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MAX GRADL WEDS. Aberdeen Boy Marries Chehalis Girl - Couple Will Make Future Home in Moclips.

He Was Fooled

But He Rather Enjoyed It

By JANE C. SCARBOROUGH

When I was a girl, having to earn my own living I decided for telegraphy. There wasn't so much typing done at that time as there is now, or perhaps I should have gone into that. I'm glad there wasn't, for a telegrapher's position such as I secured after I had learned to be an operator was much pleasanter and easier than hammering a typewriter.

One morning he came down to the station looking very ill. I told him that he should be at home instead of at work and he replied that some one must be in his office to signal trains or there would be a terrible confusion and an accident might be the result.

However, about 10 o'clock in the morning most of the trains had passed and the road in our section would be comparatively deserted till 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I persuaded Johnny to go home till then and he felt so bad that he finally consented, since



HE RETURNED QUICKLY AND SAW ME LAUGHING AT HIM.

I could hear the clicking of his instrument from my booth and vice versa. After giving me instructions to last me till his return in the afternoon he was about to leave when he paused and said: "If any of my girls call me up don't say I'm not at my instrument. It might get me into trouble."

"What shall I say?" I asked. "Oh, say 'He's very busy just now; I'll call you later,' or something like that."

He was too ill to say any more, and I didn't detain him further. There was but little doing in my department, so I took some embroidery I kept for dull hours and sat with it in the ticket office. I had often relieved Johnny for a half hour or so selling tickets, and fortunately on this occasion I had nothing else to do in his behalf. As for standing off the lady operators with whom he had been involved, I had only to attend to one. About an hour after he had left me I heard a suspicious call, something unusual. Fancying it might be from one of Johnny's girls and presuming that Johnny in replying simply repeated it, I answered it in that way, whereupon I heard nothing further.

There was admiration in every feature of his face as he said this, and I did the proper thing for a woman to do under the circumstances—I lowered my eyes. The rest of the incident is a love story so like all other love stories that its telling would be mere repetition. Besides, it would not be considered becoming in an elderly woman whose eldest son is twenty-five years old.

Bright Pupils. Here are some answers culled from school examination papers: "The Saltic law is that you must take everything with a grain of salt."

she had done some of that and wished to do more, but she couldn't get any worsted. "Worsted! What kind of a girl was this who supposed that hemstitching was done with worsted? Then it flashed upon me that Johnny's girl was a man. Some young fellow was amusing himself at Johnny's expense. While I would be reluctant to play a part in the case of a woman, I had no qualms of conscience in fighting this man with his own weapons. Johnny was my friend, and I didn't propose to see him fooled.

"I thought," was my next move, "that hemstitching was done with thread." "Is that so? On what material?" "Oh, some white stuff. Linen, I suppose. Being a man I don't know much about such things."

"And I, though a woman, have never been taught them. All my time has been given to telegraphic work." This rejoinder didn't serve to change my opinion that Johnny's ladylove was a man, and I was not unwilling that he should be duped instead of Johnny. I let him talk on, occasionally stopping to attend to such official work as came up, and the further he proceeded the more convinced I was that he was masculine. I who was supposed to be the man in the case, made the effort of my life to make love after the manner of a man.

"Eulalie," I said—this was the name given—"I do hope that I shall be able to see you when you come. Though we have never met my heart has gone out to this girlish creature with whom I have been corresponding. So different from us men. If the tenderness you expressed over the wire has so affected me when I see you, hear your sweet voice, look into your gentle eyes, I shall love you just too much for anything."

"Please repeat those last words," came over the wire. It occurred to me that "just too much for anything" was not a masculine expression. I bit my lip. Then, instead of repeating the words, I said, "I shall love you a thousandfold."

I noticed after this that for awhile he was very cautious in what he said and that several of his questions seemed to be framed with a view of drawing out evidence of whether I was feminine or masculine. I must have parried them successfully, for he resumed chatting with me in the former vein and making love very nicely. Occasionally he would forget his cue and do it as a man would make love to a woman. At such times, I confess, I was much pleased with him. I defy any woman to be indifferent to a virile yet delicate expression of love, even by one she doesn't see and over a wire, and I found myself listening to the song of the siren quite rapturously. Moreover, I was so satisfied that I had lulled completely his suspicions.

I occupied Johnny Brayton's place at the station at intervals for a week and fortunately made no blunders in official work. One day I told Eulalie that I (Johnny) had so far recovered that I expected to be in constant attendance at my office and asked when she (he) would make her proposed visit to L. He appointed a day at 12 noon when he would appear at the station. I asked her to describe herself so I would know her, and she said she would wear a bit of blue ribbon in her corsage. I kept the whole matter a secret from Johnny that I might enjoy the scene between the two when they should meet. But at the appointed day and hour I asked Johnny to go on an errand and took his place in the ticket office. At 12 noon exactly a nice looking young man, with a blue ribbon in his buttonhole, entered the station and came up to the window. On seeing a woman rise to meet him his countenance fell. As soon as he recovered himself he inquired a question as to when the next train would pass going west. Controlling my features, I replied and asked him if he wished a ticket. He said he was expecting a friend on the train. Then he started to leave the station. He was passing out of the door when with a pencil I rapped Johnny's call for his sweetheart on the board on which tickets were passed. He turned quickly and saw me laughing at him.

"Are you?" "Oh, yes, I'm Johnny, or, rather, his substitute. I presume you are Eulalie." "You're him?" "He came up to the window with an expression of shamefaced, pleased surprise. "Johnny was ill lately," I said, "and I took his place in the office. He asked me not to give him away if you called me up, and I didn't. I discovered that you were fooling him and turned the tables on you."

The Kitchen Cupboard

FRESH FRUIT PUDDINGS. FRUIT pudding makes a substantial yet dainty finish for a rather light meal. As these puddings, if made with puff paste, are apt to be somewhat hard to digest it is the part of wisdom not to have them with food that may tax the stomach heavily.

With Favorite Fruits. Orange Pudding.—Take six seedless oranges, six eggs, one cup of cracker crumbs, a cupful and a half of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of butter. Soak the crumbs in a cup of water; for an hour, grate in the yellow rind of three oranges and squeeze in the juice of the six; beat two tablespoonfuls of butter to a cream with the sugar; add the yolks of the eggs beaten light and foamy and the whites of three beaten stiff; stir into the egg and sugar mixture and beat again; add the orange and cracker and pour into a large pudding dish buttered and dredged with sugar. Bake in a moderate oven for an hour, then take out and spread lightly with a meringue made by beating the whites of three eggs and three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Let the oven cool and set the pudding in for the meringue to brown.

Apple Pudding.—Take two cups of breadcrumbs, a cup of brown sugar, a tablespoonful of butter, a quarter of a teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, four tart apples and a cup and a quarter of hot water. Butter a baking dish and line the dish with one-half the apples. These should have been washed, pared, quartered and cored. Then add one-half the breadcrumbs, the rest of the apples and breadcrumbs. Spread the sugar over the top and the butter in small pieces over all. Sprinkle the cinnamon over all. Pour the water in the center of the dish and bake.

Seasonable Desserts. Quince Pudding.—Take two tablespoonfuls of gelatin, one cupful of boiling water, one cupful of whipped cream, one and a half cupfuls of strained stewed quinces, the strained juice of one orange, grated rind and strained juice of half a lemon and one cupful of sugar. Dissolve the gelatin with the boiling water, then add the strained quinces, sugar, lemon and orange juices, mix and fold in the whipped cream, then pour into a wet mold. Serve with whipped and sweetened cream flavored with vanilla.

Peach Pudding.—Take six large peaches. Peel and stone these and fill the centers with maraschino cherries. Put them on the ice to cool. Make a custard of one cupful of milk with one-fourth of a cupful of sugar, yolks of three eggs and a tiny piece of butter. When this is cold flavor it with almonds. Line a dish with slices of sponge cake or lady fingers and put in the peaches, then the custard. Beat the whites of the eggs stiff and then add them to one-half of a cupful of cream whipped stiff. Sweeten and flavor. Cover the custard with a garnish of cherries and serve cold.

Aunt Thompson.

Instead of the date for the actual opening of the Panama canal being set later than the time originally decided on, Jan. 1, 1915, those in charge of the work assert that it will be sufficiently completed to handle traffic by Oct. 1, 1913. The building of the canal seems likely to be a great stimulus to southern and western trade, and this will be true especially of seacoast ports and territory. Some idea of what foreign nations are expecting of the canal as a commercial factor is indicated in the report that they have spent or have laid out improvements in harbor and other facilities totaling \$225,000,000.

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Browning's Quiser Pats. Robert Browning adopted quiser pats. His pet owl was well known to his visitors, as were his pet geese, which followed him about like dogs and upon which, "having suffered much from the cackle or reviewers," he bestowed the names of "Edinburgh" and "Quarterly." As a boy he had a monkey and an eagle in the garden at Camberwell and later in his life his pockets were often full of uncanny "portable creatures" to which he had taken a fancy—frogs, toads, lizards and even snakes.

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