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For special advice regarding this important period, women are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. She is a daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham and for twenty-five years has been advising sick women free of charge. Her advice is free and always helpful to ailing women.

THE GUARDIAN'S SHORT STORY

Gypsy Jan

By Constance D'Arcy Mackay Copyright, 1906, by Ruby Douglas.

Clayton struck off from the wood path he had been following to the main road. He had chosen the end of September for his vacation. Already summer was mellowing into autumn, the maples were tipped with yellow, and in the dark recesses of the woods sunlight glowed with a color that was almost flame-like.

They had pitched their tents in a little hollow through which a stream ran. In the background stood a canvas covered wagon and a half dozen lean, tethered horses. In the foreground smoldered the ashes of a fire. Round this clustered a few half naked children and some wrinkled crones with huge gilt earrings in their ears.

"The men of the camp had evidently gone foraging, none were the women slow to turn a penny, for one of them called out to Clayton that she would tell his fortune. Clayton shook his head impatiently and went on. If he had it told at all, it must be by some young, black-eyed girl, such a one as he saw approaching half a mile before the camp, a tall, lithe creature, who walked with the grace of those accustomed to the open. She wore a red skirt, a white blouse falling away from her throat and caught with a bit of dull yellow that matched her girdle.

"The life line is deep," she went on quickly. "You have made your way so far, for you are ambitious and hardworking. You do not come from Brierley village nor from the country round here. You are from the city. You are nearly thirty and unmarried. Do I read true?" she asked, with a swift upward glance.

"Quite true," said Clayton amusedly. "No woman has touched your heart, but there is one who soon will." "Dark or fair?" "Dark—and very wealthy. You will see her this afternoon at 4 o'clock."

"Well, I'm glad I'm warned," said Clayton, with a laugh. "How long have you been here?" nodding in the direction of the camp. She shrugged her shoulders. "How can I tell? A few days—a week maybe. We gypsies do not measure time."

"And what is your name?" "Jan," she answered, turning her heel with the indifference of a queen. Now that she had told his fortune she seemed anxious to be gone.

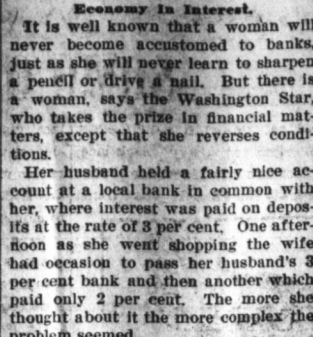
"A mercenary young wretch, like the rest of them," murmured Clayton, looking after her. That afternoon he strolled toward the village. The season was over, and most of the large hotels were closed. So were the handsome private cottages, save a few whose owners preferred the luxury of solitude.

Arden, the summer home of Alyard, the copper king, was still open, Miss Alyard, it was said, caring more for her stables and kennels than for society. Clayton passed it, admiring its green lawn and well kept flower beds, a smart trap came down the driveway. In it sat a girl dressed in white. Clayton could not see her face, for she held a lace parasol to screen her eyes, but he liked the patrician poise of her head.

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