

They Said It With Flowers By W. E. Hill



Mrs. Filligree is bringing back her Boston fern to be made well and strong once more. "It wouldn't do a thing in the apartment," laments Mrs. F. "I don't know what ailed it, unless it was that our kitty nibbled the leaves too much!"



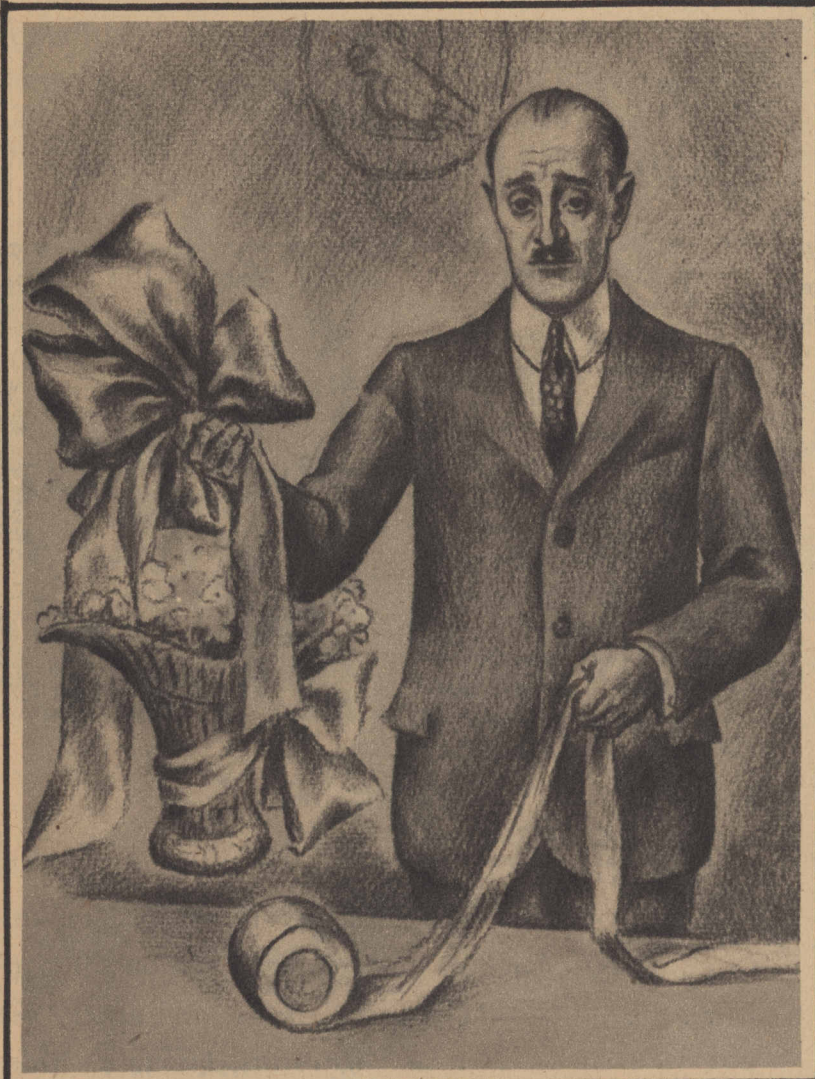
Mrs. Beule is on her way to hold a little argument with the florist who sold Mr. Beule the little orange tree. Believe it or not, every orange, and there were five of them, dropped off the day after it arrived.



Morton is a very thoughtful boy. He's taking a little potted primrose to his wife's mother. They had a slight difference of opinion the other day and there's been a coolness.



Walter, the delivery boy from Ginsberg & Gunn, the florist shop *de luxe*, is on his way to a late bereavement with a pillow of rose buds and a dozen cut roses. Walter's family is trying to get him a new job. "Mr. Ginsberg," complains Walter's mother, "is always sending Walter to deliver something to a mortuary chapel, and it's making him sullen. He used always to be singing around the house when he worked for the reducing corset concern. Now it gives me the dismals to look at him."



The Ritzie florists have a fondness for big ribbon bows, and unless restrained will completely lose their heads when handed a length of ribbon or a strip of tulle.



Just a charming young hostess out to get something for the center of the table. Something for about a dollar. A bunch of something that will hold together till dinner is over.



Four out of five forget. A scene at any florist's on the eve of something or other, showing the last minute shoppers who have remembered just in time that tomorrow is Aunt Caddy's birthday, Mother's day, St. Patrick's day, or that Julius is to have his operation at noon. And one and all they will say: "Be sure to put in plenty of green!"

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Flowers for the sick. A minor operation, such as floating tonsil, will bring not more than a dozen carnations to the sufferer. This, in the language of the flowers, means, "You don't need much sympathy, you're all right." On the other hand, an operation for gall stones, or a siege of double pneumonia will call out big, long stemmed roses. This means, "When you come back, if you *do* come back, there's the whole world waiting for you."