

GIRL AND HER GOLD GUARDED BY BANK

"Little Miss Millions" Lives Strange Life in Michigan City Home.

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world like a gilded cage among the trees of Michigan City.

What goes on behind the iron doors, ornamented and carved as they are? "Girls are girls," says the philosopher, "sure as pigs is pigs," and "Little Miss Millions" is no exception.

Is Thoroughly American.

First let it be said that Catherine was born, as was her father, in Michigan City, and is American through and through. "She is just as sweet and kindly," said one poor soul who counted Miss Catherine as a friend in spite of difference in age and income, "as the daughter of any workman in her father's shop. There is nothing of the snob or the haughty society queen about Catherine Barker."

Before her father's death and the consequent publicity attending the strange will which makes her the ward of a big stone sky-scraper, she might be seen any day with Miss Alexander, her English governess, taking long walks, or skimming the country roads of Northern Indiana in her six-cylinder limousine.

Strong and Healthy.

Strong and robust, "Little Miss Millions" has had an outdoor life and today looks far older than her picture or her age would indicate. Her little friends, for she has few intimates though of her same age, seem years younger than their wealthy chum, Harriet Riley, the daughter of a traveling salesman, and Florence Stalger, whose father and uncle have the hardware store on the main street of the city, have shared in her play, and have been chosen guests at the children's parties which the late Mrs. Barker was so fond of giving. But for many months there have been no festivities at the Barker home, and the time of the heiress to the colossal fortune of the car builder, has been spent in study with the sisters of St. Mary's convent, or with Father Bleckman, the assistant pastor of that parish, or else in company with Miss Alex-

ander, the red-cheeked Englishwoman, who takes her on long walks, when Miss Catherine has not been studying French with Mlle. L'Honmedieu, the French instructor.

How She Spends Day.

A typical day has been outlined by one member of the household as follows:

- Rising bell at 7 a. m.
- Breakfast at 7:30 a. m.
- Walk or auto trip for an hour, varied on other days by callisthenics, dumb-bells, or Indian clubs.
- 9 a. m.—Violin practice at St. Mary's School.
- 10:30 a. m.—Reading, mathematics, and drawing with private tutor.
- 12:30 p. m.—Luncheon.
- 1 p. m.—Walk, ride, or a trip downtown shopping.
- 2 p. m.—More studies till 4.
- 4 to 6 p. m.—Exercise and play.
- Early to Dreamland.

After a formal dinner at 6 o'clock, Father Bleckman comes over, or one of the sisters from the school; there is reading, or games or a talk on books or happenings of the day till 9, with an occasional musical evening, and then, Dreamland, till another day.

Chauffeur Is Married.

Miss Catherine does not drive her own motor, but has a grim chauffeur, who must be English if physiognomy counts for anything, and it is certain that the First Trust and Savings Bank will not have to stay awake nights worrying about its ward eloping with the chauffeur, for Henderson is married and seems to think much more of the sleek Peerless he so proudly controls than the dark-haired girl whose braids, wind-swept, fly out behind her.

Dilemma for Prince.

In the long years to come how is the restraint of the trust company to be borne? When Prince Charming comes, as come he will, when the fateful question has been asked—and answered—will Little Miss Millions say:

"Dear, you must ask the First Trust and Savings Bank."

"Can you picture the feelings of that young man when, hat in hand, he stands in front of the directors' room and, sending in his card, says: 'Gentlemen, may I marry your ward?'"

When the preliminaries all settled, the pealing organ booms and swells as blushing bride and manly bridegroom meet before the high altar, who will give the bride away? Will it be in the form of a deed of trust? If, after a year or more she finds her spouse hateful, will she pack her clothes and go back to the First Trust and Savings Bank?

GIBBS ORDAINED TO THE DEACONATE

Alexandria Reports Various Interesting Activities for the Coming Week.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 11.

At St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church this morning Bishop A. M. Randolph, of the diocese of southern Virginia, ordained John Lewis Tracy Gibbs to the deaconate. Mr. Gibbs was formerly of Lexington, but now resides in Washington. A special musical program was rendered by the choir of St. Paul's Church, and the sermon was delivered by Bishop Randolph.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah M. Callahan was held from her home, 213 South Fairfax street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock and was largely attended. The Rev. J. R. Sevier and Rev. H. M. Canter officiated. The burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

Herbert Davis, colored, whose home is at Cherry Hill, Va., was picked up near the union station last evening, and for a time it was thought that he had been struck by a railway train. He was taken to the Alexandria Hospital in the ambulance, and when he recovered consciousness he stated that he had been hit by a man and not by a train. He was discharged from the hospital this morning.

Mrs. Ann D. Shiveley, widow of J. W. Shiveley, died at the home of St. Frank Dyson, 104 Prince street, this morning. Mrs. Shiveley was born in Charles county, but came to Alexandria in 1850. She was seventy-three years of age. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

"Putting Off the Old" was the subject of a very interesting sermon delivered by the Rev. W. F. Watson at the First Baptist Church this morning. This evening Dr. Watson will take for his subject "Putting On the New."

Tomorrow evening, at Lee Camp Hall, Col. Hilary A. Herbert will deliver a lecture before the Cameron Club, taking for his subject "Reminiscences."

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The lecture will be attended by the members of R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans and M. D. Corse Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

At the Methodist Episcopal Church South this evening the Rev. F. J. Freytag, presiding elder of the Washington district of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will occupy the pulpit.

A special meeting of the alumnae of St. Mary's Academy will be held at the hall in the Academy building tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock when important business will be transacted. All of the members are earnestly requested to be present.

Frank L. Ballenger has bought from E. B. Taylor and L. H. Machen, commissioners of sale, a farm in Fairfax county known as the "Wilton Farm." The price paid for the property was \$4,100.

The Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association has bought from T. J. Pannon and J. K. M. Norton, commissioners, a house and lot on the west side of Columbus street between Wolfe and Wilkes streets.

A meeting of the Presbytery of the Chesapeake will be held at the Second Presbyterian Church in this city on Monday morning, December 13, at 11 o'clock. The resignation of the Rev. J. R. Sevier as pastor of this church will be acted upon at this meeting.

The Alexandria chamber of commerce will hold a meeting at their rooms, corner of King and Washington streets, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The women of Grace Episcopal Church will give a tyster supper and Christmas sale at the Young People's building, in South Washington street, next Tuesday evening, the 13th inst.

At Christ Protestant Episcopal Church this morning Bishop Lloyd confided a class of candidates and delivered an interesting sermon.

Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, will hold a meeting at St. Mary's Hall, in South Royal street, next Wednesday evening, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

A grand jury will meet at the courthouse here tomorrow morning, when Commonwealth's Attorney S. G. Brent will present several cases for their consideration.

Hobson Speaks on Liquor

Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, at a Y. M. C. A. meeting last night, lectured on the liquor question. He claimed that in the United States 2,000 deaths annually are due to alcoholic poisoning.

PRIVATE DETECTIVES IN ALEXANDER CASE

Relatives of Nonagenarian Widow Determined to Remove Suspicion.

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aided family, consisting principally of the seven children of the late Fenell Alexander, a son of Mrs. Columbus Alexander, have refrained from visiting the apartments in the Toronto for fear that they might be suspected of having some connection with the robberies, if it is understood.

Want Thorough Probe.

The reason given for the employment of private detectives by relatives is that the investigation should go deeper and be more searching than the police naturally would go in such a case.

"Unless decisive action can be had at the hands of the police I shall engage private detectives to fathom the mystery and bring the guilty parties to justice," threatened one of the persons involved. "Many of us would like to know where 'his \$20,000' was hidden, or obtained from Mrs. Alexander by other means. This is one fact that may figure in future litigation."

Another person interested in the estate intimated that private detectives would be put on the case, although it was not stated that the police detectives have been lax or indifferent.

"By finding out where all this money went we will be able to throw safeguards about Mrs. Alexander in the future," explained this person. "Money that has disappeared will never be recovered, but the least we can do is to prevent it from being stolen by thieves and preying persons."

The suggestion that a committee be appointed by the court to handle the large income for Mrs. Alexander and thus preclude the possibility of further thefts may materialize during the next week. It is contended that a woman more than ninety years old hardly is capable under any circumstances of managing her own affairs when she has

an income of nearly \$2,000 coming in from widely scattered interests.

Although Mr. Hay, trustee of the Alexandria estate, has not divulged the aged widow, collects the rents and is virtually a court officer, he has no authority to discontinue what Mrs. Alexander shall do with her big income. Attorneys Archer and Smith believe that a satisfactory way of attempting a solution of the mystery about the thefts is to present the evidence at hand to the United States Attorney and have the latter in turn place it before the grand jury. Such a step, they believe, would be agreeable to all concerned.

Warrant Is Urged.

Impatient over the delay of a few days, one relative of Mrs. Alexander, who has strong suspicions, favors the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of a suspect, regardless of the fact that the grand jury will, in all probability, make an investigation. The suspicions of this person are based on circumstantial evidence already within the knowledge of the police detectives.

Inspector Boardman had adopted the same course of not divulging the evidence obtained by his men and declines to make public the results of three days' work of Detectives Cox and Berman. However, it is widely known that one of the suspects, at least, who has been subjected to investigation by the detectives, is a woman.

New Thief At Work.

It also is learned the police think the person who stole hundreds of dollars several years ago, is not the same as the one who recently has been rifling the treasure box of Mrs. Alexander.

Disclosures may come during the next week, but it is likely that it will be some time before arrests are made, if at all. Providing the case is taken up by the grand jury, and such procedure will be strongly urged, there will be a score of willing witnesses, say persons representing each faction of the family.

"A day in court" is something for which several relatives of Mrs. Alexander have craved for a number of years.

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