

CHILD WITHOUT A COUNTRY



Princess Marie Jose.

Princess Marie Jose, the youthful and pretty daughter of the fighting King of Belgium, at present with her two brothers in England. Their mother is with the king and has been constantly devoting herself to the care of the wounded and the relief of the homeless.

Adventures in Matrimony

"That's a fine looking man who just passed. Who is he?" asked the stranger.

"That man is Professor Knowles, one of the brightest men in the university. Did you notice that he is blind?" replied the minister.

"Blind! No, he didn't walk like a blind man," and he turned to look.

"He rarely goes out with one of his children, and holding a little hand he walks off with the stride that is natural to him," replied the minister.

"Then he hasn't been blind long?"

"No, he is the head of the department of chemistry and a very brilliant man. One day about five years ago he was alone in his private laboratory bending over a crucible. The experiment was nearing completion when the thing exploded. Students in the next room heard the noise and ran in; he was lying on the floor. They thought he was dead at first, for he was unconscious. He was badly cut about the face. They carried him to the hospital and the cuts soon healed, but he was totally blind."

"How terrible," said his friend, "He has children, you say?"

"Yes, three of them; they were mere babies. His wife is a very pretty, dainty woman. She was a leader in society, belonged to a club, besides the musical society which she organized. She is an accomplished musician. I tell you, she is the star!" said the minister enthusiastically.

"She has never attended a club meeting since the accident, and society knows her no more. She has been eyes to that man."

"During the dark days following the accident he talked of resigning his professorship. She would not hear of it. She knew his whole heart was in his work and that he needed that interest in life more than ever, so she persuaded him to wait and see if she could not help him enough to make it possible to continue the work. She took up the study of chemistry with him for a teacher; she learned to perform experiments with the greatest accuracy. They go together to his laboratory and she is his hands and eyes. His work has not suffered at all. He has published a book, too, dictating it to her."

"The children almost quarrel as to which is to lead him when they walk. Positively, it is the happiest family I know. In the evening they gather in the big living room and she plays and sings for him or reads aloud."

"If any mention is made of his blindness, he laughs and says: 'I have four pairs of eyes; what more do I need?' He has done his part by never allowing his loss to sadden him. He is as bright as the sun, just as he was before the accident."

"There is a great advantage in being blind; he often says: 'A man is allowed to stay at home and enjoy his life.' He always hated social functions."

"How does he handle his classroom work?" asked his companion.

"He is a lecturer, and for expert members before the class he always has had an assistant," replied the minister.

"His wife sensitive about his blindness?"

"No, she seems perfectly happy. You know nothing makes a woman happier than the thought that she is necessary to her husband, and they are ideally mated."

His Injuries

"The day of rowdiness, of punching and being punched, of white hopes and things like that, is going out," said the girl who had merely dropped in for a call.

"So you have met him, have you?" asked the at home girl.

"Yes, I saw Morgan Brown yesterday. It is the first time I have seen him since I turned him down. He was not quite a ruffian while I permitted him to call."

"Since you turned him down? So you turned him down, did you? He told me something about that."

"Doubtless, that, he told how he acquired the black eye, the puffed lip, the bandaged ear and got his arm in a sling."

"Certainly, I was among those present."

"This case man sort of thing is picturesque only in fiction. No lady nowadays stands by and watches men beat one another."

"My dear, you are right. However, there was no other man connected with this affair. It occurred night before last, when he was calling. I had baked a cake that was late in the evening Morgan and I decided that we would make a raid on the establish and went to the kitchen. I had just pushed the button for the electric lights when I saw a mouse, and of course I screamed. Morgan seized a

Changed Her Mind

"Girls," said young Mrs. Allison, adjusting her collar to a coquish air and smoothing her pique skirt, "I have news! Now, what do you think?"

"War on millinery?" inquired the young matron with auburn hair, concisely.

"Neither," said young Mrs. Allison, with a grin. "Matrimony."

"Gracious!" ejaculated the sewing circle as one seamstress, with bated breath and suspended needles, "Hurry up and tell us, Celeste!"

"I never hurry," said young Mrs. Allison, placidly. "Haste, my beloved hearers, is the curse of the American commonwealth, the destroyer of country manners and the handmaid of the rising generation, because—"

"Do you charge admission?" interrupted the young matron with auburn hair, pouting.

"Because," continued the speaker, firmly, "it racks the nerves and wastes the vitality and reduces the mind to a state of weariness. It makes the fat man look fatter and the thin man look thinner."

"She sounds like a patent cement house advertisement," murmured the auburn haired matron. "Cool in winter and warm in summer—or is it the other way about?"

"And," flushed young Mrs. Allison, with determination, "it takes the powder off every woman's nose!"

"Nonsense, Celeste," said the fluffy-haired blonde. "Weren't you ever late for a dressmaker's appointment?"

"You'd better believe I was," conceded young Mrs. Allison, with sudden ruthlessness. "I was late for an hour, this very morning, where's my powder rag now?"

"In your belt," remarked the auburn-haired member crisply. "And what is your news?"

"Oh, that!" said young Mrs. Allison, brightly enthusiastic again. "How could I forget it! Such news, my dears! Quite important enough to honor this occasion of our last meeting before we adjourn for our several vacations—to fade our hair and peel our noses. All right, then, I'll tell, Melissa is engaged."

"Who?" cried the members, in unison.

"Will some one please tell me," inquired the fluffy-haired blonde, the handsomest of girls, announces her engagement, the feminine audience always says "No," just like this with one voice."

"The world is astonished," at her temerity, my love," answered young Mrs. Allison, promptly. "Here's Melissa pose!"

The sewing circle fell upon the tall brunette in the doorway and showered her with felicitations.

"Now," ended the matron with auburn hair, "tell us about him, dear. You've always said you'd never, never marry a red-headed man, a person in the railroad business, or a Democrat, so, I suppose, he none of those things. Is he tall and dark?"

"His complexion is about like yours," hesitated the graceful, brunette with her eyes on her thumb.

"Oh-what?" cried the sewing circle, aghast.

Young Mrs. Allison grimaced again and looked out the corner of her eye, at the fluffy-haired blonde. "And what does he do for a living, my child?" she inquired perfunctorily.

"He's secretary of the J. B. & M. railroad," said the bride-to-be. "And," she added, indignantly, before the shout of laughter quite drowned her voice. "He says he voted last time for Wilson, but he has promised me positively that next time he'll vote for Jane Adams!"

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Pussy willow green taffeta with hand painted butterflies in black and orange flitting across its surface is used here for an enchanting full skirted costume of the late Victorian period. Little lace frills are quaintly in keeping and so is the leghorn hat with drooping brim.

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Fishbone in Throat—A raw egg taken immediately will carry down a fishbone that has got in the throat.
Headache—A hot mustard foot-bath will relieve headache by drawing blood away from the head.
Oily Hair—Make your oily hair fluffy by rubbing thoroughly with corn meal; then comb. This lasts a long time. Can be repeated when necessary.
- WINDOW SHADES**
If you prefer a white shade buy a heavy white lining, cut to fit the window and stitch a wide hem in bottom for stick and a narrow one at top, through which you back the roller. If fixtures can be purchased at your dry goods store. These blinds can be taken down and washed in hot water. They are clean, costing less than a boughten blind blind.
- REPLACES CREAM**
Custard is delicious served instead of whipped cream with any gelatine dessert. It can be flavored with vanilla, with a strip of orange peel steeped in the milk, with lemon peel steeped in the same way or with almond extract.
- THE TABLE**
Baked Spareribs—Get two good-sized pieces of the ribs. Have a dressing made of stale bread crumbs, with a strip of orange peel steeped in the milk, with lemon peel steeped in the same way or with almond extract.
- Fried Potatoes**—Most people pare and boil potatoes and after they are cold slice and fry them. This wastes gas and the best part of potato is gone up in steam, leaving an almost tasteless "husk." Pare raw potatoes and slice in thin, unequal slices (easily done by revolving potato while slicing it). They fry quicker and better this way and are easier turned in the skillet because they do not stick together. Have skillet hot before putting them in; use plenty of grease, for fried in this way they absorb very little fat. After they are cooked pour lard in a cup and set potatoes back on fire for a little while; they will get a beautiful brown and blanching little later. Remove from skillet immediately; for potatoes absorb acid out of a cool skillet.
Saratoga Chips—Use as many potatoes as needed, slice very thin, soak in cold water over night; strain off in strainer next morning. Take with thin slices of sponge cake or piece of ribs, pin together with toothpicks, or sew; put in pan, pour in about three cups water, sprinkle with salt, pepper and a little flour. Bake as you would any roast.

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