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IN BOSTON

SYNOPSIS.—In a preface Mary Marie explains her apparent "double personality" and just why it is a "cross-current" and a "contradiction"...

CHAPTER III—Continued.

Everything seems awfully queer. Maybe because Father isn't here, for so long. He wrote very polite and asked us to come to get our things...

And that's all. It's a Saturday now, and we go just day after tomorrow. Our trunks are most packed, and Mother says she wishes she'd planned to go today...

Father's sister, Aunt Jane Anderson, from St. Paul, is coming to keep house for him, partly on account of Father, and partly on account of me...

I guess I'll end this chapter here and begin a fresh one down in Boston. Oh, I do so wonder what it'll be like—Boston, Mother's home, Grandpa Desmond, and all the rest...

WEED FLOURISHES IN MANY LANDS

Almost Every Country in the World Has Made at Least an Attempt to Cultivate Tobacco. Some old English chronicles show that the early cultivation of tobacco in England was attended with strange results...

I begin again it will be in Boston. Only think of it—really, truly Boston!

CHAPTER IV. When I Am Marie.

Yes, I'm here. I've been here a week. But this is the first minute I've had a chance to write a word. I've been so busy just being here. And so has Mother. There's been such a lot going on since we came. But I'll try now to begin at the beginning and tell what happened.

Well, first we got into Boston at five o'clock Monday afternoon, and there was Grandpa Desmond to meet us. He's lovely—tall and dignified, with gray hair and merry eyes like Mother's, only his are behind glasses. At the station he just kissed Mother and me and said he was glad to see us, and led us to the place where Peter was waiting with the car.

Mother and Grandpa talked very fast and very lively all the way home, and Mother laughed quite a lot. But in the hall she cried a little, and Grandpa patted her shoulder, and said, "There, there," and told her how glad he was to get his little girl back, and that they were going to be very happy now and forget the past.

But it wasn't only a minute or two before Mother was laughing again, and saying, "Nonsense!" and "The idea!" and this was a pretty way to introduce the little Marie to her new home!



Well, First We Got into Boston at Four O'clock Monday Afternoon, and There Was Grandpa Desmond to Meet Us.

Then she hurried me to the dearest little room I ever saw, right out o' hers, and took off my things. Then we went all over the house. And it's just as lovely as can be—not at all like Father's in Andersonville.

Oh, Father's is fine and big and handsome, and all that, of course; but not like this. His is just a nice place to eat and sleep in, and go to when it rains. But this—this you just want to live in all the time. Here there are curtains 'way up and sunshine, and flowers in pots, and magazines, and cozy nooks with cushions everywhere; and books that you've just been reading laid down. (All Father's books are in bookcases, always, except while one's in your hands being read.)

Grandpa's other daughter, Mother's sister, Hattie, lives here and keeps house for Grandpa. She has a little boy named Lester, six years old; and her husband is dead. They were away

university or in any private garden for physick or chirurgery. In 1664 the penalty was increased to 10 pounds sterling per rood. It is not generally known that tobacco is grown in nearly every country in the world—England, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, China, Japan, Uruguay, Argentina, Java, and so on throughout the world except in the extreme northern and southern latitudes where the temperature is too low. There have been various efforts during the last ten years to revive interest in the cultivation of tobacco in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

for what they called a week-end when we came, but they got here a little after we did Monday afternoon, and they're lovely, too.

We have dinner at night here, and I've been to the theater twice already in the afternoon. I've got to go to school next week, Mother says, but so far I've just been having a good time. And so's Mother. Honestly, it has just seemed as if Mother couldn't crowd the days full enough. She hasn't been still a minute.

Lots of her old friends have been to see her; and when there hasn't been anybody else around she's taken Peter and had him drive us all over Boston to see things—all kinds of things; Bunker Hill and museums, and moving pictures, and one play.

But we didn't stay at the play. It started out all right, but pretty soon a man and a woman on the stage began to quarrel. They were married (not really, but in the play, I mean), and I guess it was some more of that incompatibility stuff. Anyhow, as they began to talk more and more, Mother began to fidget, and pretty soon I saw she was gathering up our things; and the minute the curtain went down after the first act, she says:

"Come, dear, we're going home. It isn't very warm here."

As if I didn't know what she was really leaving for! Do old folks honestly think they are fooling us all the time, I wonder? But even if I hadn't known then, I'd have known it later, for that evening I heard Mother and Aunt Hattie talking in the library.

No, I didn't listen. I heard. And that's a very different matter. You listen when you mean to, and that's sneaking. You hear when you can't help yourself, and that you can't be blamed for. Sometimes it's your good luck, and sometimes it's your bad luck—just according to what you hear.

Well, I was in the window-seat in the library reading when Mother and Aunt Hattie came in; and Mother was saying:

"Of course I came out! Do you suppose I'd have had that child see that play, after I realized what it was? As if she hasn't had enough of such wretched stuff already in her short life! Oh, Hattie, Hattie, I want that child to laugh, to sing, to fairly tingle with the joy of living every minute that she is with me. I know so what she has had, and what she will have—in that—tomb. You know in six months she goes back—"

Mother saw me then, I know; for she stopped right off short, and after a moment began to talk of something else, very fast. And pretty quick it went out into the hall again.

Dear little Mother! Bless her old heart! Isn't she the ducky dear to want me to have all the good times possible now so as to make up for the six months I've got to be with Father! You see, she knows what it is to live with Father even better than I do.

But I know now why I've been having such a perfectly beautiful time all this week, and why Mother has been filling every minute so full of fun and good times. Why, even when we're at home here, she's always hunting up little Lester and getting him to have a romp with us.

But of course next week I've got to go to school, and it can't be quite so jolly then. Well, I guess that's all for this time.

ABOUT A MONTH LATER

I didn't make a chapter of that last. It wasn't long enough. And, really, I don't know as I've got much to add to it now. There's nothing much happened.

I go to school now, and don't have so much time for fun. School's pretty good, and there are two or three girls 'most as nice as the ones at Andersonville. But not quite. Out of school Mother keeps things just as lively as ever, and we have beautiful times. Mother is having a lovely time with her own friends, too. Seems as if there is always some one here when I get home, and lots of times there are teas and parties, and people to dinner.

There are gentlemen, too. I suppose one of them will be Mother's lover by and by; but of course I don't know which one yet. I'm awfully interested in them, though. And of course it's perfectly natural that I should be. Wouldn't you be interested in the man that was going to be your new father? Well, I just guess you would! Anybody would.

There are quite a lot of them, and they're all different. They'd make very different kinds of fathers, I'm sure, and I'm afraid I wouldn't like some of them. But, after all, it's Mother that ought to settle which to have—not me. She's the one to be pleased 'Twould be such a pity to have to change again. Though she could, of course, same as she did Father, I suppose.

As I said, they're all different. There are only two that are anywhere near alike, and they aren't quite the same, for one's a lawyer and the other's a bank. But they both carry canes and wear tall silk hats, and part their hair in the middle, and look at you through the kind of big round eyeglasses with dark rims that would make you look awfully homely if they didn't make you look so stylish. But I don't think Mother cares very much for either the lawyer or the bank man, and I'm glad. I wouldn't like to live with those glasses every day, even if they are stylish. I'd much rather have Father's kind.

Then there's the man that paints pictures. He's tall and slim, and wears queer ties and long hair. He's always standing back and looking at things with his head on one side, and exclaiming "Oh!" and "Ah!" with a long breath. He says Mother's coloring is wonderful. I heard him. And I didn't like it very well, either. Why, it sounded as if she put it on herself out of a box on her bureau, same as some other ladies do!

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Washington Sidelights

Decentralizing Internal Revenue Work



WASHINGTON.—The experiment of decentralizing the work of internal revenue headquarters is to be made in the four Pacific coast cities of Portland, Los Angeles, Tacoma and San Francisco. It will probably be inaugurated within a month, according to the Treasury department.

Secretary Mellon, in discussing the matter, said the treasury never has contemplated that "35 per cent or anything like that amount of taxpayers' returns could be audited and closed in the district offices."

In the district offices due study and consideration, said Mr. Mellon, has

been and is being given to the matter of whether rapid progress could be made, and the convenience of taxpayers better accommodated by having more matters thrashed out with taxpayers in the local districts than has heretofore been had.

"The matter is now under consideration by the tax simplification board and a recommendation is expected from it very soon.

"To whatever extent improvements can be made in this respect the department is just as desirous as the public that they be made, and if so, then as quickly as possible. However, there must always be some central point to which all of the work ultimately comes in order that the interpretation of the law and its application may be uniform in all parts of the country, and as applied to all taxpayers.

"Assistant Secretary Dover's trip to the Pacific coast and other points is not in connection with any question of decentralization, but relates wholly to a general inspection of the customs service."

Newberry Case Still Excites Congress

THE Newberry case continues to raise ructions in congress. The other day the senate was thrown into confusion as a result of an angry wrangle in the course of which Senator McKellar of Tennessee and Senator Townsend of Michigan indulged in personalities that in the end became so bitter that Senator Robinson of Arkansas, who was presiding, called McKellar to order and directed him to take his seat.

Senator McKellar had characterized certain utterances of Senator Townsend as "vile, untrue and absolutely false." Senator Townsend had called McKellar "a politician so intent on trying to strengthen his own political fortunes" that he was willing to indict the electorate of a great state, in this instance the state of Michigan.

The Newberry case was at the bottom of all the trouble. The senate had been discussing a senate rule, of which McKellar is the author, the purpose of which was the regulation of campaign expenditures of candidates for the senate.

Senator King of Utah, one of the Democratic leaders, had suggested



that it might be well for the senate to let the people of the state control their own affairs. To this Senator McKellar retorted that he wondered "if the senators trust the people of Michigan to be honest and fair in the matter of the election of United States senators?"

Representative Frear (Rep., Wis.) introduced a bill in the house to require congressmen and senators to file statements of their election expenses.

Senator Pomerene (Dem., O.) introduced a new corrupt practices act to take the place of the one declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court.

Airplanes for Navy's Fighting Fleet



PLANS for complete equipment of the fighting fleet with aircraft during the coming fiscal year have been laid before the senate naval committee by Rear Admiral Moffatt, chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics.

The project contemplates placing 213 airplanes of various essential types on battleships, cruisers, scouts and other vessels, and is designed to furnish the fleet with its own aerial defense against enemy aircraft attacks.

Under the plan, 86 small, swift fighting planes will be included in the aircraft to become a permanent part of the fleet aircraft defense. The machines to be used for this purpose are believed by navy officials to be the

best yet developed for fighting in air, having been completely developed under navy control since the close of the war. They are designed to meet in air and repel raids against the ships of the fleet by enemy bombers.

In addition, the active ships will carry 46 observation and spotting planes, 27 small spotters, 38 torpedo or bombing planes, 18 scouts and four kite balloons for observation purposes. Each battleship of the 18 comprising the fleet under the naval limitation treaty will carry four planes, two V-F, or single fighters; one big spotter and one torpedo or bombing plane.

The torpedo plane will permit attack on enemy surface craft with 1,500-pound torpedoes, or with an equal weight in bombs.

Catapult launching devices recently developed and tried out successfully are to be installed on all ships, enabling them to send away their aerial defense squadrons, even in a heavy sea. Then ten new scout cruisers will carry two catapults each and fighting and scouting planes to add to the range of observation of enemy movements.

Prosecution of War Contract Frauds

AN APPROPRIATION of \$500,000 will enable Attorney General Daugherty to conduct a vigorous campaign of prosecution of war contract frauds. The money is to be used by Mr. Daugherty in the employment of lawyers and expert accountants to bring to justice contractors who plundered the government. The committee recommended a proviso on the appropriation limiting salaries of lawyers employed to \$10,000 a year, except one, who will be chief director of the prosecution. Mr. Daugherty has announced that Henry L. Stimson of New York, former secretary of war, will take the position of chief prosecutor.

The attorney general promised that the return to the government would be many times \$500,000. The possible amount of recoveries involved in 275 civil cases where overpayments by the government are alleged will run as high as \$192,000,000.

Mr. Daugherty explained that the point had been reached where he Department of Justice was unable to



cope with the tremendous task of clearing up the war contract frauds. In addition to the numerous cases already before the Department of Justice, the War department is still engaged in auditing 135,000 cases. It is estimated that the task will require five years to complete.

"I want to say this," he added. "Investigation by the department of wartime transactions has been going on as rapidly as possible with the funds congress has provided and the use of other funds where that could legitimately be used for the purpose."

How Do You Class Your Ouija Board?



WHAT is a ouija board? The dictionary says its name is derived from the French "oui," yes, and the German "ja," yes. It also says it is a "board on which the alphabet and various signs are written, used to obtain spiritualistic messages." But that isn't what's wanted. What is it? Is it a children's toy? Is it "sporting goods"? Is it a "motor automatism"—whatever that is?

Anyway, Uncle Sam, who apparently never has dalled with a ouija board, says it's "sporting goods"—just the same as baseballs and fishing rods. And as "sporting goods" your Uncle

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