

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Wedding Lace.

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GORDON glanced down at the girl beside him, then out to the tennis court where Lorita was waiting.

Then he looked back at the girl. He didn't know her, that was patent—all the offerings of the summer hotel had so far not produced any one so diverting as to looks. He threw away his cigarette and blew out some smoke, then said before he knew it, completely contrary to his good old New England bringing up: "It's foolish to waste time on knitting on a day like this. Why don't you play?"

She looked up from her yards of exquisite lace and answered quite composedly. "Please don't think I don't want to, but this is a work of necessity—it's wedding finery."

"Oh, I see! Then he took a step involuntarily toward the court and Lorita, for he naturally associated Lorita with a wedding; he was going to marry her in the winter. But something held him. Perhaps it was the girl's serious gray eyes or the graceful curve of her neck as she bent over her work or merely an interesting pallor that contrasted strongly with the wholesome, healthy sunburn of the others."

"I say—can't you chuck it just for a few minutes. Come on and play in this one set with me and I'll find you a partner. It's a shame to waste this weather on that stuff!"

She shook her head with determination, but an appreciative smile lightened her face. "I'd just love to, but I can't. Weddings don't wait, you know."

"All right! You're the doctor. Sorry!" he answered. "Coming—coming!" he called, as Lorita beckoned impatiently. Hanged if that girl isn't a peach for looks. Lucky fellow to get her! Then her words came back with force. Weddings don't wait! she had said, and it struck him suddenly that his own nuptials were approaching with rather a breath-taking speed. Four months would consummate the plan so long dear to the heart of his parents.

Lorita, a black-eyed beauty of rather a Spanish type, was talking with Captain Master. I was just telling Paul, she explained, that I would have to start you in training right away in order to have you in form by the time of our wedding. Unpunctuality is your worst fault, Gordon. We've been waiting fifteen minutes."

"I've a good excuse!" I saw your excuse just now! Lorita's eyes flashed at him as he shouldered her. "Did you? Well, she's pretty anyway, don't you think? I asked her to play."

"What?" I wanted her to play tennis with us. You see, she looked so lonely and white and I thought—"

But Lorita had gone off into peals of laughter. Oh, Gordon, you'll kill me. Come on—let's play. Here's Peggy going to play with Paul. No, I'll tell you the joke some time again. I hate to spoil it by hurrying."

So the game began. That night Gordon was called away on business. When he returned to the hotel, a week later, he was amazed to learn that Lorita and her mother had departed, and a day later he learned of her marriage to Captain Paul Mateer.

He returned to his office and hard work thoughtful and sober, but not content in soul and spirit as his New England conscience told him he should be. In fact, he felt somewhat by spells as though he'd like to lift up his voice and sing or shout or do something to show the relief he felt at his unexpected release. But after a while reaction set in and he felt a vague longing, indefinite and unaccountable at first, a desire for something he could not name. But gradually the want took form and out of the chaos of his thoughts appeared a pair of sea-gray eyes and a steady white face looking gratefully at him.

Then he cursed himself for a fool—letting her get away without finding out her name. But after all she had been making her wedding clothes, so perhaps it was quite as well he had lost her.

November came, dark and dreary and wet, and the third week brought a letter from his mother. Obeying instructions he went to a tea room to meet her one afternoon at four. Out side the rain was coming down cold and penetrating, half mixed with snow, inside was warmth and the rose glow of low lamps. Japanese girls glided noiselessly among the tables bearing tiny cups of tea and plates of cakes.

Gordon looked around approvingly, his artistic eye pleased with the scene. Then he started, for there at the next table was his summer girl and she was—knitting. Her fingers flew among the intricate threads and her eyes were intent upon the pattern.

"Is— isn't it finished yet?" asked Gordon across the space. The gray eyes flashed up at him and suddenly widened and darkened. And was it imagination or did a faint rose touch the whiteness of her cheek? Then she smiled.

"No, it's never finished. But you are not served yet. Can't you come over here. It's so unsociable eating alone."

He needed no second invitation. "I'll come if you stop knitting. Don't you think it's bad for you—so much of it. I should think your husband would rather have you in sackcloth with some roses in your cheeks instead of all that fuzzy stuff—and— he stopped lamely."

"My husband? She looked blank. Why should you think that I'm to have a husband? Then suddenly she laughed. "Oh, I see! It was for a wedding and you thought it was for mine. How funny! Why, this is the way I earn my living! I make this to order—hundreds of yards of it and I don't dare to waste a minute. Last summer at Oakhurst I was making things for— it was her turn to stop and she flamed red, for she remembered the tragic ending to his romance."

"For Lorita? he asked. "Yes."

"He might have known it! Somehow in her tailored trimness he couldn't imagine this serious, gray-eyed girl in billows of frivolous finery. "Tell me something. He leaned forward eagerly. I've dreamed of your gray eyes all fall and think Heaven sent me here today to find you. Is—"

Is there any prospect of your making your own wedding lace? I must know it if there is.

None that I know of, she answered. Then briefly. But I wouldn't waste the time on myself; there are so many more wonderful things to do! I think I'd look up at the sky and trees so long I'd soon grow a neck like the little girl in the story and have to carry my head around on a wheelbarrow. "I love you!" he whispered tensely. Suppose, dear little Miss Gray Eyes, you give me a chance to take care of you. If you'll marry me we will take whole days and weeks and months just looking at the sea and trees and sky. Will you, dear?"

For an instant she hesitated. Then she looked at him and smiled.

WORTHINGTON.

Improving Property Z. F. Davis is making several improvements to his property on Water street. A new fence is being built around it.

Boom in Real Estate There has been a considerable boom in real estate since the lot sale last Saturday. Some of the lots have already changed hands at a considerable advance over the sale price. Several purchasers have stated that they intend to build on their lots immediately.

Moved to Fairmont Denil Carpenter who has been resident of Worthington for the past year removed to Fairmont on Tuesday where he has secured employment with the Monongah Glass company. Worthington is sorry to lose these estimable people and we wish them success in their new location.

Left For Pittsburgh Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McIntire left for Pittsburgh on Tuesday for a visit of several days. While in the city Mr. McIntire will purchase a stock of goods for his store here.

Visitors From Clarksburg Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Sturm and family, of Clarksburg, were recent visitors here with Mrs. Sturm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Morgan.

PERSONAL Miss Virginia Millan, of Manning, was visiting friends here Monday.

Mrs. Perry L. Lochart, of Middleton, was business visitor here Tuesday.

J. L. Murphy, of Farmington, was transacting business here Tuesday.

A. J. McDaniel, cashier of the First National Bank is a business visitor in Pittsburgh this week.

J. Lane Parrish and Dr. W. W. Orr motored to Fairmont Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sandy returned Sunday from a visit with friends in Ohio.

Ray McDaniel who has been visiting relatives here for the past month returned to his home at Cable, Ohio, Sunday.

W. E. Shaver was a business visitor in Fairmont Tuesday.

Poor Diplomat. "I think the one you refused is much more attractive of the two." "I admit that, but when he proposed he went into ecstasies over how happy I could make him; but the one I accepted spoke earnestly of how happy he would try to make me."—Houston Post.

HEALTH HINTS

Dame Nature believes in sleep and so she'll make you go to sleep whether you want to or not.

If you go without sleep, one or two or three nights you will fall asleep at your work. You cannot prevent this for Nature is more powerful than you are.

However, by going short on sleep month in and month out, say by sleeping five or six hours a night, you will materially affect your general health.

Dances, parties and other forms of amusements are all right once in a while, but when they keep a person up until after midnight every night in the week they are harmful.

The average healthy adult requires at least eight hours of sleep in the 24 to keep in the best condition. Perhaps you are one of the exceptions that have managed to get along on five or six hours for years and seem to thrive on it.

If so, you are an exception, for most people would "run down" on that amount of sleep. Every-day worker should make it a point to be in bed by 10 o'clock at least five nights in the week.

The bedroom should be quiet and well-ventilated. Never permit yourself to "slep cold." This does not mean, however, that you should pile on covers until you are weighed down with them, as this will only disturb your sleep and make it restless.

The bed, if possible, should be in that part of the room where a draft will not blow over you. A hard mattress is better for health than a soft one and a feather bed should not be in any modern home.

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LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Birthday Party Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wullenschneider, of Chestnut street, entertained the force of the Prudential Life Insurance office at a chicken dinner last evening at their home, the event honoring the birthday anniversary of the former. Covers were laid for twelve. Mr. Wullenschneider was presented with a hammered smoking set by the guests. Mrs. Wullenschneider was assisted in serving by Mrs. T. S. Neptune and Miss Arla Musgrave.

Parrish-Ashcraft Miss Laura Ashcraft and Damp W. Parrish, both of Worthington, were united in marriage yesterday at the home of the officiating minister, Dr. H. G. Stoetzer on First street and Gaston avenue. Mr. Parrish is employed with the Consolidation Coal company at Worthington. The bride is also well known there.

To Have Picnic Meade Circle Ladies of the G. A. R. will hold a picnic on Thursday at Loop park when Veterans of the Civil war will be entertained at a picnic supper which will be served at four o'clock. The party will go to the park at 2 o'clock. All veterans and friends are invited to attend.

Motored to Cassville Dr. and Mrs. Chesney Ramage and little daughter, Eleanor, left yesterday in their runabout for Cassville, Monongalia county, on a visit to Mrs. Ramage's parents. Rr. and Mrs. Ramage will go on for a tour in Pennsylvania extending to Philadelphia. Miss Eleanor will remain with her grandparents.

Society to Meet The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church, South, will meet on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the church.

Seven Pines Farmers Meeting Is Success

The first day of the meetings of farmers in institute at Seven Pines yesterday proved beyond a doubt that the Marion county farmers are more than interested in their own welfare to the extent that they are willing to come from distant farm houses to attend the lectures at the institute. The meeting at Seven Pines is a two day affair. The program for the second day follows:

Morning Session opens promptly at 9:30 a. m. Poultry Troubles, Dr. C. A. Lederer; Home Care of the Sick, Dr. Mary E. Anderson; Considerations, The Relate to Live Stock Breeding, C. R. Wagner; Girls Club and Club Work, Miss Coon; Boys' Club, County Agent H. L. Smith.

Afternoon Session opens promptly at 1:30 P. M. Milk Fever, Dr. C. A. Lederer; Sheep on West Virginia Farms, C. R. Wagner; What to Eat—Balanced Rations, Dr. Mary E. Anderson; Bone Diseases of Horses, Dr. C. A. Lederer; election of officers and adjournment. James L. Hamilton, president; Mary Shaver, secretary.

It's Wonderful How Resinol Stops Itching

To those who have endured for years the itching torments of eczema or other such skin-eruptions, the relief that the first use of Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap usually gives is incredible. After all the suffering they have endured and all the less treatments they have spent good money for, they cannot believe anything so simple, mild and inexpensive can stop the itching and burning INSTANTLY! And they find it still more wonderful that the improvement is permanent and that Resinol really drives away the eruption completely in a very short time. Perhaps there is a pleasant surprise like this in store for you. Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap are sold by all druggists.

A Good Soap For Baby Skin

A good baby soap should contain soothing, healing properties to prevent the rashes and chafings to which babies are liable. That is why so many physicians recommend Resinol Soap.

On Motor Trip Dr. and Mrs. Chesney left yesterday for a two-weeks' vacation which will include a motor trip to Philadelphia and other Pennsylvania points. During his absence Dr. A. B. Criss will fill his position as city physician.

To Gunston Hall Miss Helen Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson, leaves Monday for Washington, D. C., where she will enter Gunston Hall, a school for young ladies. Mrs. Robinson and daughter are now in Pittsburgh and will return home tonight.

Returned From Visit The Misses Minnie and Sally McCoy have returned from an extended visit with their brothers, Paul McCoy, in New York city, and Mel McCoy, in Washington, D. C. They also spent several days in Atlantic City.

At Country Club Golf and tennis in the open and cards and sewing parties in doors and on the verandas will be events at the Country club tomorrow and it is desired that women members of the club will be present in large numbers. Tea will be served during the afternoon for those who desire it.

PERSONALS

Robert Burns, of New York, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burns on Gaston avenue.

Mrs. Elizabeth Glasscock and Mr. Harry Watson, of Warren O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Eddy. Miss Anna Kenny leaves today for New York and Baltimore, where she will spend several days. She will visit friends in Cumberland, Md., en route home.

Mrs. Rebecca Janes and Miss Martha Taylor have taken an apartment in the Terrace Apartments where they will reside.

Miss Frances Ward will return tonight from Wheeling and Steubenville, O., where she has been the guest of relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. Emma Blackwell left this morning for Alliance, O., to make her future home. Envelopes. So far as its known envelopes were practically unknown before 1725. About that time one was seen semi-occasionally. As late as 1850 letters were often sent folded and sealed. Envelopes may be said to have come into use shortly after 1844.

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Hartley's A Shoe Style Show

The Newest Styles in Footwear Will Be Shown By Living Models, Friday Afternoon at 2:30

This novel manner of acquainting you with the newest Shoe Style is a feature worthy of your presence. People have been entertained with living models in Garment Stores throughout the country for several years and there seems to be no more effective way of showing Shoes than as worn.

In this manner you will see the effectiveness of the Shoes in all their variety as actually worn and to judge their actual beauty upon all types of feet.

Shoes Will Be Shown In Groups

And each group will represent the newest and best styles. One group will consist of street Shoes, another dress Shoes, another evening Shoes and slippers, etc., each group being comprehensive.

After the Shoes have been shown by the living Models, they will be displayed upon convenient tables so that our guests may closely examine the points of style and workmanship. Our shoeman Mr. Carson will be in attendance to explain the points of workmanship and to suggest the proper lasts of these exhibition shoes for your personal wear. You are cordially invited to attend.

Women's and Young Women's Serge Dresses

Serge leads as fabric for attractive dresses for everyday wear, and styles of utter simplicity are the vogue.

For instance, serge dresses in one-piece, straight line effect derive their charm from being pleated in varying ways. Serge and silk combination dresses are set off attractively with wide collars and cuffs, with beading or embroidery for trimming. A very good assortment from \$6.75 to \$15.00; and some up to \$25.

Second Floor.



Women's Beautiful New Coats

Thick, soft-pile fabrics, deep rich colors, beautiful fur trimmings and serviceable silk linings, they are quite new of cut with the full sweep fashion exacts of the smart wrap; and usually finished with collars so broad they suggest capes at \$6.75 to \$20.00, are velour cloth, tweed, wool plush and Scotch plaid coats.

At \$25.00 to \$115.00 comes handsome Ballivas, Velours, Plushes, Broadcloth, Ripple Cloths, Silk Velours, etc.

Millinery of Surprising Prettiness at \$5 to \$7.50

There are velvet and hatters plush hats in mushroom, shirred crown, Spanish sailor and other new effects that tastes accustomed to much higher-priced millinery will approve. There are so many good and unusual things that might be said of these \$5.00 to \$7.50 hats that to go on would seem like boasting.

Won't you see for yourself? Second Floor.

Rich Coloring In New Suitings

All the new season's wool materials are now on display and the colors are very rich and beautiful.

Broadcloth in navy, burgundy, green, brown, Copenhagen and black, 50 inches wide \$2.00 and \$2.50 a yard.

French Serges in navy, green, taupe, brown, Copenhagen, burgundy and black, 46 inches wide \$1.25 a yard.

Plaid Cloths in all leading colors, from shepherds hagen, burgundy and black, 46 inches wide, \$1.25 to \$2.25 a yard.

Automobile Robes \$3.50 to \$16.50

Warm and handsome are these new automobile robes and all are of a quality considerably above the ordinary kinds but cost no more. They come in combination plaids and double faced plaids with one side plain and the reverse side plaid.

Now is the time to make selections while the stock is fresh and largest. Prices run \$3.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.00 up to \$16.50. Third Floor

Now for Blankets

Great, warm, bountiful piles of them ready. Some of them are big, thick, heavy all-wool blankets—the finest to be found. Others all-wool part cotton or all cotton in different weights.

Wool Blankets in large and broken plaids in pretty colors, or plain white with colored borders and bound edges. Prices \$2.75 to \$15.00 a pair.

Cotton Blankets, 64x80 inches in gray and tan with pink and blue borders, are extra good for \$1 a pair. Cotton Blankets in neat plaids and plain colors, \$1.00 to \$5.00. Third Floor Annex.

Children's Hair Ribbons

in floral, plaid and moire designs at 25c a yd. First Floor.

This Is Preserving Time

And the Basement Store has all the necessary things to insure good results. Fruit Jars, Ball Bros., Mason patent, in pint, quart and half gallon sizes, 56c, 65c, 75c a doz. Jar Tops of genuine Boyd quality 25c a doz. Jar Gums, extra heavy quality, 10c a dozen. Jelly Glasses, 1/2 pint size, 25c a dozen. Jar-Fillers or funnels, 10c and 15c each. Basement.

Friday—A Special Sale of Aluminum Ware at 50c each

This is pure aluminum cooking ware of genuine Swiss quality, with "cold" handles thoroughly riveted and every piece of a heavier quality than usually sold at prices half again as much.

You have choice of a 2-quart Berlin sauce pan, round or flat bottom style, or 3-quart sauce pan. 3-quart preserving kettle at 50c each, Friday. No phone orders filled. Basement.