

Mary Miles Minter



This is charming Mary Miles Minter, the winsome and famous film favorite, photographed as she sailed for Europe. Miss Minter goes abroad to rest and see the sights.

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFIE

IN A STRANGE TOWN.

"I am not a Virginian—but an American."—Patrick Henry.

IT IS always a bad idea to knock the other man's home town. Especially poor policy is it when you are making your living there. Yet there are always young men—and women, too—who seem to take peculiar satisfaction in passing uncomplimentary comments on the city or town of their adoption. They don't seem to remember that the man or woman who is at home in that town is in a position of host and that to make scathing remarks about the town is almost as rude as to make scathing remarks about the house of the man whose guest you are. Especially is this so when the town is small. The stranger in a town like New York or Chicago really harms no one but himself when he continues to pour forth his disgruntlement over the city of his temporary sojourn. No one takes offense. At most they are bored or amused. But when a stranger in a small town assures the natives that it is away behind the times, that the buildings are atrocious, the streets the worst paved in the country, the restaurants and hotels the worst run, the women the plainest and the movies the oldest he is giving real offense, besides, of course, making himself very unpopular.

It really indicates nothing more than a person's own narrowness to "knock" another town in this way. If the man from a large city goes to a small one he should take it for granted that things would be different. If a Northerner goes South he should bear in mind that Southern climates make people more indolent and he should remember that if he remains there long enough he, too, will possess something of that indolence. And if a Southerner goes North he should remember that the natives of the northern cities have really nothing to do with the raw climate and that the very progressiveness which has brought him North to do business robs daily intercourse of some of the charming courtesy that makes Southern life so different.

The real man of the world soon forgets any local prejudices he may have, or rather he is wise and well bred enough to forget them. He realizes that it is through no fault of the natives of the town where he sojourns that he has to remain among them and that theoretically at least he is free to leave the town if he does not like it. Just at present there are a good many shifts in business and industry. The end of the war and demobilization of the soldiers and the closing of certain war industries and the beginning of other peace industries have made it inevitable that a good many young men should find themselves in a new environment. City men find themselves in the country or village, and country and village men find themselves for the first time in the big cities; Easterners find themselves in the West, Westerners find themselves East, Northerners awake to the fact that great opportunities await in the land of cotton and Southerners on disembarking in the northern ports discover that there are opportunities for them there that they have not at home. If you find that these young men in a new environment show your good sense and good breeding by not knocking the town of your sojourning.

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EASILY ADJUSTED
1st Friend: Mabel, does your dog catch your new brown suit?
2nd Friend: All but a little white spot on the end of his tail, but I'm going to have that trimmed off.

Soft is Right.
"Say, Mike, wanna make a soft half-dollar?" "Betcha." "Melt it."—American Legion Weekly.

Valuable.
King Midas turned a hand to gold. "It isn't as bad as turning a head to ivory," we consoled him.

Installation Staff.
"Been visiting the Newcombes, ain't their furniture antique?"
"No; on tick, I fancy."

Who's Who IN DES MOINES LOCALS

ONE BYSTANDER—SEPT 13 21 HOUSEHOLD OF SIOUX CITY, IOWA THE WINNING HOUSEHOLD.

Wednesday evening session was held at the A. M. E. church. The evening was spent in memorial service for our inmates who have gone to the Great Beyond. The nineteenth annual session closed Thursday afternoon, closing in ritualistic work, to meet in the year 1922 in Des Moines, Iowa.

1921 CONFERENCE OF COLORED Y. W. C. A. GIRLS AT LAKE OKOBOJI

Thursday morning, August 25, a delegation of nine, including the secretary boarded the train going to the Y. W. C. A. camp at Lake Okoboji. The trip was long and tiresome because we were so anxious to reach our destination. When we got off at Milford, Iowa, taxis were waiting to carry us to the camp which is four miles and a half from the station. As we drove up in front of the dining hall we were greeted with cheers from Davenport, Clinton, Rock Island, Ill.; Omaha, Neb.; and St. Paul, Minn. girls. Acquaintances were soon made and by dinner time we were staunch friends.

I know everyone is familiar with the old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." On Friday morning we found that this had been reversed and now read, "All play and no work makes Jane a dull girl," for we were all organized into Bible recreation and forum classes.

In our Bible class the main subject was: "Friendship with Jesus Christ," the recreation class gave us many helpful suggestions on "How to make a party a success and the forum class discussed, "Problems confronting the Negro girl of today."

All classes were held in the morning and the afternoons were spent in swimming, rowing and other athletic diversions. The evenings were usually spent in a novel way and at 10 o'clock the bell sounded "lights out."

Camp Gains.
The chief gain was our new friends, "every girl a comrade true, whatever school or fame." We established a regular way of living, learned new plans to bring home to our "Y" discovered the real meaning of recreation, learned to further develop our character, create deeper sense of uprightness and loyalty to friends.

Statistics.
There were forty-two members in camp, three permanent officers, eight leaders and thirty-one girls. Classified according to religion there are as follows: Fifteen Methodists, twelve Baptists, six Congregationalists, five Episcopalians, and one registered no church connection. Classified according to occupation there are: thirteen students, eleven Y. W. C. A. secretaries, three office girls, four housewives, four waitresses, one saleslady and one elevator operator.

Each girl returned home September 3 with a determination to return next year and induce as many girls as possible to return with them.

THE ROOSEVELT CLUB.

The above named club which was organized some years ago by a select group of men for social reasons gave a reception last week in honor of members of the famous Appomattox club of Chicago as a few special guests of the city. Many excellent topics were discussed and a lovely repast was served by Mesdames A. A. Alexander, Gus Watkins, W. H. Lowery, James H. Woods, A. J. Booker, and E. T. Blagburn. The biggest bunch of men were seen present at that meeting to any other meeting for men only among colored, in the history of Des Moines.

The city federation will hold its meeting at the Y. W. C. A. Center, Oct. 13. By order of the president, Mrs. Gus Nichols.

Mrs. Mary E. Johnson of Lexington, Mo., is visiting her brother, Mr. E. N. Warren and son, Mr. M. F. Johnson. She left Sunday morning last for her home after a very pleasant stay.

Mrs. Everett Deri of Kansas City, Mo., was the guest of honor at a dinner given Wednesday evening at 1235 Stewart street. The hostess was Mrs. J. P. Jones. H. R. Twine, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Carr, Mr. S. E. Body, Mr. and Mrs. R. Vane, Mrs. Grace Jefferson and Mrs. Jessie Jones.

Master Bernard Burnaugh, violin rendition at the St. Paul Christian Endeavor last Sunday evening showed very pleasantly that he is making rapid progress. We predict for him a very successful musical career.

Many of the lovers of music have in the past season heard a great talk about "Humoresque" the piece of music that will make you laugh and make you cry. Little Elizabeth Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, who resides on Fourteenth street place entertained the C. E. Sunday evening by playing that number in a very pleasing manner. A moving picture by the title "Humoresque" is the sensation of the current season.

We wish to thank our many friends and brother Elks for their kindness to our mother and faithful wife of Mr. Wallace Baker, who passed away at 4 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 28 at 747 West Ninth street. Mrs. Pansy Coats, daughter, and Mr. Wallace Baker, husband.

The Homemakers league will meet the last Tuesday in this month at the home of Mrs. Mary Manning, 320 South West Fourth street. There will be refreshments served. All members are asked to be present.

BEWARE OF BORROWING

A woman who was too economical to subscribe for her home paper sent her little son to borrow a copy from her neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a four-dollar stand of bees, and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and falling to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into it, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a five-dollar pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating corn. Hearing the racket, the mother ran, upsetting a four-gallon churn of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole litter. In her hurry she dropped and broke, past all hope of mending, a twenty-five dollar set of false teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the spilled cream and into the parlor, ruining a twenty-dollar carpet. During the excitement the hired man, the dog broke up eleven setting hens and the calf got out and chewed the tails off of four fine shirts. All to save a measly dollar.

The executive board of the St. Paul Christian Endeavor met at the home of Mrs. Ewing last Thursday evening and plans were laid for a grand entertainment that the league is going to exhibit in the near future.

Mr. P. A. Gray, who for some time has been attending the theological college at Drake university is about to leave the city to make his home permanently in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he has a church in charge.

Rev. A. W. Hackley, the presiding elder of the Des Moines districts will fill the pulpit at St. Paul church both Sunday morning and evening.

Sunday is rally day at Kyle's A. M. E. Zion church, South East Eighteenth and Scott streets. Dr. W. H. Griffin of St. Paul's A. M. E. church will preach the sermon at 3 p. m.—Signed, E. S. Hardge, pastor.

Mrs. Sarah Harge of Montgomery, Ala., is in the city visiting her son, Rev. E. S. Hardge.

The religious work committee of the Crocker street branch Y. M. C. A. held their meeting August 28 for the purpose of discussing and perfecting plans for the Sunday afternoon men's meeting and the Tuesday evening Bible training class. There has been carefully arranged program. One that will be interesting as well as helpful. Opening session Sunday, October 2. Notice the Bystander for further announcements.

The Mary Church Terrell club met at the home of Mrs. Ella Willis. The meeting was in a form of a social affair, there were five visitors including two out of town. Mrs. Alone Graves, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Alka Speele of New York City. The club will meet next Monday evening with Mrs. Audra Alexander as hostess.

The D. Y. W. Y. K. Art club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cooler, 1318 School street.

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The SANDMAN STORY

THE SAUCY CLOUDS.

ONE night as Mr. Moon-man looked over the tops of the trees and mountains he saw a number of feecy little clouds scudding about.

"O dear!" sighed Mr. Moon-man. "I am afraid I shall have trouble tonight with those saucy little clouds. I was hoping as I came up that they would be in another part of the sky instead of right in the place where I want to shine."

Mr. Moon-man was right; he was to have trouble with the saucy, feecy litte clouds, and just as his bright face peeped over the treetops all the little feecy clouds scudded right into his face.

Mr. Moon-man ducked and dodged until at last he found a space between



"WELL, HERE I AM," SHE SAID

the saucy little clouds to shine upon the earth below, but no sooner had he done so than the little clouds danced and frolicked in front of him until he was quite hidden again.

Mr. Moon-man is a very nice old fellow, so he said very pleasantly: "Go along with you and play in another part of the sky. There is plenty of room without getting right in front of me so the Earth folk can't see my light."

But the saucy little clouds were bent on having fun, and fun they intended

to have, and all at poor Mr. Moon-man's discomfort.

He had just found a nice big place to shine through when all those saucy little clouds began to dance right in front of him again. First, they would hide his bright face completely, and then they would scud away and let him shine a minute, only to scud in front of him again.

At last the old man lost his patience and sent a message by a star for the old Sky Witch. "Tell her to hurry," he told the little messenger. "For I have lost a great deal of time now." Old Sky Witch came hurrying along on her broomstick, her long black cape floating behind her like a big cloud. "Well, here I am," she said, "what can I do for you?"

"Hurry as fast as ever you can to the four corners of the Earth and tell the winds to come here quickly; or I shall not be able to shine at all tonight," said Mr. Moon-man.

Old Sky Witch did not stop even to ask what was the matter, but off she flew and was soon out of sight, and all the time the saucy little clouds kept on bothering Mr. Moon-man.

He did not have to wait long, for as soon as the winds got the message from the Witch they blew quickly to help Mr. Moon-man out of his trouble.

"Away with you, you little tormentors!" called the winds, as they blew from north, south, east and west, and scudding away as fast as they could the saucy little clouds were soon in a faroff part of the sky and old Moon-man sent his bright beams on the earth without being disturbed.

"Thank you," said Mr. Moon-man; "sorry to call on you at this time in the night, but those saucy clouds were pestering me beyond endurance."

"Oh, that's all right," answered the winds; "we are always glad to help a friend," and away they blew and left the night all still, but the big Earth was bright with the happy smile of Mr. Moon-man.

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SCHOOL DAYS



Sick im, Dan!

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Mrs. Lewis Jackson of 2726 Cleveland avenue received a telegram Monday of the death of her mother, Mrs. Annie Woodford at Buxton, Iowa. Funeral announcements will be made latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson returned from Keokuk the early part of the week where they have been the guests of their friends and relatives.

The Bystander has added to its staff Miss Virginia Stewart of Keokuk who will be assistant to Mr. Durr and will have charge of the social news, etc.

The Phyllis Wheatley Art club will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Crawford, 1562 East Nineteenth street Wednesday.

Developing Self-Control.
Self-control may be developed in precisely the same manner as we tone up a weak muscle—by little exercises day by day. Let us each day do, as many exercises of discipline in moral character, a few acts that are disagreeable to us, the doing of which will help us in instant action in our hour of need.—W. G. Jordan.

Instruments on an Airplane.
The instruments on an airplane usually include an altimeter, for indicating the height; clock; compass; revolution indicator, showing the speed of the engine; speedometer, indicating the air speed of the airplane; and petrol and oil gauges, indicating the amount of fuel in the tanks.

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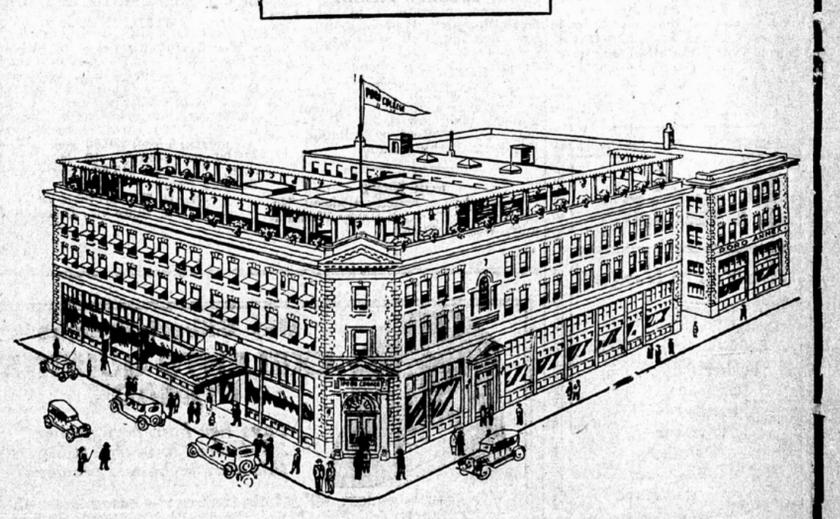
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