

THE CONSPIRACY

By MOLLIE MATHER.

Across their hearthfire Don and Daisy looked at each other. "Nan is such a dear girl," Daisy said, "I do wish she would take a little more interest in me. I really cannot bear to think of Nan living alone all her days. And she is so provokingly distant."

Don smoked ruminatingly. "Like my friend Bob," he remarked. "Now take Bob, good honest fellow, kind, gentlemanly and successful in business—yet, a woman hater."

"Oh! I shouldn't call him that exactly," Don's wife defended, "it's just that Bob Reynolds has had so many flimsy females in his own family that he is cautious. You know, yourself, you would hate to risk being tied for life to anyone resembling his married sister. Then, too, Bob is satisfied in his profession, so he just steers clear."

"But he needs a sympathizing understanding companion," Don insisted. Daisy sighed. "No more than my own, lovely Nan needs a protecting husband," she replied.

"Then the two involuntarily smiled. "If we could manage a meeting between them," suggested Daisy.

Don shook his head. "Can't be done," he answered decisively. "Every time I invite old Bob out he suspects the match-making propensity of the happily married, and refuses."

Daisy nodded. "I know," she said, "Nan is just that way. 'Who else is coming?' she will ask me defiantly."

The fire crackled on, Daisy slipped over to the friendly arm of her husband's chair and still sat gazing meditatively into the rosy depths.

"Don," she said at last, "while we are in New York next week will you ask Bob to drop into the flat occasionally and see that things are all right?"

"Good idea," Don heartily agreed. "Bob will enjoy looking after your fernery, Daisy; you know he is an admirer of yours."

Bob was well pleased to oblige his friends. The thought of an uninterrupted evening among Donald's well-chosen books was inviting. He fitted the latchkey which his friend had bestowed upon him and entered the deserted vestibule. All was in readiness for his coming, as Don had said. As he switched on the living-room lights he saw a dish of polished red apples on a table beside the fireside chair. Several new pieces seemed placed for his selection on the grand piano.

He hastily shut off the myriad lights as he dropped to the hearth rug, leaving the golden shaded lamp alone for his use. And as Bob bent to build the fire he discarded his coat. From a rear room came crooningly the chirp of a bird. Bob arose. Don had not mentioned the added care of a bird, and here he, Bob, had allowed two days to elapse before visiting his friends' home after their departure.

The tiny creature might be suffering now for want of food. Softly, on the check rug, Bob made his way in the direction of the bird's murmurings. The cage hung in a high kitchen window, and standing upon a stool before the cage was a girl. The bright lights of the white kitchen fell upon her bronze-gold hair; and presently, as though sensing his presence, the girl turned abruptly, and losing her balance fell with a startled cry directly into Bob's outstretched arms.

It seemed that he had anticipated that fall from the moment the girl turned her white face toward him. A quick stride found him at the side of the high stool. It took him some time, however, to realize that the young woman's alarm was occasioned by his own presence.

Then Bob, holding her and vainly endeavoring to reach the faucet in order to dampen her forehead with refreshing water, wondered vaguely how in the world this strange young woman came to be in the deserted apartment which L'on assured him was locked against intruders. For a moment the dizzy thought assailed him that he had mistakenly entered the wrong apartment. Then the pale-faced young woman found voice.

"I don't know," she said, "what you are doing here." She surveyed Bob's coatless figure. "But if you are a burglar, won't you please go?"

"Burglar!" Bob gasped. He realized that the young woman was endeavoring to free herself from his close sustaining grasp. Also, that a most becoming rose color had banished the ashy whiteness and that her frightened eyes were now glistening dangerous resentment. "Burglar!" he repeated. "Why I came to look after the ferns."

"Don asked me to. I'm his friend."

The young woman, sinking down on a kitchen chair, stared at him. "Not," she asked mockingly, "the paragon Bob Reynolds? I, her tone was expressive, "have heard of you. Daisy made me promise to look after her bird every evening. I am Daisy's friend."

"Not," mimicked the man, "the rarely perfect Nan? I have heard of you." And when it so happened not many weeks later that Bob Reynolds proudly announced his engagement to the two friendly conspirators, Nan laughed. "Bob had to take me," she reproved Daisy. "You fairly threw me at his head."

"Meaning," said Nan's lover happily, "that you, my dear, dropped promptly into my arms."

Dazzling Flag.
The Grand Union flag, raised at Cambridge, in 1776, was the first used by the American army that had the 13 alternate red and white stripes, the number symbolic of the 13 colonies. Many flags were proposed during the Revolution and the early days of the republic. One of these was designed by Thomas Palmer, was composed of all the colors of the rainbow, symbolizing peace.

MADE NO MISTAKE DECLARES PALMER

Waldron Man Knew He Had the Right Medicine From the Way he Improved on First Bottle.

"Before I had finished my first bottle of Tanlac I was feeling so much better I knew I had found just the medicine I needed," said John Palmer, a well known farmer of Waldron, Mo. "For about a year my stomach was in a very bad condition and I suffered constantly from nervous indigestion. My appetite was so poor I never enjoyed a meal, and even the little I did force myself to eat caused sour gas to form which choked me up and caused sharp pains in my chest. I was badly constipated and had terrific headaches and spells of dizziness."

"My back hurt me almost constantly, which kept me in a miserable restless condition nearly all the time. I was never able to get any sound sleep at night, and generally woke up in the morning as tired as when I went to bed. Although I was constantly taking medicine I never found anything that gave me any help until I got Tanlac."

"I have just finished my fourth bottle and feel better than at any time during the past year. My appetite is so good I can eat three big, hearty meals a day and enjoy them and never have a sign of indigestion."

"The pains have gone from my back, I am no longer troubled with headaches and dizziness, and simply sleep like a log at night. My general health has been built up so that I can work hard every day without feeling a bit the worse for it, I can certainly give the highest praise to Tanlac for what it has done for me."

Tanlac is sold in Mexico by "Zims" Rexall store and by leading druggists everywhere.

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Dies At Local Hospital From Tetanus Tuesday

Miss Florence Yowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Yowell died at the Amanda Hospital in this city, from tetanus Tuesday. She stepped on a rusty nail at her home near Santa Fe ten days ago and was brought to the hospital Saturday.

After stepping on the nail no great amount of attention was paid to the injury. Within a few days it became infected and so painful that medical attendance was called and she was brought to the hospital in this city. The infection had proceeded too far however, to be checked.

The funeral will be conducted at the Pleasant Hill church Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock by the Rev. B. G. Reavis.

American Lady Baking Powder is superior. For sale by all grocers. 25 cents for a 16 ounce can.

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The Craig family reunion was held Wednesday near McCredie. Quite a number from Mexico and vicinity attended.

CASE OF STATE OF MISSOURI VS GUY CONTINUES

The case of State of Missouri vs C. T. Guy continued before the Circuit Court of this county Wednesday. Witnesses for the state were on the stand Tuesday and Wednesday.

A jury was empaneled Tuesday afternoon. It was composed of J. R. Maxwell, C. Slavens, E. Tratt, S. G. Emmons, Geo. L. Kemp, J. L. McIntyre, J. C. Proctor, W. B. Groves, J. W. Peck, F. E. Eller, P. H. Cauthorn, John Turner.

An interesting feature of the case is the large number of witnesses subpoenaed by both the state and defense, and the difficulty the Circuit Clerk had in pronouncing their names. Almost all of the witnesses are from Warrenton and are of German extraction. Their names are of the old German type and some difficulty was experienced in getting the witnesses to answer to their names as read with an American pronunciation by Circuit Clerk E. F. Elliott. As the different witnesses were called to the stand, it was necessary to determine the pronunciation of their names before calling for them.

Big Family Reunion.
The annual reunion of the Eller family was held at the home of Misses Lucy and Susie Eller near Auxvasse Sunday, Sept. 4th. It was a most enjoyable affair with a big basket dinner. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckley, Misses Holly, Eula, Mary and Willie Beckley, of Molino; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beckley and children, Howard, Henrietta and Lawrence Beckley of Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Green and son, Randolph, of Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Creed and little son, Austin, of Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Martin, of Moberly; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Brett, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brett, Frank Brett and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McAfee and daughter, Virginia, of Auxvasse; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eller and daughter, Edith and Misses Lucy and Susie Eller. Seven sisters were together, they were, Mrs. Taylor Brett, Mrs. C. T. Austin, Mrs. Walter Beckley, Mrs. Geo. Green, Mrs. R. A. McAfee, Misses Lucy and Susie Eller. Four generations were represented. They were Mrs. Taylor Brett, Mrs. John Beckley, her daughter, and Mrs. Beckley's daughter and Mrs. Johnnie Creed, and little son, Austin.

BAKING POWDER SPECIAL
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To introduce American Lady Baking Powder you can buy Saturday and Monday at your Grocers two of the large 16 ounce regular 25 cent cans of this popular product for 26 cents. This sale for two days only.

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Farm Club Notes

FARM CLUB MEETINGS
(Send us your dates)
CEDAR GROVE FARM CLUB—Every Thursday night.
BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—Every Friday night.
Molino meets every other Friday night.

Home From Springfield.
Marlow Shock is home from the State Farmer's meeting in Springfield and reports a delightful visit. He states that Chas. Clark was placed on the Credentials Committee. Mr. Shock says the attendance was a record and that the people of Springfield treated them fine. They traveled over 700 miles in their car on the return trip seeing a part of the state.

Among those from Audrain County who attended were three automobile loads composed of the following men: Marlow Shock, Reed Burke, Judge S. C. Groves, Albert Price, L. J. Adkins and son, O. Dodd, Ray Crockett, W. A. Shroat, Henry Dean, Charles Clark, and Will Bradley.

L. M. Fritch, of Laddonia, was in Mexico on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fisher, of St. Joseph, were visitors in Mexico Wednesday.

Mrs. L. A. Beech and children have returned from a delightful visit in California.

Mr. A. L. Hunt, of this city is critically ill at her home at the Avalon Apartments.

C. A. Reider, of Laddonia was in Mexico on business Wednesday.

A. A. Rumley, of Vandalia, was in this city on business Wednesday.



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LOCAL DRUGGIST WILL INTRODUCE NEW PREPARATION

Llewellyn and Sons are planning to introduce a department for the manufacture of toilet preparations into their drug business in this city in the near future. Already they have started on some of the preparations and others will be added in the near future. The new brand that they are advancing will be called the Orient and is said to be a very superior one.

As soon as the line has been completed they will place traveling salesmen on the road in this state and others to offer the new line to the druggists of the country. The new preparations are the result of many investigations and experiments. After numerous trials, compositions were found that gave highly satisfactory results and these will be embodied in the different articles of the new line.

Mexico is ideally situated for successfully conducting a wholesale business of any sort, and the headquarters of the new department will be in this city. No definite date has yet been set for enlarging the department but it is understood it will be in the near future.

Glenn Beedle, of Laddonia, was a business visitor in Mexico Tuesday.

William Whitehouse, of Laddonia, was a visitor in Mexico Wednesday.

Sam Sharp and wife are enjoying a delightful motor trip through Illinois.

WAR HERO ARRIVES

The body of Louis Leeper, an Audrain County boy who was killed during the World War, has arrived at Hoboken according to a telegram received in this city Thursday.

It is understood that the body will be shipped to this city at once and will be buried upon its arrival, with military honors by the American Legion.

J. H. Stoy, of Savana, Ga., is here the guest of his son, J. C. Stoy.

G. E. Stotler, of Laddonia, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Chenoweth, of Fulton, Mo., was a visitor in Mexico Tuesday.

Mrs. Raymond Taft is home from a visit in Slater.

WAR ON BRIGHT HEADLIGHTS WILL START HERE SOON

Sheriff Chal Blum announced Tuesday that he was going to start a campaign to eliminate the bright lights on the cars in Audrain county. He stated that all of them must be fixed in such a way that the glare is eliminated and will not blind an approaching pedestrian or driver. A law has been passed in Missouri that all motor car head lights must be equipped with lenses that throw the light downward and prevents the glare but many of the motorists have chosen to ignore it. Even Fords with their lights that are very bright when the motor is running fast and dim when it is going slowly, are not going to be exempt. All cars must provide themselves with some device whereby the glare of their lights is diminished.

Geese Wanted! Geese Wanted!

We have an order for a large number of geese and will pay, until that order is filled, the following prices per pound:

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This price is far in excess of any we could make you based on the market price, and only good for a limited time. Take advantage of it now!

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Appreciating that the smartly dressed woman and miss recognize the importance of choosing apparel from a diversified collection, and that a saving in price is also interesting, we now that many will take advantage of the following MONDAY and TUESDAY

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