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## The Romances of a Summer Girl

By Zoe Beckley



Saturday night late. My dearest Joan:

It was in rather a reckless mood I went to that dinner at the Fontainebleau. My cheeks may have been a shade pinker with excitement, my eyes brighter than usual. I was gay with the Oh-I-don't-care-what's-the-use-gayety of the person who is down in the dumps.

The place matched my gayety. Brand new hotel, giving itself a coming-out party. All the officers of the railroad which owns the chain of hotels were there, with their wives. I suppose some thought it odd that John Herron, director and organizer, having no wife, brought his red-haired secretary instead—a red-haired secretary in a red-haired mood!

Not that I behaved in any way unseemly, dear, don't worry. Simply that the wives snubbed me and I snubbed them back, and directed my attention, such as it was, to the men. The men, with the exception of Mortimer Mills, the president, were nice.

"Miss Varick," John Herron began our introduction. "I want you to know our chief, Mr. Mills, president of the O. M. & Western. Mills, this is Miss Varick, my very good friend and helper, who came to our rescue when Watts fell ill."

Mr. Mills looked thru me as though I were a pane of glass behind which he saw something of interest.

"Ah—Miss Varick—ah—I think I see Peters over there. Excuse me?"

Excuse him? I could have killed him.

"Don't mind him," whispered Herron. "It's me he is gunning for. I don't like to make you the bone of contention, Miss Varick, but since it has got to be war between Mills and me, the actual cause doesn't matter."

"Doesn't matter?" I echoed, flushing hotly. "It is part of my secretarial duty, I suppose, to be—"

"You know I don't mean it in that sense," said Herron, not in the least dismayed. "It is simply that sooner or later Mills and I must fight it out. It chances to be upon the issue of your secretaryship. He wants a man; I want you. I am going to win the fight. Please don't be disturbed by his behavior. I will make it up to you."

I was about to ask him how, when the signal was given for us to seat ourselves at table and I found myself between two of the railroad officials of the younger group who seemed to be divided between a desire to be nice to me and a fear of incurring the president's ill-will. Herron, I noted, was the only person who was entirely calm and unperurbed.

I decided to adopt his self-possession, and my frock helped me do it. I knew I looked well, that my hair was nicely done, my complexion more natural than any other woman's there, and that I had nothing whatever to be ashamed of. I knew which forks to use and how to man-

age my fish and salad without using a knife. I drank nothing but mineral water, although wines were constantly passed. And I kept telling myself that I was the great-granddaughter of Dorothea Saltonstall Varick, a true Colonial Dame, and that poise and good manners had been in our family for generations.

I got thru the evening with chin held high and some pleasant moments to my credit—especially when I found one of the men's mother was a Randall from Bentville. He says Herron is sure to be made president at the next election of the railroad.

Railroad president's secretaries get a lot of money, don't they? The more the merrier, say I, and the sooner the quicker! Then me for my old cottage in Bentville.

I don't care what the officers' wives think. Their circle and mine don't mix, thank heaven. Besides—who'd care anyhow? Would you? Would Randy?

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**ROTARY CLUB WILL PLANT MANY TREES**  
BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Oct. 3.—The Bluefield Rotary club will plant a Memorial avenue in honor of the heroes of the great war. J. C. Nichols of the tree planting committee has reported to the American Forestry Association of Washington. The street selected is in a new addition, is 3,000 feet long and 60 feet wide. The trees will be registered on the national honor roll being compiled by the American Forestry association.

**AND DOWN SOUTH IT'S SEVEN-ELEVEN**  
Two, three and five and their multiples are popular with nearly all races, but the Mohammedans avoid use of the number three. Latin races use two and five more than three; the English, two and three, and the Germans three and five. The deductions are based on the denominations of postage stamps and the coinage and other mediums of value. Two is most used in India, two and five in China. In Slavic countries it is the number seven. Seventeen is used a lot in Mexico and 19 in Spain.

**PROSECUTOR CAN'T WIN FOOD CASES**  
CLEVELAND, Oct. 3.—Assistant Prosecutor David R. Roth prosecuted a group of Ohio milk producers for alleged maintenance of prices. He lost. He prosecuted Max Hamberg for robbery. Hamberg was acquitted. He prosecuted Howard Bacon for larceny and lost again. When John Lard came up for larceny, Roth refused to try the case. "Food cases are my jinx," was his excuse.

**JAZZ STUFF DYING, SAYS MUSIC MAN**  
LONDON, Oct. 3.—The "jazz" in its last legs, in the opinion of Charles d'Albert, secretary of the Imperial Society of Dance teachers. He believes the old waltz is coming back. "The fox trot," he said, "is only popular because it consists almost entirely of simple walk movements, frontwards, backwards, sideways and sliding. Therefore, it is easy. The trois temps waltz was difficult. A man might practice it all his life, and then not be a good waltzer. A good waltzer must be born."

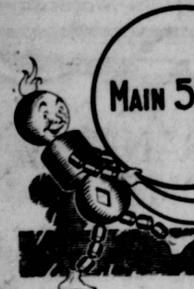
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