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ALL IS BRIGHT

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CHAPTER XIII

As if to make up for his coolness that morning Kent explained everything as they went along. Their car ran through narrow crooked streets that wound in and out between crude huts thatched with grass. Yet every once in a while they would pass a grand stucco house sunk in rank overgrowth which seemed to pull at its very walls. Lovely houses, Star tried to imagine them as they had been when they were new—white in the bright sunshine, their lawns trimly cut and banked with a riot of color. Then all at once they were in the Plaza—bare and dusty, with the President's Palace rising hard and white on one side. Star did not know it. She was glad when they turned off once more into a little road that wound slowly up the mountain. Women on smokeless, carefully smoking pipes, drew to one side to watch them pass. They preserved a curious dignity for all their tattered dresses and faded hats. Many other groups passed them on foot—almost every woman carried at least one tin oil can on her head. "For water," Kent explained to Star's question. "They need water up in these hills and they use oil cans to carry it. After that, when one of the tattered children ran alongside the car shouting, 'Five cent—five cent,' in a peculiar singsong, Star threw some coins recklessly into the grass beside the road. Yet she doubted whether the little beggars really understood what they were asking for. They liked the fun of scrambling for the money, but they hardly seemed to think of what the shining pieces would buy. "It's like an enchanted land," she told Kent happily. "They're poor, but they don't mind. I doubt if they even know it. After all, they can't have the things that count—gold, silver and beauty and peaceful days. We need no more, do we?" Kent was looking off to the hills that dropped in softly rolling terraces to the now distant harbor. He was silent for so long Star wondered if he had heard. Finally he said, without taking his eyes from the scene below. "Some of us don't. I should think if two people felt like that about it they'd own the world." She was aware that his words were close beside her, that his brass buttons winked at her in the sun. She stared at them, unable to meet his eyes although she knew that what he was waiting for. And for the first time she was afraid—afraid that this new and startling finer turmoil his voice had the power to raise would be apparent even to them.

Morning Smile

"If you are naughty, Peter, you won't go to heaven." "Well, last week I went to the circus, and yesterday I went to the movies. I can't expect to go everywhere."

Passenger (rushing to the platform)—Shall I catch the express—has it gone? Stationmaster—The train's late. Passenger—Late? It's disgraceful the way these railways are run!

had started the trip and caught sight of Elise, sitting in a deck chair in the sun. Elise smiled, her lovely hands outstretched in greeting. "You always look so fresh and happy," she said admiringly. "I feel better just looking at you."

"That compliment works both ways," Elise replied, her eyes twinkling. "I'm a little bit ill-tempered and you've put me right with the world." Star settled on the roof of Elise's chair.

"Oh, no! It isn't that," Star surprised herself with the vigor of her denial. "There isn't anybody to be in love with, is there?" "There's always someone," she said gently. "I didn't know that a few nights ago, I found it out just as I was going, and wanted to come back. There's always someone—someone to help. Is it the doctor?"

"No," Elise was quiet, watching the water stretch away, watching the land flow softly by them reaching out to touch the boat, to bring it in, to kiss it.

Later when Kent stopped her as she was coming out of the dining saloon she caught her eye. "Remember Elise's question," "Is it the doctor?"

She looked at him curiously, speculatively. This was not just John Kenneth Barry, the son of her adopted uncle. This was a man in his own right—a young man.

Suddenly she saw that the motive for this trip—the motive—was not to get away from home. He had to get away from home. Otherwise he was lost. He became just a shadow, an indication of his own home, make it entirely his—possess it. He would take his father's home. It could never be his.

She was wrong to think that she could ever make Kent feel that he should have stayed at home. He was right. And she had to go away. And a girl—well, she stayed home until something happened.

(To be Continued)

Why Are Only Boy Babies Wanted? Dorothy Dix Girls Greatest Help to Family Later

There is Usually a Great Weeping and Wailing and Gnashing of Teeth When the Little Stranger Turns Out to be a Girl Instead of the Desired Son— But Why?

The stork, which must be the dumbest bird alive, as it makes so many mistakes in delivering little bundles of babies, recently brought a little girl baby on the doorstep of some friends of mine who had explicitly and definitely ordered a boy.

They were terribly disappointed and all of the sisters and cousins and the aunts joined in their lamentations and said it was just too bad, but there didn't seem anything to do about it but just to put on the hypocritical smile one wears when an invited guest has crashed the gates, and hope for better luck the next time.

But the incident gives one to think, as the French say, and wonder why the birth of a man-child calls for feasting and rejoicing and slaying the fatted calf, and so many congratulatory toasts to the father and mother, and the parents of his son and heir. He is so much more valuable, whereas the advent of a girl baby rates only a discreet and sympathetic pressure of the hand.

Of course, in the countries in which there are heredity titles and entailed estates that are the sole prerogatives of the males of a family, it is easy to see why boy babies should be desired, but in this country where most of us have nothing to leave to our descendants but a little good advice there seems no valid reason why boys should have the edge on the baby market.

The theory that women are a blessing and daughters a handicap had a leg to stand on when women were the dependents. Their poor Papa, with a household of parasitic girls to be fed and dressed and married off if possible, was indeed an object of pity. But in this modern age all of that is changed. Nowadays girls get on their feet and get jobs quite as early as their brothers do, and they are the prop and stay of the family far oftener than the boys.

It is Sally's pay envelope that Mother grabs, not John's. It is Sally who stays single to support and educate the younger brothers and sisters, while John marries as soon as he is making a living for himself and a wife. And when Father and Mother grow old it is their daughters who nurse them and cherish them and bear with their peculiarities, not their sons. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred it is his wife's parents' man is supporting instead of his own. So a girl baby isn't a bad investment even from a financial standpoint. In fact, she is about the best old-age insurance a couple can take out. Nor is she a total loss as a means of gratifying parental ambition.

A woman's chance of achieving distinction and getting her name and picture in the rosy-garlanded section of the newspapers is twice as good as a man's, or maybe three or four times. Poor John, if he is still in the amateur class. They don't have to be as good as men to make good, if you get what I mean. Many of our famous professional women, or our highly publicized women explorers or longshoremen or whatnot, would be considered pretty poor specimens, scarcely worth mentioning, if they were of the male instead of the female species.

And consider how many more shortcuts to the top of the world there are for girls than there are for boys. Poor John has to work his way up, but Sally can get there by means of being a glum girl or painting her toenails green or achieving a new hair-do. Parents don't seem to realize it, but they have twice as good a chance of being proud of a daughter that while men and women want their own babies to be boy babies, when they do adopt a child, where they can choose the sex, they almost invariably pick out girl babies.

So it is queer, all things considered, that boy babies are esteemed so much more highly than girl babies, and the wackiest thing about it all is that they do adopt a child, where they can choose the sex, they almost invariably pick out girl babies.

Who can explain that? Should the First Husband Go Back?

Dear Dorothy Dix—For ten years I was a very happily married man. Then I discovered that my wife was having an affair with a married man who had a wife and two children. Both she and the man obtained divorces and married, and I had not heard from her for ten years until recently she came to the city in which I live and asked me to come to see her. When I saw her she told me of the life of misery she had lived for ten years and begged me to take her back. She has one child, aged 6, by this second marriage. I have always loved her and I suppose I always will, but I do not believe that I could be happy in a second marriage to her. I am a stand to see her living a life of unhappiness, but should I be the goat? WORRIED BILL.

Answer: Once a goat, always a goat. We human goats can no more develop a backbone than the leopard can change his spots. We will always be softies who will let selfish people impose upon us, and I dare say that you will be sorry for this woman who has ruined your life once that you will let her ruin it again by remarrying her.

Your guardian angel is warning you now that there will be no happiness in such a marriage, because you know that you cannot trust her, and that while men and women want their own babies to be boy babies, when they do adopt a child, where they can choose the sex, they almost invariably pick out girl babies.

By FRANCES DRAKE (Copyright, 1939, King Features Syndicate, Inc.) Look in the section your birthday comes in, and find what your outlook is, according to the stars.

For Friday, Nov. 24th MARCH 21 to APRIL 20 (Aries)—Real estate, mining, building interests, government projects, all work that requires endurance, courage and man-power especially favored until 4 P.M. After that hour, a lessening of invigorating rays favors milder activities, romance, entertainment. APRIL 21 to MAY 20 (Taurus)—Wide expenditures, investing in unknown ventures and assuming added debts are not sponsored by today's stars. Attend to essential matters, personal needs, family affairs. MAY 21 to JUNE 21 (Gemini)—You borne after June 4 are reminded to be particularly prudent in all financial deals and to avoid straining your budget. All Geminians: Plan your work carefully and carry out those plans conscientiously, determinedly, AND keep smiling. JUNE 22 to JULY 23 (Cancer)—Scales tip in your favor, especially you born between July 8 and 23. You may not achieve in a big way but you certainly can get done a lot of useful work. Check errors and stock; attend to correspondence; finish all you possible can of incomplete matters. JULY 24 to AUGUST 22 (Leo)—Yes, tackle that new customer, get new and more advertising, sell bigger bill of goods, or otherwise turn in the best day's work you've done in a long time! You're to have splendid vibrations, particularly between 7:30 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. AUGUST 23 to SEPTEMBER 23 (Virgo)—Day may not be particularly advantageous for quick or spectacular monetary gains but should be fine for making steady progress in any worth while work (Continued on page 10, Col 3)

REGAL FLOUR advertisement featuring a woman and child, with text: 'Mother Says: "The kiddies need a lunch when they come home from school, and I'd rather have them eat a slice of bread than anything else I know. I find that since I've been using REGAL Flour the children relish these snacks much more. I know that REGAL is responsible for the extra flavour and lightness."'

THE COOK'S CORNER

Old English Plum Pudding

- 3 lbs. shredded kidney suet
3 lbs. seeded raisins
3 lbs. currants
1 lb. mixed peel, shredded
2 lb. brown sugar
22 oz. dry bread crumbs
1 lb. flour
1 tablespoon salt
1 dessert spoon cinnamon
1 dessert spoon ginger
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon allspice and cloves
3 lemons, juice and rind
4 to 6 eggs
1 quart milk (about)
1 tablespoon soda
1 cup molasses

Method: Scald and dry the raisins and currants. Use seeded raisins and then 3 pounds of the seedless ones in place of the currants. Be sure to dry the fruit well between towels. Mix the finely shredded suet, the sugar, bread crumbs, flour and spices. Be a little generous with the salt. Don't heap the tablespoon but make it more than level. And the bread crumbs... this takes about a 1 1/2-pound loaf. Cut it in slices, dry it thoroughly and then crush it so fine that you can shake it through a colander. Beat the eggs, not less than four if they are large and not more than six, if they are small. Add the milk and molasses. Add about 3 cups of the milk to this mixture and reserve the rest to use if necessary. Add the sliced dry ingredients to this with the suet and brown sugar. Add the fruit last and then the lemon juice and grated rind. Mix well, using more of the milk if necessary to make a batter that is about like a fruit cake dough.

It's a good idea to let this stand overnight in a cool place to blend the flavors. And if you do, you may find that you'll need a little extra milk in the morning. The bread crumbs absorb quite a little. Fill well-greased bowls up to within an inch of the top. Lay a piece of waxed paper over the top of each one, then a square of muslin. Use a pretty good sized piece for this and cross the corners underneath, bring them up on top so you can tie them securely. The cloth mustn't slip while the puddings are boiling.

Now lower them onto a rack into your canner or wash boiler and add boiling water to cover them completely. Boil steadily for 6 hours, and don't allow the boiling to stop for a single minute. Lift them out when they are done, drain well and dry thoroughly before storing or packing.

Old Country Minicemeat
2 lbs. cooked beef
2 lbs. beef suet shredded
3 lbs. raisins, chopped
3 lbs. currants
3-4 lb. mixed peel
1-2 lbs. brown sugar
6 lbs. apples, chopped
Juice and rind 3 lemons
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon ginger
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon nutmeg
Method: Use any of the cheaper cuts of beef for this and cook it

Match Scratches Match scratches on painted surfaces can be removed by rubbing them with the cut side of a lemon and rinsing quickly with cold water applied with a cloth.

Painting the House Tests have shown that two coats of paint, applied every four years to the frame house will give better service than one coat applied every two years.

Bedbugs To destroy bedbugs, force kerosene, gasoline, or benzine thoroughly into all cracks and crevices with a hand syringe. Repeat four or five times at intervals of two or three days. Epsom salts dissolved in a teacup of water and applied with a small brush is also excellent for this purpose.

Storing Eggs Store your eggs with the small until it is falling apart. Remove all bone, fat and gristle and chop or shred the meat very fine. Mix this with the remaining ingredients, mixing very thoroughly. Now pour over all 1 1/2 pints of apple cider which has been reduced one half in the boiling. I mean start with 3 pints and boil it down to 1 1/2. The mixture should be pretty thick.

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THE HOUSEWIFE AND HER ACTIVITIES

On Growing Old Be with me, Beauty, for the fire is dying, My dog and I are old, too old for roving; Man whose young passion sets the spindrift flying, Is soon too lame to march, too cold for loving.

I take the book and gather to the fire, Turning old yellow leaves. Minute by minute The clock ticks to my heart; a withered wire Moves a thin ghost of music in the spirit.

I cannot sail your seas, I cannot wander Your mountains, nor your downlands, nor your valleys Ever again, nor share the battle Where your young knight the broken squaw rallies. Only stay quiet, while my mind remembers The beauty of fire from the beauty of embers. —John Macfiefield.

Custards may be prevented from burning by adding a teaspoon of cornstarch. Half a teaspoon of salt improves the flavor and keeps it moist. Warm the milk before adding the eggs to prevent water settling in the bottom of the baking dish.

To perk up sour cream dressing for a green salad, add a little grated horseradish and prepared mustard to the cream before blending it with the vegetable.

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Potato Chips Potato chips keep much better in bags that do not permit strong light to reach them than in clear or opaque waxed bags. A light tin container is best.

'Neceseotum The best material for dusting is cheesecloth, as it spreads no lint, is most absorbent, and can be washed out readily.

Cleaning Woolen Toys White woolen toys can be cleaned by using a paste made with white starch and cold water, just enough water to dissolve the starch. Rub this well over the soiled toy and lay aside until dry. Then brush off all traces of starch.

To Sweeten Kettle When a metal or enamel kettle has not been used for some time and has become musty, it can be sweetened by filling with water into which has been dropped a red hot cinder. Close the lid and let stand for a little while. Then rinse with clear water.

Silk Underwear Silk underwear should be washed in lukewarm water, and then rinsed at least three times.

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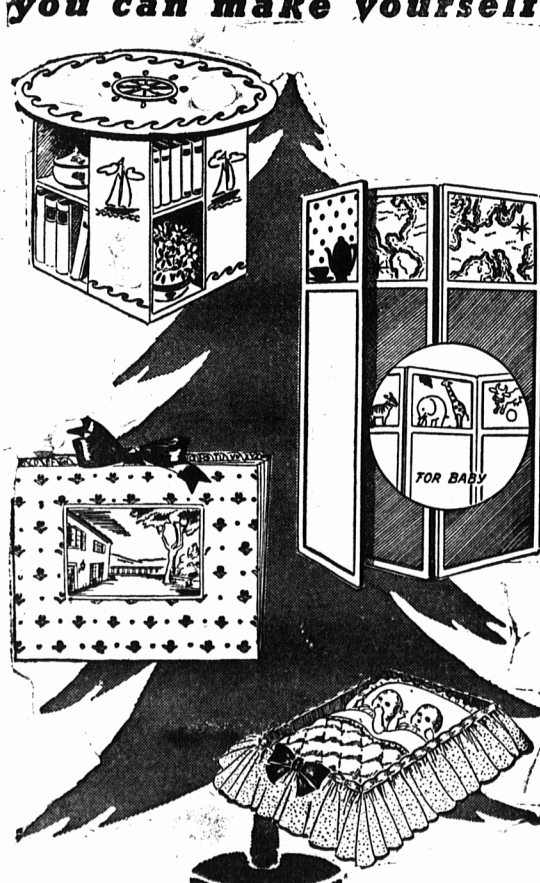
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Christmas Gifts you can make yourself



KISS YOUR TIRED FEELING GOODBYE! Peeps Many Suffer Low Blood Count—And Don't Know It. The leading thing about low blood count is that you can't see it. You feel all right, yet you feel tired and weak, and you feel like you've been run over. Low blood count means you haven't got enough blood to give you energy. It is the vital job to carry life-giving oxygen from your lungs throughout your body. And just as it takes oxygen to explode gasoline in your car, so you must have plenty of oxygen to explode the energy in your body and give you going power. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills today. They are world-famous for what they give in increasing the number and strength of red blood cells. Then your blood count is up, and you'll feel like bounding up the stairs as if you were floating on air. Ask your druggist for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills today.

Still Time to Make These Lovely Gifts

Ribbon Lamp Shade Simple Who wouldn't be glad to get this pretty ribbon lamp shade? Imagine it in yellow, rose or ivory—the light shades, sewing through it. If you can thread a needle, you can make it. It's that easy! For a wire frame 8 inches in diameter, you'll need 25 yards of 1/4-inch silk or rayon ribbon. Cover the frame with a single thickness of any sheer white material, turning it over 1/4 inch top and bottom. Sew firmly in place. Now on this smooth drumlike surface you wind the ribbon, round and round, overlapping it 1/4 inch at top and 1/4 inch at bottom as shown in Figure A. Tack end of the ribbon and sew on pretty braid edging top and bottom as in Figure B. And you're done!

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