathed with circles of diamonds, the little brown stranger's web lay low. The delicate structure had been washed down by the rain. The other spiders' webs were full of raindrop brilliants which the sun was rapidly drawing up to itself. "Ah, is it you?" the gossipy gypsy moth called as he flew home after a night of enforced seclusion in an uncongenial retreat. "You look rather down on your luck."

"I am," replied the adventurer sadly. "I haven't had a square meal since I left the attic."

"The trouble is you don't understand outdoor web spinning," the gypsy observed. "But keep up courage. Perhaps you'll learn some day. Just think, you are seeing the world!"



THE SPIDER FEASTS AT LAST.

bluebottle fly in that old web of yours by the window," the moth said tauntingly. "Well, I'm going right back to the attic," the spider announced firmly. His little spinnerets had been emptied of all their silk in making the ruined web, and he was unable to cast any cables across plants or float over the field and garden. Nothing but a good meal would fill them up, and he made the best of his way along the ground and up the side of the house. It took him many hours to make the journey, and when he reached the attic he was so tired that he fairly staggered to the corner where was the bluebottle fly. He gulped it down with a relish and

never after was content to spin his web in the hospitable chimney corner.

AN INTELLIGENT ELEPHANT. Edward Jesse was at one time surveyor of the royal parks and palaces in England, and at that time there was a certain large and friendly elephant in the London zoo, in which Mr. Jesse took considerable interest, and it was his custom to bring with him often some little delicacy for the elephant to eat.

Upon one occasion, he says, while feeding the elephant with potatoes, which the animal took from Mr. Jesse's hand, one of the potatoes, a round one, fell on the floor just out of reach of the elephant's trunk. The great beast leaped over against his wooden bar, put out his proboscis and tried to pick the potato up, but could not do so. He seemed daunted for a moment, but apparently made up his mind that the potato must be his, and after several further vain efforts he blew a tremendous blast at it through his trunk. The force of the blow sent the potato against the opposite wall with such force that on the rebound it came back to him, when he picked it up and swallowed it, blinking contentedly.



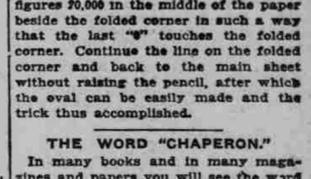
A SAD CASE.

"Alas," cried Betsy Bruin, "it's too bad! As far as I can see, no matter how many shoes I wear, Bear footed I'll still be!"

joyed these very much, he thought he would point a lesson. "Well, boys," he said, "I hope you have enjoyed your strawberries and cream."

"Yes, sir," was the answer in a loud chorus. "But suppose," he continued, "that instead of having been invited here, you had stolen over my garden wall and helped yourselves when no one was looking, you would not have enjoyed them half so much, would you?"

"No, sir," answered the chorus. "And why not?" To this there was no immediate response, but at length one small boy, rather bolder than the rest, piped out: "Cause we wouldn't have had no cream with 'em."



A TRICK WITH THE PEN.

It appears impossible to write the figures 20,000 and form an oval about them all at one stroke of the pen—that is to say, without lifting pen or pencil from paper. It can be done, however, as you will see by studying this example and the directions which follow:



THE WORD "CHAPERON."

In many books and in many magazines and papers you will see the word chaperon spelled "chaperone," when it is applied to a woman, the mistaken notion being that it has both a masculine and a feminine form. It has, however, only the one form, chaperon, which may be applied with equal propriety to a man or a woman. Perhaps the pronunciation has something to do with the spelling, for the o is long, as if the syllable were "rone." It is a French word, which we have anglicized.

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"It is impossible to read this book without loving the author and pondering his wonderful solution of the great mysteries that have troubled us all our lives. There is hardly a family to be found that has not lost some loved one who died outside the church—outside the plan of salvation, and if Calvinism be true, outside of all hope and inside of eternal torment and despair. We smother our feelings and turn away from the horrible picture, to dare not deny the faith of our fathers, and yet can it be possible that the good mother and the wandering child are forever separated—forever and forever?"

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## WOMEN'S CLUBS.

There will be a meeting of the delegate body of the federated clubs at the Commercial club rooms Monday afternoon. At that meeting further plans will be made for the proposed drive, and various matters of interest to the Federation will be discussed.

The Chandos club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Rutter, 906 Fillmore street.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. A. H. Horton, Mrs. J. F. Close, Mrs. J. W. Nowers, and Mrs. Lee Monroe, was appointed at the meeting of the executive board this week to see about placing out at interest the money in the federation treasury, amounting to \$673.79, belonging to the club house fund.

The Golden Rule club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. L. Fuller, 1265 Garfield avenue.

The Music Study club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. R. H. Morehouse, 720 Jefferson street.

The Good Government club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. F. E. Guilford, 1015 Harrison street.

The Topeka chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday afternoon, February 12, with Mrs. N. F. Handy, 1275 Topeka avenue.

The board of managers of the Colored Dames met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. N. F. Handy, Mrs. E. D. Kimball, state president, came from Wichita to attend the meeting, and Mrs. E. B. Purcell of Manhattan was also present.

The N. N. S. club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. L. Benjamin, 800 Lane street.

The Junior Atlantean club met Tuesday with Miss Ruth Cowgill.

The Cosmos club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. G. Shore. Parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. M. Milliken. Mrs. Homer Lash gave some musical numbers. Mrs. E. J. Bartlett gave a reading. Mrs. S. M. Wood read a story written by Mrs. W. Wilson, and Mrs. J. M. Wallace read a paper on art. Guests of the club were Mrs. W. H. Reed, Miss Nettie Carroll, and Miss Edith Peterson. The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. H. Davendorf.

The Research club will meet Friday, February 11, with Mrs. C. W. Harlow, 1234 Topeka avenue. The subject of study will be "American Literature and Historians," and the discussion will be led by Mrs. G. H. Moore. The Research club entertained the Mother's club at the Provident Association, Thursday, the 3d.

The Vespuccian club will meet with Mrs. R. B. Kelley, 1163 East Sixth street, Thursday afternoon, February 10.

The Minerva club was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. R. Stubbs, executive mansion, Monday, Jan. 31. The following program was given:

Paper, Wagner in Opera—Miss Bilan. Paper, The Nibelungenlied—Miss Walter.

Piano, (The Flying Dutchman) Spinning Song—Mrs. Morton Albaugh.

Vocal, (Maestri) Air de Salome—Mrs. H. W. Putnam.

Piano, Tannhauser March, arranged by Liszt—Miss Kline.

Vocal, (Tannhauser) Elizabeth's Prayer—Mrs. E. G. Hughes.

Piano, (Tannhauser) Sweet Evening Star, arranged by Liszt—Mrs. W. D. Davis.

Vocal, (Lohengrin) Elsa's Dream—Mrs. E. G. Foster.

Vocal, (Lohengrin) Bridal Chorus—Mrs. E. G. Foster. Miss Walter.

Trio—Mrs. E. G. Foster. Miss Walter. Mrs. T. J. Kimbrough.

Vocal, (Maestri) Air de Salome—Mrs. H. W. Putnam.

Herodias: Aria from Manon—Miss Metta Legler.

Guests of the afternoon were: Mrs. M. M. Bilan, Mrs. G. D. Craighead.

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Omaha, Neb. Mrs. W. W. Bowman, Mrs. C. L. Bueser, Mrs. J. B. Small, Mrs. C. E. Burgron, Mrs. W. M. Ryerson, Kansas City, Mo.

Adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. A. F. Grear and Mrs. W. T. Davis, hostesses, at Elks' club house.

The executive board of the federation in their meeting with Mrs. L. E. Leach, on this week, set on foot a plan for a ten mile boulevard, along which ornamental trees will be planted, and beautiful uniform parkings maintained.

It is now expected that the boulevard will be completed at once, but it is hoped that the route may be planned and everything made ready for the planting of trees and shrubs in the spring.

A committee of twenty, including both men and women, will have the work in charge. The route, so far as Quincy street, through the business section as far south as Seventeenth street; then west to Washburn college. From the college it will follow one of the paved streets north to the academy, then east to Potwin. From Potwin the road will lead to the Melan bridge, across the river into North Topeka and return over the academy bridge, through East Topeka, and then back to Kansas avenue.

Mrs. Monroe thinks there should be no additional tax to maintain the boulevard, as streets are already paved and can be used, and the necessary work can be performed by prison labor. A large number of the trees used will probably be given by the state.

The most important items to be made for the committee, but the members already chosen are: Mrs. E. E. Roubeshush, chairman; Mr. W. W. Mills, Mr. T. J. Boren, president of the North Topeka club; Mr. N. P. Nielson, Mr. Thomas Page, Mayor Green, Professor W. A. Harshbarger of Washburn, Mrs. J. W. Nowers, Mrs. J. E. Kaster, Mrs. C. Graham, Mrs. E. B. Larimer, Mrs. Lee Monroe. The North Topeka Civic club will be represented and the Oakland Forestry club, and a member from East Topeka will be appointed.

Mrs. C. C. Goddard of Leavenworth, the state federation president, lectured on the subject of tuberculosis, at the Women's Club day, which was arranged by the state presidents of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota.

In an address on the movement in the clubs against the tuberculosis plague, Mrs. Goddard says: "Our last legislature appropriated \$29,000 toward a tuberculosis exhibit, and they now have a car traveling over the state and stopping at different towns. This car is in charge of Dr. Embury, a tuberculosis expert, and a trained nurse who give free lectures every afternoon and evening on the treatment and cure of the disease. They have various exhibits of appliances and apparatus for prevention of tuberculosis. Photographs of unhealthy locations and habitations have been taken and show for the purpose of creating an interest in the removal or cleaning of unsightly spots. In addition to this we have Dr. Magee, of Topeka, who gives interesting lectures and shows the progress of the disease, how the disease is propagated and carried. His services can be obtained by any club upon the payment of his actual expenses."

The importance of this crusade cannot be overestimated when we realize that the disease costs our country two hundred thousand lives a year, and that it is a million-dollar and our state five thousand a year, besides handicapping our progress, prosperity and happiness and being an enormous expense to our community, and most often in the walks of life where the burden is least bearable.

"Science has demonstrated that the disease can be stamped out, but the upon the promptness with which the this can be accomplished depends upon the promptness with which the new doctrine can be inculcated into

the minds of the people and engrained upon our customs, habits and laws.

"The legislative committee of our state federation will put forth their best efforts to secure an appropriation for a state sanitarium where our friends can be helped and cured without leaving their state.

The opportunity is knocking at the door of every club woman asking her to enlist in the greatest warfare our country has ever known."

### CHURCH NOTICES.

First Congregational, Francis L. Hayes, D. D., pastor—Morning, communion and reception of members; evening, "Emancipation From the Slavery of Avarice and Anxiety for Self."

First Lutheran church, W. W. Horn, pastor—Morning worship at 11 a. m. subject, "A Profitable Life." Special music by members of Marshall's band. Evening worship at 7:30; subject, "Job and His Wife."

Lowman chapel, C. E. Hoicombe, pastor—The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. on "Readiness" and at 7:30 p. m. on "The One Essential."

Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian (Episcopal), the Rev. H. B. Brown, pastor—7:30 a. m., celebration of the Holy Eucharist; 11 a. m., choral celebration, with sermon, subject, "A Divine Complaint"; 4:30 p. m., Evensong (choral), with sermon, subject, "The Fold Aspect of God's Unchangeableness." Ash Wednesday, 7:30 a. m., celebration of the Holy Eucharist; 8 p. m., litany, penitential office and sermon, subject, "Christ as a Spiritual Refiner."

North Topeka Christian church—Evangelist J. M. Lowe of Des Moines will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. This is the beginning of a revival to be conducted by Mr. Lowe. David Lyon pastor.

Walnut Grove Methodist, C. B. Zook, pastor. Service 11 a. m. Baptism for adults and children. Reception of new members. Evening sermon 7:30 by the pastor. Subject: Eyes that look every direction, Retrospect; introspect; Prospect.

Kansas Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, John M. Waldron, pastor—Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. Special music from 7:30 to 8 p. m. Sermon by the pastor at 8:00 p. m. "The Door Found Shut."

The First Spiritualist Society of Truth will hold a meeting at Lincoln Post hall Sunday 8 p. m. Lecture by Mrs. May Stanard.

German M. E. church, John Koehler, pastor. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. Stephen S. Estey, D. D., pastor. Usual services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Spirit."

Layman's services will be held tomorrow at the morning service at 11 o'clock. Addresses will be made by Mr. S. G. Zimmerman and by Mr. Robert Stone. The pastor will preach at the evening service, 7:30.

First United Brethren church. The pastor, O. T. Deever, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of discourse at 11 a. m.: "Children of God." Subject at 7:30 p. m.: "Obtaining a Crown." There will be a baptismal service in the morning service. Mr. J. T. Shaw will sing.

East Side M. E. church, J. Wesley Johnston, pastor. Sermon by Dr. T. J. Deam at 11 a. m. Evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m. Special music by the choir, John Lungstrum, leader.

Second Presbyterian church, Rev. J. S. Glendenning, D. D., pastor. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m.

First Baptist, Thos. S. Young, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. Special music, prelude, "Remembrance," Nicode. Solo, Miss Cecil Comstock. Evening service 7:30. Subject, "Some Tremendous Questions." "A Blind Man Sees." Illustrated with stereopticon. Music, prelude, "Berceuse," Von Flieitz. Anthem, "In Dreams I Heard the Seraphim," Faure.

The German Baptist church, Paul A. Schenk, pastor. At 11 o'clock services. Subject, "Seeking a Stranger and Finding Another." Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Recipe of Life." The evening service is in English.

First M. E. church, Rev. F. N. Lynch, pastor. Preaching 11 a. m. by the pastor who has returned from his western trip. Miss Ridenour will sing at the morning service. Evening service at 7:30. Rev. W. H. Blair, a missionary from Ping Yang, will speak. Music by the Octette chorus.

First Unitarian church, Rev. J. H. Jones, pastor. Service 11 m. Sermon by the pastor. Music, solo, selected, by Mrs. F. S. Thomas.

Central Park Christian church, Albert T. Fitts, pastor. Preaching at 11. Subject, "Christ and the Woman at the Well." The subject in the evening will be, "The Babylonian Captivity."

First Church of Christ Scientist. Services at 11 a. m. Subject: "Spirit." Sunday evening service at 8 o'clock.

Bible Study XVII. Text: Numbers 26-36. On the Margin of the Land. Memory Verse: Psalms 95:10. After 40 years what does the numbering show? 2. Which tribe was the largest? 3. Where was the census taken? 4. Where was the first one taken? 5. How many were left that were numbered at Sinai? 6. What three persons were swallowed by the earthquake? 7. Whose daughters made an appeal for an inheritance? 8. How near did Moses get to Canaan? 9. What did God tell Moses on Mt. Sinai? 10. Who was appointed Moses' successor? 11. Who appointed Joshua to be leader of Israel? 12. When was Israel to offer sacrifices? 13. Who only could be excused from keeping a vow when once made? 14. Who slew Balaam, the false prophet? 15. What six metals are mentioned in connection with the war with Midian? 16. Which tribes choose to stay east of the Jordan? 17. What nation moved 42 times and where did they move? 18. What is Moses' "Wilderness Psalm"? 19. Where was the land God gave to Israel? 20. What tribe never entered the promised land?

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