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The Dear House

By RALPH MILLER

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DEEP in Minna's heart was her dream of the dear house. And then she married Ted Byram and came to No. 1 Peters street, one of a dump-painted row of just-like-alikes.

She hated it from the first. Nothing fitted. Wall papers were wrong, rugs would not fit the floors, and the wallpaper was hideous.

Ted beamed at the results, however, while she choked down the lump in her throat to smile back at him.

"Grand little place!" he would crow. "Old Peters should see it." G. H. Peters, millionaire, in his pink villa in Florida.

"Glad you like it, Ted, but we will begin to save right now for a house of our own," she announced firmly.

They saved rigorously until interrupted at the end of the first year by fat little Theodore. Many things checked their headway after that, up to their second interruption, which was Wilhelmina, also fat and adorable.

The case against No. 1 Peters street grew with the larger family. The little beds and chiffoniers took all the space in the bedrooms, and there was no place for the parambulator or kiddie car downstairs.

Minna brought her dream of the dear house to the door, and she began spring for it. Ted took extra work at the mill to help out. G. H. Peters was still in Florida and his agent refused paint and paper.

"What a day!" Minna called it her black Friday—she ran home. "Minnal Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Birthday surprise!"

"What have you done, Ted? Why should her heart be broken?" "G. H. Peters is home and is closing out his house real estate. He gave me a wonderful bargain on this house. I snapped it up. You are a grand little saver, for we have enough for the down payment, and the rest will be like rent. Why, Minna—don't cry, I never knew that you wanted a home so badly!"

At first she sobbed convulsively, while he petted and coaxed her. Finally she could smile and say brokenly:

"It will be lovely to own a home, Ted!"

The dear house was gone. All her life this ugly, tucked-up, dun-colored house would haunt her eye and cramp her living. There were days when even the grunts of funny little Teddy or the chuckles of Willy could not cheer her, but she hid her best to keep a good face before Ted.

One day when she was downtown, getting the children's hair trimmed, Ted called the shop, agitatedly.

"Come home at five as you can, Minna. The two houses back of us are burning, and they say ours may go, too. Some of the boys from the mill will go over with me to help get the things out."

Maybe the dear house would come now!

She could not hurry toward the black cloud which hung over Peters street. Teddy's short little legs and plump Willy in her stroller held her back.

Would they get the children's toys? Her Bavarian tea set with the wheel-heads and the Quimper bowl? The flames would break through the window where they sat, the evening to watch for Ted. And the gable upstairs, by Teddy's bed, where he watched the pigeons against the sky—the little peach tree by the kitchen—the folding breakfast table Ted had made—the old linen cloth she had dyed to make spreads for it, only last week—to match the little curtains.

As she hurried, sobbing under her breath, a flood of comprehension engulfed her.

No. 1 Peters street was not ugly. Why, it was the dear house, and it had loved her all the years while she had been beating it! She never knew it until she had to lose it.

Smoke and tramping feet, shouts and hissing water, piles of furniture being stashed away, a fire engine, and a billow of smoke swayed the house over the peaked roof. She turned and hid her face against the corner tree.

Then Ted's arm around her, his blackened face smiling at her. "It's all right, Minna—the fire caught the roof-peak at the back, but they got it out right away. It's all right, dear, don't cry!"

"Oh, Ted," she gasped. "You saved the dear house!"

"We did—and the smoking needn't matter, for I was intending to have Ted's birthday party here. Now we needn't wait, but can go right to work. A larger living room, open stairs, a sun parlor, breakfast room, with an extra room, a sleeping porch and lots of closets upstairs. The plans are drawn, waiting your approval. Later we'll buy the place next door, sell the house off and have a real lawn, with shrubbery, hedges, a pool and everything!"

Oblivious of the neighbors who were caring for Teddy and Willy, to the laboring dream and the eyes of curious strangers, they gazed at each other enraptured. Then her belated loyalty asserted itself.

"It will be grand, Ted, but wouldn't any of it be the dear house, just the same?"

Insects Kill Each Other

But No 'Enmity' Exists

No insect is really an enemy of another insect. But persons familiar with the several successful efforts to control insect pests by introducing other insects that kill them may not realize this, and so expect too much from this sort of "biological control." Entomologists are aware of the great quantity of insects that prey on a variety of other insects. But the victims are not killed because of enmity.

"One insect," T. E. Holloway, of the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine, said recently in explaining this difference, "may be the food of another insect, that is all. Man eats meat, but is not the enemy of cattle. The insect does not eat man—does not need to. But if it could, it would not want to exterminate the species it feeds on."

Curious observers of some common insects see them leading very busy varied lives—flies feeding on various foods, bees flitting to different flowers. They do not realize the intense specialization in the existence and reproduction of many insects. Some of the most effective parasites are strictly one-insect parasites. Unless the egg-laying parasite can find a certain stage of the insect on which it lays its eggs, it does not even place the eggs. The progeny will develop only in a particular host and in a certain stage of the host. Other parasites prey on a goodly number of species and sometimes the presence of more than one kind of host in a locality has an important bearing on the success of the parasite in the control of the species which is destructive to cultivated crops.

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RURAL WOMEN TO ATTEND FARMERS' WEEK AT M. S. C.

There'll be no neglect of lacking in the programs arranged for the rural women who attend the 25th annual Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College, January 29 through February 2.

By using staff members borrowing authorities from other departments and by arranging for capable guest speakers, the home economics staff at the college is planning a rounded out series of sessions.

In acquainting visitors with what is happening out in the world, Dr. Marie Dye, dean of home economics at Michigan State College, has scheduled Dr. M. Knapp, head of the college history department, for a talk on the current European situation. Another of similar nature will be presented by Daniel Brady, world traveler and lecturer, who will present a lecture illustrating with motion pictures on present conditions in Europe.

Student showing of costumes made in full term college work is another feature during the week. Staff members will not neglect suggestions about how to make purchases, how to better manage homes, how to cook meats.

"Food Facts and Fallacies," is the title of another feature scheduled twice to accommodate those who attend. "Planning Our Family Life" is the subject assigned to Mrs. Lydia Ann Lynde, formerly in the college staff and now extension specialist in parent education for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Farmington held January 15, 1930.

Called to order by Mayor Gillette at 8:20 p. m.

Commissioners present: Hutton, Oldenburg, Hamlin, Nacker, Barnall and Oles.

Minutes of the regular meeting December 7, read and approved.

Bills paid by the City Clerk: Labor Expense, December, \$500.00; Salary Expense, December, 400.00; Mayor and Commissioners' Salaries, Oct., Nov. and Dec., 76.90.

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Oct., Nov. and Dec.	137.00	Farmington Lumber and
Andrew Sawyer, cave		Coal Co. bldg. material
troughs, fire hall	63.60	Manning and Locklin,
Harvey Blough, two		gravel
pulleys	1.00	Ola Russ'l, Inc., repairs
to truck		to truck
Harry F. Kelly, Sec. of	1.50	Fred L. Cook Co., mds
State, license plates		Geo. Midlewood, gasoline
Michigan Bell Telephone	11.70	Motion, made by Barnall,
Co. telephone service		supported by Hamlin that the bills be
Ideal Furnace Co. to	2.00	paid as read.
correct error, permit fee,		Roll Call: Hutton, Oldenburg,
The Farmington State	15.00	Hamlin, Nacker, Barnall, Oles.
Bank, office rent	15.00	Carried All year.
Glenn Green, Janitor		Motion made by Hutton, sup-
Town Hall	15.00	ported by Hamlin that the plat
Farmington Postmaster,		of Fred M. Warner's No. 3. A subdi-
stamps	10.00	vision of part of the N. E. 1/4 of
Howard M. Warner, Treas.		section 25, situated on the south
School Dist. No. 5,		side of Macomb Ave., between
Del. school taxes, Nov.	71.43	Cass and Wilmarth avenues in the
Unpaid bills		City of Farmington, submitted to
The Detroit Edison Co.	337.74	the City Commission at its regu-
light and power		lar meeting January 11th, 1930 for
The American Ins. Com-		approval, he accepted.
pany, pumping station		Carried All year.
and cts. ins.	34.50	Motion made by Hutton, sup-
Crane Co., water supplies	71.84	ported by Hamlin that the City
G. F. Tait, gravel	7.30	Clerk acknowledge the letter re-
Farmington Hardware,		ceived from the Kiwanis Club and
mdse	18.35	read at the regular meeting of the
Dickerson Hardware,		City Commission held January 11,
mdse	1.40	relative to purchasing a building
Lupham Oil Co.	1.50	adequate to house all City officers.
The Farmington Water		Carried All year.
works, printing	16.80	Motion made to adjourn. Carried.
Burnett Brothers, gasoline	9.94	
Oles Janes, repairs,		
sewer equipment	24.00	
City of Farmington	17.01	L. F. Gildmeister, Mayor
Geo. C. Gildmeister,		
treas., public booth	16.85	Harry Moore, Clerk