

Reading for Women and all the Family



Little Talks by Beatrice Fairfax

Not often does a woman score so splendidly as did the wife of the professor who is reported to have taken under her roof the misguided young woman who had registered with him at a New York hotel.

This gracious act of magnanimity on the part of the "wronged wife" will go a long way toward disproving the tooth-and-claw methods ascribed to women in their dealings with such other.

Since the exposure the repentant young woman has "sweet continuously." Doubtless she feels that fate—the world, circumstances, call it what you will—has treated her very cruelly. Very probably she does not blame herself; women of this type seldom face facts. It is always the outside influence that is wrong with them, never the inside weakness.

The culprit seems neither better nor worse than the usual undeveloped woman that finds herself in this kind of plight. She is reported as saying: "When my husband returns from France I will dwell with him and him alone."

But what of the husband—will he acquiesce in this arrangement? He may feel that a woman who could travel from Texas to New York to see him—sail for the battlefields of France, and immediately accept consolation from a man of fifty-five, whom she describes as a "dear old bald-headed daddy," may not represent his ideal as wife and mother.

What Will The Husband Say? Very naturally he may prefer to dwell alone rather than risk his happiness in such precarious domesticity. There is, also, the boy of three to be considered. In all probability the soldier father may have some ideas about his upbringing; he may feel that the child's best development can be assured under the care of this kind of mother.

In the meantime the wife weeps

Bringing Up Father



and has her meais brought to her bedside by the splendid wife of the pilandering professor, who is big enough to condone the folly of both youth and age and play the mis-treating angel, too.

The man's part in the triangle seems to be that of a warning, a warning against the folly of certain forms of literary exercise. He is one more pitiful illustration of a man trying to set the world on fire by a hatful of poor epigrams.

If the pun is the lowest form of wit, certainly the epigram is the most dangerous form of indoor sport for the elderly. Within the last few years the daily papers have recorded the undoing of scores of professional men who began by inverting law and order in their dic-

tion, and later broke the law—and suffered its penalties—in an effort to live up to their speech.

There was the case of the brilliant Irishman whose decadent epigrams may be said to have founded the "smart" school of literature. From being the most petted man in London he became a byword, and managed to live long enough to serve his sentence and die outside of jail. There was the witty and delightful professor—a member of the faculty of Columbia College, New York—who fell by the wayside after he began writing antithetical sentences at the expense of the homely virtues.

And there are dozens and dozens of playwrights who fairly run epigram foundries over hours in their efforts to be witty at the expense of common sense. They are more often in than out of the divorce court, and marriage is invariably the bull's-eye around which they prey their prettiest and crispest witticisms.

Not a Master At Epigram

The efforts of the erring doctor in this case are distinctly poor alongside of the achievements of some of the master word jugglers. He says: "The morality of women is an expediency rather than an innate virtue."

He also says: "Women are better off for having had their flies as men do. Dissipated women often make excellent wives."

If wonder what the poor, foolish little lieutenant's wife, devotedly attended by the woman she wronged, would say to this counterfeit of speech today. With the world against her, her husband in France still to be heard from, I venture to say she is under no illusions.

The epigram that in all probability is claiming her attention today is: "For as you sow, ye also shall reap." Or the line from the Old Testament: "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

Charity Was There.

Another of the professor's efforts is: "Chivalry is the persistence of the old race habit of contempt for women." Certainly, no chivalry greeted his victim, as she stood friendless in the police court, and the hotel declined to have her back.

But I cannot see that this brand of chivalry shows any absence of contempt. However, if chivalry was absent, charity was not; it was there in person of the professor's wife—the splendid, no-nonsense, friendly in the police court, and the hotel declined to have her back.

I wonder what she thinks of her husband's epigrams—they have not hurt her, certainly. She probably regards them as other wives do their husbands'—as business crazes for gardening, carpentry, or detective stories.

What does she think of this effort of her husband's in particular? "Matrimony is often an arrangement by which the woman trades her irreproachable conduct for irreproachable conduct." She is trading for her irreproachable conduct on this occasion?

Unsinkable Ship Safe; Defies Hun U-Boat

Baltimore, Md., May 11.—An unsinkable ship, which braved the dangers of the submarine zone as a challenge to the Hun U-boat, has returned safely to an Atlantic port. It is understood that the vessel left an Atlantic port in a convoy of forty-three vessels, and when the fleet reached the danger zone the unsinkable ship left the convoy as a deliberate challenge to the undersea boats. No attempt was made to avoid the enemy war vessels, and the ship headed a direct course for its destination, a French port. After delivering its cargo the vessel sailed, and a second time no effort was made to escape the submarine.

Sorry to Rob the Cat

Perhaps I felt a little sorry for the cat, but I certainly had no other qualms about eating the animal's dinner. I was much too hungry to dwell upon niceties, and a piece of stewed rabbit was certainly too good for a cat to eat when a man was starving. I ate it and enjoyed it, and the incident suggested to me a way in which I might possibly obtain food again when all other avenues failed.

From my place of concealment I frequently saw huge carts being pushed through the streets gathering potato peelings, refuse of cabbage and similar food remnants, which, in America, are considered garbage and destroyed. In Belgium they were using this "garbage" to make their bread out of, and while the idea may sound revolting to us, the fact is that the Germans have brought these things down to such a science that the bread they make in this way is really very good to eat. I know it would have been like cake to me when I was in need of food; indeed, I would have eaten the "garbage" direct, let alone the bread.

Although, as I have said, I suffered greatly from hunger while occupying this house, several times or two things I observed through the keyhole or from the windows which made me laugh and some of the incidents that occurred during my voluntary imprisonment were really rather funny.

From the keyhole I could see, for instance, a shop window on the other side of the street, several houses down the block. All day long German soldiers would be passing in front of the house and I noticed that they were carrying a large bundle of paper in front of this store window and look in.

Occasionally a soldier on duty would hurry past, but I think practically every one of them would stop in front of this store window a minute, and some of them three or

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SAUSAGES AS MAGNETS

I have a considerable streak of curiosity in me, and I couldn't help wondering what it could be in that window which almost without exception seemed to interest German soldiers but failed to hold the Belgians, and after conjuring my brains for a while on the problem, I came to the conclusion that the shop must have been a bookshop and the window contained German magazines, which, naturally enough, would be of the greatest interest to the Germans but of none to the Belgians.

At any rate, I resolved that as soon as night came I would go out and investigate the window. When I got the answer I laughed so loud that I was afraid for the moment I must have attracted the attention of the neighbors, but I couldn't help it.

The window was filled with huge quantities of sausage! The store was a butcher shop and one of the principal things they sold, apparently, was sausage. The display they made, although it consisted merely of quantities of sausages piled in the windows, certainly had plenty of "pulling" power. It "pulled" nine Germans out of ten out of their course and indirectly "pulled" me right across the street!

The idea of those Germans being so interested in that window display as to stand in front of the window for two, three or four minutes at a time, however, certainly seemed funny to me, and when I got back to the house I sat at the keyhole again and found just as much interest as before in watching the Germans stop in front of the window when they reached the window, even though I was now aware of what the attraction was.

FLY-CATCHING AS A SPORT

One of my chief occupations during these days was catching flies. I would catch a fly, put him in a spider's web (there were plenty of them in the old house) and sit down for the spider to come down and get him. But always I pictured myself in the same predicament and rescued the fly just as the spider was about to grab him.

Several times when things were dull I was tempted to see the tragedy enacted, but perhaps the same providence that guided me safely through all perils was guarding, too, the destiny of those flies, for I always weakened and the flies never did suffer from my lust for amusement.

The house was well supplied with books—in fact, one of the choicest libraries I think I ever saw—but they were all written in either Flemish or French. I could read no Flemish or French. I could read no Flemish and very little French. I might have made a little headway with the latter, but the books all seemed too deep for me and I gave it up.

There was one thing, though, that I did read and reread from beginning to end; that was a New York Herald which I had picked up in the street, which I studied with as much care as a real fan possibly could an up-to-date score.

(To Be Continued)

TO SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS OF 200 MEN IN SERVICE

Photographs of 200 men in service from the First Presbyterian Church will be exhibited at the Boyd Memorial Building next Thursday evening at the Sunday school festival and church social, and there will be a cross first-aid demonstration, along with cooking exhibits and stereoscopic pictures of Camp Boyd. An entertainment for which preparations have long been made will take place in the gymnasium. Merton S. Fales announces that there will be no fee charged although refreshments are to be served, but voluntary subscriptions to the summer camp will be most acceptable.

TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Every member of the Zion Lutheran Church Men's Bible Class has been urged to meet his mother to-morrow for the services for Mother's Day, when the two largest classes in the city will be combined for a special session. George A. Kline will teach the lesson to members of the pastor's class from the Second Bible Class. But for our Christian mothers many of our lives would be to-day be much different from what they are. Mothers who have lost a mother are asked just as urgently to attend to honor their sacred memories. The services will begin at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Senator Would Cancel French Debt to U. S.

Washington.—Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, introduced in the Senate yesterday a resolution to cancel the financial obligations of France to the United States, contracted during the present war.

The Treasury Department said that the credits of the United States to France for the present war amount to \$1,565,000,000. The Kenyon resolution would wipe out the debt. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

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PERSONALS

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

The marriage of Miss Edna Mae Starfliter, niece of C. D. Cameron, 1209 North Third street, to Lester John First, son of William First, of this city, took place Thursday, May 9, at 10 o'clock, in the parsonage of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dr. J. Bradley Markward officiating. A wedding tour of three weeks up the Hudson and in the Catskills will be followed by a residence at 1805 State street.

NURSE ARRIVES OVERSEAS

Captain E. E. Laubenstein has received word from his daughter, Miss Esther Laubenstein, a trained nurse, formerly supervisor of the Harrisburg Hospital, that she has arrived safely overseas. Miss Laubenstein is with the Base Hospital Unit, No. 29.

IN TRANSPORT SERVICE

William S. Miller, Jr., son of William S. Miller, 1207 North Front street, who has been spending a short vacation with his parents, has been ordered to return to his vessel, the Akamemon, at Charleston, S. C. He is in the transport service.

WORD OF SISTER'S DEATH

Mrs. Jesse E. B. Cunningham has received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. B. P. Jones, of Washington, D. C. Interment will be made in the family burial ground, Irwin, Pa., May 12.

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WOODWARD LOSES CASE IN COURT

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Judge S. J. M. McCarrell, of the Dauphin county court, to-day decided that it had not been established that nominating petitions containing enough signatures to qualify George Woodward, a chauffeur living in Philadelphia, to become a candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination in the sixth district, had been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The decision was given in refusing a mandamus asked against the secretary of the commonwealth to compel him to certify Woodward as a candidate, the claim having been made in support of the prayer for a writ that enough petitions had been filed, but that they were lost in the rush to file petitions on the final day for receiving them.

Dr. George Woodward, who is also a candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination in the district, which is represented by Senator Owen B. Linkins, made an effort to intervene during the hearing and some testimony in his behalf was submitted. The petition was discarded at the cost of the petitioner for the mandamus.

Opinion Reviews Case

The opinion reviews the case, noting that the petition which it was established was filed contained 82 names when 300 were needed and says "It must be presumed that the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in his full duty with respect to all papers left with him and the testimony indicates that in this case the fact is in accord with the presumption." The court says that careful search in the department failed to disclose any other papers and the finding of the papers produced raises a presumption that these were the only papers left in the relator's behalf with the secretary. The testimony as to any other paper being left there is not clear and satisfactory. The witnesses, without exception, admitted certain errors in their recollection in regard to alleged papers left there, but without exception recollection is very uncertain and to this fact may be attributed the contradictions of witnesses.

In closing the court says "The testimony taken shows that these nominating petitions were not intelligently and carefully in the office of the respondent. There does not seem to be any reasonable probability of any paper left there having been actually lost. For the public convenience in the office of the respondent, as according to all the testimony, has been conducted carefully, intelligently and with great fidelity."

FUNDS FOR DRAFTEES CAUSE COURT ACTION

Pittsburgh.—In a petition filed in common pleas court on Wednesday by William Kroer and Henry West-erwick, a mandate is asked requiring Patrick Moran of 440 Pennsylvania to pay over to fifty-nine Manchesteer draftees the money thrown into the flag carried by them when they left for Camp Lee, April 1. The money, \$28,84, is on deposit in the Ohio Valley Bank, as the Draftees' Farewell Fund, according to the petition.

ONE YEAR RAILWAYS WAGE SCALE SIGNED

Pittsburgh.—Closing the recent dispute, several times threatening to result in a street car tie-up here, receivers of the Pittsburgh Railways Company and officials of Division No. 85, street car men, representing the motormen and conductors, yesterday signed jointly a one-year agreement, which, among other concessions, grants the carmen a cents an hour increase in wages. The new rates of pay, dating back to May 1, will be 37 to 45 cents an hour.

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