MISS GWENNIE'S BOOTS

By IZOLA FORRESTER.

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Gwennie left them herself under the bed in the hotel room the night before she sailed for England. They were very new boots. She had had them made specially for all those wonderful tramping jaunts she had been planning for months.

"I don't see what you can do about it now," Amy said, in cousinly apathy, sitting back in her steamer chair. "You can write to the hotel to save them for you."

"Save them!" repeated Gwennie. "Where are they now? Probably the chambermaid grabbed them."

"Wireless after them," murmured Cecily, the next cousin in the steamer chair row. "Or, wait, can't you send letters back by the pilot? We haven't dropped the pilot yet."

Thus it happened that a strenuous, somewhat urgent note went back to the proprietor of the St. Alban, the select private hotel near Gramercy Park, and the rest of Mr. Hubert Seabury was disturbed thereby.

He had only taken the room for the night, and had left an early call, intending to sail the following morning for Southampton. The tap on his door about eleven was disturbing.

"Boots?" he repeated, groping under the brass bed. "There aren't any boots here. Whose boots?"

"Ladies', sir," said the bellboy, pleasantly. "Number threes, black calf. Maybe she left them in the wardrobe."

All around they hunted until Seabury pulled them out from behind a door. Something like a definite thrill passed through his hand, wrist, arm, and so to his heart from those boots. They were small yet sensible, distinctive yet modest. He eyed them reflectively, approvingly.

"She sailed this morning, and they're to be sent on to London," vouchsafed the boy. "It's a good thing the chambermaid didn't cop them."

"I am going to London," mused Seabury. "I could easily deliver them I sail in the morning. Tell the proprietor I'll bring them down myself."

The boat was overdue, and it was the night of the 7th when he drew up in a cab before 7 Willoughby square. Miss Marsh and her cousins had left for Scotland with their aunt, Mrs. Cavendish Leland. The address was Cavendish Lodge, Dunlevy.

Seabury ascertained the exact spot in the Highlands where Dunlevy lay, rested overnight, shunned London, and went up on the morning express.

Dunlevy was a jewel nestling in the heather. He made inquiries at the inn, and engaged a cart to take him up to Cavendish Lodge. It was a drive of eight miles. A gardener seemed the only human being around the place. He was on his knees, clipping at the low hedge.

"Mrs. Leland hae gang awa' for the week," he said. "To the isles."

Seabury took off his cap and wiped his forehead. Had the young ladies gone alone to the isles? They had Seabury drove calmly back to the inn, engaged rooms and settled down to wait, with the boots.

But the days dragged, and he began to take long walks up over the hill paths, and through the glens, and he found that another wandered over them daily. She was a bonnie Highland lass, too, blue eyed and fair haired, with a way of looking at one sidelong. He asked the innkeeper her name.

"'Tis a young American niece of Mrs. Leland's," he said blandly. "A Miss Marsh."

"I thought they had all gone cruising to the isles."

"This one sprained her ankle the first day she was here. She's all well now."

Seabury went outside and stared at the surrounding highlands. Twelve days and more he had wasted. Doggedly he secured the boots and started up to the lodge. Yes, the gardener said, the leddy was there, coming from the collies' kennels.

Seabury waited her approach. Four or five collies accompanied her. He held his precious parcel under one arm.

"Miss Gwendolin Marsh?" he asked. Gwennie bowed in grave-eyed surprise. He tried to find the proper introduction, the best choice of words, but under the searching look in her blue eyes nothing came, only "I've got your boots."

"Have you, really?" cried Gwennie, "the ones I left in New York. Oh, I'm so glad to get them back."

She reached her hand for the parcel, but Seabury held on to it.

Gwennie blushed at the look in his eyes. It did seem good after two weeks to see a youngster with the home cut to him.

She held out her hand, and he gave them to her reluctantly. It was sunset over the glens when he said good-by to the group out on the lawn. But Gwennie strolled down the hedge row with him, and smiled back in his eyes when he said softly:

"Good-by, for a little while, Cinderella."

Good-by, Prince," she answered, "until Paris."

The Defense.

"I can prove that this prisoner never, as charged, clearly uttered these forged notes."

"What is your proof?"

"He stutters."

King Rewards His Honesty.

When the king of Siam was passing through Moscow on his European visit, a white feather fell from the plume of his helmet, and was picked up by a peasant, who hastened to restore it to the chief of police. He was greatly surprised several days later upon receiving from that official, in the name of his Siamese majesty, a casket containing a portrait of the king and a massive gold chain decorated with the royal arms of Siam.

Paradoxical Proposition.

"Do you use the word 'politics' as singular or plural?" asked the person who is always wanting to know something. "That has always puzzled me," replied Senator Sorghum. "There is nothing more singular than some of the pluralities that politics develops."

First Gold Found in California.

The first discovery of gold in California was made in 1848 by James Marshall, who happened to pick up a glittering nugget in the bed of a stream. Since that time the state has yielded more than one and one-half billion dollars in gold. Marshall died a poor man.

RUNNER DUCK IS PROFITABLE

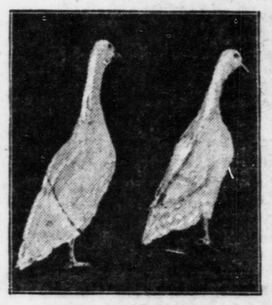
Houses Need Not Be Expensive—Low Fence Will Confine Them—Feed Is Comparatively Cheap.

Seven dollars profit from a duck is pretty good money. At the Hawkesbury Agricultural college in New South Wales, Australia, that was the average made by six penciled Runner ducks. Each duck laid an average of 267 eggs in a year. A record like this justifies the title that has been given the Runner—the Leghorn of the duck family.

Runners are not difficult to raise. The houses need not be expensive, and if the ducks are yarded a low fence will keep them confined. They appreciate a pool of water or a running stream, but will do well with only plenty of water to drink. It must be provided in deep receptacles, however, so that the ducks can wet their heads entirely over. Otherwise their breathing apparatus gets clogged up and the ducks suffer.

Ducks eat more than hens do, but much of the ration may consist of feed that is comparatively cheap. Mashes of cooked vegetables in which corn meal, bran, ground alfalfa or clover is mixed make good bulk feed for ducks. But ducks are by no means vegetarians and some meat scraps must be fed—except in summer when they have access to ponds or streams where they may find some animal food.

Duck eggs are heavier than are hen eggs. Two duck eggs are about equal



A Nice Pair of Runners.

in weight to three hen eggs. They are rich flavored and have no objectionable strong taste except as it may be caused by improper food.

The penciled Runner is a variety much favored because of the pure white eggs it lays. Some strains of the pure white Runners lay uniformly white eggs also.

SIMPLE WAY OF FATTENING

Place Chickens in Slatted Crate With Feed Trough in Front—Mesh Wire Makes Best Floor.

The simplest way of fattening chickens is to place them in a fattening crate. The crate should be six feet long, 16 inches wide and 18 inches high. The bottom, back and top are slatted lengthwise, and in front the slats are placed on the upright. On the bottom they are an inch and a quarter apart, and on the back, top and front two inches apart. The slats are seven-eighths of an inch wide, and five-eighths of an inch thick. The crate is divided into three compartments, and each one opens up separately by a hinged top.

A trough for feed is placed on strips in front. The crate is strengthened by having slats three-quarters of an inch thick and an inch and a half wide in each corner of the crate, running lengthwise. The ends and the partition can also be made of solid wood in order to strengthen the crate.

Ordinary inch mesh wire nailed to the bottom of the crate will answer the purpose of a floor better than a slatted bottom, as there will be less accumulation of droppings, therefore making the crate more sanitary.

Best Sellers in Poultry.

At the time when the prices for market poultry are best the cost of production is the greatest. Consumers soon learn what quality is in fowls, and then they demand it. Buyers of dressed poultry do not prefer the big, rough, coarse fowl when they are selecting for their tables. This class of fowl is pushed aside and the plump, solid ones are selected instead.

Additional Eggs Mean Profit.

If a hen only lays one egg a week for a year, it will pay for her food, and every additional egg means profit. If a hen lays three eggs a week she will give double the profit derived from a hen that lays two eggs. The greater the number of eggs the cheaper the cost of production in proportion.

Place for Dust Bath.

If you keep a box of ashes or road dust in the hen house, and you ought to, it should be kept where the sun will strike it the greater part of the day.

To Clean Glass Bottles.

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SHOWS STRENGTH OF HABIT

All the Devastation of War Has Not Caused French to Deviate From Regular Ways.

It was Carlyle, we believe, who remarked the narrow orbit of great events. While mobs were tearing at the stones of the Bastile, groups of men in other parts of Paris haggled over copper coins, quarreled over the depredations of house cats, discussed poetry and philosophy or matched predictions on the weather. The fall of the Bastile was to echo down the ages. But the world of accustomed ways continued its way unchecked.

An American, lately returned from Europe, reports that the most astonishing thing about the war to him was the absence of signs of war.

"When you travel by rail if you did not know that war was in the country you would never suspect it unless you wondered why a red-hatted, blue-coated guard, with a rifle carelessly swung over his shoulder, was noticeable now and then by cross-road or near the buttress of an important railroad bridge.

"The big black and white horses are plowing in the fields, the red and black cattle and the sheep and hogs are grazing in the fields and pastures.

"As you approach Paris at night, you see families dining by uncurtained windows in blazing light. You are astonished after your London experience of semidarkness to find the boulevards ablaze and no apparent fear of aerial enemies or sky invasions, although aeroplanes and Zeppelins and bombs may be flying and fighting only 80 miles away.

"The inhabitants, young and old, picnic in the Bois de Boulogne.

"You smile and join with the people in their curiosity excursions."

War, for all its earth-shaking, devastating, upheaving violence, is yet weaker than human habit.

URGES VALUE OF HOSPITAL

Medical Expert Declares Mother Love Cannot Take the Place of the Trained Nurse.

"Skillful home nursing is a great blessing," says Dr. H. W. Hill of the Minnesota Public Health association. "Everyone wishes that every mother might be a skilled nurse, for such services are required at least three to four times by each child for serious infections as well as for many minor troubles. But skillful nursing in the home is beyond most mothers, despite all loving desire to do the best for their sick ones.

"When actual knowledge of the care of really sick persons is needed, and especially where infectious cases are concerned, not only is the average mother's training insufficient for the patient's best welfare, but lack of practice as well as inexperience tells heavily on the mother in her efforts to prevent the spread of infection to others. A trained nurse is invaluable in such cases, but even better is it that the sick one should be removed to a hospital. This is especially true for the patient suffering from tuberculosis, and avoids danger to the other members of the family as well."

Helgoland's Lighthouse.

The most important lighthouse at the present time, so far as actual operations are concerned, is the light of Helgoland, the island which Germany has turned into a naval base. The Helgoland light is an electric one and the most powerful in Germany, and is claimed by the Germans to be the most powerful light in existence. The light consists of a cluster of three revolving lights, having a lighting power of 40,000,000 candles, a magnitude of light which from figures alone is hard and difficult to realize. The lights are on the searchlight principle, and the cluster is surmounted by a single light, of the same kind and size, that can be revolved independently and three times as fast as the three lights. The single light is put into use in case of accident to the cluster of three. The electric power is generated by two steam engines and boilers, running belt-driven electric generators.

Highly Paid British Diplomats.

The salaries of British ministers and ambassadors, which range from $6,500 to $57,500 a year, are still inadequate to meet the demands upon them, says the report of the royal commission on the civil service, which has been studying the diplomatic service with a view to its democratization and improvement. The report states that the salaries paid at present to the higher members of the diplomatic service are as follows: Paris, $57,500 per year; Washington, $50,000 per year; four other embassies, $25,000 to $35,000 per year; first class missions, $12,000 to $22,500 per year; second-class missions, $6,500 to $12,500 per year.

Dog Rescues Ice Skater.

Carroll Searls had a narrow and wonderful escape from death while attempting to skate on the ice at the city reservoir. He tried the ice at first and decided it was strong enough to hold him. While skating it suddenly gave way and he was precipitated into the cold water.

His dog saw the predicament and ran across the ice to where the hole had been broken and attempted to drag his young master to safety. It took but a short time for young Searls to find the bank, and a quick trip home in his icy clothing apparently left him without serious results.—Nevada City Dispatch to San Diego Union.

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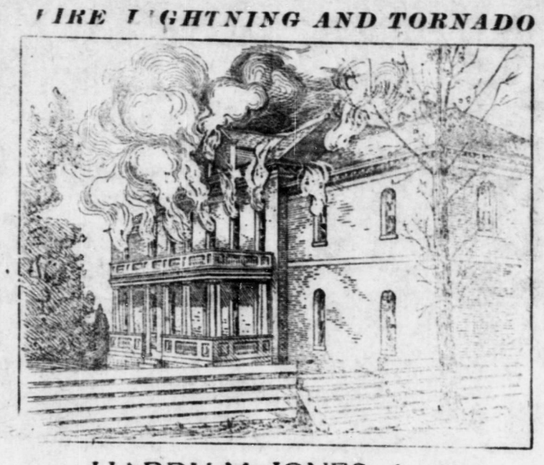

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Returning steamer will leave Benedict, (weather permitting,) Wednesday, 5 a. m. stopping at all the above points. Solomon's, 9:30 a. m., Millstone, 10 a. m., Governor's Run, 12 noon, Plum Point, 1 p. m., Fair Haven, 2 p. m., arriving in Baltimore about 8 p. m.

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 4 Light street, (weather permitting,) Thursday, at 2 p. m., for the following points: Fair Haven, Plum Point, Dare's, Governors Run, Cove Point, Millstone, Solomon's, Spencer's, St. Cuthbert's, St. Leonard's, Soller's, Sotterley, Parker's, Forrest's, Williams, Duke's, Trent Hall, Holland Point, Benedict.

Returning, steamer will leave Benedict, (weather permitting,) Friday, 12 noon, stopping at all the above points Solomon's, 5:30 p. m., Millstone, 6 p. m., Cove Point, Governor's Run, 8 p. m., Dare's 8:20 p. m., Plum Point, 9 p. m., Fair Haven, 10 p. m., Baltimore, next morning.

Leave Baltimore, Pier 4, Light St., (weather permitting,) Saturday, 2 p. m., for the following points:

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Steamer will go to Lyon's Creek, Monday morning.

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