

MOTHER OF INVENTION

By LUCY TSIWOGLO

The evening after her husband's funeral Millicent Dixon sat down before her secretary, to take stock of her possessions. Rather a material proctored one might say, for the close of one, but a very necessary one, for her finances were in too precarious a state to permit of delay.

For Millicent it was a new and difficult task, pursued with much frowning and nervous biting of her lips. For this was the first time she had ever been obliged to ponder over money. She had never known anything but a very average existence, but it had been provided for by a father and a husband who had entirely assumed the burden of financial management.

The eventual difference between assets and liabilities was so small that it was not worth the trouble. When the last of the bills were paid less than \$200 would remain, and with this she must provide for four children, a weak-minded uncle, and herself. Their home on the outskirts of the large town, with the surrounding three acres of cultivated land and 23 acres of woodland, was long, free and clear. She could manage it, or perhaps she could, when the funds thus obtained were exhausted, where would she turn next?

It was a weighty problem for a woman of Millicent's type, a wife of a successful workman, who had not practical sense; she had been reared for domesticity, not for business. She had never earned a penny for her life, and she had not the knack of stretching a dollar to its utmost buying capacity. She was only a fair housekeeper, an ordinarily good cook, a poor seamstress.

In only one quality did she excel. She was superlatively a mother. She had lavished upon her three girls and a boy a love which had been intensified by her husband's increasing infirmities. She had a maternal love for all children. Before marriage, her greatest delight had been her weekly afternoon at the public library, where a host of toils had made her a woman of letters, and of a few girls and gents and goss, who, under the magic of her voice, had actually seemed to invade the room.

After marriage, she had presided over a domestic mart, a thrifty audience of one, two, three and finally four little Dixons. Her husband had impatiently called it "utter nonsense," but she could not go out to work. The children were too small to be left to Uncle Robin's ineffectual though kindly care. And what could she do in the world outside her home?

Her problem remained unsolved that night, and for another week she considered various impossible schemes, trying rather desperately to save time here and a quarter there. And then chance, in the person of her next door neighbor, pointed out her way.

Mrs. Emmons, dressed for town and nervously flushed, came hurrying over to ask if Millicent could possibly care for Bobbie for a day. She had a rush call to a sick mother.

In and filled with sand from the pit at the edge of the woods. Millicent invested \$3 in a book on juvenile pastimes, and purchased for \$10 a few of the best of the new coloring cards, weaving sets and modeling clay.

And while this was going on, she daily received applications from mothers who had been waiting a week for seven hours daily seemed ridiculously little by comparison with the prospective relief. Several mothers in straddled circumstances had become weary of the opportunity to leave their children with her while they went out to work.

It became necessary to duplicate the quantity of equipment, and Millicent's sister, just out of college, came on to help. The last entrant was Harold, the small son of Professor Langworthy, who spent every summer in his big, old-fashioned home on the estate adjoining Millicent's. She had firmly resolved not to take another youngster, but her father and her mother and her heart and the look him under her wing.

The player center promised to be a huge success. Millicent's 40 charges all came with a will. Each established hour, eager for the day. A rainy day was not less joyous than a sunny one, for they passed the time in the barn. Each child brought with it a little which Millicent contrived richly to which, delightfully sucked through straws. Millicent organized amusements and read and recited to them for half an hour, or ten minutes if there had been no squabbling. Uncle Robin showed the boys how to whistle. The college sister took the girls to the walks and led them in simple work about birds and flowers. Professor Langworthy, led to the playground by Harold's glowing descriptions of the "wonderful" time he had had, and an enthusiastic and joined the corps of workers, telling fascinating stories about other children in other parts of the world.

It was not necessary to use only his tongue in entertaining the children, he employed his eyes in looking at Millicent. The very satisfying sight of his mothering his girls, and his mothering her, performed with more than usual speed, so that before the summer's end he suggested that they establish a year-round country day camp for the children. He promised that would accord with educational requirements, while leaving them free to follow out their own ideas for the welfare of their pupils. He promised to give them a heart and hand along with his pedagogical abilities, and equally, needless to say, Millicent very happily accepted them.

Male Pheasant Sets Lets Mate Do Work

James C. Healy, of Lomita, secretary of the co-operative California Pheasant Association, has a golden pheasant hen, which he does not know just how good the bird was until a few weeks ago, when breeding season came around.

Unlike most male pheasants, which try rather desperately to save time here and a quarter there. And then chance, in the person of her next door neighbor, pointed out her way.

But after his little helpmate had obligingly laid a quintet of eggs and he was well on his way to a full-house in sight, he took a queer turn. He asserted himself noisily, drove her out of the home nest and took over the incubation of the eggs, plumping himself down on the eggs. Now it is a biologically correct even a hen pheasant to set in captivity, but little Healy says that he has seen many such animals as a setting male pheasant.

Father pheasant kept this sort of thing up for more than a week, driving his anxious mate away every time she approached. He was not to be changed by a change in the hen, to set one day he allowed the hen to set beside him. When she had settled herself comfortably, he reached under himself and began to pick at the eggs, rolling out three and keeping two for himself. Things went on for nearly two weeks more, when one morning Healy went out to have a look at his co-operating pheasants, and he was surprised to find them sitting around triumphantly with three brand-new chicks, while the old man sat still sitting on his own unatched pair.

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