

PRINCESS AS CUPID

By RENE THURLOW.

Princess and Major were two large, coal black cavalry horses.

Had they not loved each other only as horses can, they would not have been the means of bringing together two young hearts which came very near being crossed in hopeless love.

Geraldine Evans was the niece of Colonel Harris and was paying him a visit at Fort Corliss. It was from Major's back that Dick Wentworth, a handsome lieutenant there, had told Geraldine he loved her; it was while sitting on an old log by the wayside, Princess and Major standing near by, that Geraldine promised to be Dick's wife; and alas, it was through Princess and Major that they fell out.

Dick had asked her if she would ride with him that evening at 7, and she answered: "With the greatest of pleasure."

A few minutes before the appointed hour she stood on the wide veranda overlooking the colonel's quarters.

Seven o'clock came and went, but no Dick. Half past seven rolled by and still no Dick; eight o'clock arrived and with it Sergeant Gray in his large touring car.

"Oh, do come for a ride, Miss Evans, Captain and Mrs. Williams are going out for a ride and I want you for the fourth."

"Indeed, I shall be pleased to," Geraldine replied, played at Dick's evident carelessness.

At seven o'clock as Dick came pulling on his gauntlets, he found his steed quietly grazing a little distance off. Then followed a temper-trying game. For three-quarters of an hour the young officer approached first one horse and then the other. Just when he thought his hand was upon the bridle, up would go a pair of heels and the black beast would scamper off.

The result was, Dick was one hour later than he had promised.

As the auto was making the turn at the end of the road, a hot, dusty young man with two coal black horses rode up to the colonel's gate. He found Geraldine gone. Worse still, he heard her silvery voice floating back in the wind.

The next morning, while out for a stroll, Geraldine met Dick and waited for him to explain his tardiness, while he waited for her to explain her absence, and a coquetry arose.

That afternoon they were to attend a ball game, but Dick asked Sergeant Gray to take his place, exercising himself on the plea of unfitness duties. The next night was hop night, but Geraldine did not find herself able to go as Dick was to have been her escort, so he went alone. Soon after, Dick received a neat little package of brass buttons and other souvenirs addressed to "Mr. Wentworth," and "Miss Evans" received a similar package containing a pair of crocheted slippers and arm elastic, whereupon both regretted the day they ever met.

September came with the first tint of autumn, a mellow haze softened the outline of each green-clad hill and mountain, and the sun rose red and sailed an unclouded course each day.

Geraldine was out riding on Princess with Sergeant Gray.

The sun was just setting over the western hills, but for the first time since last June Geraldine did not notice its beauty.

"Is it really necessary that you go back East tomorrow, Miss Evans?" asked Sergeant Gray, noting the absent, faraway look on her face. Her answer was interrupted by Princess who for a moment seemed almost unmanageable.

"How uneasy your horse is, Miss Evans."

"Yes, she is always so without Major. Who is that coming behind us?"

It was Dick on Major. "I must say good-by to her," he thought.

"If I were to spur Major on and pass them at a run, Princess would surely follow."

The flying horse and rider passed them. Major whinnied as he snuffed his companion and Princess arched her glossy neck and was after him like the wind.

Dick was delighted when he heard the mounting hoofbeats of the running horse, but his exhibition was changed to terror when he saw directly in front of him a washout in the road some 10 feet wide. Geraldine would never be able to make that jump, she could barely keep on her horse now. He cursed himself for bringing her into peril. To check their horses before the leap was impossible.

"Give Princess her head and brace yourself in the saddle," Dick cried, as the horses gathered for the leap. "Hold her up firmly."

But Geraldine had no strength to hold in her horse, and without her accustomed support, Princess stumbled, Dick tumbled to the dust-bedraggled form. As he lifted her head, fanning her face with his cap, Geraldine opened her eyes, murmuring, "I am not hurt, Dick, I only fainted."

Dick offered a little prayer of thanksgiving, and what followed only Princess and Major know. They had only a moment to forgive and forget.

The fall resulted in a temporary lameness for Princess, and when the inspector next visited Fort Corliss she was condemned.

Dick knew full well that she would recover, and not long afterwards obtained permission from the government to purchase Princess, and he presented her to his wife.

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Opened Brothers' Church.

There were three of the Wesleyan of them only two of them had anything to do with founding the Methodist church. Some of our English clergymen, and well educated, they were all plain men, but the other brother, Samuel, was a stock in "Methodism." In fact, he combined it, and wrote of it upon his tombstone as "spreading delusion."

To Be of Influence.

If you can't swing things your way, it is the sensible thing to do to swing with things the way they are going. To swing you can just abruptly cut away, but that leaves you out of touch with things. It may be a relief to your conscience to be beyond the reach of compromise. But you are also beyond the reach of influence. You can not hope to be able to swing things, or even outstep anything toward leading it.

Pulque Trains in Mexico.

Pulque, the national drink of Mexico, is made from the juice of the maguey plant, large trunks of which are cultivated outside the City of Mexico. As a rule there are about eight hundred plants to the acre. The juice is extracted by the peons. It is shipped into towns in long trains much like our milk trains here. The white liquid tastes like yeast and the consumption is so great that it is equivalent to two quarts a day for each person.

Deadly Enemy of Malaria.

The mosquito, the enemy of the human race, is the deadliest of all insects. It is the cause of malaria, a disease which is fatal in many cases. The mosquito is a single individual may live for 200 mosquito hours in 4 hours, and it is not a very large insect. This blood-sucking creature may be placed in ponds and streams where no fishes exist.

Too Busy for Gratitude.

The quality for which we most frequently criticize the Japanese is one in which, with explicit inconsistency, we particularly pride ourselves. That is their determination to be independent. If an American has something to teach a Japanese, the Japanese observes him very carefully while he performs the trick. Then, with a polite "Thank you, Goodby," the Japanese leaves the American and does not perform the trick for him, or with any appreciation. He is fit to be shot as a result. (See "The World's Best.")

Have Points in Common.

If in the general understanding that there are all kinds of people in the world, but at times we get the notion that they are all exactly alike, at that, —Wilmington News.

Water and the Human Body.

The specific gravity of water and the human body is virtually the same. A body in the water is supported by equal pressure at all points. It is more likely to be at ease than under other circumstances. It is, therefore, more likely that it may move without pain. So cripples are often given their exercise in the water.

Use Life's Powers Properly.

There is no wealth but that life, including all its powers of love, joy and admiration. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings; that man is the richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others. —Ruskin.

Keeping Even Temper.

Indigestion, tired nerves, poor digestion, swollen demands, an overabundance of emotion and a dozen other things will disturb the temper. You can't always regulate yourself, but you can get a great deal toward keeping the body in trim. You can see to it that the old back does not get a load too heavy to be borne. You can also try to guard against surprises that unbalance the mental mechanism, and send the mercury skipping skyward. It's the best way to keep an even temper.

JUNIORS PLAN TO BE BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO WORLD CHILDREN

LITTLE brothers and sisters to all the children of the world—that's what the school boys and girls of America are going to be called from now on. The Junior Membership department of the Red Cross has a plan which will gather them all into this relationship. Even the smaller kiddies will be included.

In central Europe 200,000 children are starving, 75,000 are hungry and homeless in Petrograd alone. Sixty per cent of the membership fees are to be sent to National Headquarters for a National Children's Fund to relieve suffering throughout the world.

In America, in smaller numbers, there are children in need of help. These unfortunates are not to be forgotten while the orphans of France and Belgium are receiving aid. The remaining forty per cent of the Junior fees, as well as any additional money raised by the school children, is to be expended for community activities.

Under this head there are many classes. Crippled children are to be found in almost any town, and the Juniors will help them to buy crutches or artificial hands and legs. Little folks in need of hospital or medical care will have American Red Cross Juniors ready to foot the bills if the fathers aren't able to pay the expenses.

Junior auxiliaries will try to furnish diversion for the children who live in orphanages and for the shut-ins. The ideal of the organization is to establish international understanding and good will among all children, to provide motives for purposeful school activities, and to carry out ideals and habits of service.

NEW EDUCATIONAL IDEAS ANNOUNCED

WITH the opening of the school term this fall the Junior Red Cross will be concerned with two new phases of education.

The first is the internationalization of general education. The other is the providing of scholarships for children of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines who wish to attend schools of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

The closer inter-relationship of nations, resulting from the war, is making necessary, among children everywhere an understanding of the social, industrial and commercial situations as they exist now and as they will be apt to develop.

The teacher who keeps in touch with Junior Red Cross activities will have this fall a monthly bulletin that will contain true stories of conditions and incidents over the world and will make her geography and history lessons as live and interesting as a motion picture. These bulletin stories and articles are specially prepared to give a basic understanding of the world as it is in the process of change today.

In order that fatherless boys and girls may have an education that will fit them for taking care of the family dependent upon them, the Juniors will try to provide a scholarship for the use of the orphans of men who have died in service.

An innovation in school courses this year is First Aid, which will be taught by physical directors and other teachers who have taken the course and have qualified as an instructor.

BE A MEMBER OF THE JUNIOR RED CROSS

ANY American school, whether it be public, private or parochial, may have a Junior Red Cross auxiliary.

Membership in the Junior Red Cross may be obtained by applying to the nearest Red Cross chapter. As soon as the school enrolls as an auxiliary, every boy and girl in that school becomes a member of the Junior Red Cross.

Membership fees depend upon the size of the school. The yearly fee for each school is one-fourth as many dollars as there are pupils in the school. The Junior membership auxiliary fee is a school fund, not a sum to be collected from individual pupils. Some auxiliaries raise their money by sales or school entertainments. Others have "sacrifice boxes" where candy money is contributed to the Red Cross fund.

The chapter school committee receives the money from the school. Sixty per cent is forwarded to National Headquarters for the National Children's Fund, and forty per cent retained for neighborhood relief work.

THE THREE PURPOSES OF THE JUNIOR RED CROSS.

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To bring about understanding among children of all countries.

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