

A Calico Girl

By VICTOR REDCLIFFE

"Good-by till next year, little Doris!"

halled Sidney Throp from the old-fashioned carryall, conveying himself and three fellow vacationers from camp to the little railroad depot.

"I declare! That little sprite is sorry to have you leave—she's crying."

"I am sorry myself," replied Sidney gravely. "It has been a pleasure to know such an unspoiled child of nature."

"She hasn't been the same yesterday—seems to have avoided the crowd for some reason or other."

"I can tell you why," piped in another. "She looked positively awed when Faber's sister stopped at the camp in her automobile. I suppose the poor little wild flower was stunned at the magnificence of the acknowledged belle of the season."

So the episode passed, but Sidney Throp sat silent and thoughtful. Their camp had been located in close proximity to the farm owned by the uncle of Doris, and it had been her task to bring fresh milk and cream morning and evening to the temporary sojourners.

An artless, innocent child, she had the good fortune to deal with real gentlemen, and as the days ran on grew to regard them as true friends.

"If I am to do the extra chores of carrying milk and eggs and chickens to the picnicers," said Doris to her uncle the next day, you must allow me a little pin money."

"Why not?" interrogated Mr. Lee good naturedly. "But I hope seeing these gay people from the city hasn't put a lot of vanity into that sensible little head of yours."

Ever since the day she had met the fashionable Miss Ansel Faber there had become a model established in the mind of Doris as to what the real lady of society should look like.

"I suppose Mr. Thorpe made some wide comparisons between that silk-and-lace beauty and humble little me in calico," mused Doris, and naturally a trifle bitterly, and then a change came over her. She nurtured a species of reserve and every penny of pin money she acquired she put carefully away. Gradually her wardrobe began to include little articles of feminine adornment dear to the girlish heart.

A year had rolled around and Mr. Lee informed Doris that "the crowd of young fellows," as he termed it, had advised him that they would take the old camp cottage for a month.

Doris was in a bewildering state of agitation. For a full year she had dreamed, planned and saved. It almost took away the breath of the poor vacationers when there burst upon their vision the afternoon of their arrival a new and glorified Doris.

She wore a silky, scaly dress skirt, quite "vampish," having a certain trailing arbutus effect. It fitted like the fuzzi of a clingstone peach. Her breath came quick, her eyes glowed like diamonds, but as the four young men greeted her friendly enough, but vaguely, Doris shivered. Somehow she traced not only surprise in their faces, but a certain reproachful, pitying sentiment.

The unusual gravity of Thorpe crushed her. The young face clouded when she had ascertained what supplies they would require daily from the farmhouse. Doris hastened from the camp, reached a covert, and threw herself on the ground in a wild paroxysm of vexation and disappointment.

"What is the trouble, little friend?" spoke Sidney, who had followed her, and she came to her feet angry and defiant. She darted one look at him and fled precipitately. To both a correct conception had come. Sidney at once comprehended that the foolish little maid had modeled herself after Miss Faber to appear modern and impressive, and she realized that she must appear grotesque and out of her element, and her vanity was wounded. Like some penitent she appeared at the camp in propria persona the following morning, her own modest natural self. She was reserved and looked pained and humbled. Sidney accompanied her as she started home.

"Dear little friend," he spoke almost tenderly, "it seems good to see the bright fairy we all of us love once again as nature intended her."

"And I did it all for you!" sobbed Doris. "Miss Faber—"

"Miss Faber, confidentially, has wrinkles to conceal, and none of your lovely roses on her cheeks," observed Sidney.

"But I am only a calico girl, and I thought that if I was dressed like Miss Faber—"

"Made up, you mean," interrupted Sidney. "You don't need that." He could scarcely resist the impulse to take her in his arms in all her artless grace and beauty. "Doris, dear," he said seriously, "there is one man who always wishes to find you as you are—a sweet child of nature—one who hopes some day to have you as all his own—myself."

And she read truth and adoration in his earnest, longing eyes, and was content.

BOYER ITEMS

Arnold Jurgensen returned to his home in Holstein Tuesday after an extended stay at the V. M. Nelson home. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Donohoe attended the movies in Odebolt Tuesday night. Mr. Moffet visited several days this week with his daughter, Mrs. Russell Linnman, leaving Thursday for Dobs-Iddles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kovar and son, Paul, attended the movies in Odebolt Wednesday night.

Mrs. Leon Vassar and children, of Denison came Friday for a visit at the Joseph C. Pithan home and to help Mrs. Pithan celebrate her birthday.

H. G. Bertman and son, Frankie, were passengers to Denison Friday.

Mrs. Ed Kropf and Mrs. Carl Koch were shopping in Denison Friday.

Mrs. James Maynard was in Denison Friday, having some dental work done. Arthur Paulson was a passenger to Deloit Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neumann motored to Denison Tuesday to take Mr. and Mrs. Leon Vassar to the movies.

Miss Garnet Campbell of Deloit, visited several days this week with her sister, Mrs. Fred Neumann.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Donohoe motored to Kiron Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neumann were Thursday evening callers at the Claus, Campbell home in Deloit.

Quite a large number from here attended the barn dance at the Chris. Sonekisen home Friday night. All report a good time.

Mrs. Fred Neumann and Mrs. S. E. Donohoe were shopping in Denison on Saturday.

Chas. Kropf was a Denison business caller Saturday.

Pope Foster was among the Denison shoppers Saturday.

John Kovar was an Odebolt caller on Saturday.

Those who shipped stock to Chicago Saturday night were as follows: Stech & Hansen, one lot of hogs; Henry Wulf, two loads of cattle. Mr. Wulf accompanied the shipments.

Mrs. V. M. Nelson and daughter, Fary, went to Holstein Saturday for a visit at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neumann, and Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Stehr and son, Henry, were Sunday callers at the Albert Glerman home.

John Kovar and Mrs. Donohoe motored to Vail Sunday.

Sunday callers at the John Neumann home were: Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Nissen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kropf and daughter, Arline, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neumann, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Koch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neumann and Miss Garnet Campbell were Sunday callers at the Claus, Campbell home in Deloit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hansen are enjoying a visit from his parents from Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson were Sunday callers at the Emil Mauritz home in Kiron.

Miss Delphie and Anna Peterson were Sunday callers at the Nels Taylor and Pave Wulf homes.

Miss Amanda Nissen was a passenger to Denison Monday.

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Mrs. Conner of Denison, spent a few days the past week with her sister, Mrs. James Healy and family.

Mrs. Leo Carey spent Monday after-

noon at the Andrew Hickey home. James Healy is moving their household goods to Manila this week.

Earl Hickey and P. J. Lally were Denison business callers Wednesday. Francis Meehan and Roger McMahon spent Wednesday at the Thos. Hickey home.

Marie Healy has accepted a position at the C. F. G. Kehr store as clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hickey and sons spent Friday evening at the Ed McMahon home.

Mrs. P. J. Lally and Mrs. Will Hook were Omaha business callers Thursday.

Miss Mae Olson of Des Moines, is a guest of her brother, Ben and family, and other friends.

Miss Marie Dougherty left last week for Carroll where she has accepted a position as telephone operator.

Ed Dyson returned Friday evening from Des Moines where he has been visiting with his son.

Messieurs Ernest Armstrong, H. S. Vromann, Herman Christensen, Tom Whiting were Denison business callers Wednesday.

Jerry Perry was a Manning caller Tuesday of last week.

Earl Bidlack has been on the sick list the past few days. At this writing his condition is improved, a fact his many friends will be glad to hear.

Martin Deiter was a Manning caller Tuesday.

Earl Bidlack and son, Russell Eugene, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lammaek and family spent Sunday at the Seikfried Wenzel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zimmerman were callers at the Thos. Hickey home Sunday.

Miss Grace Bidlack spent the past week in Manila attending O. M. C. reunion.

Mrs. Aug. Weber of Des Moines, is here visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Miller was a Des Moines business caller the past week.

Mrs. Silas Thompson attended the O. M. C. reunion held at Manila last week.

Miss Mary Henderson of Manila, is a guest this week at the Earl Bidlack home.

Adrian and Francis Lally spent Sunday with Arthur Hickey.

Francis McSorley and family spent Sunday at the Thos. Gibbons home in Irwin.

Ed Knott was a Manning business caller Saturday.

M. J. Hickey and sons, Melvin, Mearl and John were callers at the T. A. Hickey home Sunday evening.

J. J. Meehan returned on Saturday morning from Hunter, N. Dak., where he has been the past week on business. Bud remained for a longer visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brazel and daughters spent Sunday with Dow City relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Coll of Vail, attended the ball game at Manila Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brockelsby, of Vail, spent Sunday at the Jerry Murphy home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Lally spent Sunday calling on Vail relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meehan and children spent Sunday evening at the T. A. Hickey home.

Rev. Father Schlier left Monday for Sioux City where he will be present for the installation of the new bishop.

The Hat and Religion.

Jews wear their hats in the synagogues. The Friends also sit covered during the offering of prayers. Formerly the custom in the Church of England was for men to sit covered during the sermon. When Richard Cox, bishop of Ely, died in 1581 the congregation, sitting in the choir to hear the sermon, covered their heads.

Uncultivated Philippine Land.

Surveys of the Philippine Islands have shown that of the total of 120,000 square miles, the cultivated area is only 14,000 square miles, the remainder embracing 61,000 square miles of commercial forests, 11,000 of non-commercial forests, 14,000 of uncultivated and small islands, and various areas promising mineral products. The cultivated lands include 2,180,000 acres of rice, 1,230,000 of abaca or Manila hemp, 850,000 of coconuts, 440,000 of sugar cane, 145,000 of tobacco, 18,000 of mahogany, 26,000 of cacao, and 2,000 of coffee.

Bit of Ancient History.

According to old Anglo-Saxon chronicles Edward the Confessor made a verbal will. On January 5, 1066, he recovered his power of speech and talked with those around him, among whom were the queen, the archbishop of York, archbishop of Canterbury and Harold and Tostig, his nephews. He prophesied the Norman invasion and then, stretching out his hand, bequeathed the crown to Harold. This act was ratified by the ancient British parliament and Harold was crowned the next day.—Exchange.

Many Still Read Dickens.

Charles Dickens has been ruled out by a class of the younger literary critics as a decided back number, but the statement by his British publishers that during the past three years the sale of his books has been almost doubled seems to refute that idea. Some of Dickens' novels sell more than 50,000 every year, and he has been dead forty-eight years. His sales during the last ten years have been larger, it is asserted, than those of any three novelists put together.

Birds and Shellfish.

The English thrush brings its snails to a certain convenient stone, on which it will crack their shells by beating them upon it. Some sea birds carry shellfish to a height and drop them on the rock to break their shells, but this brings only the anvil into use, not the hammer. The case of the wasp is the only one which records the seemingly intelligent use of a tool to accomplish a given purpose.

This Gorilla Needs a Nurse.

A relief from ennui is offered in a recent notice in the "Personal" columns of the London Times. The advertisement read, "A person wanted to look after a baby gorilla; wage 30 shillings per week. Apply 'Alyse,' 15 Sloan street, Knightsbridge.

Vicarious Courtship.

Under the social ideals of China every man is anxious to marry, but no man is permitted to seek a wife for himself. The contract of marriage is always made by a third party, and often a man finds himself bound to an unbecome, insane or chronically diseased wife, whose father has paid the marriage broker a high price to get her a husband.

Lepers Live Fairly Well.

The 5,000 lepers of Cullon, Philippine Islands, sell the products of their farming and fishing to the government, which in turn furnishes them with rations and supplies. The lepers send money each month to their relatives in the outside world.

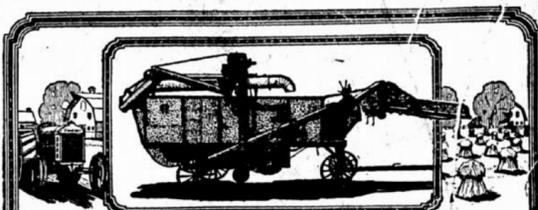


When a Woman is Nervous—Worried

The lives of most women are full of worry. Men's troubles are bad enough, but women's are worse. Worry makes women sick. It pulls them down, and in their weakened condition they are subject to pains, aches, weakness, backaches, headaches and dizzy spells. Most women neglect their health, and for this they pay the penalty. Any woman will find that neglect does not pay. A little more attention to health would brighten up her life. If she asks her neighbors she finds that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription benefits a woman's whole system. It not only acts upon the troubles and weaknesses peculiar to women, but is an all-round tonic that braces the entire body, overcoming nervousness, sleeplessness, headaches, dizziness and a run-down condition.

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Opportunity. Opportunity is a fine thing. So fine, in fact, that some of us miss it. Daily Thought. There is nothing good or evil save the will.—Epictetus.



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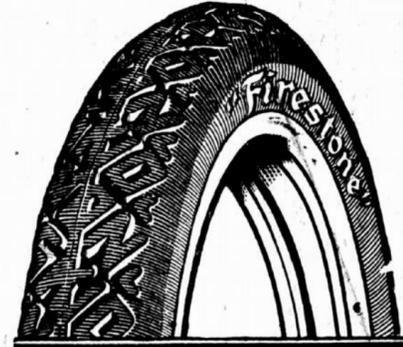
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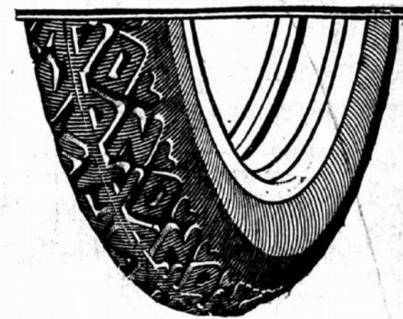


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