



Dear Marie,
 Horrors! I'm most too scared to tell - but I guess I'll have to face up sooner or later. And I was getting on so beautifully too. That last jump was really professional, but - crinkle, crackle - and your perfectly good skins were broken! I nearly broke my ankle too. Oh Marie, it was agony. How ever, Jack had my little bottle of Campana's Italian Balm in his pocket, so I rubbed some of it on, and it helped matters considerably. I always carry it in cold weather to rub on my face and hands at intervals, and so keep them looking smooth and soft all the time
 Peggy.



BLACK OXEN
 by GERTRUDE ATHERTON

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Clavering, when making up his bed with Mr. Dinwiddie's (by courtesy) leave with the exception of Todd, who was always the life of any party. Gora, whom he always liked to have at hand, and Eva Darling, who was a favorite of "The Ambassador" to the Court of the Sophisticates," as Todd had long since dubbed him, chided his guests at random, taking whom he could get, careful merely to ask those who, so far as he knew, were on speaking terms.

But he hardly could have gathered together a more congenial and lively party, nor one more delighted by the intellectual and faintly radical magazines, whose style was so involved in his efforts to be both "different" and achieve an unerring eliter, than he had recently received a petition to issue a glossary, as was amiable as a puppy in the society of his friends and when in the woods talked in words of one syllable and discovered a mighty appetite. His wife, who had demonstrated her originality by attacking the novel of Mrs. Minor, was what is known as a spicing cook and a top-notch dresser. She had, in fact, the most charming assortment of sports clothes in the camp. Eva Darling, who danced for pastime and illustrated for a living, had been permitted to eat at home, was as lively as an erashopper and scarcely less devastating. Babette Gold wore her black hair in smooth bands on either side of the perfect oval of her face, and had the sad eyes of a woman who has been given to the lower middle-class, treating with a clinical wealth of detail the irritable monotony of the nuptial couch and the domestic life of the artist. She smoked incessantly, could walk ten miles at a stretch, and was as passionless as a clam. Gerald Scores, who wore a short pointed beard and looked the complete artist, was one of the chief hopes of the personal life of the artist as a criminal waste of force. Halifax Bolton, who claimed to be the discoverer of the Younger Generation (in fiction) and was just twenty-eight himself, was a critic of formidable severity and the author of at least five volumes. The intense concentration of writing routed his sense of humor, but he had as many troll stories in his repertoire as Todd. His wife, the famous "Alberta Jones," fierce Lucy Stoner, was the editor of a phenomenal salary, of one of the "Woman's Magazines," and wrote short stories of impeccable style and indifferent content for the Century and the Dial.

They were all intimate friends and argued incessantly and amiably. Mr. Dinwiddie, whom they addressed as Excellence, without exception.

When Mary and Clavering arrived at the camp in response to the dinner bell, Eva Darling, who wore very pretty pink silk bloomers under her sport skirt, was turning and sprang down the living room while the rest of the party applauded vociferously, and Mrs. Larson, who was entering with the fried chicken, nearly dropped the platter.

"Just in time, Madame Zattiany," cried Minor. "This is the sixth

The Middle Ground
 By Marion Rubinow.

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Meantime, Jane was living in surroundings different from anything she had ever dreamed existed. First there was the steamer, with clean white paint and shining brass rails and a general trimness and neatness that delighted her soul. The captain was a sociable, chubby creature who read Courard—as all seafaring men do—and longed for what he called "intelligent companionship."

He seized upon Donald, when he found he was a doctor, and with him, and the ship's surgeon, and a young lieutenant looking in now and then, he indulged in long discourses upon everything from the habits of flying fish to the most abstruse problems of metaphysics.

When he found that Jane, too, was a physician, she was brought into these private gatherings in the captain's office.

Then there was the huge hotel at Buenos Ayres.

"I never dreamed of such magnificence," Jane confided to Donald. "What an ignorant creature I am—and I thought I'd be so learned when I graduated from college! I believe I've been thinking all along that the tropics consist entirely of mud huts and palm trees."

Donald laughed indulgently. He was finding out that the earnest, serious minded Jane, who was amazingly sure of herself in a dissecting room, and amazingly keen in lecture room or laboratory, had periods when she was only a light hearted little girl.

"You've become awfully frivolous since you've married," he told her.

Jane's brown eyes became serious at once. Her habit of introspection came back to her.

"Perhaps it's because I'm happy," she said. "Or perhaps it's because there aren't any more worries. I always felt that something was weighing down on me, either the money problem, or the need of get-

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AUCTION SALE

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