

THE WAITRESS

By MILDRED WHITE.

Perry Raynor, heralded by his father's millions, passed through life like a prince, his every want attended. And as Perry possessed no airs of snobishness or superiority, he made friends everywhere and was genuinely welcomed for himself as well. So, when he strolled into the dining hall of the Grandison one day, and an eager attendant drew forth his chair, the young man gazed in good humored indulgence about the beautifully appointed room, choosing the waitress who might happen to please his fancy.

Upon this certain day Perry's choice was prompt and enthusiastic. A new waitress stood beneath the quaint carved clock under the balcony. Perry was charmed; the girl, with an obedient nod to the dining room attendant, moved in his direction. With direct impersonal gaze she waited Perry's order, nodding at its conclusion, to his cheerfully sarcastic: "That's all, your majesty."

The girl passed out unheeding. He checked at first, then flushed in unaccustomed pique. "What right had she to adopt that rebuking manner?" He had called waitresses "Blue Eyes" before, without chilling the atmosphere. But this waitress was apparently different. She had motioned disdainfully at the end of his meal, toward the generous "tip" laid before her on the table.

"I do not accept fees," this unusual waitress said.

And Perry, humiliated as he had never before been humiliated, pocketed the refused money and made his hasty exit.

Impatient with himself and his musings, Perry went back, and it happened to be at night. The great room was packed now with the after-theater throng, and in its center was placed a round draped stage. Perry, growing weary of cabaret dancing, was about to make his departure, when a new number was introduced. A small, gray clad girlish figure ascended the dais; the gray kerchief frock was of a fashion long gone, and so was the arrangement of the girl's jetty curls. It was his haunting waitress who stood there, and sang odd, sweet, old-fashioned songs, in a voice of odd, tender sweetness. Perry, listening, caught his breath.

His gold made way for him past forbidding rules to the dressing room door; but when the girl came out she was dressed in the waitress' uniform, with its white collar and ridiculous apron. Her matter-of-fact coolness calmed his reckless admiration.

"Why did you wish to see me?" she asked.

"You sing like that, act like that," Perry blurted, "and then you come back to wait upon people—serve them. I don't understand it."

"Is there any reason," the girl asked evenly, "why you should understand?"

"Yes," Perry's calmness matched her own; "just this reason, that I love you; that I have loved you from the moment I first looked into your eyes."

The waitress regarded him gravely, the pink deepened in her cheeks, but she did not smile or seem to doubt his words.

"Then," she replied, "that being the case, I must tell you my story. My old father and mother live in a country town where he has for years been minister. He is respected and loved, but his people are poor. So poor that when there was not enough money to support three of us, I came to the city under pretense of giving music lessons. At first it was not wholly pretense, for I did try to form a class, but could not make it pay. While I hoped to study and become capable in other lines, I took up this position as waitress. The people from our home town do not patronize the Hotel Grandison. When father's letter, telling of mother's serious illness, came, I did not at first know what to do. Her lungs, it seems, had not healed after the pneumonia. The doctor ordered her to go away at once. It had to be Colorado or Arizona—if she would live. Poor mother, frail and always timid; father had been her crutch through life. She, away among strangers, alone, it was inconceivable. Father must go with her to cheer and comfort her; father, too old to find work in new fields. So I—sent them. It was quite easy when the hotel management agreed to let me sing at their cabaret."

The blue eyes were pleading.

"But my people must not know," she said. "They are so dear and queer, and old fashioned." She smiled up at Raynor, wistfully.

"So Cabaret Helen supports mother and father in far-away Colorado," she explained, "while waitress Nell supports me."

The young man of millions reached diffidently for the waitress' hand.

"Won't you let me do all that for—my wife?" he begged awkwardly.

Perry Raynor has been married a year now, but his family have not forgiven his misalliance.

"A cabaret waitress," walls his mother, "from the Grandison hotel!"

But Perry happily refers to his wife as "Her Majesty."

"You see, she is truly a queen among women," he tells me. And I, knowing Little Nell's story, can never dispute the name.

Greatest Power.

There is something greater on earth than arbitrary power. The thunder, the lightning and the earthquake are terrific, but the judgment of the people is more.—Daniel Webster.

American Legion Corner

"It is only a small bit but there comes with it my sympathy and my wish that the Legion succeed in making this ceremony a becoming expression of American remembrance of those sons of the republic, who gave their lives in the great war," wrote President Harding in transmitting \$25 to the American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Fund.

"When we honor our dead comrades on Memorial day, we must not fail to write our senators and congressmen and ask them to vote for the Legion's program of better conditions for the disabled," reads an editorial in the Montevideo News.

Minnesota Legionnaires welcomed three new Legion posts into their fold last week, Isanti, Isanti County, Brook Park, Pine County, and Morgan Park, Duluth. That makes a total of 480 posts. The Women's Auxiliary organized four new units, at Appleton, Pine Island, Carlos and Maple Lake. Side by side the boys who fought and the women who stood by them are marching on together and working for the good of their country and their respective communities.

Allens who voluntarily enlisted after having been exempted because of alienage, and "non-declarant aliens" from neutral countries who were entitled to exemption, whose claims were denied, who performed honorable service, and who became full citizens before April 25, 1921, are entitled to Minnesota's bonus, rules the Attorney General.

Chapter 235, Minnesota Laws of 1921, makes it a misdemeanor to wear the insignia of The American Legion unless entitled thereto under the Legion constitution. Buddies who have not paid post, state and national dues for 1921, should do so at once or discontinue wearing the emblem. Otherwise they are sailing under false colors.

Each Minnesota Legion post may secure \$25 from its county board to defray Memorial Day expenses, according to Chapter 233, Laws of Minnesota of 1921. Where county board does not meet before Memorial Day, posts will arrange with county commissioners individually, to make the appropriation at the next county board meeting.

Good Advice.

"Crosby," the veteran correspondent of the Downs News, gives this bit of free medical advice to boys and girls who are troubled with sore lips: "When I was a boy I always had sore lips. One day an old woman told me to turn my bread butter side down when I ate—every bite I ate for three weeks, I followed her advice, and I have never had a sore lip from that day to this. It doesn't cost a penny for this drug."

Plain Truth.

One of the sublimest things in this world is plain truth.—Coleridge.

LINCOLN TEAM WINS AGAIN

The Lincoln team of the Little Falls Grade School League retained its position at the head of the league Saturday by defeating the Columbians by a score of 32 to 22. The game was played on the Lincoln grounds, and was witnessed by a large crowd. The standing of the teams after this game was as follows: Lincoln, 1,009; Hawthorne, 500; Columbia, 000.

'UNCLE NED' BRAGDON OUT ON PAROLE

J. W. Bragdon, wealthy Minneapolis clubman, known as "Uncle Ned," who was sentenced to the state penitentiary several years ago for offenses against young girls, was released on parole by the state parole board Friday.

3-DAY RACE PROGRAM AT TODD COUNTY FAIR

Horse racing will be the main attraction at the Todd county fair at Long Prairie again this fall, according to the Long Prairie Leader. The fair management has arranged to have three days of racing. A two-day racing program was arranged for last year's fair, but a race proved so popular that the management hurriedly arranged for races for the third day.

Levin Bros. poultry and produce buyers, of Duluth, have purchased the equipment of the local branch of the Armour company and are operating a station here now with John M. Laven in charge. Mr. Laven had charge of the Armour branch.

Messrs. R. F. Wilke, Will T. Wilke and G. S. Wilke have disposed of their interests in the First National bank of Grey Eagle to Messrs. Wm. Barker of Minneapolis and C. G. Stubstad and H. L. Kylo of Duluth, and others. The Wilke brothers established the bank.

Wilfred Wetzel was the first Little Falls fisherman to catch a fish of a size worth mentioning on the opening of the angling season last Sunday. He hooked a Great Northern pike weighing 10½ pounds, in the Mississippi. John Bowman got one weighing a pound less. Persons who journeyed out to the lakes were in most cases out of luck.

First Moving Picture.

The first real moving picture was produced by C. Francis Jenkins, a stenographer at the treasury department, Washington, and shown by him at Richmond, Ind., his home town, on June 6, 1894. The picture portrayed a vaudeville artist named Annabelle, who received \$5 for her work.

PRESERVING EGGS A TASK FOR TODAY

Home preservation of eggs should be attended to this month if the task has been neglected so far in the rush of other spring work. Various methods have been tried, but Annabel Campbell and other poultry authorities of University Farm agree that water glass (sodium silicate) gives the best results.

Eggs used for preserving should have clean whole shells and should not be more than one week old. A stone jar makes the best receptacle, but wood, porcelain or glass can be used. Distilled or freshly caught rain water is best; hard water should never be used. The following directions are recommended by Miss Campbell:

Boil water, then allow it to cool and add water glass (one part water glass to nine parts water by measure). Beat mixture thoroughly with a wooden paddle, and place mixture in receptacle. Add eggs, rejecting all that have a tendency to float. The solution must cover the eggs completely. Cover re-

ceptacle closely to prevent evaporation. Examine eggs occasionally and, if necessary, add more water, so that eggs will be at all times completely covered.

Edward Sobiech was fined \$5 and costs, totaling \$10, by Judge Gerritz Monday afternoon, for speeding.

SCHOOL REPORTS

District No. 84 for the month ending May 6: No. days taught, 29; Number enrolled, 12; average daily attendance, 12. Those neither absent nor tardy for the month: Clifton Thompson, Francis Lightner. Tardy but not absent: Lowell Longfellow. Those absent two days or less: Clayton Longfellow, Wesley Thompson, Nora Longfellow.

CHARLOTTE KUMBERT, Teacher.

District No. 113 for the month ending May 6: Number days taught, 20; number enrolled, 7; average daily attendance, 7. Those neither absent nor tardy for the month: Regina and Edward Brammer, Frank and Leona Voltin, Florence and Walter Lust, Gladys Powers.

JANE E. EDWARDS, Teacher.

District No. 37 for the month ending May 6: Number days taught, 20; number enrolled, 35; average daily attendance, 17. Those neither absent nor tardy for

the month: Albin Knudson, Edna Elvin, Rose Doroff, Jennie Johnson, Mabel Larson, Leslie Baker, Gertrude Doroff, Mike Doroff, Gertrude Anderson, Wilma Baker, Cuneida Doroff.

FLORENCE KREJCI, Teacher.

District No. 37, for the month ending May 6: Number days taught, 20; number enrolled, 15; average daily attendance, 10.9. Those neither absent nor tardy for the month: Mildred Anderson, Elvera Carlson.

MARGUERITE LYMAN, Teacher.

District No. 87 for the month ending May 6: Number enrolled, 40. Those neither absent nor tardy for the month are: Alice Litke, Julia Brisk, Florence Maleski, and Addie Maleski. School closed May 6 with a picnic. District 71 joined us in our picnic.

MARY L. OLSON, Teacher.

District No. 123 for the year ending May 6: total number of days taught, 150; average daily attendance for year, 29½; number enrolled, 36. Emmet Callahan. Neither absent nor tardy for the year. Harold Bennowitz present 160 days and tardy once. Those neither absent nor tardy for six months: Gregor Callahan, Jerome Callahan, Emmet Callahan, Irene, Harold and Helen Fennewitz, Rose Peterson, Edna Peterson, Edwin Isackson.

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