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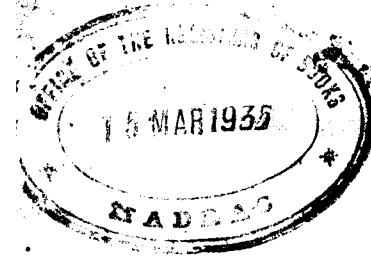
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Jealous He: If you see him any more, I 'll kill him.

The Sweet Thing: And if I marry him?



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Mahamahopadhyaya

Dr. V. Swaminatha Iyer

THAT the *Merry Magazine* should pay its tribute of admiration to Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. V. Swaminatha Iyer is fitting in many ways. I have to make this clear at the outset, as orators generally say at the beginning of their oration. They generally try to make things clear at the outset because they generally get confused as they go along and make their hearers' confusion more confounded yet. Once again they make things clear in their peroration or they think that they do so. The peroration is so called because orators are fervid in their oration and perfervid in their peroration.

I must ask my readers to forgive my inconsequence. I am a man of no consequence. Where was I? I was trying to explain why M. M. (*Merry Magazine*) should make its reverential bow to M. M. (*Maha Mahopadhyaya*). One reason is that both are full of M. and both are full of vim. Some may ask me if he is a merry man. I have known him all my life and I am not a baby. I have not seen a merrier man than he.

He is not only a merry man but also an active man. All merry men are active but the converse does not hold good. I have seen some active men who are funereal. The most active entity in the world is undoubtedly the White Ant. It is more active than even the occupant of the White House. He may be an expert in the New Deal, but it is an expert in the Old Deal. It is the greatest of book-lovers. There is no limit to its omnivorous appetite for books. It is an omnologist. It is almost fit to ascend the *Sarvajna Peeta*. But I have never seen it smile. Its whiteness is not in its smile but in its similarity to the bone which is the symbol of Death.

Mahamahopadhyaya's birth hour was an hour of consternation for the White Ants. He was born to take the food from their mouths and give it in a new form to the starved human mouths. He is as merry as they are morose. He is as constructive as they are destructive. But in other respects they are alike. His indefatigable industry is as unique as theirs. No village and no house in Tamil Nad were safe from his all-seeing eyes. His appetite for books is as omnivorous as that of the White Company. He positively revels in palm-leaves. You must see his eyes light up when he sees a cadjan bundle. Valmiki says that Dasaratha's eyes lighted up with joy when he saw Visvamisra—just as a man



I have some very good news for fat women this week. With all the weight they carry, they have still a chance to figure on the board in the race for romance if only they have competent men to steer them, that is to say, if they have the proper clothes on, which will make them look much thinner than what they are. And if what Henry C. Churchill, the famous American sky-scraper architect says is true, they can look thin, without painful physical exercises. "Streamline is the Open Sesame to female pulchritude," says Henry C.C. "Folds of materials, colours and textures, if improperly used, will make a diabetic matron look like the Woolworth building. We advise not too much colour and very little in the form of "Flipsy-Flopsy" trappings. Shiny surfaces and puffed sleeves should be taboo. She should wear dresses that fit her without being too tight, sober in colour and as simple as possible. She should have the look of a well-designed sky-scraper."

Try this recipe, Mrs. Bardell, and write to me if it does not improve your appearance. I think you will not have a single evening free, if you follow the advice.

Last week, I told you about Charlie Millar of Toronto, who left £ 100,000 to the most prolific mother. Besides this bequest, Millar's will contained some splendid satire. One of the biggest jokes in it was his bequest of shares in a brewery, in which he had a controlling interest, to the 25 Methodist Ministers of the Toronto Conference—the most zealous of prohibitionists. Another joke was to leave his shares in the Ontario Jockey Club—Canada's oldest and most aristocratic racing institution—to the three most prominent "uplifters" and opponents of racing in the country.

And Charlie Millar reminds one of other freak wills of recent years. Here goes.

A request that her dog Punch should be "painlessly put to sleep" and buried with her was made in her will by Mrs. Henrietta Elizabeth Lascelles of Kent.

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